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November 2019 Announcements

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#).

"The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges." -- [National Congress of American Indians](#)

For genealogists it's a time to do deeper research into our Native American roots.

Resources for Native American Genealogy Research

- [Native American Genealogy: Reconnecting With Your American Indian Heritage](#)
- [Tracing Native American Family Roots](#)
- [FamilySearch Wiki - American Indian Genealogy](#)
- [American Indian Records in the National Archives](#)
- [Your Indian Ancestry](#)



CGS VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



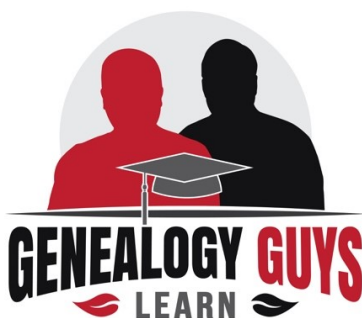
Sunday, December 15th
11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Lafayette, CA

Come join your friends and meet other volunteers at
our holiday brunch
Please bring a dish to share
Fruit, appetizers, bread, dessert, beverage?
Whatever suits your fancy

Please sign up [here](#) or

contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for details



[Genealogy Guys Learn](#) is a brand new subscription-based educational website designed to provide genealogy courses and videos for researchers of all skill levels.

At its launch, Genealogy Guys Learn consists of 5 text/image-based courses on such topics as basic research, intermediate research, the Social Security Death Index, wills and probate records, and military records. Genealogy Guys Learn also contains a dozen recorded presentations by George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, including All About the U.S. Federal Census, Principles of Effective Evidence Analysis, Finding Archived Newspapers, and Organizing Your Research Process.

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.





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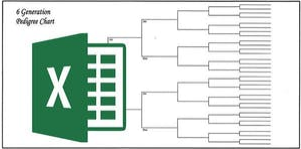
Classes and SIGs

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>Introduction to Genealogy</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, Nov 2, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>Following the Paper Trail in England: From 1837-1937 with Jeremy Frankel</p> <p>Jeremy will explore the kinds of records available for researching ancestors in England and Wales from 1837, when civil registration began, to the outbreak of World War Two.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 9, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Mayflower Descendants - Special Interest Group with Robert Trapp</p> <p>Offered by the California Genealogical Society, The Mayflower Descendants SIG will focus initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 16, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Creating and Maintaining a Family Tree on FamilySearch.org</p> <p>Join FamilySearch family tree experts Debbie Perrone and Denise Plaskett to learn the ins and outs of entering your data on the Family Tree on FamilySearch.org.</p>

	<p>You will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter and edit data • Search and attach historical records • Contact others • Attach documents, photos and more • Get assistance both on site at the Family Search Library and online <p>Saturday Nov 16, from 1 - 3 p.m. This class will be held at the Oakland Family History Library.</p>
	<p>Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meeting by Craig Siulinski</p> <p>Come, to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 23, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Scotland and Northern Ireland Research with Mark McLaren</p> <p>The population of Scotland and Northern Ireland today is less than 7 million combined. Yet, the number of people worldwide with an ancestry from those areas is estimated between 70-90 million. Chances are you or someone you are researching has roots from there. This presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec 14, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Introduction to DNA and Genetic Genealogy with Mark McLaren</p> <p>The class is designed to be an introduction to DNA as an exciting new tool for genealogists. It is intended for individuals who either are new to DNA or looking to improve their ability to use it in their research. The objective of the class is to provide a basic understanding of all DNA tests and concepts. It will examine the available tools and strategies to more effectively manage DNA matches. It will also create a solid foundation for those interested in taking classes in more advanced skills.</p> <p>Wednesdays, Jan 8 to Feb 12, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>
	<p>Field Trip To Oakland Public Library & Oakland History Room</p> <p>Join Jane Lindsey for a tour of the Oakland Main Library. Dorothy Lazard, Principal Librarian in the Oakland History Room, will discuss the resources available at the Oakland Public Library to assist you with your family research.</p> <p>The Oakland History Room is an important center for the study of the history and current development of the East Bay. Its collection contains a wide variety of materials relating to the history of Oakland and the larger Bay Area, including books, magazines, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, sheet music, trade catalogs, and scrapbooks.</p>

	Thursday, Jan 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	<p>Excel for Genealogists 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, Jan 25 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. (This class often sells out - sign up early)</p>
<p>Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

Volunteers!

Be a Front Desk Friend!

Due to a series of family illnesses and retirements, we have several volunteer vacancies on the CGS Front Desk Committee. This is a great opportunity for members to contribute their time and talent to our all-volunteer organization. Here are the details:

- Commitment is once-a-month; staffing the front desk in the CGS library (Thursdays, Friday or Saturdays).
- A Front Desk shift is six hours; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- You can work a shift with another member.
- You can do a "split shift" with another member (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.)
- Generally, you will greet library visitors and answer the phone. Training is provided.
- You can do some of your own genealogical research during "lulls" in the day!
- There are always cookies in the break room.



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 -- November 9 at 10 a.m.

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- 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 [Jim Sorenson](#).

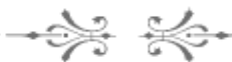
CGS Blog

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.



Chris Pattillo finished her state by state review of the library's offering and now expands to international sources, references books and other treasures worthy of your time to come into the library.

- [CGS Library Collections: Great Britain](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: International Books Introduction](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Reference Books Part 2](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Reference Books Part 1](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Family Histories](#)

[New Website Preview](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[November 2019 at CGS](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Preparing for Disaster: Saving Your Genealogical Treasures](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

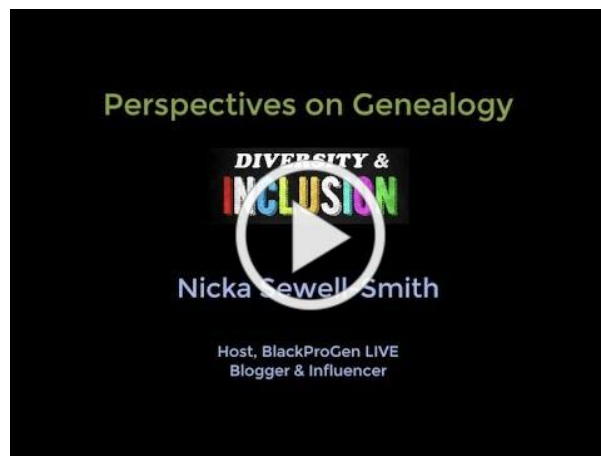
[Volunteer for the Front Desk One Day a Month](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

In the spirit of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to all of our members and our volunteers. This month we dedicate this space to **Member's Blogs**.

- [Now That's What I Call a Blended Family!](#) -- by Janice Sellers
- [Tam Sing - native-born U.S. citizen returns after 31 years in China](#) -- on Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files
- [McFadden Family Cemetery](#) -- by Vanessa Crews
- [Seven Points for Teaching POC Genealogy](#) -- on Latino Genealogy & Beyond by Ellen Fernandez-Sacco
- [What Does mtDNA Really Look Like?](#) -- by Linda Okazaki
- [52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks: Week 42: Adventure: Traveling from North Carolina to Mississippi Territory in 1811](#) -- by Lisa Gorrell
- [Mary Gilliat 1821-1882 My 2nd Great Grandmother on my Mother's Side](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [LGBTQ Genealogy - Part 11: Obituaries](#) -- by Stewart Traiman
- [Stars of DAR - Two Generations of Service](#) -- on the Educated Genealogist by Sheri Fenley
- [7 Practical Reasons to Preserve First](#) -- by Denise May Levenick
- [Honoring Joseph Osias Gagnon \(1896-1912\)](#) -- by Craig Siulinski




Perspectives on Genealogy Diversity & Inclusion: Nicka Sewell-Smith

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](http://ConferenceKeeper.org).

Local Events

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#) maintained by the Sutro Library




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November Classes


SILICON VALLEY COMPUTER GENEALOGY GROUP

Engaging Your Family With Storytelling

How do you keep family interested in genealogy? By having them tell their stories. Come listen to Amelia Lin, the creator of Keep Life Stories, talk about how to capture your relatives stories yourself and options for storing them so that you'll always have access to your relatives voices.



Keep Life Stories




How do you ??


Have you ever wondered how to make a PDF searchable? Or how to tag a photo so you can find it later? Or convert a video to a standard format? Drop by this potpourri session and we'll cover these and some of your own questions to help you get the most out of computer genealogy.

Reunion Touch

Learn how to take your genealogy with you on the road. Reunion Touch is the companion app for iPhone and iPad. You can view, navigate, search, and edit your information on the go while staying in sync with the Reunion for Mac files on your computer. We'll explore the steps for using Reunion Touch.



Classes are free and open to the public!



Date: Saturday 11/9/19
 Time: 9am-11:30am
 Location: 875 Quince Ave,
 Santa Clara, CA
www.svcgg.org

Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2020		
Jan 17 - 19	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG) CGS Member Marisa Louie Lee will be on faculty for SLIG 2020.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jan 19 - 24	SLIG Academy for Professionals - registration opens 13 July 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 26 - 29	RootsTech 2020	Salt Lake City, Utah
Apr 29 - May 2	Ohio Genealogical Society Conference	Sandusky, OH
May 20 - 23	National Genealogical Society	Salt Lake City, Utah

Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions)	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 13 - 17	Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)	Washington D.C.
Jul 26 - 31	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jul 31 - Aug 1	Celtic Connections Conference	Wheeling, Illinois
Aug 9 - 14	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	San Diego, California
Sep 2 - 5	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Kansas City, Missouri
Sep 10 - 12	New York State Family History Conference	Albany, New York
	MyHeritage LIVE	
	APG Professional Management Conference	Portland, Oregon
	SLIG Virtual Programs	Online
	Texas State Genealogical Society	
2021	International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)	Cincinnati, Ohio

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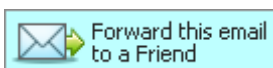
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

Become a member of CGS



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