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Editor's Note

New Mid-Month Newsletter

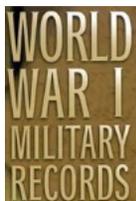
We're happy to announce the debut of our mid-month eNews. There's a lot going on at the California Genealogical Society (CGS) -- more than can comfortably "fit" in a single monthly newsletter -- so we'll be sending you a second eNews on the 15th of each month. This mid-month edition will highlight upcoming classes and field trips.

And speaking of classes, we appreciate your post-class evaluations. Based on that feedback, we've designed two new series of classes: one that focuses on record sets and one that illustrates specific research projects. Check out "class spotlights" below for information on the first two courses in these new series.

See you at the library!

Class Spotlight: Gentleman Officer -- Uncovering a Legacy of Firsts

Saturday, February 8, 2014, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m



Did one of your ancestors serve in the U.S. military during World War I? Member David Goerss will discuss the journey he took when he began a search for his grandfather's records. He'll explain his research strategy, give examples of "problems" to be solved, discuss specific records, and talk about lesser-known resources. [Register now](#). (Free for members!)

Class Spotlight: Probate and Guardianship Records

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Mention probate records and many people think only of wills, but wills represent the smallest fraction of these valuable documents. Susan Goss Johnston will examine the many records created to settle a decedent's estate: where those records can be found and what they can tell you. [Register now](#). (Free for members!)

Classes Especially for Beginners

Register Now to Reserve Your Seat

Are you new to family history research? Our "First Saturday Free" class is a great way to learn more about genealogy. It's free to everyone -- including non-members -- so be sure to bring a friend!

2/1: [First Saturday Free -- Intro to Genealogy](#), Pam Miller

For a more in-depth approach, take this course to learn the skills needed for successful research, including how to verify family stories and how to get past dead ends on your family tree.

2/6: [Beginning Genealogy Series starts \(4-week class\)](#), Pamela Brett and Lavinia Schwarz

Salt Lake City Research Tour, April 6-13, 2014

Video Preview



Are you curious about the annual CGS tour to Salt Lake City? Watch our video, [A Trip Worth Taking](#), and hear our members describe their experience at this world-class library. It's an adventure you won't want to miss...and it's one you'll want to do again and again.

This trip is likely to sell out, so [reserve your spot](#) today.

Speaking Engagements by Members

Free All-Day Genealogy Seminar

The San Joaquin Genealogical Society is offering a free all-day seminar at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. The four sessions will cover an interesting mix of topics:

- Family Stories: Genealogy Beyond Just the Dates, Linda Serna
- Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter, **CGS Member Tim Cox**
- Researching Your Mexican Ancestors, Letty Rodella
- Reconstructing Family Information When You Start with Almost Nothing, **CGS Member Janice Sellers**

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. [Learn more](#).

Did You Miss These Posts?

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

By Kathryn M. Doyle

[The California Nugget Fall 2013, Volume V, Issue 2](#)

[Wordless Wednesday: Volunteer Appreciation Brunch](#)

[Research Inspiration at the San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

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