



May 2016 Announcements

May is Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The month of May was chosen by congressional bill in June 1977 to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.



Find out more about [Asian Pacific Islander Heritage](#) from the Library of Congress and see below for local events.



- 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](#).
- **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.

East Bay Gives 2016

Ready to support family history and raise \$10,000 for a new microfilm/microfiche reader for the library? Then join us, along with over 500 other local non-profits, in a 24-hour-online giving spree through [East Bay Gives 2016](#) on Tuesday, May 3rd.

What is it? The East Bay Community Foundation (based in Oakland) supports the transformational work of hundreds of nonprofits in the Alameda and Contra Costa county region. [East Bay Gives](#) brings local nonprofit organizations together with hundreds of donors who want to help fund their vital work in our communities.

So mark your calendars to [donate](#) on May 3rd and help us raise the \$10,000 we need for a new microfilm/microfiche reader. Together we can make it happen. Thank you!

Ancestry Day by the Bay



[Ancestry Day by the Bay](#) provides a great deal of information on how to get the most out of [Ancestry.com](#) and Ancestry DNA. Proceeds from Ancestry Day by the Bay will benefit the [Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation](#).

Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center - 255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco.

This event will feature a full day of classes including:

- Ancestry 101: New & Review
- Getting the Most from Ancestry.com
- Using AncestryDNA to Further Your Family History Research
- Sharing Your Family Story.

California Genealogical Society is hosting 2 events coordinated with Ancestry Day by the Bay.

30 for 30. Register for a 30 minute consultation for \$30 on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 10:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. to discuss your beginning or intermediate research questions. Space is limited. [Register on Eventbrite](#)

An Open House will follow from 4 - 6 p.m. CGS will be open for FREE to non-members and anyone interested in learning more about the library. Please [register for the open house on Eventbrite](#).

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, when registering for a class or event on Eventbrite you will now need to enter your **CGS membership number** to complete registration. If you don't know your number send an email request to membership@californiaancestors.org.



Saturday,
May 7

Intro to Genealogy
with Dick Rees
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
May 14

You've Got Your DNA Test Results: Now What?
This class is geared to those who have submitted DNA samples or are considering it and want to know the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.
Pam Miller
1 to 4 p.m.



Saturday,
Jun 4

Secrets of Pennsylvania Genealogy Discussed
Laura Manion and Linda Darby, who have experience researching in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Pennsylvania, respectively, will share their knowledge of records and repositories. Laura Manion and Linda Darby.
10 to Noon



Saturday
Jun 4

Intro to Genealogy
with Lavinia Schwarz
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
Jun 11

Jewish Genealogy: Why Is This Research Different from All Other Research?
This class is an overview of the unique aspects of Jewish culture and history that affect family history research. Topics include history, geography, naming patterns, languages and alphabets, rabbinical genealogies, kehillah records, yizkor books, cemeteries, and other resources.
Janice Sellers
1 to 3 p.m.

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.

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, May 14: 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, May 21: [Family Tree Maker SIG](#), 1 - 4 p.m.
Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please register for this event.



Saturday, May 21: [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.

If you are a member of CGS, please consider sharing your time and talents with the organization that supports your ancestor quests. CGS is looking for a few generous volunteers (training provided for all positions):

Events Committee - The Events Committee is looking for several volunteers

- [Offsite Events](#) - Help us with special offsite events, held 2-3 times a year
- [Marketing](#) - Help us put out the word about our events and classes.

Assistant e-News Editor - Help collect 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.

Membership Coordinator - Lead the CGS membership team - work with our crack data entry volunteers, welcome new members, arrange for "welcome" calls to new members, help with the annual volunteer awards ("Genies").

Facilities Manager - Help keep the CGS library in working order, report issues such as janitorial problems, repairs, and act as liaison with building management.

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!

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

Asian Pacific Heritage Month - Japanese Focus

- What genealogist doesn't love a cemetery? On May 16, the [Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California](#) will host a cemetery clean up in Colma from 10:00-2:00. Register to participate. A light lunch will be provided.
- The Gilroy Hot Springs resort opened in 1865 and was owned by a Japanese businessman beginning in 1938. A project is underway to digitize and index the hotel ledger. Please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) if you would like to help transcribe and index these historical pages. Training will be provided and the work can be completed remotely. Additionally, there will be an open house in Gilroy on Saturday May 28 and CGS will have a membership table there.



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.

[East Bay Gives: Look Who's Supporting this Event on May 3!](#) by Shannon Reese

[Wordless Wednesday #EastBayGives' Genealogy Supporters](#) by Shannon Reese



Interesting Blog Posts from other sites:

[German Census Records 1816-1916 - A Groundbreaking New Genealogy Resource](#) on GenealogyBlog

[The Family History Researcher Academy revises its Popular Course to Celebrate its 3rd Birthday](#) by Dick Eastman

[yDNA for Genealogy: 3 Scenarios When yDNA is Useful](#) by Dinah Southard

[FamilySearch Search Tip: Exact Search](#) by The Ancestry Insider

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for April:

[A Hollywood Mystery: I was a Black Market Baby](#)

by B. Janine Morison, April 20, 2016 via [feminine.collective](#).

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for April:

[FamilySearch's video](#), featuring Jane Lindsey & Nancy Peterson, on how we partnered with The San Francisco Public Library to preserve pre-1906 San Francisco records.

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

Ancestor Tribute

Sam Loy

by Maureen Hanlon



This photograph of a Chinese man and child in ceremonial dress was in a set left by my grandmother, Katherine Sheldon Hanlon (1882-1962). Another copy of this photo was owned by relatives of Katherine's mother (Agnes Welch Sheldon) in New York State.

Who was the man in the photo?

In the 1880 San Francisco, U.S. Census, there is a listing for this Sheldon family at 1031 Mission Street that includes "Sam Loy" age 28, servant.

My guess is that Agnes arranged for this picture to be taken of Sam and his son and sent it to her relatives in North Dansville, Livingston County, New York, for a peek into her distant life in San Francisco. Luckily, that copy of the image has the name "Sam Loy" on the back, so there is a piece of corroborating evidence!

Does one of our readers know anything about this man?

The Photo was taken by San Francisco photographer, [William Shew](#) (1820-1903).

For more about Katherine Sheldon Hanlon see the Photo Tribute in the [March 2012 eNews](#).

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.

- [National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference](#). Exploring the Centuries; Footprints in Time. - Ft. Lauderdale, FL May 4-7, 2016
- [GRIP](#) Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh - Two separate weeks of classes. June 26 to July 1, 2016 and July 17 to 26.
- 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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