June 2020 Announcements

June is for Fathers

This is a good time to write your father’s father’s father’s father biological profile. Or bolster up your research on any of your fatherly ancestors.

Genealogy Project for Father’s Day: Celebrate Dad by Writing His Story by Gena Philibert-Ortega on GenealogyBank

10 Unique Genealogy Gifts for Father’s Day

Father’s Day Traditions Around the World by Ashlee Peck on FamilyTree Magazine

We also celebrate LGBTQ and Caribbean folk

June is PRIDE month commemorating the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in Greenwich Village, NY in 1969.

In December 2019, Thomas MacEntee wrote about FamilySearch launches a new function that allows users to build same-sex family trees on its free website.

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month.

National Caribbean-American Heritage Month: June at the US Census

Caribbean American Heritage Month at the National Archives
President's Message

We have received requests to do research at the CGS library on a solo basis. We have not approved any such requests. FYI, the building security protocols were changed on April 27 so that only preregistered visitors can gain access to the building. Entry to the library by any of our volunteers has been approved on an extremely limited basis.

James Sorenson, President

Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages

Japanese Americans participate in annual pilgrimages to the incarceration camps throughout the U.S. where they and their ancestors were imprisoned during World War II. This year, the pilgrimages will take place virtually.

CGS has been invited to help attendees learn more about their ancestry through genealogy consultations. If you would like to volunteer on Thursday afternoons/evenings between June 18 and August 13, please contact Grant Din or Linda Okazaki. Genealogy consultations be conducted via Zoom or phone calls and will be limited to 30 minutes (or less) per consultation.

Classes and SIGs

Register on Eventbrite.

We are extremely pleased to offer our ONLINE classes while our meeting place is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Excel for Genealogists
Hosted by Stewart Traiman

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. Spreadsheets are FUN!

via Zoom on June 16 & 17 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
This class spans two evening sessions

Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group
Hosted by Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

This Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group is perfect for new FTM users, people who are just FTM curious, and experienced FTM veterans. All Welcome!

via Zoom on Saturday, June 20, at 1 pm

Volunteers

Thanks to the CGS "shelter-in-place" team!

A big thanks to all of our volunteers who continue to support CGS by working from home during the current Coronavirus situation. Your work has benefited all of our CGS members - whether it’s participating in online (Zoom, Google Meet) committee meetings,
members - whether it's participating in online (Zoom, Google Meet) committee meetings, posting on social media, behind-the-scenes organizing and countless other tasks.

If you are a CGS member interested in joining our team of volunteers when life gets back to "normal," contact Kathleen Beitiks for information.

Stay healthy, everyone!

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**Meetings & More**

**CGS Board**

June 13, 10 a.m. to noon.

Due to the Coronavirus, the May CGS Board will be meeting online via Zoom. You can attend this meeting by registering on Eventbrite.

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**
- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Old Business

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group then please contact Maureen Hanlon.

**CGS Blog**

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.

- **Religion and Politics: A Korean Family's Journey to Hawaii** - by Cindy Kim Thomson
- **The A-Files: a rich source of information** - by Marisa Louise Lee
- **Quarantine Quests: Quaker Connections** - by Chris Pattillo
- **Lost at sea: a discovery in a Japanese koseki** - by Gordon Hamachi
- **A Message from CGS President Jim Sorenson** - by Jim Sorenson
- **Chinese Couplets: A daughter's long search for her immigrant mother's past** - by Felicia Lowe

Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly roundup of online genealogy events.

**Other**

- **MyHeritage Online Events in May–June** - by Esther on MyHeritage

**Genealogy**

- **7 Journal Ideas to Help You Record Your Story** - by Sally Odekirk on FamilySearch
Genealogy Blogs

- How to Analyze Your Genealogy Research - by Amy Johnson Crow
- New NYG&B Records Online: Member Biographies and Religious Records - by Frederick Wertz and Carlos A. Santiago
- Over One Million RAF Operations Record Books released on TheGenealogist - by Dick Eastman
- OpenSFHistory is an Online Archive of more than 50,000 Historic Images of San Francisco and the Bay Area - by Dick Eastman
- Asian/Pacific American History: Learning our Legacy - by Jessiekrazt on National Archives Blog

For Father's Day - a look at Y-DNA

![Y-DNA Concept](image)

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

Family History Library Webinar Series
Bay Area Genealogy Calendar maintained by the Sutro Library

National & International Conference Schedule

2020

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)  
Jun & Jul 2020 (3 sessions), will now be virtual

Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)  
Jul 7 - 9, virtual

Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) - Cancelled  
Jul 13 - 17, Washington D.C.

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)  
Jul 26 - 31, will now be virtual

Celtic Connections Conference  
Jul 31 - Aug 1, will now be virtual

IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy  
Aug 10 - 14, will now be virtual

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.
Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)
Sep 2 - 5, Kansas City, Missouri

New York State Family History Conference
Sep 10 - 12, Albany, New York

APG Professional Management Conference - Cancelled
Oct 15 - 17, Portland, Oregon

MyHeritage LIVE - Postponed
Oct 25 - 26, Tel Aviv, Israel

Texas State Genealogical Society
Nov 13 - 15, Irving, Texas

2021

Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)
Jan 10 - 15, Salt Lake City, Utah

SLIG Academy for Professionals
Jan 17 - 22, Salt Lake City, Utah

International German Genealogy Partnership
Jul 16 - 18, Cincinnati, Ohio

RootsTech 2021
Feb 3 - 6, Salt Lake City, Utah

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference
April 14 - 17, Columbus, Ohio

National Genealogical Society
2021 Information pending

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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 Alameda County.