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**November 2017 Announcements**



## Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Last month the California Genealogical Society held a joint Open House Event with the [California Mayflower Society](#), which recently move in across the hall. It was a fun, educational and collaborative event for both of our societies. Please stop in to visit with the California Mayflower Society to see what their volunteer staff and library have to offer.

To research the Native American side of our U.S.A. tradition see this awesome page of [Native American resources](#).

During this Holiday the CGS Library will be **closed** for Thanksgiving Weekend from November 23 - 25.



### **With Gratitude**

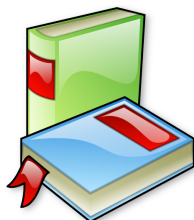
The California Genealogical Society wishes to thank [Ancestry.com](#) for contributing two DNA kits as door prizes to the Wakamatsu Pilgrimage on October 7.

### **Seasons Greetings**

The annual Volunteer Holiday Potluck will be held on Sunday, December 3. Look for details in an upcoming email and blog post.

## Save the Date

The Annual Business Meeting and **120th Birthday Celebration** will be held on January 13 in the library. Please plan to join in our celebration of our long live organization.



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 [Arleen Miles](mailto:Arleen@cgsgenealogy.com) with questions.

## Blaine Bettinger on DNA



Blaine Bettinger's blog, The Genetic Genealogist was launched on February 12, 2007 as one of the very first blogs to examine the intersection of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research, more commonly known as "genetic genealogy." Genetic genealogists use genetics to learn more about their ancestry, including their ancient roots, and the relatedness of individuals. This relatively new technology represents a powerful new technology for the genealogist's toolbox.

Blaine will presenting 4 lectures during the day:

1. Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry
2. Introduction to Autosomal DNA
3. Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA Matches
4. Using Third-Party Tools.

[Register Today!](#)

## 18th Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip



The California Genealogical Society (CGS) has scheduled its [2018 annual genealogy](#) research trip to the Family History Library from Sunday, April 22nd to Sunday, April 29th. Lisa Gorrell will lead the trip for the third year in a row and she is especially excited to get you to come along!

"Why would I want to go to the Family History Library? Isn't it all online now?" [Read our Blog post.](#)

## Other Advantages

- Six days of being with others who share your enthusiasm for genealogy research
- Research assistance with Lisa or one of the experts at the library (especially at the foreign language floors)
- Six days of distraction-free research
- Six days where you didn't have to do household chores

[Register Today for early bird specials.](#)

## Volunteers

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### 2017 Genie Awards

The California Genealogical Society honored its amazing team of "Introduction to Genealogy" teachers during the Fall Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 14. President Linda Harms Okazaki (right) presented the 2017 "Genie Awards" to our volunteer teachers for "making magic happen" at CGS. Congratulations to **Pam Miller** (left), **Lavinia Schwarz** and **Ron Madson**. (Not pictured: **Lisa Gorrell** and **Dick Rees**.) Honorees received "magic lamps," while members who attended the meeting were awarded with a slice (or two!) of cappuccino cake!

## 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).



### [RootsMagic - Special Interest Group](#)

The RootsMagic SIG welcomes all users and would-be users of this popular genealogy software.

Thursday, November 2, from 2 - 4 p.m.



### [Introduction to Genealogy](#)

A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.

Saturday, November 4, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m



### [Interest Meeting for Eastern European Special Interest Group](#)

Come, discuss, and determine the creation and future of a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Figure out how the group will meet, where, when, whether it will be casual or formal and more. It's up to you. The California Genealogical Society is excited about adding an ethnic-based SIG to our line-up!

With Vicky Kolakowski & Craig Siulinski

Saturday, November 11, from 1 - 3 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, November 18, from 1 - 4 p.m.

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, November 11: 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](#)

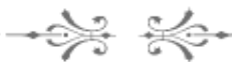
## CGS Blog

### 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.



[Salt Lake City Family History Library: Why you Should Go on Our 2018 Research Trip](#) - by Lisa Gorrell

[Celebrating the Past and the Future: 2018 Genealogy Events and Education Plans](#) - by Maureen Hanlon

[Judy G. Russell Event: A Smashing Success!](#) - by Shannon Reese

[Stories & Trips for A Genealogy Road Trip](#) - Chris Pattillo



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

[Find A Grave Website Updating on 1 November](#) on Genea-Musings

[Dick Eastman](#) has many great reads this month.

- [Why Was the Information Removed from Online?](#)
- [NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Hearing on Vital Records](#)
- [An Online Archive of Pictures and Stories of nearly 50,000 Australian Prisoners between 1870 and 1930 in Now Available](#)
- [Did You Know That You Can Borrow Books From Internet Archives?](#)
- [The Family History Researcher Academy is Now Offering a FREE English & Welsh Family History Mini-Course](#)
- [Research Your Roots Using JewishGen begins November 1](#)

### In Memorium

#### **Peggy Sweeney Volponi**



Peggy was a an avid genealogist and a long-time member of CGS. She passed away in September and will be missed.

See Peggy's [obituary](#) to learn about her life and accomplishment.

### Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation. For the latest events, check [Conference Keeper.org](#).

### Local Events

- SMC GS (San Mateo County Genealogical Society) [Fall Seminar - November 4](#). With Pam Boyer Sayre and Rick Sayre speaking on Federal Records and Mapping the West.

- **November 16** - learn about the unique collections at the California State Library

*California*  
STATE LIBRARY

**An Undiscovered World**

The Unique Collections of the California State Library

**November 16, 2017**  
11am - 1pm

**Oakland Family History Center**  
4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland  
(Lower level of the Visitor's Center)

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### Major National Conferences in 2017-2018

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



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