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**September 2017 Announcements**

**National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins September 15**

**CELEBRATE**  
Hispanic Heritage Month



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

**Research Sources**

[Mexico Genealogy 101](#) by Kimberly Powell

Webinar [How to do Mexican Research and Be Successful](#) by Jonathan Walker

On Cyndi's List

[Central & South America](#)  
[Spain & the Basque Country](#)

On FamilySearch Wiki

[Central America](#)  
[South America](#)

**The value of a life well-lived illustrated in CGS's newest publication**

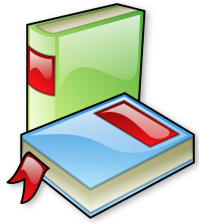
Frederick S. ("Rick") Sherman's book, *The Ancestry of Samuel Sterling Sherman and Mary Ware Allen*, recently published by CGS, offers many well-researched stories, appealing to both the serious genealogist and the general reader. [Our latest blog post](#) deals with ancestor Samuel Sterling Sherman (1815-1814) and his pioneering work in the field of higher education in the South from 1838 to 1859. It is an example of the positive influence that one man can have over many. And, how 100 years later Rick was to learn of the impact of his great-grandfather's work.

**Renovations:** Our building is undergoing a some big changes. The entrance to the building is now on Broadway to it's original location. The entrance on 21st Street is now closed.

**October Previews:** Next month is Family History Month and we will be hosting a joint open-house on October 21st with the Mayflower Society, now located across the hall. More details to follow next issue.

**Nikkei Pilgrimage:** This Fall, the Nikkei Pilgrimage will be held on October 7. Participants will travel to the [Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony Farm](#) in Placerville, site of the first colony of Japanese immigrants in the U.S. The California Genealogical Society will provide genealogy consultations during

the event. If you would like to volunteer as one of our genealogists that day, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for details. Transportation and lunch will be provided.



We need BOOKS! CGS volunteers sell books on eBay to raise money for the Library. If you have nonfiction 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



Want to understand the ABCs of DNA, plus the why's and how's of how the law affected your ancestors' and much more? Then [join us](#) **September 23rd** in Berkeley as we host internationally known genealogy and law expert, Judy G. Russell. Doors open at 9 a.m. **Only 26 tickets left.**

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 4 classes. It's a virtual goldmine for anyone serious about family history research. In addition to the classes listed above, there are two more: Martha Benschura - Enemy Alien and Rogues, and Rascals and Rapsallions: The Family Black Sheep Read more about the 4 lectures

offered [here](#).

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 catered buffet lunch, as well as a morning beverage service is included with your admission. Interested? [Click here](#) for more information and registration information!

### Capital Campaign Donor Profile

by [Shannon Reese](#)



Our third in a series of blog posts entitled, Why I Chose to Contribute to the Capital Campaign focuses on life member and donor, [Ken Haughton](#).

Ken has given generously of his time and money for over 39 years to California Genealogical Society (CGS). He was CFO for many years and has served on our board of directors.

[Read why he has chosen to support us](#) and learn why you may want to do the same. The California Genealogical Society's Capital Campaign kicked off this past February with a goal of raising \$1.2 million dollars. The money raised from the Capital Campaign 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.



## CGS Facebook Group

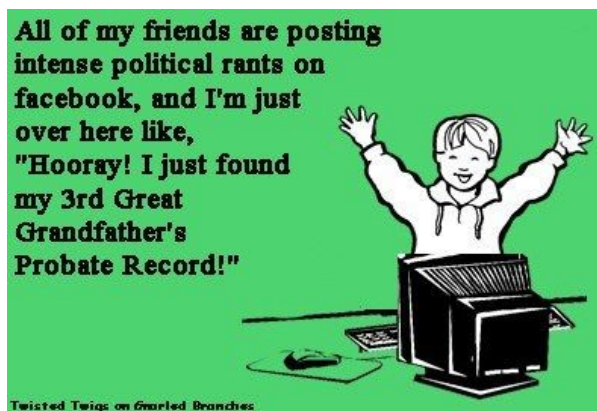
by [Marisela Meskus](#)

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! You may have heard a [Facebook group for CGS](#) was in the works. Well, here it is! We encourage all members to join and invite non-CGS members who are interested.

Marisela "Merry" Meskus is our new social media volunteer and Facebook group administrator .

"I joined CGS recently in April after a quick Google search for genealogy in the area. I have been researching my family's genealogy since a family trip to the Dominican Republic in 2004.

It was the first time my father had seen his hometown in 40 years. It seemed like every time we turned a new corner we would have to stop and stare at a building while he shared childhood memories. I just soaked it all up! I feel the same way when I visit the CGS library.



I love listening to members talk about their own lives or those of their ancestors. There is a great deal to learn from our fellow genealogists. I feel like a sponge absorbing as much knowledge as I can. If you've come to the library in the past 4 months, you've probably seen me there.

Unfortunately, most of the members are not able to make it to the library as often. The purpose of the Facebook group is to foster more of a community. I encourage members to use it to seek help, to help others, to share relevant news, and to share their own family history findings."

Marisela will be volunteering on Thursdays and Saturdays to help members navigate Facebook, the internet, and computers (including cell phones) in general. If you would like to volunteer to be an administrator for the Facebook group, please contact [Marisela](#).

## CGS Volunteers

### Judy Russell Event Volunteers

Are you a member of CGS who is attending the [Judy Russell Event](#) on September 23? If you are interested in volunteering that day, please contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#).



**Get Ready for the Genie Awards!**

Please join us on Saturday, October 14, noon, for the 2017 Genie Awards. Volunteers who "make magic happen" at the California Genealogical Society (CGS) will be recognized for their ongoing commitment to our almost-120-year-old organization!

The awards ceremony will be part of our noontime Fall Membership meeting. Join us in honoring our volunteers, as well as learning what you can do to contribute your time and talents to CGS. The red carpet will be unrolled, our mystical master of ceremonies will be there with her gold lame' turban, and magic lamps will be available for your three wishes!

Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

For details about any and all 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="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, September 2, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 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. 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.</p> <p>Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></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, September 16, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

**Meetings and More**

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



**Saturday, September 9: Board Meeting** 10 to 11:30 a.m. All Members are welcome.

**Saturday, October 14: Membership Meeting**

**Saturday, October 14: Genie Awards**

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 Picture is Worth a Thousand Words](#) by Georgia Lupinsky

[You're Invited! Family History Month Open House](#) by Shannon Reese

[Celebrating the 120th Anniversary of The California Genealogical Society in the Nugget](#) by Janice M. Sellers

[New Genealogy Librarian for Sutro Library](#) by Mattie Taormina

[Summer School at Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh I & II](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Why I Donated to the Capital Campaign: Ken Haugton](#) by Shannon Reese



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

[NEPGS Reaches Milestone in Catholic Records Project](#) on familytree.com

[Claiming Irish Citizenship Through Your Irish Ancestors](#) by Kimberly Powell on ThoughtCo.

[August Update: GenealogyBank Just Added New Content for 88 Titles!](#) by Tony Pettinato

[TheGenealogist Releases Half a Million Criminal Records adding Significantly to its Court & Criminal Collection](#) by Dick Eastman

[TheGenealogist Releases 650,000 Additional Parish Records for Nottinghamshire](#) by Leland Meitzler on GenealogyBlog

[US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards](#) by Trevor on fold3 HQ



[New Records Available to Search This Findmypast Friday, 25 August 2017](#) by Randy Seaver on Genea-Musings

[New Historic Records on FamilySearch: Week of August 23, 2017](#) by Dick Eastman

### In Memorium

#### **Margery Jean Howe Bell, 1946-2017**

*by Janice M. Sellers*

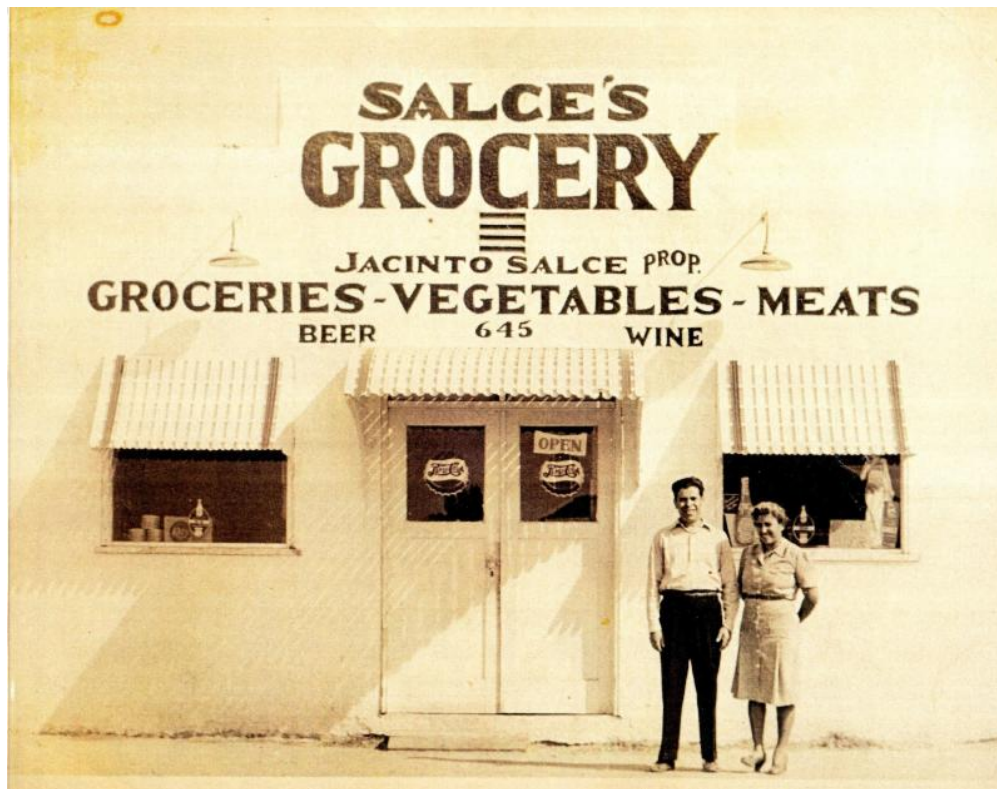


Enoch & Marge Bell, June 2017

[Read more about Marge Bell](#)

### Ancestor Tributes

*by Marisela Meskus*



Jacinto Salce and Catalina Puente owned and operated Salce's Grocery Store in Merced, California

for 26 years. They were my mother's maternal grandparents. After meeting in the small town of Azusa in Los Angeles County while singing in the church choir, they married on February 10, 1927 in Santa Ana, Orange County. He was 21 and she was 20. On their sixtieth anniversary, she was interviewed by the local paper in Merced. "We loved each other," she said. "Our parents, though, didn't agree. So, we decided to elope; that's why it's lasted so long."

Jacinto had made his way to the United States from Jalisco, Mexico on his own at the age of 14. Catalina was born in Los Angeles in 1906, not long after her parents had immigrated from Mexico. As migrant crop workers, they came up with the idea of making extra money by selling burritos, hot chiles, soda and water to the other workers. They followed her parents to Merced in 1941 and bought the grocery store two years later. After retiring in 1970, they were known for dressing alike and walking hand-in-hand in the mall. The grocery store still stands at 645 West 11th Street.

**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.

**Major National Conferences in 2017-2018**

October 13-15	<a href="#">The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit</a>	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
December 9-10	<a href="#">International Genetic Genealogy Conference</a>	San Diego, California
<b>2018</b>		
January 21-26	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
February 28 - March 3	<a href="#">RootsTech 2018</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 2 - 5	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a>	Grand Rapids, Michigan
May 31 - Jun 2	<a href="#">49th Annual Jamboree 2018</a>	Burbank, California
June 2 - 7	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Athens, Georgia
August 6 - 10	<a href="#">38th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy</a>	Warsaw, Poland
August 6 - 10	<a href="#">Eastern European Family History Conference</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
August 22 - 25	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies</a>	Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Connect with Us**

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



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