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### May 2018 Announcements

#### May is Asian Pacific American Month

Join us in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

The California Genealogical Society will be participating in several events through out the rest of the year.

- May 26 -- [Chinese Ancestry Day](#).
- Aug 11-12 -- [Aloha Festival](#)
- Oct 13 -- Nikkei Pilgrimage

We need your assistance in making these events successful. If you can give your time, provide 1:1 consultations, or talk about DNA please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) with your interest.

Here are some resources to assist your Asian / Pacific research.

- [Cyndi's List - Asia & The Pacific](#)
- [FamilySearch - Asia](#)
- [Chinese-American Genealogy](#) on American Ancestors



#### 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 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.

## 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 or 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](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org).

	<p><a href="#"><u>RootsMagic Special Interest Group</u></a></p> <p>The RootsMagic SIG welcomes all users and would-be users of this popular genealogy software.</p> <p>Thursday, May 3, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Introduction to Genealogy</u></a></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, May 5, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>San Francisco Special Interest Group</u></a></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, May 19, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</u></a></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, May 19, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>East European Special Interest Group</u></a></p> <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!</p> <p>Saturday, May 26, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>LGBTQ Genealogy</u></a></p> <p>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer folk have always been a part of our history and family stories. The confirmed bachelor or spinster aunt in our trees may not have been single. Perhaps they did have partners but there is no legal documentation or family acknowledgement. This class will explore census, newspapers,</p>

obituaries, military records, photographs, phone books and archives for clues on our ancestor's sexuality. We will also explore LGBTQ History and many individual stories giving context to the available records. Discovering our LGBTQ ancestor's stories will enrich our entire family history.

Saturday, June 23, from 1 - 3 p.m.

### [Mind Mapping Workshop](#)



This lab will introduce participants to mind maps, graphical outlining tools normally used in Corporate America for brainstorming and product idea generation, but also by attorneys to explain their cases to their clients and to juries, and in education with students. Mind maps can also be used by genealogists to organize data and perform complex and revealing data correlations to understand research findings more clearly.

Saturday, July 28, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

## Bancroft Library Field Trip



### University of California Bancroft Library Field Trip Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The Bancroft Library is the primary special collections library at the University of California, Berkeley. It is one of the largest libraries of manuscripts, rare books, and unique materials in the United States. Its collection of 600,000 print volumes, and millions of manuscripts and photographs is unrivaled in its coverage of the Western America and early California: the Spanish era, Native Americans, maps and atlases, the Mexican War, the Gold Rush, mining, land surveys more.

Join us on a CGS members only, 1 1/2 hour tour , plus the option to research there until closing time, 4:00 p.m. To find out more about the library [click here](#).

On the tour a Library guide will show us how to use the facility and what materials might be the most useful to genealogists.

We will all meet outside the Bancroft Library entrance at 11 a.m. Transportation is on your own.

Contact [Lorna Wallace](#) with questions,

### Librarian Needed

Are you a bibliophile?

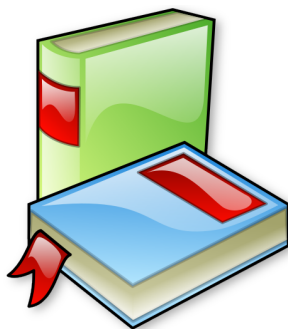
Do shelves of genealogy books make you weak in the knees with excitement?

Do you have library work experience?

Do you like working with a group of fun, dedicated volunteers?

If so, CGS is looking for a volunteer to lead our library team and we would love to hear from you!

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information.



## Meetings and More

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



**Board Meeting -- May 12, from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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

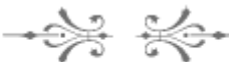
Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.



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.



[Look What We Have in Store for You](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



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

[Scott Tong explores China's history through his own genealogy](#) -- by Tom Weber, MPR News

[SLIG Scholarship Opportunities](#) -- by Dick Eastman

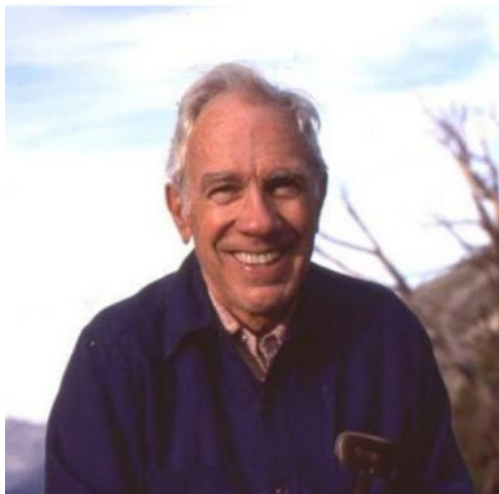
[FamilySearch Classes Presented at RootsTech 2018 Now Online](#) -- on FamilyTree.com

[Why you need to have your ancestor's New York death certificate](#) -- on NYG&B

[GEDmatch Offers Completely Free DNA Reports and Cousin Matches: Weâ€™™II Show You How to Use It](#) -- by Matthew Gaskill on Family History Daily

[Free Family History Library Classes and Webinars for May 2018](#) -- by Thomas MacEntee on Abundant Genealogy

### In Memoriam



[James Owen Schuyler](#)  
1924-2018

### 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](#).

### Local Events

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



[San Mateo Genealogical Society Presents](#)

**Forensic Genealogy**  
plus  
**California Research:**  
**Missions to Present**  
with Sheila Benedict

- ◊ Forensic Genealogy: What it is and is not; Case Studies
- ◊ California Research: Past and Present
- ◊ California Historic Missions and their Records

Saturday ~ May 5, 2018  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Professional genealogist Sheila Benedict brings to life her in-depth forensic, historic, and family genealogical experience through examples and case studies from courthouses to California missions.

Sheila is the recipient of the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit and is the author of the NGS publication "Research in California."  
Please go to [smcgs.org/programs/seminars](http://smcgs.org/programs/seminars) for more information.



**San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society presents:**  
**[New York City Insider's Guide to Research by Steve Harris](#)**

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 1 p.m.  
Oakland FamilySearch History Library

If you are like the majority of Americans, at least one of your ancestors spent time in New York City. This lecture will focus on techniques for researching New York City ancestors in the 19th and 20th centuries using the Internet, local resources, and on-site research in New York City itself. We will explore the wealth of online material accessible on NYC Web sites as well as that hidden deep within Ancestry.com and other subscription services. Attendees are encouraged to bring laptop computers, as the library has free wi-fi.



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## Webinar: Soy Boricua: Researching Your Puerto Rican Roots

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 7:00pm

**PRESENTER:** Renée K. Carl

**EVENT LOCATION:** Online webinar - free and open to the public

**EVENT SPONSOR:** New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

NYG&B Event

**Major National and International Conferences in 2018**

<b>2018</b>		
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</a>	Athens, Georgia



	<a href="#">Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	
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 10 - 11	<a href="#">Celtic Connections Conference</a>	Auburndale, Massachusetts
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 Conference</a>	Kansas City, Missouri
Oct 26 - 27	<a href="#">Illinois State Genealogical Society</a>	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	<a href="#">Texas State Genealogical Society</a>	San Antonio, Texas
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 21-26	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	RootsTech 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</a>	Sacramento, California

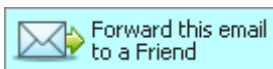
### Connect with Us

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.



E-mail [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), e-News Editor with any questions.

