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**California Genealogical Society & Library**  
*Connecting people to their diverse family heritage*



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**August 2017 Announcements**



**Welcome to August.** The month of summer vacations and going back to school. During history lessons students will learn of events that your ancestors may have been involved. Do your ancestors trace back to any of these historic events, that also happened to take place in the month of August?

- Christopher Columbus sets sail in 1492
- Napoleon Bonaparte was born in 1769
- The Great Klondike Gold Rush began in 1896
- The 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920 giving women the right to vote.
- Jamaica gained independence in 1962

This year, your research may help a family member with family history school assignment. Understanding the events our Ancestors lived thru illuminates our genealogies for the next generation. Come to the [CGS Library](#) to continue discovering your history.



The California Genealogical society will present "Find Your Family: An Introduction to Genealogy" at the [Bay Area Aloha Festival](#) on August 5 & 6. This complimentary workshop will be presented three times over the weekend. Whether your ancestors were Pacific Islander, Filipino, Portuguese, or European, finding your family is a rewarding experience. Come to the event, and stay for the fun, food, and entertainment.

### **Extended Summer Hours Back Thursdays in August**

On August 10, 17, 24 and 31st, CGS will keep our doors open late for those who want to do research. We're also offering casual talks on how to get the most from popular genealogy websites.

Jane Lindsey, Lisa Gorrell and others will be sharing strategies to get the most out of Ancestry, FamilySearch and more. And we're going to waive our non-member fee!

See below for details on **Summer Extended Hours Classes**.



**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.

### Judy G Russell: The Legal Genealogist Seminar

# The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell



Want to really understand the why's and how's of how the law affected your ancestors? Then [join us](#) September 23rd in Berkeley as we host internationally-known genealogy and law expert, 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 4 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! Read more about the 4 lectures offered during the day.

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 catered buffet lunch as well as a morning beverage service are included with your admission. Interested? [Click here](#) for more information and registration information!

### CGS Volunteers

#### Volunteer Opportunities

A big WELCOME to our new volunteers: **Jan Kayler** (Desk Duty), **Kath Merilo** (Desk Duty) and **Marisela Meskus** (Social Media). And thanks not only to our newest volunteers, but also to our longtime members who continually devote their time and talents to keeping our 119-year-old organization alive and kicking!



### For a Good Time - Job Share!

If you are a member of the California Genealogical Society who has thought about volunteering, but hesitant about taking on a job on your own, "job sharing" is just for you!

We have a few "job share" opportunities that may be of interest:

- 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](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org).

	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, August 5, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><a href="#">Getting the Most from Ancestry</a></p> <p>Take advantage of CGS's extended summer hours and learn the tips and tricks for getting around your personal subscription to genealogy's popular site, Ancestry.com Jane Lindsey will provide a slew of approaches to maximizing your search results in a casual entertaining format</p> <p>Thursday, August 10, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Introduction to FindmyPast</a></p> <p>Come to CGS to do your research, and plan stay for our extended hours and a presentation on our library's newest subscription website, Findmypast.com. Maureen Hanlon will share what's unique, especially for British and Irish researchers,</p>

the data you can get without a subscription, and basics of navigation and search techniques.

Thursday, August 17, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.



### [San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group. 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, August 19, 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, August 19, from 1 - 4 p.m.



### [Getting the Most from FamilySearch](#)

Enjoy our extended library hours and hear from expert Lisa Gorrell about the many ways you can access the treasures at FamilySearch. Lisa will provide live examples of best ways to find your way around this ever-growing, free, classic genealogy resource. Bring your laptops to try your own searches with newly learned techniques and tips.

Thursday, August 24, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.



### [NEHGS Boston Historic Catholic Records Webinar](#)

Did you miss NEHGS's broadcast about Boston Catholic Records last month? Come to CGS to hear a repeat performance. We will be showing the webinar in our classroom, followed by discussion. The content is about a project to make sacramental records of the Boston Diocese from 1789 through 1900 available. If you have Catholic New England or Irish ancestors, this will be a resource you will want to know about.

Saturday, August 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.



### [Free Websites for Genealogy](#)

Enjoy our extended hours AND learn about the many FREE sites available for your genealogical research with Jane Lindsey. Jane will share where you can find great information for your family history without a subscription or fees. Prepare for a casual and informative session. You're welcome to bring your laptops and a meal to have before the session.

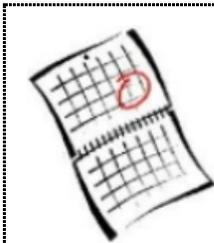
Thursday, August 31, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

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, August 12: Board Meeting** 10 to 11:30 a.m. 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.

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[Genealogy. It's for the Living](#) by Shannon Reese

[Genealogy Secrets of a Photo](#) by Cassie Arnold

[Chris' Genealogy Journey: Discovery at the Tennessee State Library & Archives](#) by Chris Pattillo

[Chris' Genealogy Journey: Handley Cemetery & Tarrant County, TX](#) by Chris Pattillo

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#### Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[The Unusual Cause of Death of Allan Pinkerton](#) by Dick Eastman

[Stand up for records access!](#) by Judy G Russell, the Legal Genealogist

[Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\) Partnership Agreement for Public Comment](#) by Dennis Henderson on The National Archives Blog

[X Matching and Mitochondrial DNA is Not the Same Thing](#) on DNAExplained

#### 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

August 18-20	<a href="#">Genealogical Society of Hispanic America</a>	Ontario, California
August 30 - September 2	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 13-15	<a href="#">The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit</a>	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
December 9-10	<a href="#">International Genetic Genealogy Conference</a>	San Diego, California

### Connect with Us

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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