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December 2016 Announcements



During this seasons' on-line shopping please select the California Genealogical Society as your [Amazon Smile charity](#). Amazon will give 0.5% of each of your purchases to CGS. It is a simple and effortless way to give to our non-profit volunteer organization. Follow the link above and bookmark it for all your future purchases.

During the holidays the Library will be closed on Saturdays, December 24th and 31st



ANNUAL APPEAL

With your help the future looks bright!



- Our [Annual Appeal](#) is underway. Your donations enable us to continue to provide a high quality resource for genealogical information in California. California Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and all or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Membership fees only cover 40% of our operating expenses. Please contribute today so that we can continue to thrive and assist others. Read more about our [2016 accomplishments](#) and future plans.



- Our Annual Membership and Business Meeting will take place on Saturday January 14 from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. in the Second Floor Conference Room. The agenda includes brief committee reports, approval of the 2017 budget, presentation of the slate of nominees, and electing the Board of Directors for 2017.

- Save the Date! CGS is going to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The trip dates are April 23 through 30. The trip includes 7 nights hotel accommodations at the Plaza Hotel (right next door to the library), three group dinners, and expert help before and while at the library. If you are interested in attending the trip, drop [Lisa Gorrell](#) (group leader) an email. Booking information will be available soon!

Volunteer Holiday Open House

by [Linda Okazaki](#)

Our Volunteer Holiday Open House is Dec 4th!

Ready for some fun?

All current, past, and future volunteers of the California Genealogical Society are invited to attend our holiday pot luck.

Come join your friends and have some fun meeting other volunteers at our holiday brunch!

Sunday, December 4th

11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.
Lafayette, CA

Hosted by: Linda Okazaki, Therese Hart-Pignotti
Diana Edwards and Kathleen Beitiks

Please bring a dish to share. We hope you'll bring either fruit, an appetizer, bread, dessert, and/or your favorite beverages.

Have questions or need more information?

RSVP to [Linda Okazaki](#) for the address of the party, and any other details you may need.

We hope to see you there!



Board Member Nominations

by [Karen Lemelin](#)

The Nomination Committee is proposing two new board nominees for the 2017 - 2019 term. The slate of candidates will be presented to the general membership for election at the annual meeting. The new nominees are Rich Kehoe and Arlene Miles.

Continuing in a first term are Maureen Hanlon, Vicky Kolakowski and Stewart Blandón Traiman.

Continuing in a second term is Felicia Addison. Proposed nomination for a second term are Linda Okazaki, Kathie Jones, Todd Armstrong and Therese Hart-Pignotti.

Continuing in a third term are Nicka Smith and Karen Lemelin. Proposed nomination for a third term is Shannon Reese.

Ellen Fernandez-Sacco will be also serving in the role of past president.

Lisa Gorrell and Jim Sorenson have termed out after serving three terms, and Diana Edwards will not be serving an additional term.

About the new board member nominees:

Arlene Georgia Schroeder Miles is a long-time volunteer, having joined CGS in 2007 hoping to continue her genealogy research and to help others research and record their family history. A native New Yorker, Arlene has lived in San Francisco since 1984. She has an Associate Degree in the study of Library Technology from City College San Francisco and many years of experience in record management. She is currently the CGS Library Manager, and motivates a group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and growing our collection of books, manuscripts and vertical files. Arlene is currently serving on the board for the remainder of the 2016 term to replace the late Henry Snyder.



Richard Kehoe became interested in family history research years ago during visits with his mother and aunt, listening to their interesting and spirited discussions about growing up in San Francisco. Rich is a 6th generation San Franciscan. His ancestors came to San Francisco in 1769 with the Spanish Portola Expedition. He also has extensive Irish roots. Rich did not become obsessed with genealogy until 2010, and discovered CGS two years later, after retiring from a sales and marketing career in the educational technology business. He has been a volunteer with the Educational Programs & Events

Committee, and has taken many of CGS's wonderful classes, seminars and trips, attended SLIG, and is a member of UGS, NGS and Los Californianos.

FindMyPast is now at CGS

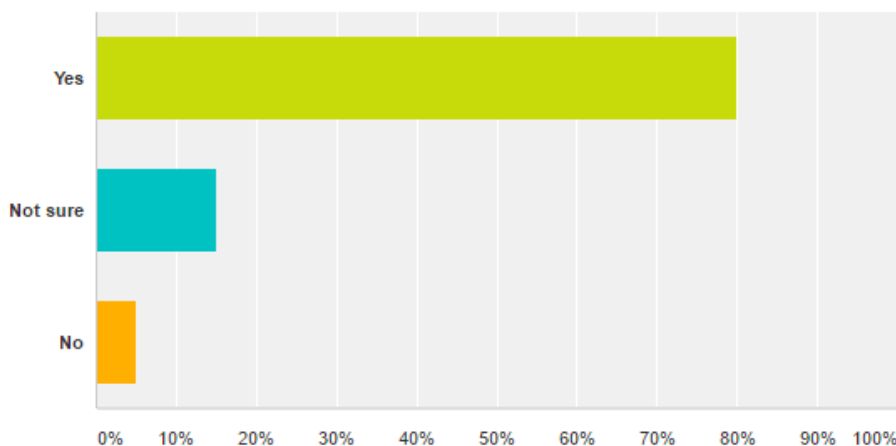
by Maureen Hanlon



In November we asked you to weigh in on whether or not CGS should have a subscription to FindMyPast. A trial subscription at the library ended November 16. Of all the respondents, 80% were in favor of purchasing the subscription. The Board considered this feedback as well as library use and also considered the value of having access to [PERSI](#), and voted to buy a subscription. Plans include a workshop or at least printed instructions on getting the most out of FMP when you visit the library

Do you think CGS should purchase a Findmypast.com subscription for the library?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



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><u>RootsMagic SIG</u></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, December 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Introduction to Genealogy</u></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, December 3 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
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	<p><u>DNA Special Interest Group</u> led by Pam Miller.</p> <p>The DNA Special Interest Group is the next step for those who have submitted DNA samples or are considering it and want to connect with others to learn and share the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.</p> <p>Saturday, January 7 from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Family Tree Maker SIG</u></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> <p>Saturday, January 21 from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>New York City Genealogy Basics and Problem Solving</u> Steve Harris</p> <p>For many of our ancestors, New York City was the gateway to their new home in America. Learn the important basics about New York City genealogical records and resources, including special censuses, naturalization records, probate</p>



records, and city directories.

Saturday, January 28 from 1 - 3:30 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, December 10 : Board Meeting. 10 - Noon.

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](#)

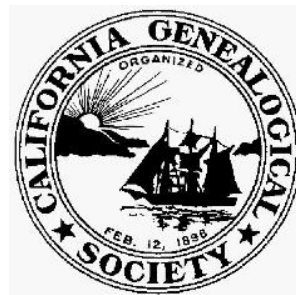
If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#)

Great Finds at the Library

by Lorna Wallace

As a long-time Desk Volunteer at the CGS Library, I would like to encourage you to come in and use our wonderful library resource in downtown Oakland to search for your ancestors! Whether you come in person, or request a "look up" via the Research Committee, our [library catalog](#) is the place to start. If you haven't "played" with our catalog, which is part of WorldCat, you may be surprised to find out what we have!

As an example, if you were interested in the first topic in last month's e-News, Thanksgiving and Pilgrims, a catalog "keyword search" for "Pilgrims" or "Plymouth" would have brought up 143 and 79 hits from the catalog, respectively. "Puritans" shows 308 findings, which include books, microfilm, maps, and over 200 article titles! Try a search in your favorite topics. (For the non-librarians, remember that searching using Keyword rather than Subject can result in many more finds.)



We hope to see you in the library exploring our great resources in 2017!

CGS Volunteers

Several volunteer positions are vacant

Release Your Event Planner Gene!



You know it's there - somewhere on your family tree is an ancestor who passed on his or her "Event Planner" gene. It's time to tap into that gene and help CGS with a variety of events that we offer to our loyal members.

We need volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Events Assistant
- Post Event Survey Manager (can be done from home)
- Offsite Events Assistant
- Marketing Maven

As always, training is provided. Make your ancestors proud and volunteer!

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

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

[Our Members Make Us Possible](#) by Shannon Reese



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Genealogy Resources at the SF Public Library](#)

[New Records Available to Search this FindMyPast Friday](#) by Dick Eastman

[8 Tips for Tracing Your Early American Ancestors](#) by Alexandra Edmondson

[7 Ways Visiting a Museum Can Benefit Your Genealogy Research](#) by ALookThruTime

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for November:

[From the attics and shoeboxes of Virginia, a trove of historical gold](#)
by Gregary S. Schneider, The Washington Post

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)

Top Twitter Post for November:



[Our Members Make Us Possible](#)

by Shannon Reese, California Ancestors 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.

Local Genealogy Conferences

- [Annual WAGS Seminar](#) presented by the Whittier Area Genealogical Society - January 28. Featuring Michael Lacopo.

Major National Conferences in 2017

January 22-27	Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah
February 8-11	RootsTech	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 10-13	National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference	Raleigh, North Carolina
June 9-11	Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree 48th Annual	Burbank, California
July 23-28	International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference	Orlando, Florida
July 25-28	BYU Conference on Family History	Provo, Utah
August 30 - September 2	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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 December 24 and December 31.**



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Editor with any questions.*

