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July 2018 Announcements



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Happy 242nd Birthday to the Great United States of America Melting Pot

From where did your ancestors originate?

No matter how long ago or by what means your ancestors came to the United States of America, the **California Genealogical Society** has all the tools to help you succeed in your family history quest. We've been helping family historians for 120 years - half the age of the U.S.A.

- Our [research team](#) will tackle your brick walls or help obtain vital documents.
- Our [blog](#) will keep you informed of ongoing events around CGS.
- Our [volunteers](#) are knowledgeable, friendly and passionate about family history.
- Our [library](#) has unique gems that can only be found at CGS.
- Our [online database](#) may reveal new information while you search from home.
- Our [annual research trips](#) to libraries and archives will bring new discoveries.

Join us and you will find help, expertise and [friends!](#)



Ready to get your Aloha on? We are looking for some volunteers to help staff the CGS booth at the [23rd Annual Aloha Festival](#) on August 11 and 12. Lunch provided. Please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for details.



There are a few spaces left in the upcoming Chinese Family History event in San Francisco to be held July 30-August 1. Contact [Henry Tom](#) for details.



Summer Extended Hours Return

Thanks to the generous service of Therese Hart-Pignotti, our CGS Library will be open from 10 am to 8 pm on Thursdays in August. Mark your calendars and plan to visit on August 2, 9, and 16, September 2 and 30. Informal classes will be offered. See our listings below.

NEHGS in Oakland



American Ancestors
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

[REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

Saturday September 22nd NEHGS COMES to OAKLAND featuring Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, Director of the Great Migration Study Project and Christopher C. Child, Senior Genealogist of Newbury Street Press and Editor of Mayflower Descendant.

Friday, September 21st CGS will offer a limited number of [personal consultations](#) at our library on New England topics with Mayflower Historians and CGS members with expertise in New England. Preregistration is required for consultations.

[Register Today for the Conference!](#)
[Register Today for a Consultation!](#)

Silent Auction

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR SEPTEMBER 22nd SEMINAR WITH NEHGS.
CAN YOU HELP?

Silent auctions held at past California Genealogical Society events have been very successful fundraisers and are 100% profit for our Society. Do you have something that might be a sought-after auction item? Use your imagination! Here are a few examples:

- **New or gently used items**, Glass or crystal pieces, handmade items such as quilts or afghans. One member is donating a beautiful new Dooney & Burke leather satchel.

- **Special Opportunities** - a sail on the Bay, a private tour of something not readily available to the public, or tickets to a special event. One member donated a cruise on their boat on the Delta.
- **Services** - Donate hours for genealogical research, software tutoring, entering genealogy into a database, organizing files, etc.
- **Theme Baskets and/or small items for Theme Baskets**
 - Supplies: baskets, filler, ribbons, cellophane.
 - Coffee or Tea Basket with mugs/cups, muffin mixes, etc.
 - Happy-hour basket" Wine, glasses, appetizers, napkins, etc.
 - Scented soaps, oils, lufa for a "Spa basket,"
 - Picnic basket or Tail Gate basket.
- **Your ideas! All suggestions welcome!**

Please contact [Jane Lindsey](#) with your ideas.





Classes and SIGs






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



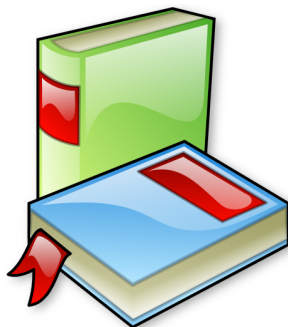
Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

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, July 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, July 7, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 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, July 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, July 21, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Reliving Their Lives: Experiencing, Researching, and Writing World War I to the Jazz Age</p> <p>How do you make those names, date, and places you have for your ancestor</p>

	<p>come alive? Combining social history with family history helps you to better understand your ancestor and ensures a family history story that even non-genealogists will love. In this workshop we will travel back in time to learn more about events and life from the World War I years to the end of the Jazz Age.</p> <p>Sunday, July 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Mind Mapping Workshop</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, July 28, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Talk and Discussion on DNA for Adoptees</u></p> <p>Are adoptions part of your family history? Are you wondering if DNA can help you in identifying family lines of adopted ancestors or descendants? Have you already started this journey and have successes or questions? Would you be interested in meeting others doing similar searches?</p> <p>Thursday, August 16, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Irfanview - A Free Easy to Use Photo Editing Program</u> At the Oakland Family History Center</p> <p>This workshop is comprised of two topics. The morning will focus on installing and learning the basics of the easy to use Irfanview image editing program. In the afternoon session you will refine and grow these basic skills as we learn how to create an easy, fun, and very cool framed graphic family tree!</p> <p>Saturday, August 25, 2018, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Eastern European Special Interest Group</u></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, Aug 25, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
<p>Also <u>visit our Eventbrite profile page</u> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

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.

Volunteers

Have you been considering the idea of volunteering at the California Genealogical Society? If so, the quarterly [Membership Meeting](#) is a great opportunity to learn more about some of the ways you can contribute at the library or from the comforts of your home. Check out our [Volunteer Form](#) for a list of some opportunities. Pack up a lunch, bring some questions and join your fellow CGS members on Saturday, July 14, noon, at the CGS Library!

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)



Meetings and More

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



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

All members are welcome to attend.

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Membership Meeting -- July 14, from Noon to 2:30 p.m.

The membership committee is launching a new format for membership meetings to provide more opportunities for members to network and to be better informed about our society.

AGENDA

- Noon - Members and their guests are encouraged to bring lunch and join others for casual conversation. We will have special name tags that include some family names and places where you are researching.
- 1:00 p.m. - A welcome and introductions along with an update of what is happening at CGS.
- 1:20 - 2:20 p.m. - Two members will provide 20 minute talks on an interesting topic or discovery. (Maybe you have one you would like to share) This month we will have:
 1. Tales From the Research Committee revealing some amusing/interesting discoveries they have uncovered.
 2. Stewart Traiman will talk about plans to develop a CGS member interest database that can be used to connect with other members.
 3. Your ideas for this segment

- 2:20 - 2:30 p.m. - Announcements & reminders from our members - a new database, a special meeting, a fun discovery.
- 2:30 p.m. - Adjourn and Mingle with others.

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.



[Strategic Planning Committee Update](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Last chance to join the trip to Allen County Public Library](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Chinese Ancestry Day](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Notes from the field: 18th Annual Family History Library Trip](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Scan and Digitize Your Books for \\$1 Each](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Unclaimed Person Celebrates 10th Anniversary](#) -- by Lisa Louise Cooke

[Reclaim the Records: Getting Access to Public Records](#) -- Amy Johnson Crow

[How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files](#) -- FamilySearch Blog

In Memoriam

Dorothy Ann Koenig
1933 - 2018



[CGS Blog](#)

[SF Gate Obituary](#)

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



[Chinese Genealogy Workshop](#)

Monday thru Wednesday
July 30 - August 1, 2018 -- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chinatown / North-Beach Center
City College of San Francisco
808 Kearny Street (at Washington)
Room 503 (AM) & Room 404 - Student Lounge (PM)
San Francisco, CA 94108

Major National and International Conferences in 2018

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2018		
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	Salt Lake City, Utah

	<u>Conference</u>	
Aug 10 - 11	<u>Celtic Connections Conference</u>	Auburndale, Massachusetts
Aug 22 - 25	<u>Federation of Genealogical Societies</u>	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Aug 31 - Sep 2	<u>Secret Lives Conference 2018</u>	Leicestershire, UK
Oct 4 - 6	<u>APG Professional Management Conference</u>	Kansas City, Missouri
Oct 26 - 27	<u>Illinois State Genealogical Society</u>	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	<u>Texas State Genealogical Society</u>	San Antonio, Texas
2019		
Jan 21-26	<u>Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	<u>RootsTech 2019</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<u>International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</u>	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	<u>National Genealogical Society</u>	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	<u>49th Annual Jamboree 2018</u>	Burbank, 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.
Summer Hours - Thursday open until 8 p.m.



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