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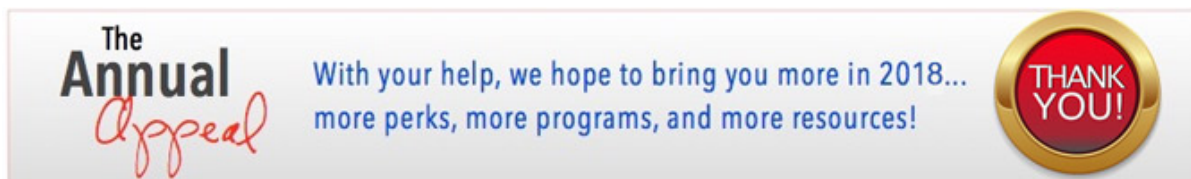
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Thank you for supporting the California Genealogical Society and Library. Your donations enable us to continue to provide a high quality resource for genealogical information in California. Membership fees only cover about 40% of our expenses and your [donations](#) help us to maintain our standard of excellence.

Blaine Bettinger on DNA



Blaine Bettinger's blog, The Genetic Genealogist, was launched on February 12, 2007 as one of the very first blogs to examine the intersection of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research, more commonly known as "genetic genealogy." Genetic genealogists use genetics to learn more about their ancestry, including their ancient roots, and the relatedness of individuals. This relatively new technology represents a powerful tool for the genealogists.

Blaine will presenting 4 lectures during the day:

1. Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry
2. Introduction to Autosomal DNA
3. Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA Matches
4. Using Third-Party Tools.



[Register Today!](#)

The first set of tickets sold out, but we have added a few more tickets that do not include lunch. There are only 8 tickets left. Please register today for these new tickets.

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.

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.

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|  | <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, February 1, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p> |
|  | <p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, February 3, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p> |
|  | <p>Pam Miller will be offering 3 classes on "You've Got Your DNA Results, What's Next?", each specific to a leading DNA company.</p> <p>You've Got Your Family Tree DNA Results, What's Next? Saturday, February 3, from 1 - 4 p.m. Sold out. Join the Waitlist.</p> <p>You've Got Your 23andMe DNA Results, What's Next? Saturday, February 10, from 1 - 4 p.m. Sold out. Join the Waitlist.</p> |
|  | <p>Field Trip to Sutro Library</p> <p>The Sutro Library holds the original collection of Adolph Sutro (1830-1898), California businessman and San Francisco mayor. The library has a large collection of publications and items dating from the 13th to the 21st centuries. It also has a very large genealogy collection.</p> <p>Thursday, February 8, from 10:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m. Sold out. Join the Waitlist.</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, February 17, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p> |
| | <p>Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</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

Saturday, February 17, from 1 - 4 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, February 24, from 1 - 3 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.

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

Volunteer

There is a CGS volunteer job just for you!

One of the best things about volunteering at the California Genealogical Society is that we welcome "Job Sharing." If you would love to volunteer, but are hesitant about taking on a job on your own, job sharing is for you!

Tell us what interests you and we will try to pair you up with someone to share the fun! Here is a partial list of CGS Committees:

Book Repair, Desk Duty, Membership and Development, Digital Historian, Events, Field Trip Coordinator, Off-site Events, Facilities, Finance, Investments, Library, Marketing and Social Media, Outreach, Publications, Research, Special Projects, Website/Tech



Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) with questions or for information about volunteering for any CGS Committees.

Meetings and More

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



Board Meeting -- February 10, from 10 to Noon

Quarterly Membership Meeting -- April 14

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



[Want to Build Your Skills for Successful Family History Research?](#) - By Shannon Reese

[A Special Evening Event with Noted Genealogy Author, Bill Cole](#) - By Shannon Reese

[Capital Campaign: Help Us Finish Strong](#) - Chris Pattillo



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Best Genealogy Software of 2018](#) - By Ryan Brown

[Walking Where Ancestors Walked: Travelers Give High Marks to First Genealogy Tour](#)
- by Erika Manternach on Ancestry ProGenealogist

[Totally Free New US Genealogy Records Online](#) - by Sunny Morton

[Michigan State University Receives \\$1.5 Million Grant To Build Slave Trade Database](#) - by Dick Eastman

[JSTOR: the Great Online Genealogy Resource that Few Genealogists Know About](#) - by Dick Eastman

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

The logo for the California State Library, featuring the text "California STATE LIBRARY" and "FOUNDED 1849" below it.

JOIN US FOR A FREE TALK
on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

**Mapping
African American
Ancestry**

Tracing your ancestors using
land and property records

Sutro Library Reading Room, 5th Floor

[Click Here to register](#)





Saturday May 26, 2018 9 am – 4 pm

CHINESE ANCESTRY DAY

Sponsored by the
Oakland Asian Cultural Center and the
California Genealogical Society

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



Registration, final agenda and details at
www.californiaancestors.org

Registration will open soon

Major National and International Conferences in 2018

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| 2018 | | |
| Feb 28 - Mar 3 | RootsTech 2018 | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| 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 |
| 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 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 |
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| 2019 | | |
| Jan 21-26 | Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG) | Salt Lake City, Utah |

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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