



July 2020 Announcements

Happy 4th of July in Quarantine of 2020

There may be no fireworks and BBQ picnics this year as we all continue to shelter in place, but you can still do genealogy from home.

Remember all our ancestors that came as immigrants or by force through out U.S. history. Remember those that came before the U.S.A. was born 244 years ago, and those that were already here. All peoples have contributed to the making of this great country.

Now is the time to come together to support and advance everyone's freedoms. Continue to learn about each other's cultures and histories. Genealogy and Family History are for everyone, and about everyone.



CGS Classes go Virtual

Our distance learning program is underway! We had a class on blogging in April, two classes in celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander heritage in May, and a two part session on spreadsheets in June. All of these were well

American Pacific Islander heritage in May, and a two-part session on spreadsheets in June. All of these were well received. We are excited to meet our members' long-standing need for remote events. More is being planned, but we can use your help.

We are looking for volunteers to help host our remote classes and to promote our offerings via social media. Training will be provided.

If you would like to teach a class, or can recommend a speaker, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#) for details.

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



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, 18 Jul from 1 - 3 pm](#)



All classes are virtual

7 - 8:30 pm

[Register for one or all classes in the series](#)

Writing Your Family History Series ONLINE

The California Genealogical Society will present an encore of our popular series **Writing Your Family History** online via Zoom. 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!

Writing Stories presented by Lisa Gorrell, CG

This two-part online class will cover defining your writing project and how to create time to write and avoid distractions. Also discussed will be what makes a compelling story, and adding historical and social context to your story. This online course will include in-class discussions and writing prompts, as well as a between-class writing exercise. *Please enroll in both sessions of this class.*

4 Aug & 11 Aug 2020

Writing and Editing with Style presented by Jennifer Dix

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.

18 Aug 2020

Genealogical Numbering Systems presented by Matt Berry, CG

This class will address the preferred approaches for organizing genealogical information in

This class will address the preferred approaches for organizing genealogical information in written form. Topics will include Register and NGSQ formats, the Sosa-Stradonitz (or Ahnentafel) System, and Multi-Surname approaches.

25 Aug 2020

Citation: Easier Than You Think presented by Stewart Traidman

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.

1 Sep 2020

Making Your Book Look Good I: Type & Graphics presented by Lois Elling

This class will cover how to add visual interest to your narratives and present a professional-looking book. Topics will include: typefaces, graphic elements, and photographs. Parts I and II of this course are designed to be taken together, but may be taken separately if desired.

8 Sep 2020

Making Your Book Look Good II: Page Layout and Software presented by Lois Elling

This class will continue to cover how to add visual interest to your narratives and present a professional-looking book. Topics will include: design basics, construction considerations, software, and going to print.

15 Sep 2020

Creating an Effective Index to your Family History Book presented by Matt Berry, CG

This class will teach how to create an effective index for your family history book. Most people don't read genealogies from cover to cover, the first thing a potential reader wants to know is whether their family is covered in the book, so they turn to the index first. Help your readers out by creating a useful index to your book.

22 Sep 2020

Volunteers

Pedigree Charts Indexing Project

Are you a member of CGS? If so, we are looking for a few generous volunteers to help us with our Pedigree Charts Indexing Project. (A perfect "job" for our current "stay-at-home" coronavirus situation!) About 100 years ago, a collection of Pedigree Charts were created by CGS members, with family names also recorded on index cards. The index cards have been scanned and our job will be to copy each name to an online spreadsheet. The plan is to make those spreadsheet entries available online, as a CGS member benefit to aid genealogical research. Each file is a group of about 170 index cards, and it takes about 4-5 hours to transfer the data to a spreadsheet. If you are interested in volunteering or want more details, please send an email [Kathleen Beitiks](mailto:Kathleen.Beitiks@CGS.org).



CGS Board

July 11, 10 a.m. to noon.

The CGS Board will continue meeting online via Zoom for the duration of the pandemic. Anyone 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.



CGS Blog

- [LGBTQ Genealogy: Illuminating the Past](#) - by Stewart Traiman
- [Quarantine Quests: Family Photos Brought to Life](#) - by Chris Pattillo
- [Quarantine Quests: Finding Enoch](#) - by Chris Pattillo
- [Website Content Committee: Pedigree Charts Update](#) - by Chris Pattillo
- [Family History with Young Kids... While Sheltering in Place](#) - by Marisa Louie Lee
- [Quarantine Quests: A Treasure Trove of Stories](#) - by Chris Pattillo
- [Immigrant Sugar Plantation Workers in Hawaii: A History](#) - by Cindy Thomson
- [Chinese Exclusion Act Files in Seattle: a treasure trove of information](#) - by Trish Hackett Nicola
- [Family Tree Maker SIG goes Virtual](#) - by Jennifer Dix
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly roundup of online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [The World War II-Era Actress Who Invented Wi-Fi: Hedy Lamarr](#) - by Jessiekrazt on National Archives Blog
- [Recognizing Juneteenth](#) - by Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist
- [Juneteenth: FamilySearch seeks Volunteers to Transcribe Records for a New Database of People of African Descent](#) - by Dick Eastman
- [Understanding the Importance and History of Juneteenth](#) - by Henry Louis Gates Jr. on Ancestry.com

- [Unmasking Pandemic Masks, Then and Now](#) - by Talya on MyHeritage
- [Introducing Cross-Language Record Matches](#) - by Esther on MyHeritage
- [Taking Better Notes in Your Genealogy Research](#) - by Amy Johnson Crow
- [7 Genealogy TV Shows That Will Inspire You to Do More Family History](#) - by Annelie Hansen on FamilySearch



Black Roots at Ancestry hosts
 “Freedom Redefined: Juneteenth Commemoration”
 by Nicka Sewell-Smith

In Memoriam

Laura Spurrier 1941 - 2020

Our CGS family of volunteers and members were saddened to hear of the passing of Laura Spurrier this past Tuesday morning (June 9). She had been a CGS member since 1996, a previous Board member and our librarian for many years.

Read more about Laura's contributions to CGS and Genealogy in [Jim Sorenson's message](#).

Obituaries for Laura can be found on [SFGate](#) and [Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary](#).

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

Thursday, July 9

Life Story Writing



"Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage" With Gena Philibert-Ortega (CCCGS Meetings)
 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 Zoom Meeting Webinar: Details Coming Soon
 Gena Philibert-Ortega, will share the story of suffragettes and the suffrage movement to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment when women gained the right to vote. CCCGS members will receive an email with a link to the webinar.

Online Course



Write Your Life Stories
 2 Pages at a Time~!

Instructor: Craig Siulinski

National & International Conference Schedule

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

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

Discovering Your Bluegrass Roots in Kentucky
 presented by the Kentucky Genealogical Society
 Aug 8 - Aug 29, eight virtual webinars
Stewart Trawman will be presenting "LGBTQ Genealogy" on Aug 22.

IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy
 Aug 10 - 13, will now be virtual

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)
 Sep 2 - 5, will now be virtual

New York State Family History Conference
 Sep 10 - 12, Albany, New York
 Sep 10 - 30, virtual

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

MyHeritage LIVE - Postponed

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

May 19 - 22, Richmond, VA

California Genealogical Society

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The library is (usually) open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Due to concerns about COVID 19, the CGS library is closed through at least mid-summer. This closure may be extended, so please check here before visiting our library. See our [Blog](#) for latest news.

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Society

Renew Your Membership