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**May 2019 Announcements**

**Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month**



Join us in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched world history. In the U.S.A. the month of May was chosen by congressional bill in June 1977 to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railway. Read more about this event at:

- [This Day in History - May 10, 1869](#)
- [NBC News - "150 years ago, Chinese railroad workers risked their lives in pursuit of the American dream"](#)
- [Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants Association](#)

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

- [Hawai'i State Archives](#)
- [Cyndi's List](#) - Asia and the Pacific
- [National Archives - Chinese Immigration](#)
- [National Archive at San Francisco](#) (in San Bruno) has records generated by the Federal courts and more than 100 Federal agency field offices in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (i.e. Marshall, Caroline, and Northern Mariana Islands). Holdings also include records of U.S. Navy bases on foreign territory in the Pacific and Far East and are a

primary resource for the study of Asian-Pacific immigration, environmental and natural history, naval and military activity in the Pacific.

- [Angel Island Immigration Island Foundation](#), the "Ellis Island of West".



Going into effect on June 1st are modest changes to our Membership Rates, so if you have been thinking about joining the society and want to get a good deal - don't wait. Now is the time to join at our current rates.

In June the cost of a Basic Membership will increase from \$40 to \$45 annually and from \$75 to \$85 for a two-year subscription. Still a bargain. Family Memberships will increase by \$20 per year. The Student Membership category was changed to a "Youth Membership" with the cut off for being considered a youth at age 30. The fee for a Youth Membership will increase from \$20 to \$25.

Life Membership has been clarified to be only for one person. But, if a partner in a couple also wants to be a Life Member, the second person can join for an additional \$600 which is half price.

We hope you will agree that the value of your membership is well worth the cost and that you will continue to participate actively in the society so you can take advantage of the many things we offer - great classes, field trips, research trips, membership meetings, and opportunities to work with other members on projects.

## 2019 CGS Genie Awards

by *Kathleen Betiks*



Photo (by Ron Madson)

Left to right: Nancy Servin, Jerry McGovern, Bill O'Neil, Cheryl Schmidt. (Not pictured: Adelle Treakle)

### 2019 CGS Genie Awards

For the past several years, the California Genealogical Society has recognized some of our amazing volunteers for their contributions to a longtime (since 1898!) organization dedicated to assisting folks researching their ancestry. This year, we honor: former members of the Membership Committee, **Nancy Servin, Adelle Treakle and Cheryl Schmidt**; Saturday Library Assistant, **Jerry McGovern**; and longtime, former Book Repair Chair, **Bill O'Neil**. Congratulations to our "Genie Awards" recipients (they "make magic happen" at CGS!) and a big THANK YOU to all of our fabulous volunteers!



#### 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](#).

	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>Due to popular demand, we have expanded our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class to a four-session series. The first class offers an overview of genealogy. Each of the next three sessions will begin with a quick review of the overview, followed by a more in-depth focus on the following topics: Census, Vital Records, and Organization. The classes may be taken in any order, and participation in one class is not required to attend others in the series. The entire series will be repeated two more times in 2019.</p> <p>Saturday, May 4, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><a href="#">Californianos: Early California Settlers</a> with Pamela Meeds Williams</p> <p>Pamela will provide Information and Resources for finding early California ancestors.</p> <p>Saturday, May 11, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Field trip to the San Francisco Public Library</a> with Susan Goldstein</p> <p>Join Susan Goldstein, San Francisco City Archivist and San Francisco Public Library staff member for a tour of areas of genealogical interest at the San Francisco Public Library.</p> <p>Thursday, May 16, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>
	<p>San Francisco SIG</p> <p>Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SFSIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></p> <p>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 n the third Saturday of each month</p> <p>Saturday, May 18, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>



### [Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meetings](#)

A group dedicated to Eastern European genealogy facilitated by Craig Siulinski.

Saturday, May 25, from 1 - 3 p.m.



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

This intermediate class with Lisa Gorrell 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

This class meets at the Oakland Family History Center  
Five Wednesday nights: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

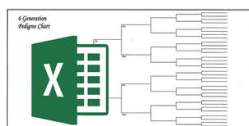
[Read more in our Blog](#)



### [Looking for Your Mishpocha In All the Right Places: How to Dig Up Your Jewish Family Roots](#) with Vivian Kahn

This talk will offer an introduction to Jewish family research highlighting the increasingly vast resources available online and on the ground both in the US and overseas. Vivian will discuss some of the issues that are unique to researching Jewish families as well as techniques for addressing them.

Saturday, Jun 8, from 1 - 3 p.m.



### [Excel for Genealogists](#) with Stewart Blandón Traidman

Stewart loves spreadsheets! He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using it in genealogy quite frequently. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets.

This is a hands-on class. Please bring a laptop with Excel loaded.

Spreadsheets are fun!

Saturday, Jun 22, from 1 - 4 p.m.



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

This series is for family historians, both beginners and intermediates, who want to build a strong foundation of research skills to avoid wasted time and unreliable family trees.

Six key research skills will be included:

1. Determining which kinds of records to look for
2. Identifying where to find these records
3. Documenting the sources of your information
4. Assessing the reliability of the records you found
5. Analyzing the results of your research
6. Making a solid case for your research conclusions

In-class group exercises and optional homework assignments will provide participants practice skills with a wide variety of genealogical records found in a many different places including online websites.



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

## Meetings and More

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

#### Board Meeting -- May 11 at 10 a.m.

##### Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Web Design Firm selection
  - Access Policy Update
  - Fee Schedule Update
  - Portable AC
- New Business



If you would like to host a Special Interest Group 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.



### A State by State Series by Chris Pattillo

- [CGS Library Collections: New Mexico](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: New Jersey](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: New Hampshire](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Nevada](#)

[Intermediate Records Class, Starts May 29](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[2019 Genie Awards and Quarterly Meeting](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Genie Awards and more this Saturday!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Unsung Heroes: Lorna Wallace On Duty](#) -- by Chris Pattillo



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

[Perkasie, Pennsylvania Historic Newspapers are now Available Online](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Why Historical Newspapers Are Crucial Genealogy Sources](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B

[New German Genealogy Records Online & More](#) -- by Lacey Cooke

[Unusual Sources for Finding Female Ancestors](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow

[Your Chinese American Heritage](#) -- by Sunny Morton on FamilySearch

[Scammers May Be Using DNA Testing to Defraud Medicare and Steal Identities](#) -- by Kristen V Brown on Bloomberg

[How Many DNA Tests Does One Family Need?](#) -- by Juliana Szucs on Ancestry.com

### 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

### Major National and International Conferences:

#### [Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

<b>2019</b>		
May 8 - 11	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a>	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	<a href="#">50th Annual Jamboree 2018</a>	Burbank, California
Jun 15 - 17	<a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</a>	Sacramento, California
July 21 - 26	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	<a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 28 - Aug 2	<a href="#">IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy</a>	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug 21 - 24	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)</a>	Washington, DC
Sep 19 - 21	<a href="#">APG Professional Management Conference</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
<b>2020</b>		
Jan	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb	<a href="#">RootsTech 2020</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah

### Connect with Us

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

## **Become a member of CGS**



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



Email [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), eNews Editor with any questions.

