



March 2021 Announcements



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Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

Read more at:

- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [Smithsonian Education](#)
- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

This is a good month to write your great grandmothers' story.

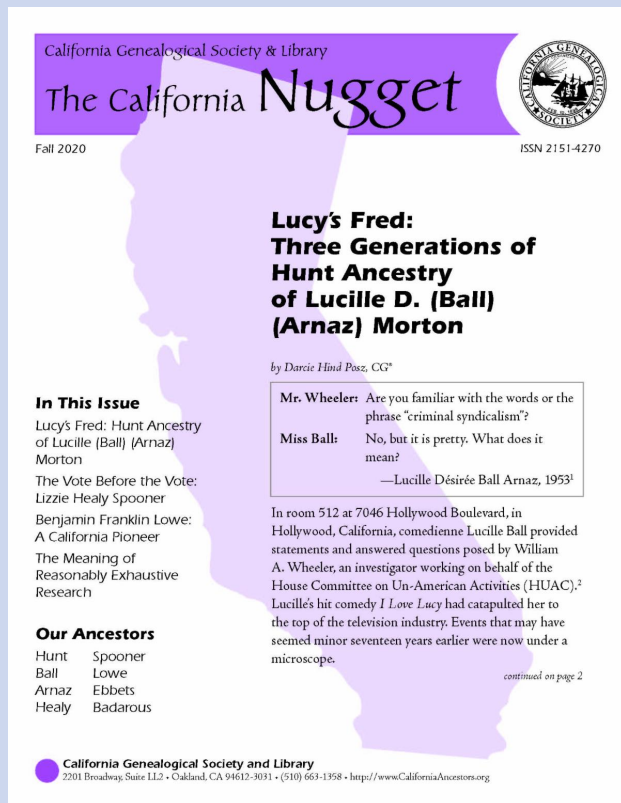
March is also for celebrating the **Feast Day of St. Patrick**
and delving further into Irish Genealogy

Register to take the 19th Century Irish Records Series

These five individual sessions will cover Irish research, focusing on records for Irish ancestors who were born in the 19th century and were part of the great migration in its latter half. Each talk will cover where to find particular archives and databases, how to search them, what land designations need to be known, and examples of what can be gleaned. The classes will be most useful for those who know at least the Irish county of origin.



Saturday, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar from 6 - 7:30 pm



Member Benefits

As a member of the California Genealogical Society, you will receive two issues annually of our peer-reviewed journal - *The California Nugget*.

Now The California Nugget is going digital.

Future Nuggets will now be available in digital format to all members. If you would prefer to stop receiving a paper copy and receive only the electronic version, please click the button below to send us an email.

If you wish to keep receiving your paper copy, there is no need for further action. Members who do not specifically request to switch to digital will continue to receive their *Nugget* in the mail as usual.

Members, Email us to Go Paperless

Or, Become a Member

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.



New in 2021: Live closed captioning and Zoom tutorials. All remote classes will now have live closed captioning. If you feel you need a bit of extra help in either of these areas to have a successful experience with our Zoom events, email events@californiaancestors.org and we will be in touch in the new year.



19th Century Irish Records Series with Maureen Hanlon

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2021 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 on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month.

Saturday, 6 Mar from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm



The Story Behind Shanghai Angel (Love, detention, lies) presented by Heather and Jeff Klein

Speakers Heather and Jeff Klein will be talking about their grandmother/mother who escaped Austria and went to Shanghai with the help of the Chinese version of Schindler, then on to America.



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A Google search led Jeffrey Klein to discover an article written about his mother, Rosa Ginsberg Klein, on the website of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. How did they learn so much about her journey escaping the Nazis in Austria to Shanghai, Angel Island, and eventually New York City?

Sunday, 14 Mar from 1 - 2:30 pm



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!

Saturday, 20 Mar from 1 - 3 pm

Volunteers



Bring bios into the 21st century

Do you like books? Do you find family histories fascinating? If so, we have a great pandemic-work-at-home-project for you! We are looking for volunteers to help us tackle some books in the CGS Library that were published prior to 1900.

Individual volunteers are needed to transfer biographical data from the books to a spreadsheet. The information will be added to an online CGS database available to members. Because the CGS Library remains closed (due to the Covid-19 situation), we will personally deliver one of the Library books to your home for indexing. Questions?

Send an email to [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for some answers!

Meetings & More

CGS Board

13 March - 10 - 11:30 am

The CGS Board will continue meeting online via Zoom for the duration of the pandemic. Everyone is welcome to attend by [registering on Eventbrite](#). Please sign in early to make sure you are able to see the program. We will send 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

- [An extraordinary find for Jewish records](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Reanimating the past - or the present - or the future?](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Personalized Zoom Tutorials available!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [A Wee Book In The Griffin Collection of our Library](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [A big win for access to immigration records](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Write for the CGS blog!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Quarantine Quests: The Memoir of Ellis Willard Gibson 1893-1985](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

Last year we started what I hope to make an annual event -- thanking our members by featuring their blogs. This month's "Other Genealogy Blogs" space is dedicated to our member posts over the past three months.

- [Six Levels of Ancestral Profiles – Level-up Challenge!](#) -- by Yvette Hoitink on Dutch Genealogy
- [Internet Archive Genealogy Collection – Who's There?](#) -- DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy
- [Big news: New York Roman Catholic Records Now Online](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B
- [Reddit - Genealogy](#)
- [Irish Genealogy: Finding Birth, Marriage, and Death Records](#) -- by Sunny Morton of FamilySearch

- [Upload your DNA Data to MyHeritage and Get FREE Access to All DNA Features — Limited-time Offer!](#) -- on Ester on MyHeritage News
- [Legacy.com® to Acquire Adpay® from Ancestry®](#) -- on Ancestry.com Blog



RootsTech 2021

Feb 25-27 but Videos will continue to be available on [their site](#) and on [YouTube](#)
 There is material from around the world
 100% Free

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

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

2021

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

April 14 - 17, virtual

[National Genealogical Society](#)

May 19 - 22, Richmond, VA

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

June 20 - 25 & July 11 - 16

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

July 6 - 8

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

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

July 25 - 30

[41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

Aug 2-5, Philadelphia

[APG Professional Management Conference](#)

[Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Conference](#)

Texas State Genealogical Society

Oct 1-2

2022

Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)

SLIG Academy for Professionals

RootsTech 2022

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

Due to concerns over COVID-19, the CGS library is currently closed
but we are exploring reopening it as soon as possible.

See our [Blog](#) for the latest news.

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Renew Your Membership