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**March 2018 Announcements**



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## We celebrate Irish Genealogy this month

There are two great events happening at the California Genealogical Society this month.

[Irish Ancestry Network](#) will host an in person meeting for this popular Facebook group on the morning of March 24th. Then in the afternoon of March 24th, "[Exploring Townlands with Cath Trindle](#)" will focus on historic life in rural Ireland centered around the townland. Registration is still open.

Other great resources to find your Irish Ancestors include:

- [FamilySearch Wiki on Ireland Genealogy](#).
- [Irish Genealogy.ie](#)
- [From Ireland.net](#)
- [National Archives of Ireland](#)
- [General Register Office](#)



On [March 3 and 4](#), the Old Mint becomes a pop-up museum of San Francisco history featuring more than 75 exhibitors at the Old Mint. Join community historians, archivists, genealogists, archaeologists, researchers, educators, reenactors, and other history enthusiasts for a free Community Open House at this historic site. Past history weekends at the Old Mint have brought together dozens of organizations to celebrate and tell the City's unique history, and have attracted several thousand participants.



### Special Evening Event with California Historical Society and Bill Cole



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The California Genealogical Society and the California Historical Society are hosting a special event at the California Historical Society when we will celebrate our shared history and collaborative missions. Access to two of California Historical Society's wonderful exhibits and a special speaker, Bill Cole will be highlights of the evening.

Bill Cole will talk about a fascinating only-in-California event, the 1864 Bullion Bend Stagecoach Robbery. This amazing Wild West caper occurred during the Civil War's final year. It was front-page news that captured the country's attention.

**Thursday, March 8, from 5:45 - 8:45 p.m.**

***More Tickets have become available. [Register Today.](#)***

### Chinese Ancestry Day

# CHINESE ANCESTRY DAY

Saturday, May 26, 2018  
9 am - 4 pm



Presented by  
**Oakland Asian Cultural Center and California Genealogical Society.**

In partnership with **California Historical Society, and Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation**

Save the date for a day of learning the fundamentals of genealogy tailored for Chinese families.

Registration, final agenda and details at  
<http://tinyurl.com/yaw549p2>

Located at:  
Oakland Asian Cultural Center  
388 Ninth Street  
Suite 290  
Oakland, CA 94607  
[www.oacc.cc](http://www.oacc.cc)

**Keynote including Excerpts from *Chinese Couples***  
Felicia Lowe

**Importance of Family Stories**  
Grant Din

**Chinese Exclusion Act Records at the National Archives**  
Marisa Louie Lee

**A Pilgrimage to Your Ancestral Village**  
John Wong, Friend of Roots/  
Roots Plus

**Time to Share Stories and Work on Brick Walls**

**Lunch from Peony Restaurant included with registration**  
\$60 General Admission Fee  
\$40 for CGS members

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OAKLAND  
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## 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, March 1, from 2 - 4 p.m.



### [Introduction to Genealogy](#)

A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.

Saturday, March 3, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 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 historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.

Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



### [Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group](#)

This CGS Special Interest Group (FTM-SIG) has been formed devoted exclusively to the popular robust and easy-to-use Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Join FTM-SIG facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

Saturday, March 17, from 1 - 4 p.m.



### [Building Skills for Successful Family History Research](#)

It's not too late to set your 2018 genealogy goals. Maybe you want to find your great grandmother's maiden name or maybe you have a more advanced goal and would like to get genealogy certification. Our Skills series of four classes, beginning March 7, will help you get there. Pam Brett will teach six fundamentals every genealogist can use. Held in the evening at the Oakland FamilySearch Library, parking is free. The value is there with resources, hands on practice and assessments to measure the difference the class has made in your expertise. See our EventBrite listing and take that step towards making the progress you want to see.

Wednesdays, March 7 - 28, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.



### **2 Events with the Irish Ancestry Network**

#### [Morning: Irish Ancestry Network Meeting](#)

Face to face meeting of CGS Members who belong to the online Irish Ancestry Special Interest Group. Others interested in joining are welcome

#### [Afternoon: Exploring Townlands with Cath Trindle](#)

Historically life in rural Ireland centered around the townland. Investigating the lay of the land, either with a visit or by

using map sites helps build an understanding of our ancestors lives. Culling the available records for a townland can add generations to our Irish families. Come explore some tried and true and some new Irish resources, both online and off.

Saturday, March 24, from 10:30 - 4 p.m.



#### [California Land Maps with Melinda Kashuba](#)

Tracing landownership in California is an adventure that leads the researcher through the tumultuous shifts from Spanish and Mexican rule to the gold rush and statehood.

This lecture will address how to research colonial land grants and describe their value to genealogical research. Even if you believe that your early California ancestors did not own land, they may have appeared as witnesses in support of a neighbor's court case, sometimes as late as the 1890s.

Saturday, April 14, from 1 - 3 p.m.



#### [East European Special Interest Group](#)

Come, discuss a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on Eastern European Genealogy. We are still refining how the group will meet, where, when, and more. Join and help us create this group, together!

Saturday, May 26, from 1 - 3 p.m.

Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

### CGS 2018 Allen County Public Library Research Trip

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**GENEALOGY CENTER**  
 FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**For Intermediate Level Researchers**  
**Thursday August 16, 2018 to Wednesday August 22, 2018**  
 (with option to add research days or attend the FGS conference)

Join **Jane Knowles Lindsey** for a research trip for Intermediate level researchers to [Allen County Public Library](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana the largest public genealogical library in the country.

A new format is being planned for this trip. Participants will do independent research but have the opportunity to network with others during the week.

#### Cost:

- \$1198 for a single
- \$727 for a shared room with another attendee.
- Extra room nights \$151.00
- Price includes a tax deductible donation to CGS

#### The trip includes:

- 6 nights at the Courtyard Marriott
- Option to extend your stay for research to attend FGS conference, Aug 22-26th
- A discounted breakfast voucher



- Limited to 12 Intermediate level CGS researchers (Non-Members may join)
- No meals included except breakfast. Dinner venues will be arranged for group meals with separate checks
- Library orientation
- Use of PERSI & More
- Airfare not included (be aware of thunderstorms when scheduling your flight)

Email [Jane Lindsey](#) for more info. She will be happy to call you. A registration link will soon follow.

## Volunteer

### Birthday Present Etiquette?

Did you know that the CGS is currently celebrating its 120th year of helping people trace and compile their family histories? What kind of present is appropriate for a 120th birthday? It's not a question you will hear very often, but CGS has the answer - Time and Talent!

The success of the CGS can be attributed to its dedicated volunteers - who operate one of the oldest genealogical organizations in the United States.

Interested in helping us keep that stellar designation? We currently need volunteers in the following areas:


- **Field Trips**
- **Offsite Events**
- **Finances (Assistant Treasurer)**
- **Marketing and Social Media**
- **Outreach**
- **Chair of the 125th Anniversary of CGS (in 2023!)**

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information about any volunteer activities at CGS.



## Meetings and More

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

	<p><b>Board Meeting -- March 10, from 10 a.m. to Noon</b></p> <p><b>Quarterly Membership Meeting -- April 14</b></p>
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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 [Vicky Kolakowski](#)

## 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. If you have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#) to discuss.



[Hot Off the Press!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Passing the Baton](#) -- by Shannon Reese and Jennifer Dix

[Capital Campaign Successful](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy\\_\(SLIG\) 2018!](#) -- by Linda Okazaki

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

[NYG&B Labs Releases The Record Map Search](#)

[MacFamilyTree 8.3 is On Sale at 50% Off](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[RootsFinder Delivers Powerful New Tools to Genealogists for FREE](#) -- on Genea-Musings

[#NotAtRootsTech 2018? Here's How to Participate Virtually](#) -- on FamilySearch Blog

[5 Branches of US Military Records for Genealogy](#) -- by Micheal Strauss, AG

### 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

### Major National and International Conferences in 2018

<b>2018</b>		
Feb 28 - Mar 3	<a href="#">RootsTech 2018</a> <a href="#">Live Stream Schedule</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
Jun 2 - 7	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Athens, Georgia
Jun, Jul and Aug	<a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	Pennsylvania or New York
Aug 6 - 10	<a href="#">38th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy</a>	Warsaw, Poland
Aug 6 - 10	<a href="#">Eastern European Family History Conference</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Aug 22 - 25	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies</a>	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Aug 31 - Sep 2	<a href="#">Secret Lives Conference 2018</a>	Leicestershire, UK
Oct 4 - 6	<a href="#">APG Professional Management</a>	Kansas City, Missouri

	<a href="#"><u>Conference</u></a>	
Oct 26 - 27	<a href="#"><u>Illinois State Genealogical Society</u></a>	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	<a href="#"><u>Texas State Genealogical Society</u></a>	San Antonio, Texas
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 21-26	<a href="#"><u>Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</u></a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	RootsTech 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<a href="#"><u>International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</u></a>	Sacramento, California

**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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