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**California Genealogical Society & Library**

*Connecting people to their diverse family heritage*



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**June 2019 Announcements**



On June 28 we mark the **50th Anniversary** of the [Stonewall Riots](#), which was the watershed moment that began the modern gay rights movement. Our planet has come a long way in 50 years in acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) folk. And there is still much that needs to be done around the world. Take this month to look at your family tree through a [rainbow prism](#), recognizing and acknowledging the struggles of your LGBTQ ancestors.



June also honors our Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers and beyond. Think of that unbroken line of yDNA linking countless generations of men together.

[What is a Y-Chromosome DNA \(Y-DNA\) STR test? What will I learn?](#) on FamilyTreeDNA

[Y Chromosome DNA Tests](#) on International Society on Genetic Genealogy Wiki

[Order a Y-DNA Test](#) from FamilyTreeDNA



Since 2005 the United States has recognized June as the official month of [Caribbean American Heritage](#). The Caribbean holds rich history for Europeans and Africans whose descendants now populate the Americas. By commemorating this month, we are reminded that greatness lies in diversity.



[The Caribbean Genealogy Library](#) on St. Thomas  
[Institute of Caribbean Studies](#)  
[FamilySearch Wiki](#) on Caribbean Records



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.

Our Mayflower friends across the hall are changing their available hours. Their new hours are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM starting May 24th.

Beginning July 11 and continuing to August 29, the CGS library will extend its hours from 4 pm to 8 pm on Thursday evenings. That's four more hours for research and there will also be a program of free classes. See our [EventBrite](#) page for details and registration at [California Genealogical Society](#). Look for the following with more to come:

- German (genealogy) I, II and III with Robert Jackson
- LGBTQ Genealogy with Stewart Traiman
- Beginning Newspaper Research with Maureen Hanlon
- DNA for adoptees and more with Therese Hart-Pignotti
- Beyond the Boxes of FamilySearch with Jane Lindsey

It's daylight savings time, street parking is free after 6 pm and North Oakland is hopping with new restaurants within easy walking distance from the library. So come on down!

### CGS Education Series

### Two Exceptional Series for Intermediate and Beginning Genealogists

[Register for Intermediate Series](#)

**JUNE CLASSES**

# ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT LEVEL? Intermediate Genealogical Skills

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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?

**By the end of the class series, you will learn about:**

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

Instructor Lisa Gorrell has been seriously researching her family for more than twenty years. A yearly trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City keeps her going. Besides U.S. Southern and Mid-western states, she researches German, Irish, English, and Swedish families. She is a former board member of the California Genealogical Society, a board member and volunteer with the Contra Costa Historical Society and a past-president of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. She enjoys giving genealogy presentations and writing about her family on two blogs: "Mam-ma's Southern Family" and "My Trails into the Past".

**Wednesday evenings:**

**May 29 through June 26 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

**At the Oakland FamilySearch Library,  
4766 Lincoln Ave, Oakland**

This 5-class series is available to California Genealogical Society Members for \$80. Non-Members: The cost of a new basic one year membership can be applied to the cost of this course.. Five classes, includes syllabus. Pre-registration required. <https://tinyurl.com/y2cpzby4>

[Register for Beginner Series](#)



## JULY CLASSES

# NEED HELP WITH YOUR FAMILY TREE?

## Building Skills for Successful Family History Research!

Are you interested in family history but not sure how to get started?

Have you mostly used Ancestry.com but would like to learn about other online resources, especially ones that are free?

Do you want to get off your computer and into the fascinating world of libraries, courthouse, archives and town halls?

Have you searched the censuses, vital and military records but would like to know more about other sources such as land, tax, court, and church records, maps and newspapers?

**By the end of the class series, you will be better prepared to:**

- Decide what records to look for
- Know where to find these records
- Document the sources of your information
- Assess the reliability of the records you found
- Analyze the results of your research
- Make a solid case for your research conclusions



Instructor Pamela Brett began serious pursuit of her family history in 1999. Most of her ancestors came to America early and moved often, leading to research in 31 states and the District of Columbia. She hopes to share skills acquired from many years of beginner's mistakes to help participants to focus their personal goals and to acquire new understanding of the lives of their ancestors.

### Wednesday evenings:

July 10 through July 31 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm.

At the Oakland FamilySearch Library,  
4766 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, off of Highway 13



**Plenty of free parking.**

This 4-class series is available to California Genealogical Society (CGS) Members for \$100 and non-members for \$140; the fee for non-members includes one year membership in CGS. Register at - <https://tinyurl.com/ycggsblp>

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### 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](https://www.eventbrite.com) you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to [Membership](#).

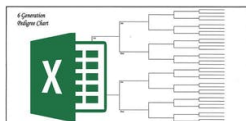


	<p><b><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy.</a></b></p> <p>Due to popular demand, we have expanded our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class to a four-session series. The first class offers an overview of genealogy. Each of the next three sessions will begin with a quick review of the overview, 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, Jun 1, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">Peralta Hacienda Historical Park</a></b> Field Trip with Holly Alonzo</p> <p>Holly Alonzo, Executive Director of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park will lead our tour of this historic site. Peralta Hacienda is the birth place of Oakland and portions of Berkeley and San Leandro.</p> <p>Wednesday, Jun 5, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">Looking for Your Mishpocha In All the Right Places: How to Dig Up Your Jewish Family Roots</a></b> with Vivian Kahn</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, Jun 8, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">San Francisco SIG</a></b></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, Jun 15, from 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></b></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, Jun 15, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">Historic Newspapers</a></b> with Maureen Hanlon</p> <p>Come to The Oakland Family History Center to do your research, and plan to stay for a presentation on researching using Historic Newspapers. For beginners, this class will describe why and how to find fascinating details about your ancestors' lives. Historical newspapers are particularly helpful with filling the gaps for the last decade of the 1800's. They may be the only source of an elusive maiden name. Learn about the growing number of online archives and get tips on saving images and citing them for your records.</p> <p>Saturday, Jun 15, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">Intermediate Records Series - Land, Church, Court and Immigration for Genealogy.</a></b></p> <p>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.</p>

- 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](#)



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

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.

This class meets at the Oakland Family History Center  
Five Wednesday nights: July 10, 17, 24, 31 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.



### [Discovering Your German Roots; The Great Migration, 1815-1914](#) with Robert Jackson

Part 1: July 11th Where did they come from in Germany?

Part 2: July 18th Building a family tree from German documents

Part 3: July 25th Group discussion and Q&A

Three Thursday nights: July 11, 18, 25 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.



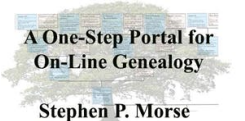



### [Mayflower Descendants - Special Interest Group](#) with Robert Trapp

Offered by the California Genealogical Society, held at the The Society of California Mayflower Descendants offices across the Hall from the CGS library.



The Mayflower Descendants SIG will focus initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.

	Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to Noon
	<p><a href="https://www.familysearch.org">Familysearch.org: Beyond the Search Boxes</a> with Jane Knowles Lindsey</p> <p>Familysearch.org has so many tools to help with genealogical research. This class will discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to utilize the extensive catalog to discover material</li> <li>• Using the WIKI to aid in your research</li> <li>• Discovering ways to utilize the unindexed historical records</li> <li>• Finding assistance for your research questions on the Help tab</li> </ul> <p>Saturday July 20, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Oakland Family Search Library</p>
	<p><a href="#">University of California Bancroft Genealogy Library Field Trip</a></p> <p>The Bancroft Library is the primary special collections library at the University of California, Berkeley. It is one of the largest and most heavily used libraries of manuscripts, rare books, and unique materials in the United States. It's 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, and more.</p> <p>(This is a CGS Members only trip.) Thursday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to Noon</p>
	<p><a href="#">One Step Pages and Case Study</a> with Stephen Paul Morse</p> <p>Steve Morse will present the following two classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools</li> <li>• Case Study: Genealogy of Renee Kaufman</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, July 27, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meetings</a></p> <p>A group dedicated to Eastern European genealogy facilitated by Craig Siulinski.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 24, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.	

## Volunteers!

### Need a June Resolution?

Hard to believe that we are already six months into 2019 - and if you forgot to make a New Year's resolution back in January, here's your second chance: volunteer at CGS!

CGS needs a few more volunteers for several of its committees. If you have been procrastinating about volunteering, this is a good time to jump in and lend us a hand!

Currently, we need some additional help on our Events, Membership, Marketing, Desk Duty and Technology Committees. Most of our volunteer positions involve a commitment of just a few hours a month. In some instances, work can be done offsite (from home). Other jobs take place at the CGS Library - making it a good opportunity to do your own family research at the same time!





If you have been thinking about stepping up to work with our all-volunteer organization, but want a few more details, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#).

## Meetings and More

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

#### Board Meeting -- June 8 at 10 a.m.

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Marketing & Publicity
- New Business
  - Diversity
  - Outreach
  - Special Appeal for Website Update



#### Membership Meeting



Our next [Quarterly Membership Meeting](#) is on July 13.

- The Stories behind Bill O'Neil's Collection of Dolls
- Liz Summerhayes shares her My Heritage DNA Bounty

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 York](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: North Carolina](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: North Dakota](#)

[Have you joined? Have you renewed? Last chance before fees increase!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Grant Din: Uncovering Asian American history from the Transcontinental Railroad to the Titanic](#) -- by Jennifer Dix





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

[GEDmatch reverses course](#) -- by Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist

[Struggling Care Worker Becomes Lord of \\$60 Million English Estate After DNA Test Proves He's Heir](#) -- by Phil Boucher on People Magazine

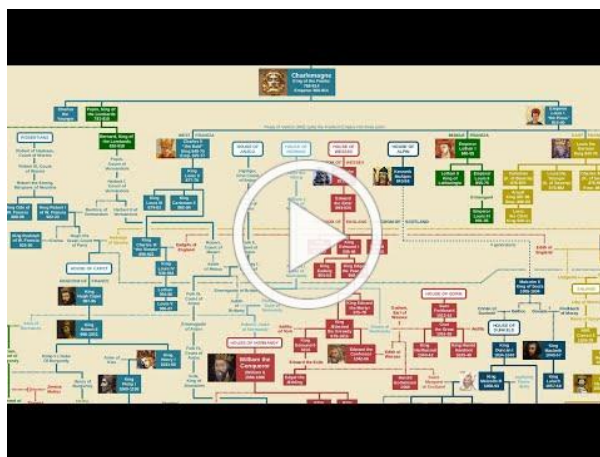
[Norway Ancestry Records](#) -- by Sharon Howell on FamilySearch Blog

[Making Peace with the Past: Discovering a New Sibling](#) -- by Sunny Jane Morton on FamilyTree Blog

[What is Suffrage?](#) -- by Jessiekrazt on the National Archive Blog

[23andMe is Updating Ancestry Results Without Telling Users](#) -- on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

[Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women](#)



### Are All Europeans Descendants of Charlemagne?

#### 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



FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 12-2PM

Sutro Library Reading Room  
5th floor of J. Paul Leonard Library, SFSU

# RAINBOW PRISM

LOOKING AT FAMILY HISTORY  
THROUGH AN LGBTQ LENS

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- ✉ [sutro@library.ca.gov](mailto:sutro@library.ca.gov)
- ☎ (415) 469-6100

Please RSVP for this FREE event at:  
[sutro-lgbtq.eventbrite.com](http://sutro-lgbtq.eventbrite.com)



**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer folk have always been a part of our history and family stories. The confirmed bachelor or spinster in our trees may not have been single. This class will explore genealogical records for clues on our ancestor's sexuality in the context of LGBTQ history.**



Stewart Blandón Traiman is a genealogist with 30 years' experience from Nicaraguan, Ukrainian and Polish Jewish immigrant and U.S. records back to the colonial United States and Western Europe. He is an officer and member of the Board of Directors for the California Genealogical Society since 2015. Find out more at [Sixgen.org](http://Sixgen.org).

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

**Major National and International Conferences:**

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

<b>2019</b>		
May 30 - Jun 2	<a href="#">50th Annual Jamboree 2018</a>	Burbank, California
Jun 9 - 14	<a href="#">Texas State Genealogical Society</a>	Austin, Texas

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
May	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a>	St. Charles, Missouri

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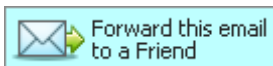
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

## Become a member of CGS



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

