



August 2020 Announcements



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SOCIETY®

CGS will be the local host for NGS Conference in 2022

The National Genealogical Society will hold its 2022 conference in Sacramento, California and CGS will proudly serve as the local host society. "CGS is looking forward to working with the genealogical communities in Sacramento and throughout the West Coast to make the 2022 conference a fun and educational experience for family historians of all backgrounds," says CGS President Jim Sorenson.

An announcement brochure will be available at the [NGS 2021 Family History Conference](#) in Richmond, Virginia, 19-22 May 2021.

There is lots to plan and great volunteer opportunities as we prepare to welcome everyone to the west coast. Stay tuned to this space for all upcoming announcements.

Let Us Know

The CGS Development and Member Services Committee wants to know what we can do to improve the society's interactions with you during this strange time we are living in. For many of us, one of the benefits of membership is the social interactions we have at the library between classes, meetings and social events. The library closure has curtailed that member benefit dramatically.

The leadership of CGS is focused on finding ways to maintain the activities of the society. Online classes have been organized and scheduled, meetings are happening virtually and some committee work is continuing. What more can we do to engage you, inform you and provide service to you?

Communication is key. Our blog stats tell us that only 145 of our 965 members have signed up to follow our blog. The blog is one of the primary ways we communicate what our members are doing. Signing up is very easy. You just need to go to the [blog](#) where you will see a box on the right side that says "Follow This Blog". Enter your email address. Then whenever something new is published you will receive an email with the new post.

CGS Website

Last year we launched our updated website. Since then Website Committee Member, Theresa Murphy has continued to post new material. Soon the Website Content Committee will publish a new set of records that have been scanned and indexed. We invite you to visit the website regularly to learn more about what is happening at CGS.

We would like to hear from you and welcome your suggestions. What would engage you? What would inform you? What services might be of interest? You can contact [Chris Pattillo](#).

2020 Peace Lantern Ceremony in Berkeley

This year marks the 75th year since the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima on Aug 6 and Nagasaki on Aug 9). In Berkeley, Japan and around the world, people gather to float lanterns in remembrance of the victims of the bombing, all victims of war, and all who have gone before us.

Saturday, August 8, 2020 | 6 pm to 9 pm
Aquatic Park (North end), Berkeley



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



Rules For Entering Family History Data: A Russ Worthington Workshop

"Cousin Russ" will put on a workshop for CGS! He will share his philosophy, his rules for entering facts, data, and events into his genealogy software, Family Tree Maker. This session will be beneficial to most researchers (not just FTM), as we can all learn best practices for personal fact-recording procedures. This workshop will assist you with fact entry consistency into your family history software.

[via Zoom on Saturday, 1 Aug from 1 - 3 pm](#)



Genealogical Resources for Angel Island - FREE

Presented by Grant Din

Immigrants from Eighty Countries who passed through Angel Island and the Genealogical Resources They Left Behind. While people who have heard about Angel Island might know about the Chinese poetry carved on its walls, what is less known is that over half a million immigrants from eighty countries were processed by officials on the island, and genealogical resources are still available to researchers.

[via Zoom on Saturday, 13 Aug from 4 - 5 pm](#)



All classes are virtual

Tuesdays,
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 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 Traiman

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

Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group

Hosted by Ron Madson and Karen Halfon





Hosted by Tom Maudson and Karen Hailon

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, 15 Aug from 1 - 3 pm](#)



Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics

Not sure how to get started with your family research? Interested in refreshing your skills? Join us for a FREE Introduction to Genealogy class the FIRST SATURDAY of every month

[via Zoom on Saturday, 5 Sep from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm](#)



Introduction to DNA and Genetic Genealogy

with Mark McLaren

The class is designed to be an introduction to DNA as an exciting new tool for genealogists. It is intended for individuals who either are new to DNA or looking to improve their ability to use it in their research. The objective of the class is to provide a basic understanding of all DNA tests and concepts. It will examine the available tools and strategies to more effectively manage DNA matches. It will also create a solid foundation for those interested in taking classes in more advanced skills.

[via Zoom on Six Sessions
Tuesday, Sep 29 - Nov 3 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.](#)

Volunteers

Lineage Charts Indexing Project

A big “thanks” to CGS members who stepped up last month to help us with our Pedigree Charts Indexing Project! (See the CGS Blog post "[Quarantine Quests: The Joy of Indexing.](#)")

We are now about to embark upon Part 2 of the Lineage Charts Indexing Project and are looking for a few more volunteers. The Lineage Charts come from a set of “vintage” books in the CGS Library, which were compiled in the 1950s. Our task as indexers is to transfer individual family names on the charts to a spreadsheet.

If you are interested in volunteering or want more details, please send an email [Kathleen Beitiks](#).



Meetings & More

CGS Board

August 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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](#).

Blogs

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

- [New Resources on the CGS Website](#) by Chris Pattillo
- [Quarantine Quests: The joy of indexing!](#) - by Chris Pattillo
- [CGS to serve as local host for NGS Family History Conference in 2022](#) - by Jennifer Dix
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly roundup of online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Where to Find City Directories Online](#) - on The Ancestor Hunt
- [GEDmatch security breach](#) - by Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist
- [Announcing the Family History Federation's "Really Useful Family History Show" on Saturday 14th November](#) - by Dick Eastman
- [Genetic Impact of African Slave Trade Revealed in DNA Study](#) - by Dick Eastman
- [7 Free Genealogy Websites That You Might Be Overlooking](#) - by Amy Johnson Crow
- [In the COVID-19 Era and Beyond: Using Genomic Science to Help Improve Lives](#) - on Ancestry.com Blog

Something a little lighter this month, but of interest to those of us who spend time in graveyards.



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](https://www.conferencekeeper.org).

Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

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

THE SUTRO LIBRARY PRESENTS

Adolph Sutro
King of the Comstock Lode and Mayor of San Francisco

Friday August 7th at 4PM on Zoom

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

[Discovering Your Bluegrass Roots in Kentucky](#)

presented by the Kentucky Genealogical Society
Aug 8 - Aug 29, eight virtual webinars

Stewart Traiman will be discussing "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

[Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#)

[Midwest African American Genealogy Institute \(MAAGI\)](#)

[Genealogical Institute on Federal Records \(Gen-Fed\)](#)

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#)

[Celtic Connections Conference](#)

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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.

Join The
Society

Renew Your Membership