



## April 2016 Announcements

### Happy Earth Day Everyone

April 22nd marks the 46th Annual celebration of Earth Day. The Earth is the ultimate great grand mother for all of our ancestral trees. Doing our part to protect our planet honors our ancestors and especially honors those generations still to come.

To get involved this year by participating in Oakland, Alameda, San Francisco or wherever you might be.

- [Oakland Earth Day](#)
- [Alameda Earth Day](#)
- [San Francisco Earth Day](#)
- [Earth Day Network](#)



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- April is also **Volunteer Appreciation Month!** CGS is a 100% volunteer organization. And we thank each and everyone of our volunteers for keeping CGS an open, vibrant and working community.
  - When you visit the California Genealogical Society and Library considering carpooling or taking BART. Those 65 and over are eligible for discounts (62.5%!) Not only is it good for the environment but parking fees are going up on weekdays to \$18.
  - Ancestry Day is coming back to California! [Ancestry.com](#) is partnering with the [Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation](#) to hold a family history day on June 18 in South San Francisco. Registration details will be announced on April 18. The California Genealogical Society will hold an open house "reception" for interested attendees from 4-6 pm on Friday June 17. Additionally, we will offer consultations throughout the day. Researchers are invited to visit the library free of charge. CGS members who would like to provide consultations on June 17 are encouraged to contact [Linda Okazaki](#).
  - The guided **research trip to Washington DC** is scheduled to take place from November 13-19. We will stay at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge in Arlington, just a short metro ride from Archives I. Details will be posted soon. This trip will be limited to 20 researchers and will include visits to Archives I and II, the Library of Congress, and the Daughters of the American Revolution

Library, plus two group dinners. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

- **East Bay Gives 2016** CGS will participate in [East Bay Gives 2016](#). "The East Bay Community Foundation supports the transformational work of hundreds of nonprofits in the Alameda and Contra Costa county region. East Bay Gives is our chance to bring 360 local nonprofit organizations together with hundreds of donors who want to help fund their vital work in our communities. On Tuesday, May 3, 2016 get ready to give where you live for 24 hours, to benefit our local nonprofits."
- **We need BOOKS!** CGS volunteers sell books on eBay to raise money for the Library. If you have non-fiction historical or genealogical books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating some or all of your collection to our library. All proceeds from these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Email [Arlene Miles](#) with questions.

## Classes

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



As usual, here's our wonderful line-up of classes for this month.

**Effective April 1st, Eventbrite registration will be changing. When registering for a class or event you will now need to enter your CGS membership number to complete registration for all listings on Eventbrite. If you don't know your number send an email request to [membership@californiaancestors.org](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org)**

	<p>Saturday, April 2</p>	<p><a href="#">Intro to Genealogy</a> with Pam Miller 1 to 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Saturday, April 9</p>	<p><a href="#">What is Forensic Genealogy Really?</a> The term "forensic genealogy" is used by many people, but what does it actually mean? Learn the definition of forensic, how it applies to genealogy, and who is using (and misusing) the term. Instructor: Janice Sellers 1 to 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Friday, April 15</p>	<p><a href="#">The History Project</a> (THP) Have you ever thought, "How can I create a digital, interactive version of my family history?" Then you won't want to miss the upcoming introductory class taught by Niles Lichtenstein, co-founder and CEO of Oakland-based tech startup. Noon to 1 pm.</p>

		<p>If you are unable to join us in person, there will be a follow-up online webinar on Friday April 22nd from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., which will include a Q&amp;A session. To participate, simply copy this link into your web browser <a href="https://join.me/thehistoryproject">https://join.me/thehistoryproject</a></p> <p>Provide your name and click "knock to join." A recording of the webinar will be available online shortly thereafter.</p>
	<p>Saturday, April 30</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Create Your Own Genealogy Blog Site?</a></b> A genealogy blog can broaden your research network, help the community, provide a secondary source of income, or even serve as a net cast onto the web for attracting long lost family. This class is limited to 12 participants and you will need to bring your own laptop. Instructor" Katie Welka 10:30 to Noon</p>
	<p>Saturday, April 30</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Location, Location, Location</a></b> The more you know about your ancestor's place of residence, the more research problems you can solve, adding to a richer understanding of your family history. We will discuss which records to look for, where to find them and how to interpret them. Instructor: Pam Brett 1 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Saturday, May 7</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Intro to Genealogy</a></b> with Dick Rees 1 to 3 p.m.</p>
<p><b>DNA</b></p>	<p>Saturday, May 14</p>	<p>You've Got Your DNA Test Results: Now What? Pam Miller 1 to 4 p.m.</p>
<p>For additional events check out the <a href="#">San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar</a>. Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>		

## Meetings and More

**California Genealogical Society & Library**  
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**Saturday, April 9:** CGS Board meetings are open for all CGS members to attend. If you'd like to add items to the Agenda please contact [Linda Okazaki](#). 10 a.m. to noon.

**Saturday, April 16:** Family Tree Maker SIG, 1 - 4 p.m. Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please [register](#) for this event. This month's topic is Toolbars.



**Saturday, April 16:** San Francisco SIG, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.) 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 [Linda Okazaki](#).

## CGS Volunteers



Several [volunteer](#) positions are vacant.

**A big thank you to all of our volunteers who keep our society running smoothly.**

"Currently, we are looking for members who can donate a few hours a month to help us with some of the following volunteer positions:

**Tech Steering Committee** - Help create a vision of how we integrate and leverage technology to strengthen our brand and keep us on the cutting edge in the world of genealogy.

**Website Development** - If you love working on websites and have some experience, then we need you to update content and oversee the maintenance and development of our website.

**Computer Maintenance** - Join our team of volunteers who spend a few hours, once a month, keeping our computer systems up and running.

**Desk Duty** - One of the best ways to learn about us is to volunteer for Desk Duty once a month. Basically, volunteers staff the reception desk to answer questions from library patrons and answer the phone.

**Events Committee** (Marketing, Offsite Events Assistant) - The Events Committee is looking for several volunteers: Marketing - Help us put out the word about our events and classes

**Offsite Events** - Help us with special offsite events, held 2-3 times a year.

**Digital Historian** - We could use a generous volunteer to spend some time digitally scanning our historical records and preserve them for our archives.

**120th CGS Anniversary Historian**- In 2018, CGS will be 120-years-old! Champagne, party hats and noisemakers will be in good supply, but we also need a volunteer now to help us compile the glorious

history of the organization that has helped thousands of people compile their own family histories!"

**Assistant E-News Editor** - to help in collecting monthly e-News articles and prepare the e-News for publication. It is helpful to know a little about HTML, but not required. All training will be provided.

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information,

## In Memoriam

### Henry Snyder



1929 - 2016

[In Memoriam: Henry Snyder](#) by Linda Okazaki

## CGS Blog

### Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members. If you would like to publish in our blog please contact [Shannon Reese](#), the blog Editor.

[Ready to create an immersive, digital version of your family history?](#) by Shannon Reese

[A Remembrance: Marianne Frey](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Why consider a guided genealogy research trip?](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Addicted to genealogy? Volunteer at California Genealogical Society!](#) by Kathleen Beitiks

[Inspiration, when you least expect it](#) by Shannon Reese

[Lisa Gorrell: Meet a Genealogist & Salt Lake City Expert](#) by Shannon Reese

[1 million Angel Island immigrants: what genealogical clues were left behind?](#) by Shannon Reese

[Going to Salt Lake City? Getting More from FamilySearch may be just the ticket.](#) by Shannon Reese



**Interesting Blog Posts from other sites:**

[Avoiding Ancestor Identity Mix-Ups](#) by Shelley Bishop

[For Nikkei, Christmas is a time for family - and rutsu sagashi](#) by Melynie Yoneda of the Japan Times

[Family trees are not historical records](#) by Robin Foster of Examiner.com

[Exploring the Obsolete: The Need for Adaptation in Genealogy](#) by Heather Collins on NextGen Genealogy Network

[When Ancestry Search Led To Escaped Slave: 'All I Could Do Was Weep'](#) on NPR

[How to Protect Your Genealogy Data](#)

[What is DNA Testing Choice?](#)

## People are Talking

### Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



**Top Facebook Post for March:**

[Surname mapping website reveals where you come from](#)

March 3, 2016 Staff Writer at [news.com.au](#)

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



**Top Twitter Post for March:**

[3 Ways to Ensure Your Research Meets the Genealogical Proof Standard](#)

On the [FamilySearch.org blog](#), March 16, 2016 By Tyler S. Stahle

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

## Ancestor Tribute

### April Fools

by Lorna Wallace



*Keep the old photos, but cull those boxes of silly expressions before future generations get control.*

Left to right: my great grandparents, Jane "Jenny" Lines Finch and George Gale. Then James Gale and Clino Sophia Dimitry, plus an unidentified young man. It appears they were getting a casual portrait at a "pre-photograph" photo (ambrotype?), c. 1878-1880, likely taken near their domiciles, either Connecticut or New Orleans.

This image was going to be my token to April Fool's Day rather than a tribute. I know this wasn't a flattering likeness. But, like most of you, I couldn't make fun of cherished ancestors I'd never met. And so my message: snapshots were so common recently, weed through them for posterity's sake!

Great grandmother, Jane, had very long Connecticut roots. She died of tuberculosis barely a decade after this moment leaving three daughters. (They can be seen in the [August 2013 CGS eNews Photo Tribute](#).)

The Gale brothers immigrated from Douglas, Isle of Man, to the U.S. George was a ship's carpenter for N Y, New Haven & Hartford RR in Hartford, CT, and John was a sea captain out of New Orleans. Clino Sophia Dimitry, namesake of my grandmother, was from a long line of Southerners.

**Ancestor Tributes are open to all CGS Members to share their family photos and stories.**  
Please contact [Lorna Wallace](#) with your contribution.

### 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](#).

## Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly. Below are just a few of the local conferences that may be of interest in your area.

- [Calaveras Genealogical Society](#) 2016 Spring Seminar featuring Kathryn Miller Marshall, Ph.D. on April 9, 2016 from 9:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [South San Francisco Public Library](#) is celebrating Preservation Week in April with two programs

### [Basic Book Repair](#)

Saturday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Learn simple repairs to help extend the life of your favorite books. In this hands on workshop you'll learn basic book repairs such as mending torn pages, tipping-in pages which have fallen out, and tightening loose, wobbly hinges. Your books will thank you for it!

### [Photograph Preservation](#)

Saturday, April 30th, at 11:00 a.m.

In this age of digital everything, there's nothing quite like a photograph. If you have a collection of treasured family photos, you no doubt want to keep them for as long as possible so they can be enjoyed by future generations. Join us for a special workshop on photograph preservation with art conservator Gawain Weaver, who will teach you how to properly save and store your photos so they'll be around for years to come.

- Southern California Genealogical Society [Jamboree 2016](#) held from June 3 to 5 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. On Thursday, June 2, 2016, there will be a special symposium, **The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016**. This year Jamboree will have two special program tracks: *German & Eastern European* and *African American genealogy*. Registration is now open. Early bird discount ends on April 23. Anyone from CGS attending is encouraged to contact [Linda Okazaki](#) so that we can network and get a group picture.
- [36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) in Seattle, Washington, USA. August 27, 2016. Registration open January 3, 2016.

## Connect with Us

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

Volunteer positions available include:

Proof Readers, Instructors, Clerical Assistance, Library Work, Technology and Others.



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