

# California Genealogical Society

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## May 2021 Announcements



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 a 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.

CGS has two FREE events this month on the AAPI community.



**Remembering Our Ancestors in Asian American Cemeteries (Free)**  
with Brandon Wofford-Asuncion

All genealogists will be interested in learning from Brandon Wofford-Asuncion, who has uploaded over



**WWII "Internment Camps" and Mass Incarceration in the U.S. (Free)**  
with Linda Okazaki

Shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked, thousands of alien enemies were arrested, interrogated, and detained in "Internment Camps" under the authority of the Alien

Brandon Wofford-Asuncion, who has uploaded over 40,000 photos for Find A Grave! His interest in genealogy and cemeteries began when he accompanied his grandmother, Letha Mae Wofford, to a cemetery in her native Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, when he was only seven years old. In the past twenty-one years, he has uploaded tens of thousands of photographs and created virtual cemeteries for Filipino American heroes and pioneers, worked with Chinese American organizations in Stockton and San Francisco to document Chinese cemeteries, found Asian American sections of cemeteries throughout the West Coast, and completely documented multiple cemeteries in California and Oklahoma.

**Register for Tuesday, 4 May from 6:30 - 8 pm**

in "Internment Camps" under the authority of the Alien Enemies Act of 1798. These individuals were primarily citizens of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Separate from that experience was the mass incarceration of approximately 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry, most of whom were American citizens. This confinement of civilians by race is often incorrectly referred to as "internment."

This lecture will review the differences between the internment of Alien Enemies and the mass incarceration of those of Japanese ancestry, as well as the little-known experience of Latin Americans.

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**Lucy's Fred:  
Three Generations of  
Hunt Ancestry  
of Lucille D. (Ball)  
(Arnaz) Morton**

by Darcie Hind Posz, CG®

**Mr. Wheeler:** Are you familiar with the words or the phrase "criminal syndicalism"?  
**Miss Ball:** No, but it is pretty. What does it mean?  
—Lucille Désirée Ball Arnaz, 1953<sup>1</sup>

In room 512 at 7046 Hollywood Boulevard, in Hollywood, California, comedienne Lucille Ball provided statements and answered questions posed by William A. Wheeler, an investigator working on behalf of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC).<sup>2</sup> Lucille's hit comedy *I Love Lucy* had catapulted her to the top of the television industry. Events that may have seemed minor seventeen years earlier were now under a microscope.

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## 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**

The California Genealogical Society is now on [Instagram](#).

Follow us for updates about the CGS Library and helpful tips for your research. @CAancestors



## 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



## 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, 1 May from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm**



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## WWII "Internment Camps" and Mass Incarceration in the U.S.

with Linda Okazaki

After Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, thousands of Japanese and Japanese Americans were incarcerated in "Internment Camps." German, Italians, and Latin Americans were also interned. The various sites of confinement and the records created will be examined, covering the period of time immediately preceding World War II through resettlement and redress.

**Tuesday, 11 May from 6 - 7:30 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, 15 May from 1 - 3 pm**



## Eastern European Special Interest Group

with Craig Siulinski

A Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.

**Saturday, 15 May from 1 - 3 pm**



Website Series

Find  
my past

## Strategic Searching on FindMyPast

with Jen Baldwin

Make the most of your valuable time on Findmypast.com after learning best practices, different ways to search, and utilizing the site to your greatest advantage through this presentation. Our newest features will always be included.

**Wednesday, 2 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm**



Website Series

fold3  
by Ancestry

## Getting the Most out of Fold3

with Anne Gillespie Mitchell

Learn how to effectively search for the veterans in your tree using our latest search technology on Fold3.com. We will also cover how to browse our collections and cover some of the lesser-known collections including photos and FBI files.

**Tuesday, 8 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm**



Website Series



## Using the National Archives Website (Plural)

with Claire Kluskens

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) preserves and provides access to the permanently valuable records of the United States Federal Government, with holdings dating back to the American Revolution. NARA maintains multiple websites and online databases with unique information and digital images of original records. Learn how to navigate NARA's online resources from a NARA expert.

**Tuesday, 15 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm**



Website Series

FamilySearch

## Navigating the FamilySearch Website

with Ralph Severson

FamilySearch.org has billions of digital indexes and images from all over the world. How do you leverage this wealth of information? What are the features you may not know about that can add even more possibilities for your family tree? Join Ralph Severson to hear about the growth of digitized images, the lesser-known feature and hidden treasure of this amazing and popular genealogy resource.

**Wednesday, 22 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm**

## Volunteers



CGS's Outreach Committee is searching for volunteers to help us reach people who might not normally be involved with CGS – less-covered communities, people new to genealogy, etc. We meet once a month via Zoom. For more information, please email [Grant Din](#).

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

## CGS Board

**8 May - 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 welcome your stories! If you have an idea for a blog post, a family history story you want to share, or would like to be an occasional or even regular guest contributor, please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#).

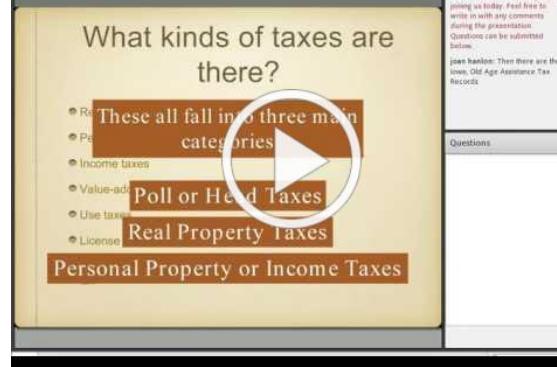


### CGS Blog

- [School Girl Murder: The thrills of volunteering for CGS](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Research to the Rescue](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Peralta Family Tree](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

### Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Japanese Culture](#)-- by Arnie Tennant on FamilySearch Blog
- [Recognizing Service: How to Determine Entitlement to Medals](#) -- by Jkratz on NARA
- [Questions Asked in the 1950 U.S. Census](#) -- by Lisa Cooke
- [A fair alternative \[National Archive Virtual Genealogy Fair\]](#) -- by Judy G. Russell
- [Which DNA Health Test is Best?](#) -- by Rick Crume on FamilyTree
- [DNA Test Reviews: AncestryDNA, MyHeritage DNA, and more](#) -- by Shannon Combs Bennett on FamilyTree
- [Exploring Irish History Through the Famine Files and Other Arrival Records](#) -- by Jkratz at the National Archives
- [MyHeritage Acquired by Leading Private Equity Firm Francisco Partners](#) -- by Esther on MyHeritage Blog



Tax Records for Genealogists - James Tanner  
by BYU Family History Library

## Events & Conferences

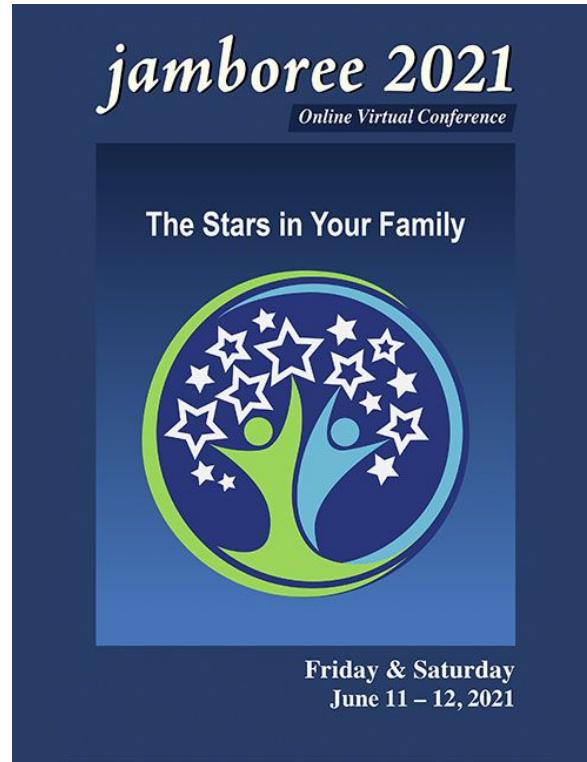
There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation.

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

2021

[National Genealogical Society](#)

May 19 - 20

[Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#)  
June 20 - 25 & July 11 - 16

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

July 6 - 8

All events are subject to cancellation during this

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

## 2021 International German Genealogy Conference

July 17 - 24

## Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)

July 19 - 24

## The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

July 25 - 30

## 41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

August 2-5

## British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

### Irish Lines and Female Finds

September 19 - 26

## Texas State Genealogical Society

October 1-2

## 2022

## Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)

## SLIG Academy for Professionals

## RootsTech 2022

## Ohio Genealogical Society Conference

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Email



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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Society

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