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March 2017 Announcements

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Come celebrate ONE YEAR of Networking for the [California Genealogical Society's Irish Ancestry Network](#) led by Maureen Hanlon.

The group is open to CGS members and now includes 71 members sharing Irish resources online. In 2016 there were over 200 posts sharing Irish genealogical resources.

[This month, during the groups first anniversary, the group will meet in person on March 25, 2017.](#) The group will continue networking, sharing success stories and helping each other discover Irish ancestry through new online resources like the [National Library of Ireland Catholic Parish Registers](#) or [Civil Registers Districts](#).



Come share your stories and celebrate the first year of success for this amazing collaborative group.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY

Have you heard that The California Genealogical Society's Capital Campaign is now officially launched with a goal of raising \$1.2 million dollars? We hope so and know that the next question might be, "and how did you come up with that number?" The amount reflects our 120th Anniversary that is happening in February 2018. We felt that \$1.2 million helped reinforce that message. We hope you agree.

Why is a Capital Campaign needed? The money raised will help ensure that our society will remain a leader in genealogy and give us the necessary financial cushion to weather various storms in the future. If you choose to make a donation you will be extending your personal legacy, as well as giving future generations the opportunity to learn who came before them.

In the next two weeks, you'll be receiving our Capital Campaign letter asking for your support, so please be on the lookout. We want to thank Lois Elling for all of her time and hard work on producing the logo and graphic packet of material. Great job, Lois!

Who's leading the effort? Committee Chair Chris Pattillo, along with the considerable talents of Jane Lindsey and Sandy Fryer, are working hard to make this a reality for all of us.

Ready to talk about how you can be a part of it? Please contact either one of us, [Chris](#) or [Jane](#), to discuss. We'd love to hear from you!



SF HISTORY DAYS IS BACK AND HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND



Don't miss the amazing and free to the public, [San Francisco History Days!](#)

We've got four members ([Linda Harms Okazaki](#), [Janice M. Sellers](#), plus Ron and Pam Filion of [SFgenealogy](#)) from our society speaking at the lecture, "There Is No History without Family History" in Theater 1, Main Floor, Saturday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

What's the lecture about? From SF History Days' website, "People create history and are affected by what happens in history around them. Representatives from three local genealogy groups discuss ways you can find your ancestors and the stories about them, so you can place them in the historical context of the times in which

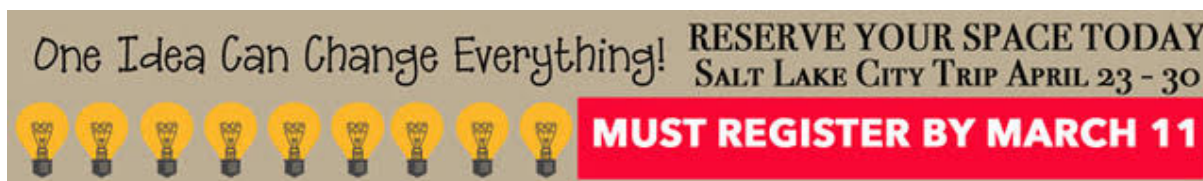
they lived. There will be some time at the end for questions."

In addition, member Sandra Britt-Huber and her volunteers are staffing our society's table. Stop by, [enjoy what's on offer](#) and say hello!



EARLY NEWS - [Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist](#) will be speaking at a CGS event in September 2017. Read upcoming monthly eNews publications for more details.

17th Annual CGS Salt Lake City Research Trip



Considering a group genealogy research trip for 2017?

Choose our 17th Annual trip to Salt Lake City! The final [deadline for the booking is March 11th](#). Right now, we've only had 7 people register for the trip and we need three more attendees to make it a go.

So what are you waiting for? Help us continue the annual tradition of our Salt Lake City Genealogy Research trip by [registering today](#)---you'll be glad you came!

Need more reasons to go? Review Lisa Gorrell's top reasons to visit the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in [her latest blog post](#).

Future Research Trips

by Jane Lindsey

We are looking for members who might be interested in the following research trips

Intermediate Level Research trip to Allen County Public Library Fort Wayne, Indiana - Looking for a small group of Intermediate Researchers who would be interested in going together in late summer or

early fall 2017 or 2018. Participants would engage in independent research while having opportunities to network and brainstorm with other attendees to advance research projects.

Research trip to the American Canadian Genealogical Society in Manchester NH - possibly late spring 2018. This trip is of interest to those doing French Canadian Research. The library is full of resources for Catholic Parishes in the US as well as Quebec and some other provinces. Incredibly helpful library volunteers will be available to assist with research. Current plans are for four full days at the library. (Wednesday through Saturday). Members could easily extend their trip to visit other places in New England.



Please contact [Jane Knowles Lindsey](#) with your interest in either of these trips.

CGS Volunteers

One of the best things about volunteering at the California Genealogical Society is that we welcome "Job Sharing." If you would love to volunteer, but are hesitant about taking on a job on your own, job sharing is just for you!

Tell us what interests you and we will try to pair you up with someone to share the fun!

Meanwhile, CGS looking for a few folks to "share" some of these volunteer opportunities:

- In-House Events Assistant
- Special Events Chair
- Events Calendar Coordinator (can be done from home!)
- Field Trip Coordinator



For details about any of these volunteer opportunities, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)


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 and Lavinia Schwarz co-facilitating.</p> <p>Thursday, March 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, March 4 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>



[DNA Special Interest Group](#)

led by Pam Miller.

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.

Saturday, March 4 from 1 - 3 p.m.



[Getting More from FamilySearch.org](#)

This class was envisioned as a preparation for a trip to the California Genealogical Society's Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but it will be helpful to anyone who wants to get the most research bang out of the FamilySearch.org website.

Class meets at the Oakland Family History Center
Sunday, March 5 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



[Building Skills for Successful Family History Research](#)

This new series is for beginning researchers and anyone who wants to build a foundation of research skills that can be used with all types of online and offline records and resources.

Saturdays, March 11 thru April 8 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



[Family Tree Maker SIG](#)

A monthly forum devoted exclusively to the Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Hosted by facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

Saturday, March 18 from 1 - 4 p.m.



[San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SF-SIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records. Our core research guide is Nancy Peterson's book, Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research, published by CGS.

Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.



[Irish Ancestry Online Network Get Together](#)

2016 was a banner year for release of Irish parish and civil online records. Come share what you have found or learned and meet others from the online Special Interest Group solving similar problems in Irish research. An Index to all online 2016 posts (links, articles, etc) will be provided.

Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon



[Lineage Panel and Workshop](#)

A panel of representatives including the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, the Society of California Pioneers, the Jamestowne Society, and more who will explain the whys and hows of lineage society membership.

Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to Noon
or
Saturday, April 29 from 1 to 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, March 11 : 10 to Noon. All Members are welcome.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, 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 Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

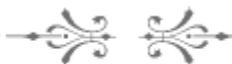
Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.



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.

[Our Manuscript Collection: Here's How It Can Help Preserve Your Family History](#) by Virginia Turner

[On Our Shelves: The American Genealogist](#) by Nancy Cork



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage](#) on RootsTech Sunny Morton, Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems

[Death Master File - How Did The Congress Get So Far Off Track?](#) on FGS.org

[An Attempt To Save South Carolina's Historical Documents Is Destroying Them](#) on NPR

[Announcing The Write Stuff - a Genealogy Intensive Offering](#) by Thomas MacEntee on GeneaBloggers

[Review: The Complete Guide to Google Photos](#) by Thomas MacEntee on GeneaBloggers

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for February:

[Our Manuscript Collection: Here's How It Can Help Preserve Your Family Story](#)
by Virginia Turner, The California Genealogical Society's Blog

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for February:

[Photography for Genealogy - free webinar by Nicka Smith now online for limited time](#) on Legacy Family Tree News

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

Chinese Genealogy Workshop



July 31 - August 2, 2017
 Monday thru Wednesday
 9 AM - 5 PM

Chinatown / North-Beach Center City
 College of San Francisco
 808 Kearny Street, Room 504 (at
 Washington)
 San Francisco, CA 94108

Registration: Please contact [Henry Tom](#)

Major National Conferences in 2017

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 10-14	Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)	Washington, D.C.
July 23-28	International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference	Orlando, Florida
July 23-28	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Athens, Georgia
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.



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