Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. Hundreds of thousands of Americans descend from these early European colonists. Your research into Plymouth roots can be aided by these sites:

- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Caleb Johnson’s Mayflower History
- Plymouth Ancestors
- Cyndi’s List Mayflower, Pilgrims & The Plymouth Colony
- Wampanoag Genealogy on FamilySearch
- And a bit of fun, see if you have famous cousins - Famous Kin of Mayflower

Whether you are a descendant of Mayflower Pilgrims or Wampanoags, this beloved American tradition is a time for family, good friends and appreciating the abundance of life. The volunteers of CGS will be celebrating with their families on November 24-26 and the library will be closed on Thanksgiving weekend.

• **Find my Past** is now available at the Library on a trial basis until November 16. Find My Past has an ever-expanding collection of over 2 billion historical records from around the world, including the largest collection of Irish records anywhere online, US military records from the Revolutionary War, and millions of newspaper pages from as long ago as 1710. Exclusive collections only found on Find My Past include:
  - British Newspaper Archives from England, Wales and Scotland
  - Parish records from England and Wales back to 1538
  - Passenger list of ships leaving the UK between 1890-1960
  - British Army Records from 1760-1915
  - Irish Court Records

  **Come to the Library to access and explore this unique resource.**
  **Our Trial subscription ends November 16, so please come try it out.**

Please take this [SURVEY](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2016-e-News.html?oid=11015777126079&aid=dqXQbZEGAc) to help us decide if Find My Past should become a permanent offering.

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**ANNUAL APPEAL**

*With your help the future looks bright!*

- **Annual Appeal:** It's almost that **time of year** to show your support for the California Genealogical Society! Letters will be mailed soon.

- **Smile** - Be sure to [sign up for Amazon Smile](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2016-e-News.html?oid=11015777126079&aid=dqXQbZEGAc). Every time you place an order, Amazon donates 0.5% to CGS. It's easy, it's free and it benefits our library.

- **Endowment fund name change:** The board of the California Genealogical Society has just approved a recommendation to rename our endowment fund as the Sherman-Haughton Fund. The board wanted to honor and recognize the significant contributions - both financial and in-service - that Frederick "Rick" Sherman and Ken Haughton have made to our society. [Read all about it in Chris Pattillo's blog post](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2016-e-News.html?oid=11015777126079&aid=dqXQbZEGAc).

All-Day Seminar with Cyndi Ingle

**This event is Sold Out. Register for the waiting list.**

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. [Sign up for the waiting list](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2016-e-News.html?oid=11015777126079&aid=dqXQbZEGAc). Come discover what you've been missing through her four lectures 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](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2016-e-News.html?oid=11015777126079&aid=dqXQbZEGAc), 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. Coffee and lunch are included with your admission.

A silent auction is also planned for the day with a fun grab-bag experience. If you would like to...
contribute to the silent auction, please contact Diana Wild.

We're looking for sponsors to help us defray the cost of this wonderful event. If you or your organization are able to donate to this event please contact Therese Hart-Pignotti.

Classes and SIGs

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

Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

When registering on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to: membership@californiaancestors.org.

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<td>A monthly forum to share knowledge of the robust features of RootsMagic and to answer questions. The SIG discussion is informal and encourages questions to be asked about the application. Arlene Miles facilitating.</td>
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<td>Co-hosts Laura Manion and Katie Welka invite you to join CGS' group of young (18-45 years of age) genealogists for a Sunday morning of history and socializing.</td>
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<td>This class will help anyone, regardless of experience or knowledge; get the most out of using G-mail. It doesn't matter if you've ever used another email program or if you're a complete newbie to the world of emails. You'll learn how to get started with G-mail, sending emails, organizing your inbox, and a few tips and tricks on using G-mail.</td>
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<td>Interested in finding your San Francisco ancestors, before or after 1906? Looking for Gold Rush pioneers or researching family homes? Want to learn how San Francisco grew into the beautiful city by the Bay we know today? Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco SIG.</td>
<td>Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</td>
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Saturday, November 19 from 1 - 4 p.m.

**Introduction to Genealogy**
A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.
Saturday, December 3 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 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

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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

**Bring on the champagne!**
In 2018, CGS will be 120-years-old! Champagne, party hats and noisemakers will be in good supply, but we 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. Interested in being our 120th CGS Anniversary Historian? You'll have plenty of help!

**Join the CGS Events Team**
It's never a dull moment the CGS world of Events. We always have some "genealogically interesting" plans afoot. But we can't provide all that excitement without a team effort! We need volunteers to help with the following jobs: Events Assistant, Post-Event Survey Manager (can be done from home), Offsite Events Assistant and Marketing Maven. As always, training is provided.

### Membership Coordinator
CGS has the BEST members. And, we have the BEST membership team. But our team needs a leader to help us welcome new members, arrange for "welcome" calls to new members, work with our crack data entry volunteers, and assist with the annual volunteer awards ("Genies"). Is training provided? Absolutely!

Contact Kathleen Beiltke for more information about any of these great opportunities.

CGS Trip to Washington D.C.

Our inaugural Washington, D.C. Research Trip is scheduled for November 12 - 20.

This event is SOLD OUT, but please join the waiting list.

Read more about your guides and this inaugural journey in our blog.

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. Have an idea for article, on-going series of posts or have an idea for monthly column? Then contact the Blog Editor Shannon Reese to discuss.

What's Happening in 2017? More Classes, more speakers, and... by Maureen Hanlon

Genealogy: Members Reconnect at our Library by Jane Lindsey

Endowment Honors by Chris Pattillo

Wordless Wednesday: Genie Awards 2016 by Shannon Reese

Wordless Wednesday: Angel Island Nikkei Pilgrimage by Shannon Reese

What does the genealogy community have to say?

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


3 Clever Ways to Share Family History with Kids by Lisa Louise Cooke

FamilySearch Adds 141 Million New Record Hints on Ancestry Insider
A DNA conference and a Methodology for Adoptees by Kitty Cooper's Blog

Many Reasons to Write a Family History on The Blog for the National Genealogical Society

People are Talking

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

Top Facebook Post for October:
LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE: Today marks 27 years since the Loma Prieta earthquake shook the Bay Area on October 17, 1989. Do you remember where you were?

Video from KTVU Fox 2

Talk to CGS on Facebook

Top Twitter Post for October:
7 Tips to help you find your American ancestors in PERSI
by Alexandra Edmondson on Find My Past's Blog

Join the CGS conversation on Twitter

Continuing Membership Perk

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:

  - Levar Burton - Keynote Speaker

- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy - January 22-27.

- Annual WAGS Seminar presented by the Whittier Area Genealogical Society - January 28.
  - Featuring Michael Lacopo.

Connect with Us

See our Volunteer page for opportunities or contact Kathleen Beitiks for information
Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Weekend - Nov 24-26.

E-mail Stewart Blandón Traiman e-News Editor with any questions.