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June 2017 Announcements

June is all about Dads, Grads and Summer



This month we think about and honor our Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers and beyond. Think of that unbroken line of y-DNA linking countless generations of men together.

Here are a few articles on what can be learned from y-DNA.

- [Y Chromosome DNA Tests](#) on International Society on Genetic Genealogy Wiki
- [The Y-DNA Test for Genealogy](#) on WorldFamilies.net
- [Information that men can derive out of their Y Chromosome](#) on iGenea
- [The Y-DNA Mutation Rate Project](#) on The Genetic Genealogist



Polling your interest in CGS Writing Workshop this summer

Requests for classes on how to get started as well as writing techniques have been common and we're pleased to have a willing instructor, Craig Suilinski, with a tailored background in this area, who could offer a series of structured workshops this summer.

Let us know what would influence your ability to commit and we'll do our best to meet your needs so you can plan on getting started and making a lot of headway in finally getting all you have found written down for posterity.

Please take our [Survey](#) to give us much needed input about scheduling a series of Writing Workshops this summer.



We need BOOKS! CGS volunteers sell books on eBay to raise money for the Library. If you have non-fiction historical or genealogical books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating some or all of your collection to our library. All proceeds from these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Email [Arlene Miles](#) with questions.

Judy G Russell: The Legal Genealogist Seminar

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell



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

Only 85 tickets left.

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 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. Contact [Kathleen Betiks](#) for more info.

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



CALIFORNIA
STATEWIDE
**MUSEUM
COLLECTIONS**
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[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. Contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for more info.

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



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 and Lavinia Schwarz co-facilitating.</p> <p>Thursday, June 1, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Introduction to Genealogy</u></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, June 3, 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, June 3, from 1 - 3 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 historic al 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, June 17, 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, June 17, from 1 - 4 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.



[Read All about It!: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research](#)

Newspapers are valuable in genealogical research because you can find information about births, marriages, deaths, moves, business, court cases, and more. Millions of pages of the world's newspapers are now accessible online, but there is no one place to find them all. This class gives an overview of what is available online and techniques to help improve your chances of finding information about your relatives.

By Janice Sellers

Saturday, July 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

[Family Tree Maker SIG](#)



Janice Sellers will be shed light on the bewildering assortment of citation rules, correct forms, and varying approaches to correctly listing Source Citations.

Saturday, July 15, from 1 - 4 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 Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities

Be a CGS Volunteer-at-Home!

Are you a member of CGS who would love to volunteer at our Oakland office but time or distance restrictions get in the way? If so, we have the perfect job for you! 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. Her job can be done from your computer at home and she will provide training.



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

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, June 10: 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.



[Chris' Genealogy Journey, First Stop: Albany, Texas](#) by Chris Pattillo

[Lincoln, Love, and Loss](#) by Georgia Lupinsky

[An Interview with Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist](#) by Shannon Reese

[Here Where You Stood: The Journey of a Japanese Artist and His Immigrant Ancestors](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.](#) by Linda Okazaki

[The Path to Becoming a Genealogy Educator: Part 2](#) by Craig Siulinski

[Newtown Sawmill: An Unexpected Genealogy Discovery](#) by Jean Taeuffer

[Why I Chose to Contribute to the Capital Campaign: Bob Grant](#) by Shannon Reese

[Salt Lake City Success: Our Annual Trip to the Family History Library](#) by Lisa Gorrell



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[The Science Behind AncestryDNA -- #NGS2017GEN](#) on The Ancestry Insider

[Update: Family Nexus App](#) on Dear Myrtle

[WikiTree: Free for All without a Free-for-All](#) on Legacy Family Tree Webinars

[On Burying the Skeletons in our Genealogy Closet](#) on Genealogy's Star

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for May:

[Life Story Writing: Enriching Your Family History](#)
by Craig Siulinski, California Genealogical Society Blog

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for May:

[Newtown Sawmill: An Unexpected Genealogy Discovery](#) by Jean Taeuffer,
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

June 9-11	Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree 48th Annual	Burbank, California
June 23-25	The Joseph Vick Family of America, Inc.	Suffolk, Virginia
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
October 13-15	The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

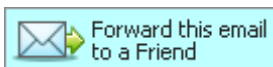
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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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