



August 2016 Announcements

Our Library

There are a 1000 reasons to visit the CGS Library, literally. We have literature on every state in the nation that will help break through your family tree brick walls. We have international holdings for Canada, United Kingdom and other countries. We have a large collection of city directories for the San Francisco Bay Area. Our manuscript collection's unique content of pedigree charts, private letters and other data is only available at our library. We have microfiche and microfilm indexes. You are welcome to use our computers for access to Ancestry, Fold3, NewspaperArchive, FamilySearch and many other vital websites. And we offer free Wifi for your own devices.



[Come to the library](#) because on-line resources are just the tip of the iceberg.



- **Extended Summer Hours**, June through August, the library is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Desk volunteers, Jane Lindsey and Therese Hart-Pignotti, will be happy to help you with your research questions. PLEASE NOTE: If you want individualized, one-on-one advice, please see our Genealogy Camp event listed below, where you can sign up for a 30-minute consultation.
- **Capital Campaign** - Ready to play your part? This fall we're officially launching the capital campaign to raise at least one million dollars in celebration of the California Genealogical Society's 120th anniversary that occurs in February of 2018. We need your help to achieve this goal. Read all about it in September's eNews.
- **Smile** - Be sure to [sign up for Amazon Smile](#). Every time you place an order, Amazon donates 0.5% to CGS. It's easy, it's free and it benefits our library.

Genealogy Summer Camps



Genealogy Summer Camp
Thursday Evenings July & August, 4 p.m to 7 p.m.



Are you a beginner in need of a jump start? Or are you a more experienced genealogist who could use

some insight and guidance on your more vexing roadblocks?

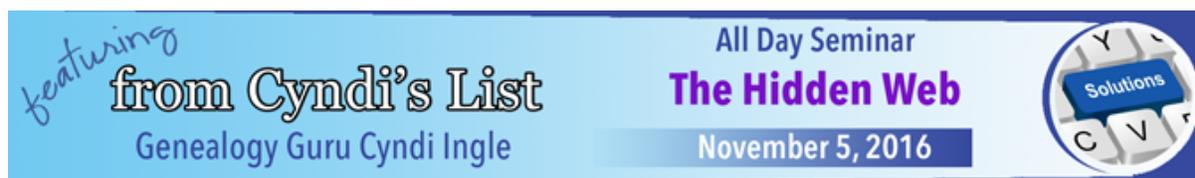
CGS is offering successive [Thursday evenings this summer beginning July 7 and ending August 25](#). Our expert Genealogy Camp Counselors will be on hand to help you with your research questions.

Schedule your 30-minute one-on-one campfire session today with an expert in one of the following topics: Getting Started, German, French-Canadian, DNA, New York, Adoption, Japanese-American, New England, Family Tree, Ireland, and more topics to come.

The camp counselors lineup includes Robert Jackson, Jane Lindsey, Pam Miller, Stephen Harris, Linda Okazaki, Vinnie Schwarz, Therese Hart-Pignotti, Pam Brett and Laura Manion and more to be added.

Who knows, there may even be S'mores...Your consultation fee will support California Genealogical Society and Library's ongoing mission. [Register](#) today for an evening of your choice. **There are only three Thursday evenings left.**

All-Day Seminar with Cyndi Ingle



The banner features the text "featuring from Cyndi's List Genealogy Guru Cyndi Ingle" on the left, "All Day Seminar The Hidden Web November 5, 2016" in the center, and a circular logo on the right with the word "Solutions" and keyboard keys "C", "V", and "R".

Want to learn how to dig deeper to improve your online genealogy research? You've used her award-winning genealogy indexing site, [Cyndislist.com](#), but did you know that she's a nationally-recognized genealogy lecturer & author?

On November 5, 2016 the California Genealogical Society will have the honor of hosting a full day seminar at Preservation Park in Oakland with Cyndi Ingle. [Registration is now open for this very special event.](#) Come discover what you've been missing through her day-long series of classes and let Cyndi's 35 years of genealogical experience help you unlock hidden doors to your family history research.

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and creator of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites, an award-winning categorized index to over 335,000 online genealogy resources, which helps millions of visitors worldwide. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 35 years, is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and is the author of three books for genealogical research.

The seminar is at historic Preservation Park in downtown Oakland. Free parking for participants is located across the street at City Center West garage on the day of the event. A wonderful lunch and free coffee throughout the day is also provided with your admission.

We're looking for sponsors to help us defray the cost of this wonderful event. *Want to help?* Please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) with any questions. Thank you!

CGS Trip to Washington D.C.

Find it in DC,
a capitol idea

Research Trip

Nov. 12-20, 2016

[click here](#)

Our inaugural Washington, D.C. Research Trip is scheduled for November 12 - 20 and [Register today](#).
There are only 3 seats left!

CGS President, Linda Harms Okazaki and co-host Victoria Kinnear will guide you through the

- National Archives I
- National Archives II
- Daughters of the American Revolution Library
- The Library of Congress
- Optional lecture at USCIS (United States Immigration and Citizenship Services)
- Optional 1-hour consultations with certified genealogist, Darcie Posz

[Linda Okazaki](#) will hold an information meeting for this event on Thursday August 11, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the CGS Library. Read more about your guides and this inaugural journey in our [BLOG](#).

Classes

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



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

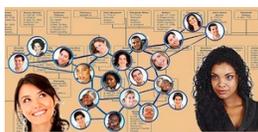
As a friendly reminder, when registering for a class or event on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration (effective April 1, 2016).

Forgot your number? No problem, just send us a request at membership@californiaancestors.org.



Saturday,
Aug 6

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)
with Dick Rees
1 to 3 p.m.



Thursday,
Aug 11

[Young Genealogists Gathering](#)

[Laura Manion](#) and [Katie Welka](#) invite you to join CGS Young Genealogists (ages 18-45) for their first gathering. We will enjoy snacks and drinks while brainstorming ideas for future events.
6 to 8 p.m.



Saturday,
Aug 13

[Secrets from the Grave](#)

Cemeteries can be a rich source of information for the family historian. Join Bill O'Neil for an illuminating overview of graveyards and markers, and an exploration of a variety of death-related documents. Bill's talk will include images of interesting tombstones from some of his favorite haunts.

Bill O'Neil
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
Sep 3

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)

with Lisa Gorrell
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
Sep 10

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

Join us for this encore presentation in our ongoing ethnic research series: Researching Japanese Ancestry. The first half of the seminar will focus on background and research in the United States and the second will focus on research in Japan.

Linda Okazaki
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Saturday,
Sep 24

[Colonial Handwriting](#)

Learn how to decipher those early American colonial documents from the 1600's through the 1800's. Learn how letters were formed differently, spellings were inconsistent, common name abbreviations and more.

Janice Sellers
10:30 a.m. to Noon

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.

CGS Irish Ancestry Network

by Maureen Hanlon



[The CGS Irish Ancestry Network](#) was started in March of this year as an online Special Interest Group. We now have over 50 members who share their successes, quandaries, resources and more on our group's Facebook page or by email. Those who do not want to join Facebook get a weekly update.

While members express some interest in meeting in person, over half of members report finding help with their research through the online group.

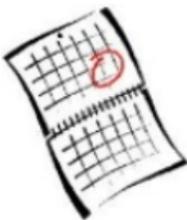
Posts to the site include Tip Tuesday where focus is on research and Website Wednesday which includes a link to an Irish Genealogy site. Arlene Miles found her great great grandparents on the "Missing Friends site" and said "I kinda knew about this site but never tried it until today" Kathleen Courtney says "The Calendar of Wills and Administration is my new favorite site! Thank you to THIS FB page for leading me toward it!"

It's easy to join. If you're a Facebook member, search Facebook for the [CGS Irish Research Network](#) and request an invitation. If you're not a Facebook member or want the email updates instead, send an email to [Maureen Hanlon](#)

Want to start your own CGS-affiliated online SIG for another ethnic group or genealogy topic? Let's talk!

Meetings and More

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



Saturday August 13: Board Meeting. 10 - Noon.

Saturday, August 20: [Family Tree Maker SIG](#), 1 - 4 p.m.
Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please register for this event.



Saturday, August 20: [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.), then 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



Want to be a BTSV?

CGS is looking for a team of "Behind the Scenes Volunteers (BTSVs)!" Periodically, our needs change - and right now we are looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs: **Events**



Assistant, Post-Event Survey Manager (can be done remotely), **Offsite Events Assistant** and **Marketing Maven**. As always, training is provided!

Give Cyndi and CGS an assist!

Cyndi's coming to town! And we need volunteers to make our upcoming November 5 event, [Cyndi Ingle Seminar at Preservation Park](#), a success! If you would like more information about helping with this popular genealogy event, please contact Kathleen Beitiks for details.

Wanted: Genealogy Angels for Angel Island

Volunteer genealogists are needed to help with the Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island on October 1. A bento lunch is included. Orientation will be provided before the event. If you would like to participate as a genealogy consultant at this fun cultural event in one of the most beautiful state parks around, please contact Linda Okazaki. Read about last year's successful pilgrimage: [Pilgrimage sheds light on JA immigration history, honors those who preserved it](#)

Volunteer Historian sought for 120th Anniversary of CGS

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 family histories! Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) or [Linda Okazaki](#) for more information.

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information about any of these great opportunities

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.

We want and need your stories! If you would like to publish in our blog please contact [Shannon Reese](#), the Blog Editor.

[Find Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and in Japan: September 10, 2016](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Wordless Wednesday: Open SF History](#) by Shannon Reese

[Wordless Wednesday: Ancestry Day by the Bay](#) by Shannon Reese



What does the genealogy community have to say?

Here's a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[My Tips for People Pursuing Certification](#) by Yvette Hoitink on Dutch Genealogy

[A Family Tapestry](#) by Jacqi Stevens

[Here Is Your Guide to 5 Online Search Strategies That Every Genealogist Should Know](#) by Amy Johnson Crow

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese

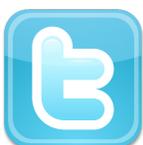


Top Facebook Post for June:

[I Named My Mixed-Race Daughter for a Slave-Trading Town](#)

by Susan Fales-Hill, The New York Times

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for June:

[Genealogists find DNA key](#)

by Rosa Salter Rodriguez, The Journal Gazette

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

Continuing 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 a few local and national conferences:

- [Northwest Genealogy Conference](#) August 17-20 in Arlington, WA
- [36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) August 27, 2016 in Seattle, WA
- [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) (FGS)
August 31 - September 3, in Springfield, Illinois. 40th Annual Conference

- [New York State Family History Conference](#) September 15- 17 in Syracuse, NY
- [Great Canadian Genealogy Summit](#) October 21-23 in Ontario, Canada.. Early bird price ends August 20.

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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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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