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San Francisco History Expo

Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, 2013, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Old Mint, 88 Fifth Street at Mission, San Francisco, CA 94103



The California Genealogical Society will be exhibiting at the Third Annual San Francisco History Expo. We will be sharing a room with SFGenealogy.com and the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society. Admission is free. [Learn more.](#)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Meet Members Who Share Your Interest!



The California Genealogical Society now sponsors three SIGs that meet monthly at the library. **Genealogy Writing** SIG meets second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **RootsMagic** SIG meets third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **San Francisco Research** SIG meets third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. [Learn more.](#)

French-Canadian Seminar and Panel Discussion

Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2,



Join Dr. Robert Jackson for an overview of French-Canadian history and a discussion of major French-Canadian resources and online resources for your research. Bring your lunch and network with others who share your research interest. [Learn more.](#)

[Register online.](#)

April Membership Meeting: Preserving Your Genealogical Work Through Publishing

Saturday, April 13, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612

Volunteer Coordinator Linda Okazaki and Membership Coordinator Diana Edwards will be launching a new format at the April membership meeting. Members are invited to bring a bag lunch to the Sherman Room, at noon, Saturday, April 13, 2013, for a social hour and chance to catch up with friends and get to know new members. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

The theme of the April meeting is "**Preserving Your Genealogical Work Through Publishing.**" Members who have published genealogical books, articles, and other materials are invited to bring them to the meeting. You will not be required to give a presentation. Please [email Diana Edwards](#) if you have a work to share.

A Few Spots Left - Will You Join Us in Salt Lake City?

Sunday to Sunday, April 14-21, 2013

Accommodations at the Shilo Inn, 206 West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT



Past-president Jane Lindsey is leading the 13th annual California Genealogical Society Salt Lake City Tour to the **Family History Library** April 14-21, 2013. Research Director Nancy Peterson returns to help lead this very popular trip.

[Download the tour flier](#) for full information.

[Register online](#) to reserve your space now!

Advanced Genealogy Series

Thursday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., April 18, 2013 - May 16, 2013

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Are you ready to take your genealogy research to the next level? The California Genealogical Society is pleased to announce our first Advanced Genealogy Research series, created by Susan Goss Johnston. The five-week course will give you an opportunity to advance your skills in research methodology and practice the Genealogical Proof Standard. [Learn more.](#) [Download the series flier.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Using DNA to Solve Your Genealogical Mysteries

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 668 Thirteenth Street, Oakland, CA 94612

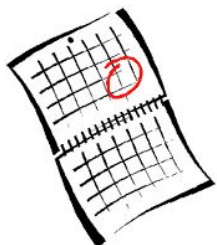


Do you have more questions than answers about how DNA can help with your genealogy research? Are you eager to let DNA help you overcome a brick wall? Join us for a day of DNA with Katherine Borges, Tony Hoskins, Ken Haughton and Pam Miller. [Download the information flier.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Coming in May

Save These Dates!



5/4: First Saturday Free; Intro Class, Pam Miller

5/8: Field Trip to California State Archives in Sacramento

5/8: Genealogy Writing Special Interest Group

5/11: *One-Step Webpages: Genealogy Search Tools*, Steve Morse

5/12: Book Repair Committee

5/18: San Francisco Special Interest Group

5/21: RootsMagic Special Interest Group

5/25: *Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File Folders*, Tim Cox

Visit our website, CaliforniaAncestors.org, for up-to-date information on classes and events.

The Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Information Sessions Coming in April

by Linda Harms Okazaki

Gibran Rath has just joined the volunteer team. Self-described as "detail oriented," she is going to be a great addition to the library committee.

HELP WANTED

1. **Special Events:** Individuals are needed to help plan several big events. Work with Jane Lindsey and learn the how to schedule, plan, host and raise much needed funds for CGS.
2. **Desk Duty Trainees:** Come learn all about the front desk responsibilities. We are looking for individuals to cover regular shifts, provide assistance on busy Saturdays, and work as substitutes.
3. **eBay Sales:** One or two individuals are needed to manage and process the sales of used books.
4. **Temporary Library Assistance:** Several additional volunteers are needed to redo spine labels and identify mismatched card catalog entries.
5. **Marketing:** Are you a self starter? Outgoing? Full of ideas? Come and learn about our marketing team from board member Shannon Reese. A background in marketing or sales is not required but always welcome.
6. **Pub/Mark Data Compilation:** Assistance is needed to compile, maintain and evaluate data. Can be done remotely.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you thinking about volunteering but you're not quite sure what to do? Come to one of our volunteer information sessions on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at noon or Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP by [email to Linda Okazaki](mailto:linda.okazaki@californiaancestors.org) if you would like to attend.

Editor's Picks

Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[News from the SSDI Front](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Common Census Questions](#) by Bill Dollarhide

[California County Marriages, 1850-1952](#) by Karen

[Cemeteries and Gravestone Care](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[5 Tips for a Genealogy Research Trip](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[E is for Ephemera - Family History Through the Alphabet](#) by Nancy

[Downton Abbey in America: San Francisco's Haas-Lilienthal House](#) by Brian Turner

[10 Innovative Ideas To Engage Your Family with Their Family History](#) by Janet Hovorka

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we pay tribute to Irish-born Jennie McCormick Fitzgerald, great-grandmother of member Cathy Paris.



Jennie McCormick Fitzgerald (1861 - 1935)

My great-grandmother, Jennie McCormick Fitzgerald, was one of fourteen children of Cornelius McCormack, carpenter and wheelwright, of Cahiriscooba, near Newmarket-on-Fergus in County Clare, Ireland. About 1882, Jennie joined her sister, Lizzie, in Concord, New Hampshire where she worked in the laundry room of the New Hampshire State Hospital. In 1883, Jennie married James E. Fitzgerald, a first-generation American with a lakefront farm in Andover, New Hampshire.

Jennie was a "hell on wheels" according to her son-in-law, my grandfather, Fred Merrill. She needed to be tough. By 1919, about the time this photograph of Jennie was taken, she was fifty-eight years old and had been running the farm for some time. She had witnessed the deaths of her husband and four of her seven children. James Sr. had been dead about three years. James Jr. died at age sixteen from diabetes and Dan died at age eighteen after falling through the ice on the lake. Annie succumbed to diabetes at age nine and Mary to Spanish Influenza when she was thirty-two. In addition to running the farm, my tough great-grandmother also took in laundry and did ironing for the women in town. Jennie ran the farm until 1928.

This summer, in remembrance of Jennie and James and others that have come and gone, we are holding a

family reunion on the Old Fitzgerald Farm, now [Bluewater Farm](#).

-Cathy Paris

Call for Submissions - Are you a member with a great family photo to share? Please [email Lorna Wallace](#) and send your image with a brief narrative.

Did you miss these posts in the California Genealogical Society & Library blog?

[Honoring Our Past-Presidents](#)

[New Pinterest Board: Books by Our Members](#)

[Wordless Wednesday: 115th Anniversary Celebration](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: March 2013 Published](#)

[Juan Bautista de Anza Traveling Exhibit: Discover the Diversity of Early California](#)

[Lavinia's Report from the Researcher Forum with Bill Mayer at the National Archives at San Francisco](#)

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