July 2018 Announcements

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Happy 242nd Birthday
to the Great United States of America Melting Pot

From where did your ancestors originate?

No matter how long ago or by what means your ancestors came to the United States of America, the California Genealogical Society has all the tools to help you succeed in your family history quest. We've been helping family historians for 120 years - half the age of the U.S.A.

- Our research team will tackle your brick walls or help obtain vital documents.
- Our blog will keep you informed of ongoing events around CGS.
- Our volunteers are knowledgeable, friendly and passionate about family history.
- Our library has unique gems that can only be found at CGS.
- Our online database may reveal new information while you search from home.
- Our annual research trips to libraries and archives will bring new discoveries.

Join us and you will find help, expertise and friends!
Ready to get your Aloha on? We are looking for some volunteers to help staff the CGS booth at the 23rd Annual Aloha Festival on August 11 and 12. Lunch provided. Please contact Linda Okazaki for details.

There are a few spaces left in the upcoming Chinese Family History event in San Francisco to be held July 30-August 1. Contact Henry Tom for details.

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Summer Extended Hours Return

Thanks to the generous service of Therese Hart-Pignotti, our CGS Library will be open from 10 am to 8 pm on Thursdays in August. Mark your calendars and plan to visit on August 2, 9, and 16, September 2 and 30. Informal classes will be offered. See our listings below.

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NEHGS in Oakland

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Saturday September 22nd NEHGS COMES to OAKLAND featuring Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, Director of the Great Migration Study Project and Christopher C. Child, Senior Genealogist of Newbury Street Press and Editor of Mayflower Descendant.

Friday, September 21st CGS will offer a limited number of personal consultations at our library on New England topics with Mayflower Historians and CGS members with expertise in New England. Preregistration is required for consultations.

Register Today for the Conference!
Register Today for a Consultation!

Silent Auction

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR SEPTEMBER 22nd SEMINAR WITH NEHGS.
CAN YOU HELP?

Silent auctions held at past California Genealogical Society events have been very successful fundraisers and are 100% profit for our Society. Do you have something that might be a sought-after auction item? Use your imagination! Here are a few examples:

- New or gently used items, Glass or crystal pieces, handmade items such as quilts or afghans. One member is donating a beautiful new Dooney & Burke leather satchel.
- **Special Opportunities** - a sail on the Bay, a private tour of something not readily available to the public, or tickets to a special event. One member donated a cruise on their boat on the Delta.
- **Services** - Donate hours for genealogical research, software tutoring, entering genealogy into a database, organizing files, etc.
- **Theme Baskets and/or small items for Theme Baskets**
  - Supplies: baskets, filler, ribbons, cellophane.
  - Coffee or Tea Basket with mugs/cups, muffin mixes, etc.
  - Happy-hour basket" Wine, glasses, appetizers, napkins, etc.
  - Scented soaps, oils, lufa for a "Spa basket,"
  - Picnic basket or Tail Gate basket.
- **Your ideas! All suggestions welcome!**

Please contact [Jane Lindsey](mailto:jane.lindsey@example.com) with your ideas.

### 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).

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<td>This CGS Special Interest Group (FTM-SIG) has been formed devoted exclusively to the popular robust and easy-to-use Family Tree Maker Software from Software MacKiev. Join FTM-SIG facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Haforn</td>
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<th>Reliving Their Lives: Experiencing, Researching, and Writing World War I to the Jazz Age</th>
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come alive? Combining social history with family history helps you to better understand your ancestor and ensures a family history story that even non-genealogists will love. In this workshop we will travel back in time to learn more about events and life from the World War I years to the end of the Jazz Age.

Sunday, July 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Mind Mapping Workshop**

This lab will introduce participants to mind maps, graphical outlining tools normally used in Corporate America for brainstorming and product idea generation, but also by attorneys to explain their cases to their clients and to juries, and in education with students. Mind maps can also be used by genealogists to organize data and perform complex and revealing data correlations to understand research findings more clearly.

Saturday, July 28, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Talk and Discussion on DNA for Adoptees**

Are adoptions part of your family history? Are you wondering if DNA can help you in identifying family lines of adopted ancestors or descendants? Have you already started this journey and have successes or questions? Would you be interested in meeting others doing similar searches?

Thursday, August 16, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Irfanview - A Free Easy to Use Photo Editing Program**

At the Oakland Family History Center

This workshop is comprised of two topics. The morning will focus on installing and learning the basics of the easy to use Irfanview image editing program. In the afternoon session you will refine and grow these basic skills as we learn how to create an easy, fun, and very cool framed graphic family tree!

Saturday, August 25, 2018, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Eastern European Special Interest Group**

Come, discuss a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on Eastern European Genealogy. We are still refining how the group will meet, where, when, and more. Join and help us create this group, together!

Saturday, Aug 25, from 1 - 3 p.m.

Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

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**Librarian Needed**

Are you a bibliophile?

Do shelves of genealogy books make you weak in the knees with excitement?

Do you have library work experience?

Do you like working with a group of fun, dedicated volunteers?

If so, CGS is looking for a volunteer to lead our library team and we would love to hear from you!

Contact Kathleen Beitiks for more information.
Volunteers

Have you been considering the idea of volunteering at the California Genealogical Society? If so, the quarterly Membership Meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about some of the ways you can contribute at the library or from the comforts of your home. Check out our Volunteer Form for a list of some opportunities. Pack up a lunch, bring some questions and join your fellow CGS members on Saturday, July 14, noon, at the CGS Library!

Contact Kathleen Beitiks

Meetings and More

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

Board Meeting -- July 14, from 10 a.m. to Noon.
All members are welcome to attend.

Membership Meeting -- July 14, from Noon to 2:30 p.m.

The membership committee is launching a new format for membership meetings to provide more opportunities for members to network and to be better informed about our society.

AGENDA

- Noon - Members and their guests are encouraged to bring lunch and join others for casual conversation. We will have special name tags that include some family names and places where you are researching.
- 1:00 p.m. - A welcome and introductions along with an update of what is happening at CGS.
- 1:20 - 2:20 p.m. - Two members will provide 20 minute talks on an interesting topic or discovery. (Maybe you have one you would like to share) This month we will have:
  1. Tales From the Research Committee revealing some amusing/interesting discoveries they have uncovered.
  2. Stewart Traiman will talk about plans to develop a CGS member interest database that can be used to connect with other members.
  3. Your ideas for this segment
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 Vicky Kolakowski.

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 have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor Jennifer Dix to discuss.

Strategic Planning Committee Update -- by Chris Pattillo

Last chance to join the trip to Allen County Public Library -- by Jennifer Dix

Chinese Ancestry Day -- by Jennifer Dix

Notes from the field: 18th Annual Family History Library Trip -- by Jennifer Dix

Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

Scan and Digitize Your Books for $1 Each -- by Dick Eastman

Unclaimed Person Celebrates 10th Anniversary -- by Lisa Louise Cooke

Reclaim the Records: Getting Access to Public Records -- Amy Johnson Crow

How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files -- FamilySearch Blog

In Memoriam

Dorothy Ann Koenig
1933 - 2018
Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation. For the latest events, check ConferenceKeeper.org.

Local Events

Bay Area Genealogy Calendar maintained by the Sutro Library

Chinese Genealogy Workshop

Monday thru Wednesday
July 30 - August 1, 2018 -- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chinatown / North-Beach Center
City College of San Francisco
808 Kearny Street (at Washington)
Room 503 (AM) & Room 404 - Student Lounge (PM)
San Francisco, CA 94108

Major National and International Conferences in 2018

Family History Library Webinar Series

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<td>38th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy</td>
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Connect with Us

See our Volunteer page for opportunities or contact Kathleen Beitiks for information

Email Stewart Blandón Traiman, eNews Editor with any questions.

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Summer Hours - Thursday open until 8 p.m.