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April 2018 Announcements

April is National Volunteer Month

We honor all our California Genealogical Society Volunteers!



This month (and beyond) please volunteer at the California Genealogical Society. We can also use your help in several areas.



April is also the month we celebrated our ultimate great great grand mother - the planet Earth. April 22nd marks the 47th Annual celebration of Earth Day. Doing our part to protect our planet honors our ancestors and especially honors those generations still to come.

Get involved this year by participating in [Oakland](#), [Alameda](#), [San Francisco](#), or [California](#) or wherever you might be.

[Earth Day Network](#)



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

Keynote including Excerpts from *Chinese Couplets*
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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[Register Today](#)

Intermediate Records Series

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RECORDS SERIES



Five Parts: Land, Church, Court, Immigration, Offline
Wednesday Evenings in May

[Intermediate Records Series - Land, Church, Court and Immigration for Genealogy](#)

Offered by California Genealogical Society at the Oakland Family History Center
Five Wednesday nights in May, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

Are You Ready for the Next Level?

- Do you want to take your genealogy research beyond vital records and census records?
- Do you want to understand probate, church, immigration, and land records that appear on sites like Ancestry and FamilySearch?
- Are you stuck and feel you need to perhaps find records in local repositories?

This intermediate class will focus on four specific record groups and demonstrate how to find these record types both on and off line.

- Court Records: Probate, Guardianship, Wills, Other
- Church Records: Sacramental, Membership, Business
- Emigration, Immigration, & Naturalization
- Land & Property Records: Federal, State, & Local land records, & Tax Records
- Off-line Research: Using Online Sources to Find Off-line Records

The course will consist of both lecture and group hands-on activities. There will be immediate practice using these newly taught skills. There will also be optional homework so practice can continue at home.

[Register Today](#)

CGS 2018 Allen County Public Library Research Trip



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.

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>RootsMagic Special Interest Group</p> <p>The RootsMagic SIG welcomes all users and would-be users of this popular genealogy software.</p> <p>Thursday, April 5, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, April 7, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>
	<p>California Land Maps with Melinda Kashuba</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, April 14, from 1 - 3 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 historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</p> <p>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</p> <p>Saturday, April 21, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>East European Special Interest Group</p>



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.

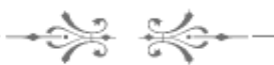
Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Volunteers

Thanks to our Blaine Bettinger "Genetic Genealogist" volunteers!



Thanks to all of our wonderful California Genealogical Society volunteers who made the March 3rd Blaine Bettinger "Genetic Genealogist" event such a success! Kudos to: Todd Armstrong, Kathleen Beitiks, Stewart Blandón Traiman, Pat Bonderud, Nancy Cork, Linda Darby, Jennifer Dix, Kathie Jones, Maureen Hanlon, Rich Kehoe, Vicky Kolakowski, Jane Lindsey, Georgia Lupinsky, Kath Merilo, Marisela Meskus, Jordan Moncrief, Linda Okazaki, Chris Pattillo, Gibran Rath, Shannon Reese, James Russell, Jim Sorenson and Deborah Sweeney.



Share your tech skills with CGS

CGS is looking to add another member to its crack computer team! If you are a CGS member and available to spend about two hours a month in our library helping with computer maintenance we'd like to meet you.

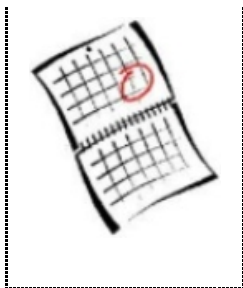
Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information about any volunteer activities at CGS.

Meetings and More

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

Board Meeting -- April 14, from 10 a.m. to Noon

Quarterly Membership Meeting -- April 14 at Noon. Please bring your lunch.



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.



[Putting the Gene in Genealogy](#) -- Jennifer Dix

[Remembering Jane Wolf Hufft, 1943-2018](#) -- Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[How Do I Find My Irish Cousins among My DNA Matches? \(This Works for 331+ Other Regions, Too.\)](#) -- on Ancestry.com

[Remembering the Harlem Hellfighters of World War I](#) -- by Kayla Jackson on FamilySearch

[DNA Basics Chapter 4: A Glossary of Terms](#) -- by Yael on My Heritage

[A Surprising Source to Find Millions of Genealogy Websites](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow

[Researching Irish ancestors in New York State: What you need to know](#) -- on NYG&B

In Memoriam



Jane Wolf Hufft

1943-2018

Other Events & Conferences

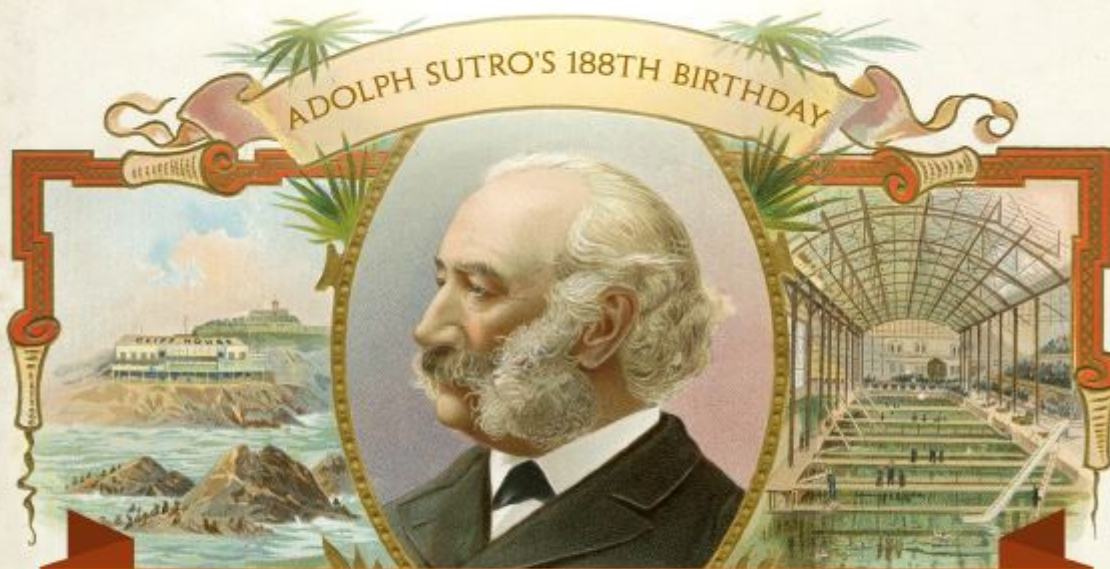
There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation. For the latest events, check [Conference Keeper.org](http://www.conferencekeeper.org).

Local Events

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#) maintained by the Sutro Library

You are cordially invited

to celebrate



APRIL 28, 2018, 1-3 PM
 SUTRO LIBRARY READING ROOM
 5TH FLOOR OF THE J. PAUL LEONARD LIBRARY, SFSU

With special guests

MARC SHAFFER, *Director of American Jerusalem: Jews and the Making of San Francisco*

CHELSEA SELLIN, *"The Forgotten History of the Sutro Family Women"*

MARIAN GREGOIRE, *"Adolph Sutro: Tales of the Women Who Affected His Life"*

And a special appearance of Adolph Sutro portrayed by Allan Schwartz!

Sponsored by the California State Library Foundation

RSVP through Eventbrite at sutrobdays.eventbrite.com

[Register](#)



Major National and International Conferences in 2018

2018		
May 2 - 5	National Genealogical Society	Grand Rapids, Michigan
May 31 - Jun 2	49th Annual Jamboree 2018	Burbank, California

Jun 2 - 7	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Athens, Georgia
Jun, Jul and Aug	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)	Pennsylvania or New York
Aug 6 - 10	38th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	Warsaw, Poland
Aug 6 - 10	Eastern European Family History Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah
Aug 10 - 11	Celtic Connections Conference	Auburndale, Massachusetts
Aug 22 - 25	Federation of Genealogical Societies	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Aug 31 - Sep 2	Secret Lives Conference 2018	Leicestershire, UK
Oct 4 - 6	APG Professional Management Conference	Kansas City, Missouri
Oct 26 - 27	Illinois State Genealogical Society	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	Texas State Genealogical Society	San Antonio, Texas
2019		
Jan 21-26	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	RootsTech 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)	Sacramento, California

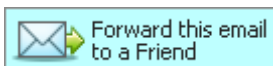
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See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information



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



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