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March 2020 Announcements



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all the Irish and their admirers!

Join the 5th Annual CGS [Irish Ancestry Network Meetup](#). This year "Sleuthing for Irish Sources" will be presented by Dan Ford. He'll discuss how to find sub-national sources and how to enrich genealogy stories with them. Before the noon potluck, there will be a short presentation by Maureen Hanlon on new and updated Irish records.



March is also [Women's History Month](#)

"The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history."

March is a great month to write your female ancestor's stories!





Website Launched

Our new website launched mid-February and so far the response has been very positive. There were a few minor glitches that our website team of John Ralls and Theresa Murphy promptly fixed. If you have not already done so please see what's new at <https://www.californiaancestors.org/>. If you have comments or suggestions try the new "Leave Us A Suggestion" feature at the bottom of the home page - now or anytime in the future. We always want to hear what our members think and want to find at CGS.



Life Member Tea

Invitations will be mailed out soon. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Life Member Tea on April 26th.



Building Skills for Successful Family History Research



[Building Skills for Successful Family History Research](#)

Wednesdays, March 18 - April 8, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
with Pamela Brett

Are you interested in family history but not sure how to get started? Or have you been researching for some time, but want to go farther?

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.

The course will be held at the Oakland Family Search Library in four Wednesday evening classes.

March 18, 2020	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
March 25, 2020	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
April 1, 2020	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
April 8, 2020	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

It is strongly recommended that participants plan on attending all four classes as the skills are presented in a sequential pattern.

Six key research skills will be included:

1. Determining which kinds of records to look for
2. Identifying where to find these records
3. Documenting the sources of your information
4. Assessing the reliability of the records you found
5. Analyzing the results of your research
6. Making a solid case for your research conclusions

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

Class handouts will include basic strategies and cautions, as well as useful websites to use in your research.

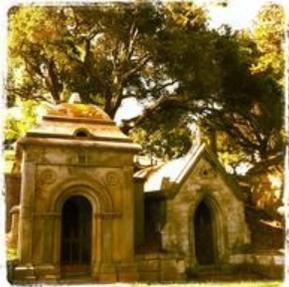
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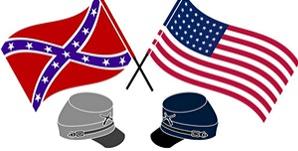
Classes and SIGs

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](#).



[Introduction to Genealogy](#)

	<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, Mar 7, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>Mayflower Descendants - Special Interest Group with Robert Trapp</p> <p>Offered by the California Genealogical Society, The Mayflower Descendants SIG will focus initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 14, from Noon - 2 p.m.</p>
	<p>Irish Ancestry Network Meetup</p> <p>Join others researching Irish ancestors for our fifth annual opportunity to meet in person. We will exchange successes, discoveries and strategies for researching in Ireland. Networking will occur in the morning followed by a potluck lunch and speaker or short presentations in the afternoon.</p> <p>Sunday, Mar 15 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>
	<p>Building Skills for Successful Family History Research with Pamela Brett</p> <p>This class is presented by CGS at The Oakland FamilySearch Library</p> <p>Are you interested in family history but not sure how to get started? Or have you been researching for some time, but want to go farther?</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>Wednesdays, Mar 18 - April 8 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>San Francisco SIG</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, Mar 21, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>The Naughty and Notorious Tour of Mountain View Cemetery</p> <p>This is a Members only Docent-led tour of Mountain View Cemetery.</p> <p>Docent Michael Colbruno will lead the CGS group on his most popular tour (formerly known as Headline Makers), including stories about the suicide of a Hall of Fame baseball player, a famous San Francisco madam, a corrupt judge, a scam artist who fascinated Mark Twain, a buried heart, a Hollywood director accused of bigamy and others who pushed the boundaries of acceptable behavior.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon</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 on the third Saturday of each month</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 21, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>West Coast Immigration to the United States in the 20th Century with Linda Okazaki</p> <p>20th Century immigrants to the west coast arrived by ship through Washington, Oregon, and California. Some immigrants arrived overland through Canada and Mexico. Vast numbers of these immigrants were Asian. This lecture will examine the ports of entry, the records generated, and the laws which impacted who and how the immigrants arrived. Many examples from the Angel Island Quarantine Station and Immigration Station will be used.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 21 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. At the Oakland FamilySearch Library</p>
	<p>Blogging to Share Your Family History for Writers and Non-Writers with Chris Pattillo</p> <p>This will be an introductory class for starting a blog. Chris will begin by talking about the pros and cons of blogging vs publishing books, or never getting around to doing anything with all your wonderful research.</p> <p>Then we will jump right in and create a blog using Blogger, which is free and very easy to use. Chris will show attendees how to choose a theme and background, review page layout options, add gadgets, add text, photos and captions, how to edit after posting, and more.</p> <p>Saturday, Mar 28 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Finding Your Civil War Ancestors - Presented by Jeff Vaillant</p> <p>This class is presented by CGS at The Oakland FamilySearch Library</p> <p>Join Jeff Vaillant in a session where he will share stories and strategies about finding his Civil War ancestors. Jeff will provide websites and other sources for you to be successful in locating military and pension and other resources both online and offline. Jeff can also provide information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 18, 2020 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Oakland FamilySearch Library Talk & Workshop presentation by Jane Lindsey</p> <p>Come hear a presentation by Jane Lindsey at 11:00 about using Familysearch.org to discover the incredible genealogical resource FamilySearch.org has become. People are amazed when they see the resources they have been overlooking.</p> <p>The presentation will include using the Research Wiki, the Catalog as well as providing tips to use to search for your ancestors.</p> <p>Thursday, Apr 29 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Talk) Hands on assistance in the lab 12:30 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>This members only event is presented by CGS at The Oakland FamilySearch Library</p>

	<p>The Kindness of Strangers: Using Mitochondrial DNA to Prove a Mayflower Ancestry presented by Matt Berry</p> <p>Mitochondrial DNA (mt-DNA) Testing may be the least used type of DNA test for genealogical purposes, but it can be a powerful tool for identifying matrilineal lines. This presentation will present a case study using mt-DNA test results as part of a proof argument that meets the Genealogical Proof Standard, and current Genealogy Standards for Using DNA Evidence.</p> <p>Saturday, May 9, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Finding Military Records Using Fold3 presented by Anne Mitchell</p> <p>Join Ancestry.com Senior Manager Anne Mitchell for an overview of Fold3, a database that provides convenient access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. If you have ancestors who were in any military conflicts beginning with the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam war, this talk will be a great introduction to content and search strategies.</p> <p>Saturday, May 16 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. This class is presented by CGS at The Oakland FamilySearch Library</p>
	<p>Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meeting by Craig Siulinski</p> <p>Come, to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.</p> <p>Saturday, May 30, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

Writing Your Family History Series



[Writing Your Family History Series](#)

Seven Sessions
 April 11, April 25, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24
 1 pm - 4 pm, CGS Classroom

The California Genealogical Society will present an encore of our popular series Writing Your Family History. By the end of the course, you will be ready to start writing, or will be already writing, a family history with confidence and style!

Who Should Take This Course?

This course series is for genealogists and family historians who are ready to transform their research into a quality family history. The course will be lead by a team of dedicated volunteers - Matthew B. Berry, CG, Jennifer Dix, Lois Elling, Lisa Gorrell, CG, and Stewart Traiman - who have different and complementary skills.

<p>Kickoff April 11, 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Telling Our Family Stories</p> <p>Panelists: Matthew B. Berry, CG, Jennifer Dix, Lois Elling, Lisa Gorrell, CG, Stewart Traiman, and others.</p> <p>This will be a panel discussion in which each panelist discusses how they have told their family history stories. Examples will include books, journals/magazines, blogs, video, and other forms.</p>
<p>Session 1 April 25, 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Writing Stories</p> <p>Instructor: Lisa Gorrell, CG</p> <p>This class will get you started writing your family history book. We will discuss defining your writing project, writing as a research tool, and ideas for providing context to your narratives.</p>
<p>Session 2 June 27, 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Writing and Editing With Style</p> <p>Instructor: Jennifer Dix</p> <p>This class will discuss style: why writers need style sheets, and what style decisions need to be made. Also discussed will be how to edit your writing: who should do it, when to do it, and what to look for.</p>
<p>Session 3 July 25, 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Citation: Easier Than You Think</p> <p>Instructor: Stewart Traiman</p> <p>This class will be based on Tom Jones' Mastering Genealogical Documentation. We'll break down all 17 chapters to make them more easily understandable and provide exercises for each. Attendees will leave with much more confidence in how to craft their own citations for any source.</p>
<p>Session 4 August 22, 1-4 pm</p>	<p>From Front to Back: Components of a Quality Family History Book</p> <p>Instructor: Matthew B. Berry, CG</p> <p>This class will review the parts of a quality family history book, what to include in the front matter, the main body, and the end matter of your book. It will then go into detail on how to organize the main body of your work, covering the most popular</p>

	genealogical numbering systems. The session will conclude with the "back door" to your book - the index.
Session 5 September 26, 1-4 pm	Making Your Book Look Good: Page Layout and Art Preparation Instructor: Lois Elling This class will cover how to add visual interest to your narratives: choosing typefaces that are easy to read, adding pictures and diagrams to your stories, and page layout software options.
Session 6 October 24, 1-4 pm	Don't Stop the Presses: Publishing Your Genealogy Book Instructors: Lois Elling and Matthew B. Berry, CG This class will show how to turn your word processor files into a professional- looking family history book. Topics will include: creating a file to send to the printer, choosing a printer, paper and binding considerations, and more.

Volunteers!

CGS needs your tech skills!

Volunteers are needed to join the CGS Technology Committee, helping to keep our in-library computers and network functioning smoothly. Maintenance is performed weekly on Mondays, and usually takes a couple of hours. Duty rotates among volunteers, which generally results in a once-a-month commitment. Requires familiarity with Windows 10 setup and troubleshooting; you'll get training on the specific procedures.

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

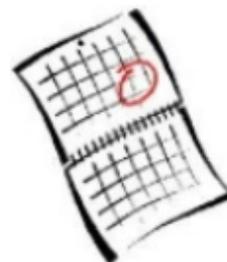


Meetings and More

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

Board Meeting

The board will not be having its regular monthly meeting in March. Board meetings will resume in April.



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 [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.



[Results of the CGS Member Survey](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Nichi Bei "Film of Remembrance" February 22 & 23](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[New Website Launch](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Chinese American Pilgrimage in History Marysville, February 22 & 23](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[The top six DNA tools I can't live without](#) -- on Toll Genealogy

[25 Best Genealogy Websites for Beginners](#) -- by Sunny Jane Morton on Family Tree Magazine

[Deadname: Writing about Transgender people](#) -- on SixGen by Stewart Traiman

[Unratified Amendments: Protection of Slavery](#) -- by Jessie Kratz at NARA

[MyHeritage in Color™ Goes Viral: Over a Million Photos Already Colorized!](#) -- by Esther

[Finding German World War II Service Records](#) -- by FamilySearch

[Mississippi State University Libraries to Digitize Records of Enslaved Mississippians for the First Time](#)
-- by Dick Eastman



Top 5 Genealogy TV Shows (VLOG #35)

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

[The History of Golden Gate Park](#) - Mar 5 at 7 p.m. by The Society of California Pioneers' Museum and Library.



Featuring
Carol Kostakos
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Greek
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GREEK GENEALOGY DAY

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Doors open at 9:00am
Event to run 9:30am-4:00pm

Join us for a full day of learning how to research your Greek family history along with a first-time screening of the Greek Heritage Society of Southern California's latest documentary, "The New Greek Americans, 1960-2018"

RSVP:
ascensionhistorical89@gmail.com

Or via Google doc form: [RSVP link](#)

**Ascension
Cathedral**
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advised as space
is limited to 100
participants!
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2020 Webinar Calendar

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| 1 st Saturday webinars: | 3 rd Wednesday webinars: |
| 10:00 AM Pacific | 6:00 PM Pacific |
| 11:00 AM Mountain | 7:00 PM Mountain |
| 12:00 PM Central | 8:00 PM Central |
| 1:00 PM Eastern | 9:00 PM Eastern |

FREE!

<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/2020jes-index.html>

-  Sheila Benedict - Migration Trails Are Paper Trails: Let's Pick Through the Crumbs
Saturday, January 4, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Daniel Earl - A Million Ways to Die in the Colonies: Death and Burial in Colonial America
Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Janice Lovelace - African Americans in the Military - 18th to mid-20th Century
Saturday, February 1, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Tammy Priolo, BAsc, PLGGS- De-Thorning Interviews, Cold Calls & First Contact
Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Nicka Smith - Reverse Genealogy, DNA, and Tracing the Living
Saturday, March 7, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Diane Richard - 1867 Voter Registration and Beyond
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Julie Goucher - Foundations to Researching in Europe
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Jill Morelli, CG® - Dissecting a Civil War Pension - Union & Confederate
Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  David Dowell, PhD.- When Prussian Grandpa Contributed No DNA, Can We Find Out Who Did?
Saturday, May 2, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Nancy Waters - The Packet Ships That Brought Them To America
Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Thomas MacEntee- The Other Census - US State Censuses
Wednesday, June 17, 6:00 PM Pacific

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-  Seema Kenney - Julian to Gregorian: When and How our Calendar Changed
Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Christine Cohen - Cousin Baiting and Cousin Stalking
Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Cari Taplin, CG®- The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories
Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Sara Cochran - Who Needed it Anyway? Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census
Saturday, September 5, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Peggy Lauritzen, AG®, FOGS- Putting America to Work: Records of the WPA and the CCC
Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Michael Strauss, AG® - Manifest Destiny: Researching Your Mexican War Ancestors
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD.- Researching California Mission Indians Using a Case Study
Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Johanne Gervais, BSc, MBA - Researching Your French Canadian Ancestors
Saturday, November 7, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Jane Neff Rollins, MSPH- From Chernorudka to Chicago - Learnings From One Family's Immigration Path
Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 PM Pacific
-  Barbara Randall - George Randall- Beyond the Military Record: A Case Study
Saturday, December 5, 10:00 AM Pacific
-  Annette Burke Lyttle - Bounty Land: It's Complicated
Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 PM Pacific

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Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2020		
Apr 29 - May 2	<u>Ohio Genealogical Society Conference</u>	Sandusky, OH
May 20 - 23	<u>National Genealogical Society</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions)	<u>Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</u>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 13 - 17	<u>Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)</u>	Washington D.C.

Jul 26 - 31	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jul 31 - Aug 1	Celtic Connections Conference	Wheeling, Illinois
Aug 9 - 14	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	San Diego, California
Sep 2 - 5	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Kansas City, Missouri
Sep 10 - 12	New York State Family History Conference	Albany, New York
Oct 15 - 17	APG Professional Management Conference	Portland, Oregon
Oct 25 - 26	MyHeritage LIVE	Tel Aviv, Israel
Nov 13 - 15	Texas State Genealogical Society	Irving, Texas
2021		
Jan 10 - 15	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jan 17 - 22	SLIG Academy for Professionals	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jul 16 - 18	International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Feb 3 - 6	RootsTech 2020	Salt Lake City, Utah

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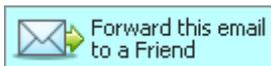
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

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