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March 2019 Announcements

Welcome to March everyone.

I've been loving the rain and Spring will soon be here.

March is a month for St. Patrick's Day and celebrating all things green & Irish.



CGS will host the 4th Annual [Irish Ancestry Network Meet-Up](#) on St. Paddy's Day itself. Members will enjoy a potluck lunch and Linda Darby, Maureen Hanlon and Victoria Kolakowski sharing what they learned at the August 2018 Celtic Connections Conference in Boston.

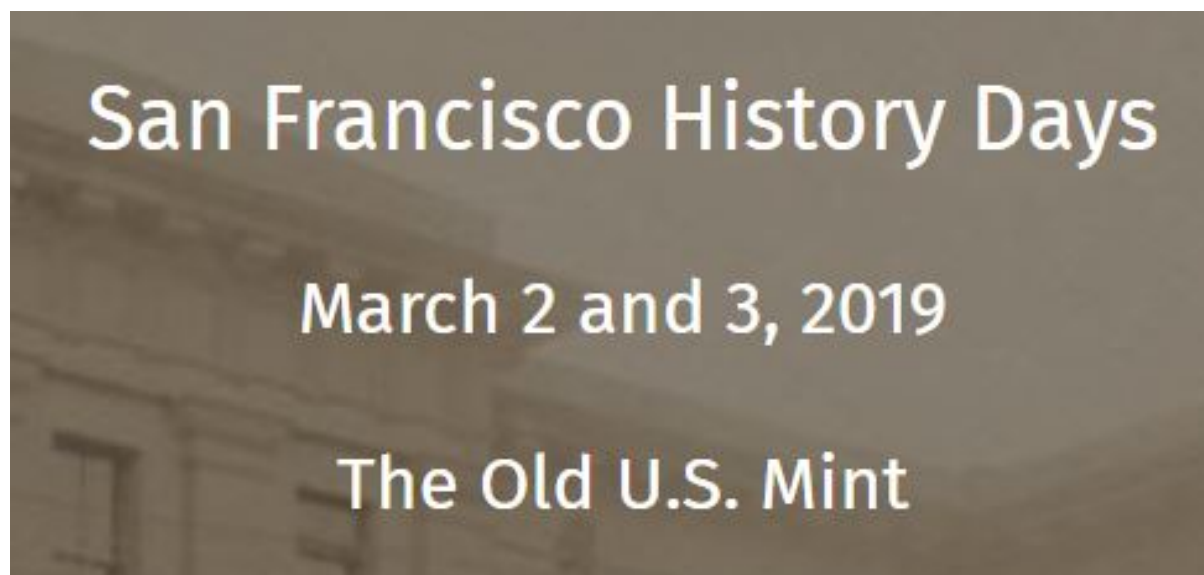
Other great resources to find your Irish Ancestors include:

- [FamilySearch Wiki on Ireland Genealogy](#)
- [Irish Genealogy.ie](#)
- [National Archives of Ireland](#)
- [General Register Office](#)

Also this month, CGS offer two additional exceptional cultural classes. Don't miss Lucy Jennings Sweeney's class on [Spanish Records](#) or Linda Okazaki's class on [Japanese Roots](#).



[San Francisco History Days](#)



Visit the Old Mint on the [first weekend in March](#) and join dozens of organizations celebrating and telling the stories of the City's unique past. We invite you to meet community historians, archivists, genealogists, archaeologists, researchers, educators, re-enactors, and other history enthusiasts at this FREE, all-ages weekend event at the historic site. [CGS will participate](#) in this event with a booth and Vicky Kolakowski will be giving a presentation.



Help CGS celebrate National Volunteers Month with our "Genie Awards!"

Please join us on Saturday, April 13, noon, for the 2019 Genie Awards.

April is National Volunteers Month, and in addition to honoring all of our generous Volunteers, special recognition will be given to those who made "magic" happen at CGS the past year. Our "Genie Awards" presentation will be part of the Spring Membership meeting, following the monthly morning meeting of the CGS Board of Directors. (See the Spring Membership Meeting Agenda.) Join us in honoring our Volunteers, as well as learning what you can do to contribute your time and talents to CGS. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.



For details about any and all volunteer opportunities, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#).

Building Skills for Successful Family History Research

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This course will be held at the Oakland Family Search Library in four Wednesday evening sessions.

In-class group exercises and optional homework assignments will provide participants to practice skills with a wide variety of genealogical records found in a many different places including online websites.

- March 06, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm,
- March 13, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm,
- March 20, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm,
- March 27, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Pamela Brett will cover six key research skills including how to:

1. Know which records to look for.
2. Find relevant records.
3. Document the results of the search.
4. Evaluate the sources you use and the records you find.
5. Analyze the results of your research.
6. Write a well-reasoned statement of your conclusions.

[Sign Up Now to save your spot!](#)



Classes and SIGs

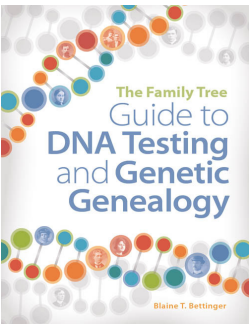




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Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

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](#).


	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>Due to popular demand, we have expanded our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class to a four-session series. The first class offers an overview of genealogy. Each of the next three sessions will begin with a quick review of the overview, followed by a more in-depth focus on the following topics: Census, Vital Records, and Organization. The classes may be taken in any order, and participation in one class is not required to attend others in the series. The entire series will be repeated two more times in 2019.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 2, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>Building Skills for Successful Family History Research</p> <p>This series is for family historians, both beginners and intermediates, who want to build a strong foundation of research skills to avoid wasted time and unreliable family trees.</p> <p>This course will be held at the Oakland Family Search Library in four Wednesday evening sessions.</p> <p>In-class group exercises and optional homework assignments will provide participants to practice skills with a wide variety of genealogical records found in a many different places including online websites.</p> <p>A CGS event held at The Oakland Family History Center Wednesdays, Mar 6 to 27, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Introduction to DNA and Genetic Genealogy, with Mark McLaren</p> <p>*** Wait List Only ***</p> <p>The class is designed to be an introduction to DNA as an exciting new tool for genealogists. It is intended for individuals who either are new to DNA or</p>

	<p>looking to improve their ability to use it in their research. The objective of the class is to provide a basic understanding of all DNA tests and concepts. It will examine the available tools and strategies to more effectively manage DNA matches. It will also create a solid foundation for those interested in taking classes in more advanced skills.</p>
<p>A CGS event held at The Oakland Family History Center Thursday, from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on the following dates Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11</p>	<p>Hispanic Genealogy: Spanish Records with Lucy Jennings Sweeney</p> <p>Discover how to search for your Hispanic ancestors, using records such as baptism and marriage. You don't need to know how to read Spanish. You will receive a resource list of online and print material.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 9, from 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and in Japan</p> <p>Join us for this encore presentation: Researching Japanese Ancestry.</p> <p>The first half of the seminar will focus on background and research in the United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The political climate and pertinent U.S. laws • Internment camps and prefectures • Repatriation and redress <p>The second half of the seminar will focus on research in Japan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding your koseki • Understanding ohaka and kakocho • Visiting relatives, cemeteries and temples <p>The seminar is suitable for both beginners and experienced researchers.</p> <p>Sunday, Mar 10, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Family Tree Maker SIG</p> <p>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 Halfon n the third Saturday of each month</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 16, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Irish Ancestry Network Meetup</p> <p>CGS will host the fourth annual meeting for members studying Irish Ancestors. In addition to networking and updates on Irish genealogy websites, Linda Darby, Maureen Hanlon and Victoria Kolakowski will share what they learned at the August 2018 Celtic Connections Conference in Boston. There will be a Potluck lunch so bring your soda bread or scones or maybe even some corned beef.</p> <p>Sunday, Mar 17, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>
	<p>Hard Drive Organization: Managing Images and Your Computer File Folders - with Tim Cox</p> <p>Every genealogist has a collection of photographs, scanned images of paper documents, and images downloaded from online sources. What is the best</p>

	<p>way to organize them on our hard drive? How do we identify each image?</p> <p>Quickly learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name files for easy identification * Organize folders that make it easy to find the files * Properly identify scanned photographs with multiple people. <p>Saturday, Mar 23, from 10 a.m. to Noon</p>
	<p>You Got Your DNA Results, What's Next?</p> <p>Three classes, each focusing on one of the larger DNA testing companies. Each class is for those who have already submitted a DNA sample and want to know the next steps and strategies to make family connections from the results. Completing any of one of these classes is a prerequisite to join the ongoing DNA study group.</p> <p>Ancestry DNA Results Saturday, Mar 23, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Family Tree DNA Results Saturday, Mar 30, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>23andMe DNA Results Saturday, Apr 6, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meetings</p> <p>A group dedicated to Eastern European genealogy facilitated by Craig Siulinski and Vicky Kolakowski.</p> <p>Saturday, May 25, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
<p>In April we'll have more information on a field trip to Mountain View Cemetery and a class on Finding Living People.</p>	
<p>Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

Meetings and More

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<p>Board Meeting -- March 9 at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers Reports • Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Identify Key Action Items from Committees • New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updates on Coordinator Positions • Old Business 
<p>CGS Spring Membership Meeting - Save the Date!</p> <p>Spring is around the corner, and that means it's time for the CGS Spring Membership Meeting! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, noon, at the CGS Library, for a lively get together.</p> <p><u>On the agenda:</u></p> <p>Updates about activities and other news at the CGS.</p>

CGS member Vic Halfon will relate the tale of finding his half-brother while he and his wife Karen were driving to the east coast on their 50th anniversary.



Member Theresa Murphy will talk about how she produced a family history photo book with her family tree and pictures - at Walgreen's, using its creative, easy to use program.

All of our fabulous volunteers will be "saluted," - along with the presentation of our annual Genie Awards to volunteers who "make magic happen" at CGS.

All members of CGS are welcome! Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. Questions? Contact [Chris Pattillo](#) or [Jane Lindsey](#).

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group 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](#).

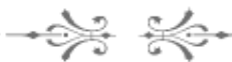
CGS Blog

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.



A State by State Series by Chris Pattillo

- [CGS Library Collections: Missouri](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Michigan](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Massachusetts](#)

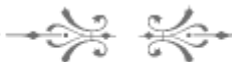
[A Dream Saved Her Life: How Finding Aids Can Enrich Your Family Story](#) -- by Georgia Lupinsky

[The 1916-1917 Colored Directory: A Window into Oakland's Vibrant Past](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[2019 DNA class offerings](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Speakers' Bureau Revived](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[CGS at San Francisco History Days This Weekend, March 2-3](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Ancestry® Announces 94 New and Updated Communities For People of African American and Afro-Caribbean Descent, Delivering More Historical Context Than Ever Before](#) -- Ancestry.com Blog

[Overcoming Brick Walls in Your Family Tree with a Genealogy DNA Test](#) -- Amie Tennant on FamilySearch Blog

[The Truth About Millennials and Genealogy](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow

[Big news: New York Roman Catholic records now online](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B

[New Legislation Seeks To Protect Lost African-American Burial Grounds](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[London FamilySearch Centre at The National Archives will Close Permanently on Saturday, 23 March 2019](#) -- by Dick Eastman

Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation. For the latest events, check [Conference Keeper.org](#).

Local Events

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#) maintained by the Sutro Library

Saturday, March 16, 2019

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society

in partnership with

The Sonoma County Historical Records Commission

present

Don Silverek, Imaging Specialist Archivist



Best Practices for Scanning Photographic Images

This will be a presentation focusing on the best methods to digitally scan photographic images. Don will present a PowerPoint lecture explaining recommended procedures to gain the highest quality images for preservation and research.



Don Silverek has worked extensively over the last 40 plus years with historical societies and historical image collections to preserve and document history's visual benchmarks. He was the photographer for the Peterson book *"Santa Rosa's Architectural Heritage,"* photographic archivist for the movie *"Santa Rosa – The Chosen Spot of all the Earth,"* and a member of the Society of American Archivists.

Santa Rosa Finley Center, CYPRESS ROOM, 2060 West College Ave.
Chat at noon – Meeting begins at 1:00



Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2019		
Feb 27 - Mar 2	RootsTech 2019 Now offering a Virtual Pass	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 17	International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	National Genealogical Society	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	50th Annual Jamboree 2018	Burbank, California
July 21 - 26	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	Genealogical Research Institute of	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

	Pittsburgh (GRIP)	
Jul 28 - Aug 2	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug 21 - 24	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Washington, DC
Sep 19 - 21	APG Professional Management Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah
2020		
Jan	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah

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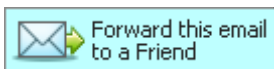
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

Become a member of CGS



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



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