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Editor's Note

A Generous Donation, a Field Trip, an Expo, Classes, and More

As we head into the second half of February, and look ahead to March, there are a variety of learning and exploring experiences for you to enjoy -- at the library and through other activities around the Bay Area. And whether or not you have California ancestors, two events at the beginning of March are bound to give you new insights into the diversity and history of the Bay Area. Read below for the details.

See you at the library!

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HistoryGeo.com's First Landowners Project

Now Available at the Library!



Thanks to a generous donation by California Genealogical Society (CGS) member Sally Houston, visitors to CGS' library now have free access to the subscription website HistoryGeo.com. If your family tree has early homesteaders, this is the site for you! The interactive map -- with a rich array of tools -- gives you access to records on over 7 million original landowners spread out among 16 of the 23 public land states and Texas.

Next time you're in the CGS library, access HistoryGeo.com via our website's homepage. To get acquainted with the site, [watch the First Landowners Project video](#).

Saturday Field Trip: California Historical Society Tour

March 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

California Historical Society

678 Mission Street, San Francisco



The California Historical Society will host CGS members on an exclusive tour of the facility that has a large collection of archival material, maps, newspapers, photos, and artifacts. This tour also includes their library collection of California history that has over 50,000 volumes.

The library is normally closed on Saturdays, so they made an exception for this special tour. Research time after the tour will not be available, but the current exhibition *Juana Briones y su California: Pionera, Fundadora, Curandera* will be open. [Reserve your spot today](#).

4th Annual San Francisco History Expo

March 1 & 2, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (until 4 p.m. on Sunday)

The Old Mint

88 Fifth Street (at Mission), San Francisco



This event is a great opportunity to learn about the diverse history of San Francisco's communities. More than 50 Bay Area organizations are participating this year. You'll be able to view historic films, special programs, an art exhibition, and much more. And be sure to stop by the California Genealogical Society's table to say "hi!" Hosted by the San Francisco Historical Society. Admission is \$5; under 12, free. [Learn more about the expo.](#)

Class Spotlight: What's in a Name? Trouble!

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

California Genealogical Society & Library

2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



CGS member Ron Arons will share the methodology he used to untangle the numerous and confusing records he found while researching his great-grandfather, Isaac Spier, who served time in Sing Sing Prison for bigamy and other crimes. The research obstacles? Records of other people with the same name, born around the same time, who lived in the same places, and who also found trouble, either in business or with women. [Register now.](#) (Free for members!)

Speaking Engagements by Members

Highlighting Member Presentations and Classes

We'd like to hear about your upcoming genealogy- or history-related speaking engagements. If you are giving a speech or presentation, participating in a panel, teaching a class, or have another role in an event, let us know by [filling out our easy-to-use form](#). The information may be used to feature your activity in an upcoming edition of the e-News. (Depending on the volume of submissions, not every one may be promoted.) If you have questions, [email me](#).

Here's an upcoming March presentation by CGS member Tim Cox:

- Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File Folders

The presentation takes place March 11th at 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Free; no registration or RSVP required. Sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. [Email Tim](#) if you need additional information.

Submissions to *The California Nugget*

Send Us Your Articles



Do you have an article to submit to the *Nugget*? Members are encouraged to contribute to the California Genealogical Society's journal, which appears twice a year. We publish two general categories of articles: "Twenty-First Century Genealogy" or "California



Ancestors." For 2014, we're especially interested in World War I-related information and stories. [Learn more about submission guidelines.](#)

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