



May 2020 Announcements

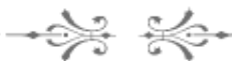
May is Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Join us in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched world history. In the U.S.A. the month of May was chosen by congressional bill in June 1977 to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Here are a few resources to assist your Asian / Pacific research.

- [Cyndi's List](#) - Asia and the Pacific
- [National Archives - Chinese Immigration](#)
- [National Archive at San Francisco](#) (in San Bruno) has records generated by the Federal courts and more than 100 Federal agency field offices in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (i.e. Marshall, Caroline, and Northern Mariana Islands). Holdings also include records of U.S. Navy bases on foreign territory in the Pacific and Far East and are a primary resource for the study of Asian-Pacific immigration, environmental and natural history, naval and military activity in the Pacific.
- [Angel Island Immigration Island Foundation](#), the "Ellis Island of West".



Message from the President - April 24, 2020

I hope you are all weathering the COVID-19 storm. These continue to be extraordinary and unprecedented times for all of us. I know most of us want to return to "normal". For CGS, normal would be resuming our classes at the library. Although we closed our library and canceled classes before it was required, our continued closure is a function of county health mandates. We will not be able to open our library or resume classes at the library until sometime after there is some relaxing of general

restrictions. Phase one of relaxed restrictions will still prohibit gatherings of people greater than some number (say 10) people. I have not heard anyone say when phase one will start in Alameda County, and certainly no one can say when the later phases will occur. We have decided to cancel classes which were scheduled as part of a series, if the front end of that series has already been canceled. That doesn't mean those classes will not take place this year but they will not take place as currently scheduled.

CGS has been working with remote access technology and we had our first remote access class on April 9. We are working on having other remote access classes and they will be posted on our website and in our blog as they are developed and scheduled. This is new territory for CGS and we are working diligently to bring these classes to our CGS membership and other members of the genealogy community who look to CGS for guidance and instruction.

James Sorenson, President

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](#).



Currently all classes, Special Interest Groups and events have been cancelled through the end of May. Classes for June and beyond are on hold during the emergency "Shelter in Place" order in effect for California.



With a generous donation of a Zoom account, in addition to Google Meet, we will begin offering more online learning opportunities. Following on Chris Pattillo's successful transmission of [How to Blog](#), our planned offerings include Stewart Traidman's popular [Excel class](#) and Pam Brett's four part [Skills Series](#), tailored for those who want trees that "stand up". We're also contacting speakers who weren't able to present in person to get them on the schedule. Let us know what you'd like to see.

AND we'd love to have you join the Events team and get trained on the programs we will be using for remote classes. Volunteer(s) will serve as "room moderator" and/or take on some light scheduling and work with our registration leader. This job can be done from home. Please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#) with suggestions and if you're able to help.

Meetings and More

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

Board Meeting

Due to the Coronavirus, the May CGS Board will be meeting online. You can [register here](#) and join us if interested.

The Board Meeting will be led by CGS President, Jim Sorenson and will include Officer and Committee Reports, along with other items.

The meeting will take place via Zoom on Saturday, May 9, at 10 am. If you join, please sign in early to make sure you are able to see the program. We will send you a joining instructions the night before which will give you access.

Agenda

Continuing Business



Annual meeting comments (Jim) - deferred
Building Safety Orientation (Rich) - deferred
Strategic Plan goals (Chris) - deferred

New Business

Website Content (Chris)
Reopening restrictions (Jim)

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).

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.



[Quarantine Quests: A Genealogist's Fairytale Come True](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Message from the President](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Online Genealogy: Week of April 27-May 3](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[DNA Day test kit sales!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Quarantine Quests: A Lifetime of Postcards](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Online Genealogy: Week of April 19-26](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Quarantine Quests: Writing Leads To New Discoveries](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

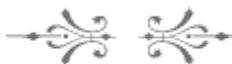
[Quarantine Quests: An Irish cousin provides vital clues](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Quarantine Quests: Jim Sorenson Tackles His Maternal Grandfather](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Quarantine Quests: A Hobby With Infinite Possibilities](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[COVID-19 update: Library closed through May 6, Salt Lake City trip canceled](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[The Census: It Ain't What it Used to Be](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Reclaim the Records Wins Long-Running Lawsuit for Missouri Birth Index and Death Index](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Ancestry® Invites Its Members to Help Advance Research to Fight COVID-19](#) -- on Ancestry.com blog

[Ancestry® Unveils 75 New Communities for Members with Ties to Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and More](#) -- on Ancestry.com blog

[U.S. Yearbook Records Now Free and in Color](#) -- MyHeritage Blog

[A Comparison of the Big Four Genealogy Websites](#) -- by Sunny Jane Morton on FamilyTree

[Wear a Mask and Save Your Life: the 1918 Flu Pandemic](#) -- by Jessiekrazt at the National Archives



Genetic History of the Pacific Islands: Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia



1918 Spanish Flu historical documentary | Swine Flu Pandemic | Deadly plague of 1918

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](#).

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

Local Events

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

Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

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| 2020 | | |
| May 20 - 23 | National Genealogical Society will now be virtual | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| Jun & Jul 2020 | Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |

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| (3 sessions) | (GRIP) will now be virtual | |
| Jul 13 - 17 | Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) | Washington D.C. |
| Jul 26 - 31 | The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) will now be virtual | 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 |
| | Ohio Genealogical Society Conference | |

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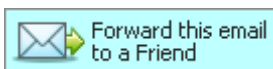
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

Become a member of CGS



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The library is (usually) open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will be open again once the "Shelter in Place" order is lifted for California.



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Email me with any questions.

