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*Connecting people to their diverse family heritage*



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### May 2017 Announcements

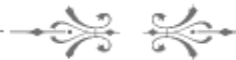
#### May is **Asian Pacific Month**

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.



Here are some events for May...

- [Rally for Inclusion](#) - Remembering the 135th Anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act on **May 6** in S.F. Chinatown.
- Kalani Mondoy and Linda Okazaki will be discussing Asian Pacific Islanders in genealogy on [Nicka Smith's YouTube channel on May 9 at 6 p.m.](#)
- Chinese Family History Group of Southern California - [Family Ties: Sharing the Past with the Future](#) on **May 20th** in Los Angeles



Remember to give online and [support us May 4th](#) through East Bay Gives! This is another way you can help us continue offering wonderful genealogical classes, events, trips, plus both online and on-site library resources for our genealogy community.

What is [East Bay Gives](#)? It's a community-wide, one-day online giving event on May 4th. It's specifically designed to help local non-profits both raise contributions and increase their visibility through the combined marketing efforts of over 500 organizations.

Last year we participated and raised around \$3,000, so thank you to all who supported us! We want to double this year's goal to \$6,000 and know that with your help it's an achievable goal. So mark your calendars for May 4th and give to [support The California Genealogical Society](#). May the 4th be with you!





## UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Capital Campaign committee (Chair - Chris Pattillo, Jane Lindsey, and Sandy Fryer) is proud to announce that we've raised over \$319,000 towards our goal of \$1.2 million due to our donors' generosity. Thank you!

On a different topic, as we've met with various donors one question keeps being asked: "Where will my cherished photos, letters, documents and other family mementos one day find a home?"

With that question in mind, Chris Pattillo [shares with you her 6 Tips on Preserving Your Family's Legacy...](#)



**YOU MAKE OUR SOCIETY POSSIBLE...THANK YOU**

# VOLUNTEER



National Volunteer Week (April 23-29) just passed and we wanted to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to all of our members who donate their time and talents to our 119-year-old organization.

Volunteers are the heart of The California Genealogical Society and we wouldn't exist without them. Read Volunteer Coordinator Kathleen Beitiks' [blog post](#) explaining how much you all do for our society...

**Judy G Russell: The Legal Genealogist Seminar**

# The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell



She's a genealogist...with a law degree!

Want to really understand the why's and how's of how the law affected your ancestors? Then [take advantage now of Early Bird pricing](#) to hear the amazing Judy G. Russell!

Come experience what it's like to learn from an expert in law and genealogy. You'll marvel at what you gain from her daylong series of classes. It's a virtual goldmine for anyone serious about family history research. One of the classes included is Judy's excellent lecture, the ABCs of DNA!

The seminar is being held in the ADA accessible, [Goldman Theater](#) at the David Brower Center in downtown Berkeley. For convenience, there's an onsite public parking garage, and it's one block from the Downtown Berkeley BART and multiple bus lines.

A wonderful lunch and free assorted beverages are available throughout the day and are included with your admission. Interested? [Click here](#) for more information and registration information!

## Caribbean Cruise



To kick off the celebration of our 120th anniversary, CGS is excited to announce that we are going on our first Caribbean genealogy cruise, from **February 11 - 18, 2018**. We'll be on board the luxurious [Celebrity Silhouette](#) that departs from Ft. Lauderdale, FL and visits ports in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten.

Our guest speakers will be [The Genealogy Guys](#), George G. Morgan and Drew Smith. They will teach classes in our private classrooms on the days we are at sea and conduct private consultations to help you with your genealogy questions. For more information about this cruise, see our [online brochure](#).

Do you have a companion who is not interested in genealogy? Don't worry; we've got you covered. They will be able to enjoy all the on-board ship activities while you are expanding your knowledge!

Interested? Read Tim Cox's [blog post](#) with more details.

## CGS Volunteers

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Wanted:** Events Calendar Coordinator Are you interested in volunteering for CGS but prefer to work from home? Our longtime CGS volunteer and current online Events Calendar Coordinator, Kathryn Doyle, is ready to "pass the baton" over to another volunteer and will provide training for this monthly task.

**Join our Desk Duty Team!** Are you a member of CGS looking for an opportunity to meet other volunteers and learn more about our organization? If you can make a once a month commitment to come into the CGS library (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), consider joining our Desk Duty Team!

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](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org).

	<p><a href="#">RootsMagic SIG</a></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, May 4 from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, May 6 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">DNA Special Interest Group</a>          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, May 6 from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">San Francisco Special Interest Group</a></p> <p>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</p>



Nancy Peterson's book, *Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research*, published by CGS.

Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m - 12:30 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, May 20 from 1 - 4 p.m.



### [Life Story Writing, Enriching Your Family History](#)

Join us for an engaging presentation as Craig Siulinski describes how writing autobiography excerpts can enhance and enrich your family's history. Participants will learn how their own personal stories will be empowering for themselves but also for their family's narrative.

Saturday, May 27 from 1 - 3 p.m.



### [Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tapes](#)

This presentation has several goals:  
1) to show the novice genealogist the wide range of records that can be found regarding any individual,  
2) how to assemble these documents/pieces into a logical puzzle which, in certain cases, can truly bring an ancestor back to life, and  
3) how to deal with wide discrepancies in data..

Read this [Blog](#) post for more.

Saturday, June 24 from 1 - 3 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.

## CGS Field Trips this Summer

### [California State Archives](#)

The California State Archives is a rich resource for researching family history. The Field Trip will include a tour of the Archives and time to do your own research.

The State Archives contain microfilmed copies and original records from 28 of California's counties including probate, deeds, military, prison, and naturalization records, as well as many state collections of interest to genealogists.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.







**CALIFORNIA  
STATEWIDE  
MUSEUM  
COLLECTIONS  
CENTER**

### [Field Trip to Statewide Museum Collection](#)

The Statewide Museum Collections Center (SMCC) serves as the repository for California's largest collection of artifacts and historic objects associated with the parks system throughout the state.

The State Park Curators, Archivists, and Collections Managers care for and manage these artifacts including millions of archival documents, and over 400,000 historic photographic images.

Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### **New Genealogy Book Chronicles Nine Generations of an American Family's History**



We're excited to announce that in June we are publishing the highly anticipated book, *The Ancestors of Samuel Sterling Sherman and Mary Ware Allen*. It tells the stories of nine generations of former California Genealogical Society's president, Frederick "Rick" S. Sherman's family as they move from New England and Kentucky westward to California. Whether you love history, individual family stories or learning new research tips, or all three, we think this book has something to offer you. Whether a genealogist or not, readers will be moved by getting to know these diverse human beings.

"I can attest to the richness of Rick's research and to the personal stories of his ancestors that he has uncovered. Among them is the story of an ancestor sea captain in the early 1800s attacked by pirates; of a minister who sailed from a religious convocation in Europe to America on the same boat as refugees from the Irish Potato Famine, praying with them as they lost their loved ones during the voyage. Through these stories we become witnesses to

historical moments", said co-chair of the Manuscript Collection, Georgia Lupinsky. Georgia is part of the team of dedicated volunteers that have worked tirelessly to bring this book to fruition.

Read more about the book in [our latest blog post](#) or [contact Georgia Lupinsky](#) with any questions.

### **Meetings and More**

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



**Saturday, May 13 : Board Meeting** 10 to 11:30 a.m. 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.



[A Seven-Day Caribbean Cruise and Genealogy - The Best of Both Worlds](#) by Tim Cox

[Volunteers...the heart of CGS!](#) by Kathleen Beitiks

[California State Archive: Come Experience It With Us!](#) by Shannon Reese

[6 Tips on Preserving Your Family's Legacy](#) by Chris Pattillo

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### Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[How Many Find A Grave Hints Do I Have on Ancestry?](#) on Genea-Musings by Randy Seaver

[Ancestry Offering Irish Heritage Tour](#) on The Ancestry Insider

[AncestryDNA's Genetic Communities are Finally Here!](#) by Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist

[Erroneous AncestryDNA Genetic Community](#) on The Ancestry Insider

[DNA Day: 11 Things You Might Not Know](#) on MyHeritage Blog

[New Genealogy Blogs](#) 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 April:

[The resurrection after 1906: Rare, private photos of SF clawing back after quake](#)  
by Bob Bragman, SFGATE

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)

#### Top Twitter Post for April:

[Untold Stories: A Champion for Children's Rights](#) by Georgia Lupinsky, California Genealogical Society'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.

### 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	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference</a>	Raleigh, North Carolina
June 9-11	<a href="#">Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree 48th Annual</a>	Burbank, California
June 23-25	<a href="#">THE JOSEPH VICK FAMILY OF AMERICA, INC.</a>	Suffolk, Virginia
July 10-14	<a href="#">Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)</a>	Washington, D.C.
July 23-28	<a href="#">International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference</a>	Orlando, Florida
July 23-28	<a href="#">Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Athens, Georgia
July 25-28	<a href="#">BYU Conference on Family History</a>	Provo, Utah



August 30 - September 2	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 13-15	<a href="#">The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit</a>	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

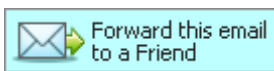
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See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information



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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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