



Since 1898

February 2017, Vol. 11, No. 2

February 2017 Announcements

Happy African American History Month

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California is hosting an annual [Black Family History Day 2017](#) on Sunday February 12th.

For other resources on African American History see

- [Cyndi's List: African-American](#)
- [FamilySearch Wiki: African American Genealogy](#)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES!

If you haven't already heard, The California Genealogical Society's Capital Campaign has just launched February 1st with a goal of raising \$1.2 million dollars. The goal was created to coincide with the beginning of our 120th Anniversary in 2018. A committee chaired by Chris Pattillo was created to lead this effort. Chris also has the considerable help and talent of both Jane Lindsey and Sandy Fryer to ensure that the campaign will be a huge success.

Why is a Capital Campaign needed? The money raised will help ensure that our society will remain a leader in genealogy and give us the necessary financial cushion to weather various storms in the future.

Now that you know about the Capital Campaign, I hope you enjoy the beginning of a new monthly series of blog posts entitled Why I Contributed to the Capital Campaign. The first will focus on life member, long-time volunteer, donor and previous board member [Jim Sorenson](#).



March 4th and 5th, 2017 - the Old Mint becomes a pop-up museum of San Francisco history with more than 75 exhibitors at the San Francisco History Days at the Old Mint.

Join community historians, archivists, genealogists, archaeologists, researchers, educators, reenactors and other history enthusiasts for a free Community Open House at this historic site.

This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.



If you will be in CGS Library this month, you will be in time to peruse an interesting array of used books for sale. Take a look while there are some left, three shelves of them at the moment. They cover a wide array of subjects and authors, from Pauline Kael to MFK Fisher, a bit of British history, and San Francisco history, travel books, novels and a lovely booklet on playing the Highland bagpipes!

They are attracting interest so come take a look before the end of February, when they will move on from this step in their journey.

17th Annual CGS Salt Lake City Research Trip



Are you on the fence about whether a group genealogy research trip should be in your plans for 2017?

Here's one: The [deadline for the early bird pricing is February 10th](#). The final deadline is March 10th. Right now, we've only had two people register for the trip and we need seven more attendees to make it a go.

So what are you waiting for? Help us continue the annual tradition of our Salt Lake City Genealogy Research trip by [registering today](#)---you'll be glad you came!

Need more reasons to go? Review Lisa Gorrell's top reasons to visit the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in [her latest blog post](#).

CGS Volunteers

One of the best things about volunteering at the California Genealogical Society is that we welcome "Job Sharing." If you would love to volunteer, but are hesitant about taking on a job on your own, job sharing is just for you!

Tell us what interests you and we will try to pair you up with someone to share the fun!

Meanwhile, CGS looking for a few folks to "share" some of these volunteer opportunities:

- In-House Events Assistant
- Special Events Chair
- Events Calendar Coordinator (can be done from home!)
- Field Trip Coordinator

For details about any of these volunteer opportunities, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)



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.



[RootsMagic SIG](#)

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.

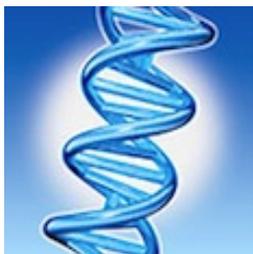
Thursday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)

A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.



Saturday, February 4 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m



[DNA Special Interest Group](#)

led by Pam Miller.

The DNA Special Interest Group is the next step for those who have submitted DNA samples or are considering it and want to connect with others to learn and share the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.

Saturday, February 4 from 1 - 3 p.m.



[Family Tree Maker SIG](#)

A monthly forum devoted exclusively to the Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Hosted by facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

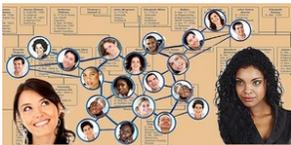
Saturday, February 18 from 1 - 4 p.m.



[San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SF-SIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records. Our core research guide is Nancy Peterson's book, Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research, published by CGS.

Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.



[Young Genealogists Gathering](#)

The Young Genealogists group invite 18-45 year old genealogists for an informal work day at the CGS library. Bring a research question, brick wall, or any backlog of genealogy work you've been meaning to get to. We'll use the CGS library and each other as we strategize through brick walls and share resources that have been helpful in our searches.

Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



[Eastern European Genealogy](#)

Eastern European genealogy presents unique challenges to the researcher because of shifting boundaries, multiple languages, multiple religions, politics and population movement. This class will highlight the best resources and strategies for those with ancestors primarily from regions that were formerly parts of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Saturday, February 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



[Migration to the Gold Rush](#)

The discovery of gold was a milestone in the history of the California but also influenced migration and movement across the whole country. Learn about the variety of methods used to get to the gold country and what might have influenced your ancestors' progress, pathways and final destination.

Saturday, February 25 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



[Getting More from FamilySearch.org](#)

This class was envisioned as a preparation for a trip to the California Genealogical Society's Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but it will be helpful to anyone who wants to get the most research bang out of the FamilySearch.org website.

Class meets at the Oakland Family History Center
Sunday, March 5 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



[Building Skills for Successful Family History Research](#)

This new series is for beginning researchers and anyone who wants to build a foundation of research skills that can be used with all types of online and offline records and resources.

Saturdays, March 11 thru April 8 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



[Irish Ancestry Online Network Get Together](#)

2016 was a banner year for release of Irish parish and civil online records. Come share what you have found or learned and meet others from the online Special Interest Group solving similar problems in Irish research. An Index to all online 2016 posts (links, articles, etc) will be provided.

Saturday, March 25 from 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.

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, February 11 : 10 to Noon. All Members are welcome.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, 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 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.



[Next Issue of the Nugget Is Almost Ready](#) by Shannon Reese

[Ready for a Genealogy Party?](#) by Janice Sellers

[From Our Manuscript Collection: Joaquin A. Silveira](#) by Georgia Lupinsky

[Annual Appeal: We're Almost There...](#) by Shannon Reese

[Why I Contributed to the Capital Campaign: Jim Sorenson](#) by Shannon Reese

[Why Go on a Research Trip to the Family History Library?](#) by Lisa Gorrell



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Time-Saving Family History Mobile Apps for Beginners](#) by Leslie Albrecht Huber on FamilySearch.org

[Family History Writing Challenge 2017](#) by The Armchair Genealogist

[Dear Randy: What Newspaper Search Engines to you use?](#) by Genea-Musings

People are Talking

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



Top Facebook Post for December:

[A Trip Worth Taking: Family History Library](#)
by Kathie Jones & Shannon Reese, California Genealogical Society



Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for December:

[Ready for Genealogy Party?](#) by Janice Sellers, California Genealogy Society'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.

Local Genealogy Conferences

- [California Missions Conference](#) - February 17 - 19

Major National Conferences in 2017

February 8-11	RootsTech	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 10-13	National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference	Raleigh, North Carolina
June 9-11	Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree 48th Annual	Burbank, California
July 10-14	Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)	Washington, D.C.
July 23-28	International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference	Orlando, Florida
July 23-28	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Athens, Georgia
July 25-28	BYU Conference on Family History	Provo, Utah
August 30 - September 2	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Connect with Us

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



Tel (510) 663-1358 - Fax (510) 663-1596

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



E-mail [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), e-News Editor with any questions.

