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### August 2019 Announcements

#### Board Changes

CGS President Vicky Kolakowski has decided for personal and professional reasons that she needs to resign her role as President. Per the CGS Bylaws, Vice President Jim Sorenson has become President.

Speaking for the Board of Directors, Jim thanks Vicky for her past years of service to CGS and hopes that she will be able to maintain some involvement with CGS in the future, as her time allows. We wish her the best in her endeavors.

Jim returned to the board in January 2019. He has been a CGS member since 2007. He has been on the Research Team since January 2010 and the Investment Committee since 2012.



Jim was first elected to the board in 2011 and served for six years, starting with oversight of the technology group. A few years later, he switched to oversight of the Research team, and has had that position again since January 2019. He's been: co-leader of two CGS trips to Salt Lake City; published an article in [The Nugget](#); did background work for the last lease negotiation; consulted at two CGS Ancestry Days and worked on the [Insider's Guide to California Genealogy](#). He is a member of NGS and NEHGS and has a MBA from the University of Southern California. He and his family live in Alameda.



The [Nichi Bei Foundation](#) and the California Genealogical Society are partnering for the fifth year in a row to provide genealogy consultations to Japanese Americans at the Nikkei Pilgrimage on 5 October. This year's pilgrimage will be to the [Wakamatsu Farm](#) in Placerville, site of the first Japanese immigrant colony in the U.S. If you would like to be a volunteer consultant or help to coordinate the genealogists, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#). Lunch, transportation, and training will be provided.

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### California Genealogical Society

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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](#) 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="#">Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Genealogy</a> with Stewart Blandón Traiman</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 acknowledgment. This class will explore census, newspapers, 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.</p> <p>Thursday, Aug 1, from 6 - 8 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>Our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class is 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.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 3, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><a href="#">Historic Newspapers</a> with Maureen Hanlon</p> <p>Come early to California Genealogical Society Library 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>Thursday, Aug 8, from 6 - 8 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Mayflower Descendants - Special Interest Group</a> with Robert Trapp</p> <p>Offered by the California Genealogical Society, held at the The Society of California Mayflower Descendants offices across the Hall from the CGS library. </p> <p>The Mayflower Descendants SIG will focus initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 10, from 10 a.m. to Noon</p>
	<p><a href="#">Proud to Be Portuguese</a> with Ralph Severson</p> <p>Ralph will give a brief account of the Portuguese leadership at sea in the Age of Discovery, inspired by the Portuguese crown prince Henry the Navigator. Then he will launch into a summary of the Portuguese diaspora to Africa, Madeira, Brazil and the Azores.</p> <p>Ralph will then explain and demonstrate an approach to research in Portugal, the Azores, Madeira, and touching on Brazil. He will share a number of stories of Portuguese ancestors he has discovered along the way.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 10, from 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">CGS Day at the Oakland Family Search Library.</a></p> <p>Come spend the day at the Oakland Family Search Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our day will begin 11:00 with a brief tour &amp; talk about the library</li> <li>• Learn what subscription databases are available.</li> <li>• Learn how to contact volunteers with expertise in foreign country research.</li> <li>• Learn about the enormous amount of digitized material available only at the Family Search Library.</li> <li>• Review the basics of using FamilySearch.org.</li> </ul> <p>Come for the Day! Bring your lunch.</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug 14, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">San Francisco SIG</a></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, Aug 17, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors' Birthplace Using US Records</a> with Maureen Hanlon</p> <p>Come early to The Oakland Family History Center to do your research, and plan to stay for a seminal Family History presentation by Maureen Hanlon. Maureen will discuss the many records that should be searched in the US that provide clues to find your Ancestor's Birthplace. Although Maureen will share records used from her Irish families, these records can be used for all Immigrant ancestors!</p> <p>This class is for all skill levels, beginners to veteran genealogists.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 17, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. at <b>The Oakland Family History Center</b></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, Aug 17, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Using Genome Mate Pro to help with DNA Information Management</a> with Keith Montgomery</p> <p>Keith will discuss using Genome Mate Pro to help with DNA information management. The group will see an overview of the various tabs and screens used by Genome Mate Pro. We will show some examples of how to upload data into the program and then how to read it. Keith will also talk about enrolling for DNA GEDmatch and the use of Pedigree Thief as additional tools to obtain information.</p> <p>Thursday, Aug 22, from 6:15 - 8 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Make a Book - The Easy Way</a> with Chris Pattillo and Theresa Murphy</p> <p>Are you serious about wanting to share all your great finds from your family history research but are not sure how to tackle what seems like a daunting task? Do you have some computer skills but don't feel creative? If yes, the upcoming workshop by Theresa Murphy and Chris Pattillo is for you. This will be a real workshop where you will actually start your book. The online program from Walgreen's will be used in the class. It is FREE, very easy to use, powerful, flexible and offers a bounty of tools to make your project look fabulous.</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 24, from 11 a.m. - 3 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>
	<p><a href="#">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>Thursday, Aug 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. at <b>CGS</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn Cemetery</a></p> <p>Join CGS members on for a docent-led Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn Cemetery in Colma, founded in 1892. With hundreds of acres of California coastline and a history dating back to the 19th century, the historic grounds are home to arboretums, century-old chapels, lakes, fountains, gardens, and the final resting place of many notable Californians including the graves that were moved from Laurel Hill Cemetery in San Francisco.</p> <p>Wednesday, Sep 11, from 11:10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Immigrant Sugar Plantation Workers in Hawaii: A Multi-Ethnic Approach to Genealogy</a></p>



For almost a century, people from all over the world came to Hawaii to work on the sugar plantations. Research on these immigrants reveals a wide range of experiences that did not always end in Hawaii but sometimes involved return to the homeland or migration to the mainland. In addition to discussing sources of genealogical records and how to access them, this presentation will include examples of how historical and cultural context and chronicles of everyday life can provide rich and memorable impressions of plantation-era ancestors in Hawaii.

Saturday, Sep 14, from 1 - 3 p.m.

[Genetic Networks and Cluster Research](#) with James Russell



New tools are increasingly available to help in the analysis of autosomal DNA. Turning such information into evidence for brick-wall problems and the confirmation of ancestors requires knowledge of how to group test match data. Topics include:

- Triangulation
- In-common-with groups
- DNA circles
- Networking software

Saturday, Sep 28, from 1 - 3 p.m.

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

## Volunteers!

Are you a CGS member who has thought about volunteering for our 121 year old organization? If so, we have some sweet committee opportunities for you:

- Assist with Events (onsite or offsite events such as lectures, field trips, etc.)
- Desk Duty (once-a-month receptionist)
- Library (shelving, cataloging, etc.)
- Communication (marketing, blog, newsletter, press releases, etc.)
- Technology (computer maintenance, website, databases)
- Membership (outreach)
- Development (fundraising, grants research, etc.)
- Remote (work from home on online survey tabulations, etc.)



Feel free to submit the [CGS Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information!

## Meetings and More

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

### Board Meeting -- August 10 at 10 a.m.

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Strategic Plan - Jim
  - Income generation; Sherman-Houghton Fund and Finance Comm. - Jim
  - Bylaws Review - Linda
  - Conflict of Interest Policy - Nancy
  - Website Update - Chris / Theresa Murphy



- New membership survey, draft - Maureen Hanlon
- New Business
  - Special election of replacement Board member for 2019
  - Election of Vice President and Investment Officer for the remainder of 2019.

### Membership Meeting



Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting is in October.

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 [Jim Sorenson](#).

### 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: Tennessee](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: South Dakota](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: South Carolina](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Rhode Island](#)

[A Toast to Georgia Lupinsky](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Changes at the Top](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Summer Thursday Evenings at the Library](#) -- Jennifer Dix

[More July Highlights: Going Deeper with FamilySearch, July 20](#) -- Jennifer Dix

[Seeking Immortality: Your Family Photos Wanted!](#) -- Chris Pattillo

[More July Highlights: NEW Mayflower Descendants Group, July 20](#) -- Jennifer Dix

["Discovering Your German Roots" July 11, 18, 25](#) -- Jennifer Dix

[July Highlight: Stephen Morse on One-Step Pages, July 27](#) -- Jennifer Dix



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

[Europeana for Genealogy: WWI Digital Archive, Newspapers and More](#) -- by Lisa Cooke

[Essential Steps to Find a New York State Marriage Record](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYB&G

[The Genetic Genealogist Answers 9 Common Questions about DNA Testing](#) -- by Dick Eastman

["Forgotten Soldier" at American Revolution Museum at Yorktown](#) -- by Jessiekrazt at NARA

[Quick Tip: Sifting Through DNA Matches](#) -- by Allison Dolan at Family Tree Magazine

[Three million people in the world are descended from one Irish High King](#) -- on IrishCentral

[Filling in the blanks \(DNA Painter\)](#) -- The Legal Genealogist



New Family Tree Maker 2019 Coming this Summer with some NICE new features!

### 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 County Genealogical Society - Fall Seminar 2019**

**Judy Russell**  
the Legal Genealogist

presents

**The Law, GPS Evidence,  
and DNA Ethics**



Join us for a day of gaining insight about genealogy, more than you may have thought.

Judy Russell is a genealogist with a law degree and is one of the best thinkers and lecturers in the field. Her talks are delivered with good humor, perception, and thoughtful connections. She will address law in our ancestors' time, conducting solid research, and ethics surrounding today's DNA testing.

- Finding the Law
- The Law and Reasonably Exhaustive (Re)Search
- DNA and the Golden Rule: The Law and Ethics of Genetic Genealogy
- No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[smcgs.org/programs/seminars](http://smcgs.org/programs/seminars)

### Major National and International Conferences:

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

<b>2019</b>		
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
Fall 2019	<a href="#">SLIG Virtual Programs</a>	Online
Sep 6 - 9	<a href="#">My Heritage LIVE</a>	Amsterdam
Sep 19 - 21	<a href="#">APG Professional Management Conference</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Oct 24 - 26	<a href="#">RootsTech: London</a>	London
<b>2020</b>		
Jan 17 - 19	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a> - registration opens 13 July 2019  CGS Member <a href="#">Marisa Louie Lee</a> will be on faculty for SLIG 2020.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jan 19 - 24	<a href="#">SLIG Academy for Professionals</a> - registration opens 13 July 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 26 - 29	<a href="#">RootsTech 2020</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 20 - 23	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society.</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR).</a>	Atlanta, Georgia



Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions)	<a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2021	<a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</a>	Cincinnati, Ohio

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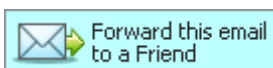
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## Become a member of CGS



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