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April 2017 Announcements

April is a month we associate with the dreaded task of filing our tax returns. Maybe someday your decedents will know more about you from the tax records you file today. Similarly, you can find out revealing bits about your ancestors by doing Tax research.

Tax records are some to the oldest records available at County, State and Federal levels. Much can be gleaned from these records such as: residence, occupation, property, wealth, age, marriage, slaves and many others. Tax records can be used in place of missing census records or pre-1850 census.

At [FamilySearch](#) you can find tax records by visiting the FamilySearch wiki page for each State. [Cyndi's List](#) also can point you in the right direction. [Judy Russell](#) wrote about California Tax records available in our state.



UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Capital Campaign committee (Chair - Chris Pattillo, Jane Lindsey, and Sandy Fryer) wanted to give you the latest update on the California Genealogical Society's goal of raising \$1.2 million and providing financial stability for our society for many years to come.

By now members should have received a mailing about the Capital Campaign. We hope you will consider being a part of this effort.

Over the past few months, the committee has posted several articles about what we've been doing--- including encouraging members to become life members. All money received from life memberships goes directly into the Sherman-Haughton Fund (formerly known as the Endowment Fund).

We've outlined ideas on to help us reach our ambitious \$1.2 million goal, [click here for the full blog post](#), and we have confidence that our generous members will come forward with what they can donate to assist us in reaching our goal! Thank you.



Remember to give online and [support us May 4th](#) through East Bay Gives! This is another way you can help us continue offering wonderful genealogical classes, events, trips, plus both online and on-site library resources for our genealogy community.

What is [East Bay Gives](#)? It's a community-wide, one-day online giving event on May 4th. It's specifically designed to help local non-profits both raise contributions and increase their visibility through the combined marketing efforts of over 500 organizations.

Last year we participated and raised around \$3,000, so thank you to all who supported us! We want to double this year's goal to \$6,000 and know that with your help it's an achievable goal. So mark your calendars for May 4th and give to [support The California Genealogical Society](#). May the 4th be with you!



This month the [California Mayflower Society](#) will be relocating its office and library just across the hall from CGS. We will both be located at 2201 Broadway in Oakland on the lower level. It will be easy for members to visit both organizations.

Judy G Russell: The Legal Genealogist Seminar

The Legal Genealogist
Judy G. Russell



She's a genealogist...with a law degree!

Want to really understand the why's and how's of how the law affected your ancestors? Then [take advantage now of Early Bird pricing](#) to hear the amazing Judy G. Russell!

Come experience what it's like to learn from an expert in law and genealogy. You'll marvel at what you gain from her daylong series of classes. It's a virtual goldmine for anyone serious about family history research. One of the classes included is Judy's excellent lecture, the ABCs of DNA!

The seminar is being held in the ADA accessible, [Goldman Theater](#) at the David Brower Center in downtown Berkeley. For convenience, there's an onsite public parking garage, and it's one block from

the Downtown Berkeley BART and multiple bus lines.

A wonderful lunch and free assorted beverages are available throughout the day and are included with your admission. Interested? [Click here](#) for more information and registration information!

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:

- **Wanted: Events Calendar Coordinator** -- Are you interested in volunteering for CGS but to prefer to work from home? Our longtime CGS volunteer and current online Events Calendar Coordinator, Kathryn Doyle, is ready to "pass the baton" over to another volunteer and will provide training for this monthly task.
- **Join our Desk Duty Team!** -- Are you a member of CGS looking for an opportunity to meet other volunteers and learn more about our organization? If you can make a once-a-month commitment to come into the CGS library (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.), consider joining our Desk Duty Team!



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.

	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, April 1 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>DNA Special Interest Group led by Pam Miller.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, April 1 from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>RootsMagic SIG</p> <p>A monthly forum to share knowledge of the robust</p>



features of RootsMagic and to answer questions. The SIG discussion is informal and encourages questions to be asked about the application. Arlene Miles and Lavinia Schwarz co-facilitating.

Thursday, April 6 from 2 to 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, April 15 from 10 a.m - 12:30 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, April 15 from 1 - 4 p.m.



[Lineage Panel and Workshop](#)

A panel of representatives including the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, the Society of California Pioneers, the Jamestown Society, and more who will explain the whys and hows of lineage society membership.

Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to Noon
or
Saturday, April 29 from 1 to 3:30 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.

CGS Field Trips this Summer

[California State Archives](#)

The California State Archives is a rich resource for researching family history. The Field Trip will include a tour of the Archives and time to do your own research.

The State Archives contain microfilmed copies and original records from 28 of California's counties including probate, deeds, military, prison, and naturalization records, as well as many state collections of interest to genealogists.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.





CALIFORNIA
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[Field Trip to Statewide Museum Collection](#)

The Statewide Museum Collections Center (SMCC) serves as the repository for California's largest collection of artifacts and historic objects associated with the parks system throughout the state.

The State Park Curators, Archivists, and Collections Managers care for and manage these artifacts including millions of archival documents, and over 400,000 historic photographic images.

Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Future Research Trips

by Jane Lindsey

We are looking for members who might be interested in the following research trips

Intermediate Level Research trip to Allen County Public Library

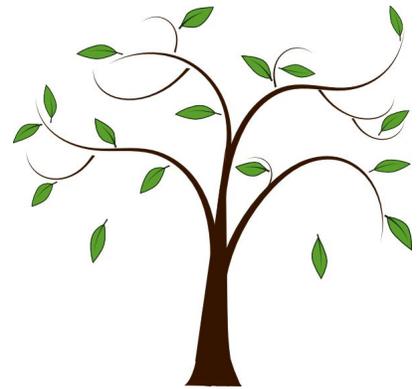
Fort Wayne, Indiana - Looking for a small group of Intermediate Researchers who would be interested in going together in late summer or early fall 2017 or 2018. Participants would engage in independent research while having opportunities to network and brainstorm with other attendees to advance research projects.

Research trip to the American Canadian Genealogical Society

in Manchester NH - possibly late spring 2018. This trip is of interest to those doing French Canadian Research. The library is full of resources for Catholic Parishes in the US as well as Quebec and some other provinces. Incredibly helpful library volunteers will be available to assist with research. Current plans are for four full days at the library. (Wednesday through Saturday).

Members could easily extend their trip to visit other places in New England.

Please contact [Jane Knowles Lindsey](#) with your interest in either of these trips.



Meetings and More

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



Saturday, April 8 : 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](#)

In Memorium: Dr. Alan Roderick Clark



We are saddened by that passing of Dr. Alan Roderick Clark (1938 - 2017)

Al was a dedicated and beloved member of the California Genealogical Society and a regular volunteer on the computer team.

[Read more](#) about Al, his life and dedication.

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.



[Sex, Lies and Genealogical Tape](#) by Shannon Reese

[In Memorium: Dr. Alan Roderick Clark 1938-2017](#) by Eleanor Clark

[SF History Days: History Comes Alive](#) by Shannon Reese

[Untold Stories: A Champion for Children's Rights](#) by Georgia Lupinsky

[Capital Campaign Update](#) by Chris Pattillo, Jane Lindsey & Sandy Fryer



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[The New and Improved Find A Grave Shown at #RootsTech](#) on Ancestry Insider

[Forces War Records - 5 FREE Military Genealogy Tutorials are now Online and Available to Download](#) by Dick Eastman

[British Newspaper Archive Announces Major New Milestone](#) by Dick Eastman

[Are You Doing Everything to Identify Your Matches?](#) by Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist

[The Monk Who Saves Manuscripts From ISIS](#) by Matteo Fagotto

[Before It's Too Late: DNA Testing Older Relatives NOW](#) by Legacy Tree Genealogists

People are Talking

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

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for March:

[Who Do You Think You Are? First Look at Courteney Cox's episode](#)

via TLC

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for March:

[SF History Days: History Comes Alive](#) by Shannon Reese

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

Chinese Genealogy Workshop

July 31 - August 2, 2017
Monday thru Wednesday
9 AM - 5 PM

Chinatown / North-Beach Center City
College of San Francisco
808 Kearny Street, Room 504 (at
Washington)
San Francisco, CA 94108

Registration: Please contact [Henry Tom](#)



Major National Conferences in 2017

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

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



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



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