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November 2016 Announcements



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. Hundreds of thousands of Americans descend from these early European colonists. Your research into Plymouth roots can be aided by these sites:

- [General Society of Mayflower Descendants](#)
- Caleb Johnson's [Mayflower History](#)
- [Plymouth Ancestors](#)
- Cyndi's List [Mayflower, Pilgrims & The Plymouth Colony](#)
- [Wampanoag Genealogy](#) on FamilySearch
- And a bit of fun, see if you have famous cousins - [Famous Kin of Mayflower](#)

Whether you are a descendant of Mayflower Pilgrims or Wampanoags, this beloved American tradition is a time for family, good friends and appreciating the abundance of life. The volunteers of CGS will be celebrating with their families on November 24-26 and the library will be closed on Thanksgiving weekend.



- **Find my Past** is now available at the Library on a trial basis until November 16. Find My Past has an ever-expanding collections of over 2 billion historical records from around the world, including the largest collection of Irish records anywhere online, US military records from the Revolutionary War, and millions of newspaper pages from as long ago as 1710. Exclusive collections only found on Find My Past include:
 - British Newspaper Archives from England, Wales and Scotland
 - Parish records from England and Wales back to 1538
 - Passenger list of ships leaving the UK between 1890-1960
 - British Army Records from 1760-1915
 - Irish Court Records
 - Access to [PERSI](#) (Periodical Source Index)

**Come to the Library to access and explore this unique resource.
Our Trial subscription ends November 16, so please come try it out.**

Please take this [SURVEY](#) to help us decide if Find My Past should become a permanent offering.



- **Annual Appeal:** It's almost that [time of year](#) to show your support for the California Genealogical Society! Letters will be mailed soon.
- **Smile** - Be sure to [sign up for Amazon Smile](#). Every time you place an order, Amazon donates 0.5% to CGS. It's easy, it's free and it benefits our library.
- **Endowment fund name change:** The board of the California Genealogical Society has just approved a recommendation to rename our endowment fund as the Sherman-Haughton Fund. The board wanted to honor and recognize the significant contributions - both financial and in-service - that Frederick "Rick" Sherman and Ken Haughton have made to our society. [Read all about it in Chris Pattillo's blog post.](#)

All-Day Seminar with Cyndi Ingle



This event is Sold Out. Register for the waiting list.

On **November 5, 2016** the California Genealogical Society will have the honor of hosting a full day seminar at Preservation Park in Oakland with Cyndi Ingle. [Sign up for the waiting list.](#) Come discover what you've been missing through her four lectures and let Cyndi's 35 years of genealogical experience help you unlock hidden doors to your family history research.

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and creator of [Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites](#), an award-winning categorized index to over 335,000 online genealogy resources, which helps millions of visitors worldwide. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 35 years, is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and is the author of three books for genealogical research.

The seminar is at historic Preservation Park in downtown Oakland. Free parking for participants is located across the street at City Center West garage on the day of the event. Coffee and lunch are included with your admission.

A silent auction is also planned for the day with a fun grab-bag experience. If you would like to

contribute to the silent auction, please contact [Diana Wild](#) .

We're looking for sponsors to help us defray the cost of this wonderful event. If you or your organization are able to donate to this event please contact [Therese Hart-Pignotti](#)





Classes and SIGs

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

When registering on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to: membership@californiaancestors.org.

	<p>RootsMagic SIG</p> <p>A monthly forum to share knowledge of the robust features of RootsMagic and to answer questions. The SIG discussion is informal and encourages questions to be asked about the application. Arlene Miles facilitating.</p> <p>Thursday, November 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Young Genealogist SIG</p> <p>Co-hosts Laura Manion and Katie Welka invite you to join CGS' group of young (18-45 years of age) genealogists for a Sunday morning of history and socializing.</p> <p>Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m to 2 p.m.</p>
	<p>Becoming a G-mail Ninja</p> <p>This class will help anyone, regardless of experience or knowledge; get the most out of using G-mail. It doesn't matter if you've ever used another email program or if you're a complete newbie to the world of emails. You'll learn how to get started with G-mail, sending emails, organizing your inbox, and a few tips and tricks on using G-mail.</p> <p>Saturday, November 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>San Francisco SIG</p> <p>Interested in finding your San Francisco ancestors, before or after 1906? Looking for Gold Rush pioneers or researching family homes? Want to learn how San Francisco grew into the beautiful city by the Bay we know today? Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco SIG.</p> <p>Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Family Tree Maker SIG</p> <p>A monthly forum devoted exclusively to the Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Hosted by facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon</p>



Saturday, November 19 from 1 - 4 p.m.



[Introduction to Genealogy](#)

A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.

Saturday, December 3 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m

For additional events check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#). Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Meetings and More

**California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland**



Saturday, November 12: Board Meeting. 10 - Noon.

Sunday, December 4: Volunteer Holiday Party for all past and present volunteers. RSVP to [Linda Okazaki](#).

Saturday, January 14: Annual Business Meeting

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.), then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#)

If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#)

CGS Volunteers

Several volunteer positions are vacant



Bring on the champagne!

In 2018, CGS will be 120-years-old! Champagne, party hats and noisemakers will be in good supply, but we need a volunteer now to help us compile the glorious history of the organization that has helped thousands of people compile their own family histories. Interested in being our 120th CGS Anniversary Historian? You'll have plenty of help!

Join the CGS Events Team

It's never a dull moment the CGS world of Events. We always have some "genealogically interesting" plans afoot. But we can't provide all that excitement without a team effort! We need volunteers to help with the

following jobs: **Events Assistant**, **Post-Event Survey Manager** (can be done from home), **Offsite Events Assistant** and **Marketing Maven**. As always, training is provided.

Membership Coordinator

CGS has the BEST members. And, we have the BEST membership team. But our team needs a leader to help us welcome new members, arrange for "welcome" calls to new members, work with our crack data entry volunteers, and assist with the annual volunteer awards ("Genies"). Is training provided? Absolutely!

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information about any of these great opportunities

CGS Trip to Washington D.C.



Our inaugural Washington, D.C. Research Trip is scheduled for November 12 - 20.

This event is SOLD OUT, but please join the [waiting list](#).

Read more about your guides and this inaugural journey in our [blog](#).

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.



We want and need your stories. Have an idea for article, on-going series of posts or have an idea for monthly column? Then contact the Blog Editor [Shannon Reese](#) to discuss.



[What's Happening in 2017? More Classes, more speakers, and...](#) by Maureen Hanlon

[Genealogy: Members Reconnect at our Library](#) by Jane Lindsey

[Endowment Honors](#) by Chris Pattillo

[Wordless Wednesday: Genie Awards 2016](#) by Shannon Reese

[Wordless Wednesday: Angel Island Nikkei Pilgrimage](#) by Shannon Reese



What does the genealogy community have to say?

Here's a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Y-DNA Testing of a Paper Trail - The Fox Surname Project](#) by [CGS Member Joseph M Fox](#) in the *Journal of Genetic Genealogy*.

[3 Clever Ways to Share Family History with Kids](#) by Lisa Louise Cooke

[FamilySearch Adds 141 Million New Record Hints](#) on Ancestry Insider

[A DNA conference and a Methodology for Adoptees](#) by Kitty Cooper's Blog

[Many Reasons to Write a Family History](#) on The Blog for the National Genealogical Society

People are Talking

Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for October:

[LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE: Today marks 27 years since the Loma Prieta earthquake shook the Bay Area on October 17, 1989. Do you remember where you were?](#)

Video from KTVU Fox 2

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for October:

[7 Tips to help you find your American ancestors in PERSI](#)
by Alexandra Edmondson on Find My Past's Blog

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

Continuing Membership Perk



[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription** (over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our [Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly.

Below are a few local and national conferences:

- [RootsTech](#) - February 8-11, 2017. Early Bird Discount until October 14. Save \$100.
 - Levar Burton - Keynote Speaker
- [Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy](#) - January 22-27.
- [Annual WAGS Seminar](#) presented by the Whittier Area Genealogical Society - January 28. Featuring Michael Lacopo.

Connect with Us

See our [Volunteer page for opportunities](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks for information](#)



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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Weekend - Nov 24-26.

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