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Editor's Note

Happy August

August is a time for many people and families to enjoy vacations. I hope you'll get the opportunity to do some Family History traveling and visit the land of your ancestors. Maybe dig up a record or two. In the meantime there is lots happening in the Bay Area, California and beyond.

BART [BART maintenance](#) will shut down the Transbay tube August 1 & 2. Please be aware that getting to the library this first weekend of the month may take some extra time and effort. The Transbay Tube will again be shut down on September 5, 6, 7.

The [library](#) is open for Summer Hours on Thursdays. Between June 4 - August 27 the library will be open until 8 P.M. on Thursdays. Friday and Saturday the library is open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Brown Bag Tuesday - September 8 -- Are you a member of CGS and curious about the types of volunteer jobs that keep our genealogy society alive and kicking? Maybe you've been toying with the idea of volunteering? Pack yourself a lunch and come on down to the CGS Library for Brown Bag Tuesday on September 8 at noon. This is a great opportunity to informally sit and chat with some of our current volunteers about the work they do. Big jobs, little jobs....we have them all! Questions? We have answers! Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information.

The 16th annual list of [101 Best Websites for Genealogical in 2015](#) has been published. It's always fun to look through and try to make discoveries, but as we like to point out: not everything of value is on the Internet! Come check out our extensive [CGS library](#), with its books, online subscription databases, microfilm, magazine collection and our proprietary databases (indexed to our [California Names Index](#)).

[familytree](#) magazine

A great [Summer Reading List](#) provided by the [Northwest Genealogical Conference](#). I'm definitely trying out some of the novels!



And finally in other media, [Who Do You Think You Are?](#) returns this summer on TLC with six new episodes.

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All of Ireland's Catholic Church records to go online

Article idea submitted by Maureen Hanlon

IrishCentral.com reported on May 28, 2015 that all of Ireland's Catholic Church Records will be going On-Line in the Summer of 2015. Currently the National Library of Ireland provides access to the records via microfiche at its research rooms in Kildare Street Branch in Dublin. But now the Marriage and Baptismal records dating back to the 1700's and covering 1,901 Parishes will be [available to all via the internet](#).



Other Irish Church record resources can be found at [FamilySearch](#) and [IrishGenealogy](#)

Native American Powwows

Article idea submitted by *Ellen Fernandez-Sacco*



Summer is a great time for many Native American happening across the country. Here are some excellent resources to keep track of Powwows in the area.

[Powwows.com](#) is an excellent resource for many Native American topics. They also host Powwow TV, Tribal Directory and a Calendar of events. The Calendar also can be accessed via an [APP](#).

[California Powwows](#) are being held in August and October. Check these sites often to keep up to date.

Classes

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



As usual we have an outstanding line-up of classes to offer over the next two months.



Thursdays on,
July 30
Aug 6
Aug 13
Aug 20
Aug 27

[Advancing Your Skills: Research Methodology & the Genealogical Proof Standard](#)

Susan Goss-Johnston, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

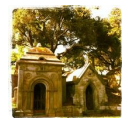
This class is **SOLD OUT**.



Saturday, Aug 1

[Intro to Genealogy](#)

with Lisa Gorell, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **FREE**



Saturday, Aug 8

[Lives of the Dead: Mountain View Cemetery \(in Oakland\) Walking Tour](#)

Michael Colbruno, author and Mountain View Cemetery Docent, will lead a tour of the cemetery discussing some of his favorite topics including gypsy history, prominent women and famous headline makers. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **FREE for MEMBERS ONLY**



Saturday, Aug 29

[Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and Japan](#)

Linda Harms Okazaki, 12:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Saturday, Sept 1

[Intro to Genealogy](#)

with Pam Miller, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **FREE**

[Introduction to U.S. Military Records](#)

with Susan Goss Johnston



Saturday, Sept 10

"More than 35 million people have fought in the military conflicts in America's history. The records created during and after their service are invaluable sources for family historians. Discover the many record types available, where to find them, and study problems that can be solved only through these fascinating documents."

[Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust: What's Buried in Cemetery Records](#)
with Janice Sellers



Saturday, Sept 26

"This class will focus on identifying the cemeteries in which your family members are buried and then on how to obtain and use their records to further your research."

For additional events check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#).
Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Events & Conferences

Chinese Genealogy Workshop



Tuesday & Wednesday - August 11 & 12, 2015. 8 AM to 5 PM
City College of San Francisco Chinatown / North-Beach Campus
808 Kearney St at Washington, San Francisco, Ca 94108.

The workshop serves as a primer on the basics of Chinese genealogy. It instructs attendees on how to use these fundamentals to advance their own research and discover the interesting information pertaining to their family / clan history and to identify those resources that can best serve them. There will also be an introduction to the various information, material, and tools available on the Internet and in books and other sources to assist in compiling and documenting Chinese lineages. The ancestral villages of attendees will be identified and located - the primary source for family genealogy books.

This is a "how to" workshop that educates you on what you need to know in order to start performing Chinese genealogical research. The intent of the workshop is to educate people about Chinese genealogy research - so they can start researching and compiling their Chinese genealogy lineage - without having to be Chinese literate. Some of the Chinese narratives, lineage annotations, and histories do require translation.

Seating is limited. Contact Henry.Tom@Cox.net (480-980-8715) to Register.

This event is co-sponsored by Si Yi Forum, Chinese Historical Society of America, City College of San Francisco.

[The Northwest Genealogy Conference 2015](#)

August 13-15, 2015, Arlington, WA

[Registration is now Open](#)

The annual Northwest Genealogy Conference is dedicated to bringing high quality, national level genealogical education to the Pacific Northwest. NwGC is also committed to supporting local experts and speakers with our incredible venue. The 2015 conference will build upon the success of 2014. NwGC will be offering:

- 3 full days of classes
- Options to purchase individual days
- More nationally and internationally renowned speakers
- An improved syllabus

- More vendors
- A high value for participation

If you are planning on attending please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) about gathering for a CGS Group Photo.

The [Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group](#) and the Los Altos / Santa Clara Family History Centers present a Seminar on October 10, 2015. The Keynote Speaker will be Rodney De Giulio, the Senior Executive Vice President at FamilySearch responsible for all record collecting and disposition. More details to follow.

[36th National Genealogy Conference](#) of the [Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#) October 15 - 17, 2015. Richmond, Virginia at the Richmond Marriott Hotel.

This year's theme is **Virginia, Where African-American Roots Run Deep: Family History and the National Narrative.**

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, August 15: CGS Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Board meeting are open for everyone to attend. If you'd like to add items to the Agenda please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

Saturday, August 15: [San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)
Sherman Room, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog (and Others)

The CGS blog has a temporary new editor and guest writers are encouraged to submit material and photos to [Linda Okazaki](#).

CGS is looking for a new Blog Editor. Intrigued? Curious? Interested?
Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for details.



- [Tuesday Genealogy Travels](#)

Other Great Reads:

- [Upcoming Events for Freedman Bureau Records at Oakland FamilySearch Library](#)
- [Organizing Old Family Photos with a Parking Lot System](#)
- [Not Fade Away...How Robots are Preserving Our Old Newspapers](#)

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library

[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe,



including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription** (over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our

[Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Connect with Us

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



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