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**September 2019 Announcements**

# CELEBRATE

## Hispanic Heritage Month



Beginning on September 15, and continuing through to October 15, we recognize [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#). During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community. Festivities begin on September 15, marking the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. With great fanfare, celebrations sweep across Latin America, Central American and on into Mexico and Chili commemorating each country's independence from week to week!

This is a good month to learn about Latin American and Hispanic genealogical resources.

- [Researching Your Ancestors in Latin America - Part 1](#)
- [Latin America Genealogy Resources](#)
- FamilySearch Wiki - [Central American & Caribbean](#), [South American](#), [Spanish](#)
- Cyndi's List - [Mexico](#), [Central & South America](#), [Caribbean](#), [Spain](#)



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.



### CGS Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in 2020 by Lisa S. Gorrell, CG

Yes, there will be a CGS research trip in 2020!

It is being led by Lisa Gorrell and is scheduled for **May 24 through May 31**, 2020. May 25 is Memorial Day, but the library will be open. The group will be staying at the Plaza Hotel, which is next door to the library.

Please let [Lisa Gorrell](#) know if you will also be attending NGS, just prior to this CGS sponsored research trip.



[SAVE THE DATE](#)

### BIG NEWS: NGS and FGS to Merge



BIG NEWS that everyone is talking about. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced their intent to merge the two organizations. The announcement was made on the first day of this year's FGS conference in Washington, DC.

The new organization will be known as the National Genealogical Society (NGS). Both organizations will hold separate annual conferences in 2020, since plans are already underway. But in 2021 they will hold a joint conference that will have four days of genealogical lectures and a fifth day for society topics.

To read more - here are many other links...

[The NGS Press Release](#)

[The FGS Press Release](#)

[The Merger of NGS and FGS](#) -- by Jennifer Dix on the CGS Blog

[What the FGS/NGS Merger Could Mean for Societies](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow

[NGS and FGS Announce Merger](#) -- by Lisa Cooke

[NGS and FGS Announce Intent to Merge](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[NGS and FGS to merge](#) -- by Judy G. Russell

**Classes and SIGs**







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


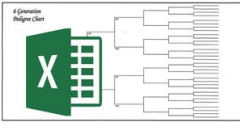



Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

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>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, Sep 7, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</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="#">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, Sep 14, from 10 a.m. to Noon  <i>There will not be an October meeting for this group.</i></p>
	<p><a href="#">Immigrant Sugar Plantation Workers in Hawaii: A Multi-Ethnic Approach to Genealogy</a></p> <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.</p>

	<p>Saturday, Sep 14, from 1 - 3 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, Sep 21, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">DNA Stories Discovered and Resolved</a> with Therese Hart-Pignotti and Dawn Kosmakos</p> <p>DNA relative matching often leads us to unexpected twists and turns while trying to uncover the truth of someone's biological beginnings. Therese and Dawn will share stories of surprises that popped up while researching various client's birth families and provide some insight on how they analyzed and resolved the situation. Questions are welcomed.</p> <p>Saturday, Sep 21, from 1 - 3 p.m. This event is sponsored by CGS, but it will be held at The Oakland Family History Library</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, Sep 21, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Genetic Networks and Cluster Research</a> with James Russell</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triangulation</li> <li>• In-common-with groups</li> <li>• DNA circles</li> <li>• Networking software</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, Sep 28, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files: A Treasure Trove of Original Documents</a> with Trish Hackett Nicola</p> <p>The purpose of the Chinese Exclusion Act was to limit the number of Chinese entering the United States, exclude laborers, and prevent the Chinese already here from becoming naturalized citizens. This presentation will give you examples of the types of documents that were created for Chinese individuals over the sixty-one years the Act was in existence. The National Archives-Seattle has over 50,000 case files.</p> <p>Thursday, Oct 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m. This class is presented by CGS at <b>The Oakland Family History Center.</b></p>
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	<p><a href="#">Excel for Genealogists</a> with Stewart Blandón Traiman</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This is a hands-on class. Please bring a laptop with Excel loaded.</p> <p>Spreadsheets are fun!</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 19, from 1 - 4 p.m. This class will be held at the Oakland Family History Library.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Workshop: Build a Book and Learn Book Repair Techniques</a> with Bill O'Neil</p> <p>Join Bill O'Neil and members of the Book Repair committee for a workshop on repairing books. Workshop participants learn book repair techniques by creating a book for themselves. All supplies are included and Bill will guide the group step by step in assembly. The finished product will be a copy of a "how to" pamphlet written by the late Dick Thrift, founder of the CGS Book Repair Committee. Everyone goes home with a self-made instruction book and souvenir of the day which includes a list of places to obtain the materials in the future.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>
<p>Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

**Volunteers!**

**Autumn - a perfect time to volunteer at CGS!** ♦♦

CGS has a place for everyone - and we have a variety of jobs and committees that can always use some help:

- **Desk Committee:** We need friendly members to staff the front desk during our public hours, Thursdays - Saturdays. Training is provided for this once-a-month commitment.
- **Events and Education Committee:** Join our team to help plan classes and events.
- **Communication Committee:** Help promote CGS events and get the word out to the community.
- **Tech Committee:** Help keep our library computers and network functioning smoothly with a once-a-month maintenance commitment (Mondays, Windows 10). Training provided on the specific procedures.



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 -- September 14 at 10 a.m.**

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Conflict of Interest Policy distribution - Nancy Cork
  - Membership Survey - Maureen Hanlon
- New Business
  - Nominations Comm. - Rich Kehoe
  - Report of FGS Conference - Jim Russell



**Membership Meeting**

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting is in October.

- Trish Nicola who will be presenting a fascinating talk titled "Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files: A Treasure Trove of Original Documents". See Classes and SIGS for more information.
- We will also share a preview of the new website during the meeting.



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: Washington](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Virginia](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Vermont](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Utah](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Texas](#)

[Save the Date! Family History Library research trip planned for 2020](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[The Merger of NGS and FGS](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[For Members: Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn, September 11](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Touring the Bancroft](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



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

[MyHeritage Adds French Record Collection: Nord Civil Marriage Records, 1792-1937](#) -- by Talya

[New Scottish Crime Records available to Search this Findmypast Friday](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Ancestry's CEO signals a major healthcare play is on the horizon](#) -- by Zachary Hendrickson on Business Insider

[In case you didn't know, the Vatican Library has been digitized and is online](#) -- by Daniel Esparza on Aleteia

[Holocaust survivor celebrates 104th birthday surrounded by 400 descendants](#) -- by Tamar Lapin on New York Post



Sub-Clustering Your Shared Matches at AncestryDNA

**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




## SVC GG    September Classes

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### SILICON VALLEY COMPUTER GENEALOGY GROUP

#### South Bay Family Resources

You have mastered Ancestry, Family Search and other digital resources. You may know Santa Clara City Library, but do you know about the Santa Clara University Archives and the California History Room at San Jose Public Library? Mary Boyle will look at resources that you haven't yet discovered and see two families' stories come to light using them.





#### Charting Options

It's September - the year has flown by! Holidays are just around the corner and if you've ever wanted to create a chart for family reunions, or to give as gifts, then come to this class and learn what charts are available and option for printing them. Pamela Brigham will be teaching this class just in time to get creative for the holidays!

#### Reunion - Preparing a chart for a holiday gift

Reunion for Mac creates six different types of charts. Which chart will provide the best representation of your family and kindle interest in family history? We'll focus on choosing a chart and then explore tips on fine-tuning it to make it interesting and informative - color, orientation, fonts, images, printing.



**Classes are free and open to the public!**



Date: Saturday 9/14/19

Time: 9am-11:30am

Location: 875 Quince Ave,  
Santa Clara, CA

[www.svcgg.org](http://www.svcgg.org)

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## 2019 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

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# FAMILY TRAILS

[www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/](http://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/)

Oct 11-13, 2019



Omni Hotel Westside  
Houston, TX

[www.txsgs.org](http://www.txsgs.org)




**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](#)

#### Celtic Connections Conference

<b>2019</b>		
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>  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
Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions)	<a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 26 - 31	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Atlanta, Georgia
Jul 31 - Aug 1	<a href="#">Celtic Connections Conference</a>	Wheeling, Illinois

Aug 9 - 14	<a href="#">IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy.</a>	San Diego, California
Sep 2 - 5	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).</a>	Kansas City, Missouri
2021	<a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP).</a>	Cincinnati, Ohio

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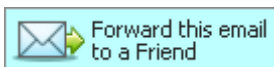
**See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)**

**[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.

