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### October 2019 Announcements

#### October is Family History Month

Come to the Library in October to continue your family research. The library is FREE to all for the entire month!

It is a time to remember our roots and celebrate our unique histories and identities. It also happens to be the month that we celebrate several specific heritage days:

- [German-American Day](#) - Oct 6
- [Italian Heritage Month](#)
- [Polish American Heritage month](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#) - Oct 14




Suggestions on how to celebrate the month:

1. Begin writing down some of your own life stories
2. Call a relative you haven't heard from in a long time and reestablish those family connections
3. Create a family cookbook - then invite family over to enjoy a meal
4. Get the next generation involved
5. Google your ancestors
6. Join a genealogical or historical society
7. Preserve your family pictures
8. Record some of your parents' memories of their younger years
9. Record the voices of your young children or grandchildren and keep them to listen to when they are older
10. Start a family website
11. Take a DNA test to see where you came from
12. Take pictures of family tombstones
13. Come to the [Library](#).



Our next **Quarterly Membership Meeting is in October 12 at noon.**

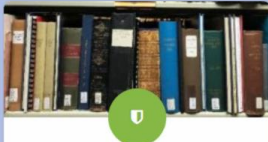
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### Classes and Events

The California Genealogical Society (CGS) is more than just a research library. Come learn how to do genealogical research by taking classes. Learn about upcoming field trips, research trips, special events, and headline speakers.


[READ MORE](#)



### Visit our Library

The CGS Library has over 36,000 genealogical books, historic maps, a one-of-a-kind manuscripts collection, and a bank of computers loaded with programs for doing research. Find an experienced volunteer to get help with your questions.

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Special Interest Groups (SIG)

The society has five special interest groups for members to link up with others doing similar research.

[JOIN A SIG](#)



[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) continues through to October 15. This is a good month to learn about Latin American and Hispanic genealogical resources.

- [Researching Your Ancestors in Latin America - Part 2](#)
- [Latin America Genealogy Resources](#)
- FamilySearch Wiki - [Central American & Caribbean](#), [South American](#), [Spanish](#)
- Cyndi's List - [Mexico](#), [Central & South America](#), [Caribbean](#), [Spain](#)



### CGS Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in 2020 by Lisa S. Gorrell, CG

Yes, there will be a CGS research trip in 2020!

It is being led by Lisa Gorrell and is scheduled for **May 24 through May 31**, 2020. May 25 is Memorial Day, but the library will be open. The group will be staying at the Plaza Hotel, which is next door to the library.

Please let [Lisa Gorrell](#) know if you will also be attending NGS, just prior to this CGS sponsored research trip.



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Classes and SIGs



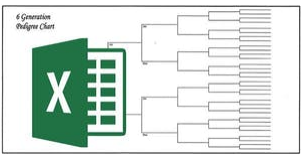



**California Genealogical Society & Library**  
**2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland**





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](#).

	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></p> <p>Our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class is 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.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 5, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><a href="#">Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files: A Treasure Trove of Original Documents</a> with Trish Hackett Nicola</p> <p>The purpose of the Chinese Exclusion Act was to limit the number of Chinese entering the United States, exclude laborers, and prevent the Chinese already here from becoming naturalized citizens. This presentation will give you examples of the types of documents that were created for Chinese individuals over the sixty-one years the Act was in existence. The National Archives-Seattle has over 50,000 case files.</p> <p>Thursday, Oct 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m.                  This class is presented by CGS at <b>The Oakland Family History Center</b>.</p>
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	<p><a href="#">Field Trip To Sutro Library</a></p> <p>The Sutro Library (the State Library's San Francisco branch) holds the original collection of Adolph Sutro (1830-1898), California businessman and San Francisco mayor. The library has a large collection of publications and items dating from the 13th to the 21st centuries as well as <i>one of the largest genealogy collections in the U.S.</i></p> <p>Tuesday, October 15, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  <i>For CGS Members Only</i></p>
	<p><a href="#">San Francisco SIG</a></p>

	<p>Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SFSIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 19, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></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, Oct 19, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Excel for Genealogists</a> with Stewart Blandón Traiman</p> <p>Stewart loves spreadsheets! He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using it in genealogy quite frequently. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets.</p> <p>This is a hands-on class. Please bring a laptop with Excel loaded.</p> <p>Spreadsheets are fun!</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 19, from 1 - 4 p.m. This class will be held at the Oakland Family History Library.</p> <p><b>*** Sold Out - sign up for the waiting list ***</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Workshop: Build a Book and Learn Book Repair Techniques</a> with Bill O'Neil</p> <p>Join Bill O'Neil and members of the Book Repair committee for a workshop on repairing books. Workshop participants learn book repair techniques by creating a book for themselves. All supplies are included and Bill will guide the group step by step in assembly. The finished product will be a copy of a "how to" pamphlet written by the late Dick Thrift, founder of the CGS Book Repair Committee. Everyone goes home with a self-made instruction book and souvenir of the day which includes a list of places to obtain the materials in the future.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Following the Paper Trail in England: From 1837-1937</a> with Jeremy Frankel</p> <p>Jeremy will explore the kinds of records available for researching ancestors in England and Wales from 1837, when civil registration began, to the outbreak of World War Two.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 9, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Mayflower Descendants - Special Interest Group</a> with Robert Trapp</p> <p>Offered by the California Genealogical Society, held at the The Society of California Mayflower Descendants offices across the Hall from the CGS library.</p> <p>The Mayflower Descendants SIG will focus initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.</p>

	Saturday, Nov 16, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
	<p><a href="#">Creating and Maintaining a Family Tree on FamilySearch.org</a></p> <p>Join FamilySearch family tree experts Debbie Perrone and Denise Plaskett to learn the ins and outs of entering your data on the Family Tree on FamilySearch.org.</p> <p>You will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter and edit data</li> <li>• Search and attach historical records</li> <li>• Contact others</li> <li>• Attach documents, photos and more</li> <li>• Get assistance both on site at the Family Search Library and online</li> </ul> <p>Saturday Nov 16, from 1 - 3 p.m. This class will be held at the Oakland Family History Library.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Scotland and Northern Ireland Research</a> with Mark McLaren</p> <p>The population of Scotland and Northern Ireland today is less than 7 million combined. Yet, the number of people worldwide with an ancestry from those areas is estimated between 70-90 million. Chances are you or someone you are researching has roots from there. This presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec 14, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
<p>Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

## Volunteers!

### It's October! Time to "treat" CGS by joining our team of volunteers!

CGS has a place for everyone - and we have a variety of jobs and committees that can always use some help:

- **Desk Committee:** We need friendly members to staff the front desk during our public hours, Thursdays - Saturdays. Training is provided for this once-a-month commitment.
- **Events and Education Committee:** Join our team to help plan classes and events.
- **Communication Committee:** Help promote CGS events and get the word out to the community.
- **Tech Committee:** Help keep our library computers and network functioning smoothly with a once-a-month maintenance commitment (Mondays, Windows 10). Training provided on the specific procedures.



Feel free to submit the [CGS Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information!

## Meetings and More

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

#### Board Meeting -- October 12 at 10 a.m.

##### Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports

- Old Business
- New Business



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If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Jim Sorenson](#).

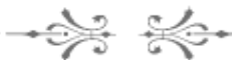
### CGS Blog

#### 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: Wyoming](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Wisconsin](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: West Virginia](#)

And this concludes the 50 part series written by Chris Pattillo on the library holdings for every state in the union. An amazing accomplishment Chris and a valuable resource for years to come! Thank You!

[CGS Champions: Our Shelf-Read Team](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Meet the President: Jim Sorenson](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Report from the FGS Conference in Washington D.C.](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



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

[Beginning Tips and 23 Secrets to Organize Your Genealogy](#) -- Family Tree Magazine

[New York vital record substitutes: Religious records](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B

[How to Create Your Genealogy Research Plan \(& Why You Should!\)](#) -- by Lisa Lisson

[French Genealogy: Filae.com launches English language site](#) -- by Lisa Cooke

["A New Leaf", A new Television Series by Ancestry to debut on NBC this Fall](#) -- Ancestry.com

[Top Tools I Use: Charting](#) -- on Genealogy Pants Blog

And now for something complete different:



Census Taker vs. Old Lady - SNL

### 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

**San Mateo County Genealogical Society - Fall Seminar 2019**

**Judy Russell**  
the Legal Genealogist

presents

**The Law, GPS Evidence,  
and DNA Ethics**



Join us for a day of gaining insight about genealogy, more than you may have thought.

Judy Russell is a genealogist with a law degree and is one of the best thinkers and lecturers in the field. Her talks are delivered with good humor, perception, and thoughtful connections. She will address law in our ancestors' time, conducting solid research, and ethics surrounding today's DNA testing.

- Finding the Law
- The Law and Reasonably Exhaustive (Re)Search
- DNA and the Golden Rule: The Law and Ethics of Genetic Genealogy
- No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[smcgs.org/programs/seminars](http://smcgs.org/programs/seminars)

### Major National and International Conferences:

#### [Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

<b>2019</b>		
Fall 2019	<a href="#">SLIG Virtual Programs</a>	Online
Oct 11 - 13	<a href="#">Texas State Genealogical Society</a>	Houston, Texas
Oct 24 - 26	<a href="#">RootsTech: London</a>	London
<b>2020</b>		
Jan 17 - 19	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a> CGS Member <a href="#">Marisa Louie Lee</a> will be on faculty for SLIG 2020.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jan 19 - 24	<a href="#">SLIG Academy for Professionals</a> - registration opens 13 July 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 26 - 29	<a href="#">RootsTech 2020</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Apr 29 - May 2	<a href="#">Ohio Genealogical Society Conference</a>	Sandusky, OH
May 20 - 23	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions)	<a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 26 - 31	<a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a>	Atlanta, Georgia
Jul 31 - Aug 1	<a href="#">Celtic Connections Conference</a>	Wheeling, Illinois
Aug 9 - 14	<a href="#">IAJGS International Conference on Jewish</a>	San Diego, California



	<a href="#">Genealogy.</a>	
Sep 2 - 5	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)</a>	Kansas City, Missouri
Sep 10 - 12	<a href="#">New York State Family History Conference</a>	Albany, New York
	My Heritage LIVE	
	APG Professional Management Conference	Portland, Oregon
2021	<a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</a>	Cincinnati, Ohio

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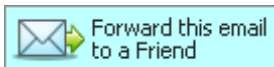
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

**Become a member of CGS**



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



Email [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), eNews Editor with any questions.

