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July 2017 Announcements



Members meetings are back!

Please join us in the second-floor meeting room at 2201 Broadway for a CGS Member Meeting at noon. Bring your lunch, hear Board activities and society needs, and give us your feedback. Stay after to see what's new in the library or attend [Janice Sellers class on historical newspapers](#) (free for members, but pre-registration required).

Extended Summer Hours Back Thursdays in August

On August 10, 17, 24 and 31st, CGS will keep our doors open late for those who want to do research. We're also going to offer casual talks on how to get the most from popular genealogy websites.

Jane Lindsey, Lisa Gorrell and others will be sharing strategies to get the most out of Ancestry, FamilySearch and more. And we're going to waive our non-member fee!

Check our web pages and August e-News for scheduling details and plan to visit!



Have you ever thought about all the good things that happen because you're a member of the California Genealogical Society? Or stopped to add up everything you've learned as a result of your membership in CGS? The members of the Capital Campaign talked to several members and heard lots of good feedback.

[Read about what they learned and how you might consider giving back to CGS](#) to insure that the society will always be viable and ready to help others.



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 57 seats 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 that ends on July 5th](#) 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! Read more about the [4 lectures offered](#) during the day.

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 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

[Field Trip to Statewide Museum Collection](#)



CALIFORNIA
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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.

CGS Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities

Hangouts & Webinars...anyone?

CGS has always offered a great line up of educational opportunities and we are ready to take this to the next level: Hangouts and Webinars. We are looking for a few volunteers who want to help us launch our distance learning program. If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, we would love to hear from you:

- Are you interested in getting to know speakers?
- Do you prefer to work remotely and are willing to help promote our classes via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Conference Keeper, Bay Area Calendar)?
- Do you have experience hosting webinars, podcasts, You Tube, or Google Hangouts?



It's time to get our distance learning up and running but we can't do it without your help. Contact [Linda Okazaki](#) to be a part of this new team.

For a Good Time - Job Share!

If you are itching to volunteer at the California Genealogical Society but hesitant about taking on a job on your own, "job sharing" is just for you!

We have a few "job share" opportunities that may be of interest:

- 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

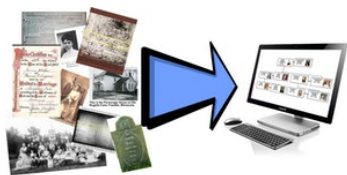
California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



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>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, July 1, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>Read All about It!: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By Janice Sellers</p> <p>Saturday, July 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Family Tree Maker</p> <p>Janice Sellers will be shed light on the bewildering assortment of citation rules, correct forms, and varying approaches to correctly listing Source Citations.</p> <p>Saturday, July 15, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>San Francisco Special Interest Group</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.</p>



[Get Your Genealogy All Organized on Your Computer!](#)

Every genealogist has a collection of photographs, scanned images of paper documents, and images downloaded from online sources. What is the best way to organize them on our hard drive? How do we identify each image?

Saturday, July 22, from 1 to 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.

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, July 8: Board Meeting 10 to 11:30 a.m. All Members are welcome.

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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](#)

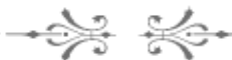
CGS Blog

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.



[The Berryessa Family: A California Legacy](#) by Carolyn Williams

[Need more way to research genealogy on-line?](#) by Janice Sellters

[Want to see Judy G. Russell? Time is running out.](#) by Shannon Reese

[A Visit to the California Statewide Museum Collection Center](#) by Kathryn M. Doyle

[The Essence of One Man's Life](#) by Georgia Lupinsky

[Want to get started using your DNA results for genealogy?](#) by Shannon Reese

[What the California Genealogical Society \(CGS\) Can Do for You](#) by Chris Pattillo, Sandy Fryer & Jane Lindsey

[The California State Archives - A Capital Resource for Family Researchers](#) by Kathleen Beitiks



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[New Records at FindMyPast This Last Week](#) on Genealogy Blog by Leland Meitzler

[FamilySearch to Discontinue its Microfilm Distribution Services](#) by Dick Eastman

[Hannah Snell and the Press Gang](#) on Boston 1775

[Allen County Public Library - Genealogy Mecca - My First Visit](#) on Seeds to Tree by Jacquie Schattner

[New York State Death Index Online for the First Time!](#) by Lisa Louise Cooke

[Common Obstacles Found in British Records and How to Overcome Them](#) by Jim Shaughnessy on FindMyPast

[Museums Have Archived Records Too!](#) by Melissa Barker

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



[Ancestry's Catherine Ball: Who Do You Think You Are?](#)

Monday July 17, 2017 at 6 p.m.
555 Post St. San Francisco

[Purchase Tickets](#)

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

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 18-20	Genealogical Society of Hispanic America	Ontario, California
August 30 - September 2	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 13-15	The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
December 9-10	International Genetic Genealogy Conference	San Diego, California

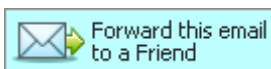
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See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information



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



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