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June 2021 Announcements



Happy PRIDE month

This month CGS is hosting [LGBTQ Genealogy](#) by Stewart Traiman on June 26. Please join us to learn how to spot clues in the genealogical record for our LGBTQ ancestors. Everyone has LGBTQ people in their family trees. This class will teach you how to identify clues and invite those family members into your tree.

CGS Library to Reopen

The CGS library will be reopening on June 30!

There will be two daily sessions for research on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The first session will be from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and the second from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Each session will be limited to 5 patrons and will need to be reserved in advance. Reservations will open up one week ahead, so the first day you can reserve a session will be June 23.



A given patron can only reserve one session per week. Non-CGS members will be charged \$5 per session. We will initially be requiring masking and social distancing at the library due to our demographic risk, even if the County does

away with such restrictions.

Registration for your visit will be available on our website under Classes by mid-June. You can send questions to visit@californiaancestors.org

Thank you for your support throughout these difficult months!

CGS ONLINE PRESENTS: WEBSITE SERIES

4 TOPICS - 4 EXPERTS

STRATEGIC SEARCHING ON FINDMYPAST



Wednesday June 2, 2021
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by Jen Baldwin



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF FOLD3®

Tuesday June 8, 2021
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by
Anne Gillespie Mitchell



USING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WEBSITES (PLURAL)

Tuesday June 15, 2021
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by Claire Kluskens

NAVIGATING THE FAMILYSEARCH WEBSITE



Wednesday June 22, 2021
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by Ralph Severson

Classes and SIGs

Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



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.

  	<h3>Strategic Searching on FindMyPast</h3> <p>with Jen Baldwin</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wednesday, 2 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm</p>
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 	<h3>2021 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics</h3> <p>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.</p> <p>Saturday, 5 Jun from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>
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 	<h3>Family Tree Maker</h3> <p>Hosted by Ron Madson</p> <p>For thirty years Family Tree Maker® has been one of the most popular genealogy software programs and also the easiest to learn! Since 2014, CGS has had a Special Interest Group (SIG) to help members who use it grow their skills and share their knowledge. If you'd like to learn the basics and join the group or just understand how to get started, SIG leader Ron Madson will explain basic navigation, tree-building tools, and integrated Web searching.</p> <p>Saturday, 5 Jun from 2 - 4 pm</p>
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  	<h3>Getting the Most out of Fold3</h3> <p>with Anne Gillespie Mitchell</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tuesday, 8 Jun from 6 - 7:30 pm</p>
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 	<h3>MORE Family Tree Maker</h3> <p>Hosted by Ron Madson</p> <p>As well as being easy to learn, it is the most feature-rich genealogy app. Want to advance your basic understanding of Family Tree Maker? Learn about additional features of this popular genealogy software such as options for managing data, and the wide variety of charts and reports. SIG Leader Ron Madson will provide an overview and help you quickly</p>
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conquer the learning curve.

[Saturday, 12 Jun from 2 - 4 pm](#)



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](#)



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, 19 Jun from 1 - 3 pm](#)



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](#)



LGBTQ Genealogy

Presented by Stewart Blandón Traidman

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Queer folk have always been a part of our history and family stories. We all have LGBTQ members of our family trees. The confirmed bachelor or spinster aunt in our trees may not have been single. Perhaps they did have partners but there is no legal documentation or family acknowledgment. This class will explore census, newspapers, obituaries, military records, photographs, phone books, and archives for clues on our ancestor's sexuality. We will also explore LGBTQ History and many individual stories giving context to the available records. Discovering our LGBTQ ancestor's stories will enrich our entire family history.

[Saturday, 26 Jun from 1 - 3 pm](#)

Finding the "Sweet Spot" Series: Researching Person, Place and Time

Presented by Pam Brett

For each of the three topics, narrow both your online and offline searches, and hone your



For each of the three topics, narrow both your online and offline searches, and narrow your critical thinking. Gain confidence your results will fall into that "sweet spot" where person, place, and time all make sense and avoid common genealogy mistakes. Goals are to:

1. Know which records to look for.
2. Find relevant records.
3. Document the results of the search.
4. Evaluate the sources you use and the records you find.
5. Analyze the results of your research.
6. Write a well-reasoned statement of your conclusions.

Topics in order are: Finding the person, Finding the place, and Finding the time.

Saturday, 3 Jul thru 17 Jul from 1 - 3 pm .

Three Saturday afternoons



Image Editing for Family History, Learn Irfanview

Presented by Ron Madson

The popular Irfanview freeware/shareware image viewer and editor for Microsoft Windows computers can be used for editing various types of images. The class will include how to download the program and use "screen capture" to get an image from your computer monitor into Irfanview, how to scan images and as well as cropping, resizing, rotating and adding text labels, and lots more.

Tuesday, 13 Jul from 6 - 7:30 pm .



Image Editing - More Irfanview

Presented by Ron Madson

The popular Irfanview freeware/shareware image viewer and editor for Microsoft Windows computers can be used for editing various types of images.

We will begin this session by making descendant and/or pedigree charts with Irfanview™ using your genealogy software program and then add the graphics. Ron will show you simple tricks to make it easy too.

Tuesday, 20 Jul from 6 - 7:30 pm .

Volunteers



Looking for a few new Tech Committee members

Volunteers are needed to help keep our in-library computers and network functioning smoothly. Duty rotates among the volunteers, is performed weekly on Mondays, and usually takes a couple of hours. Requires familiarity with Windows 10 setup and troubleshooting. You'll get training on the specific procedures. Volunteer perk: Also an opportunity to include some regular "quiet time" in the Library for your ancestor research projects!

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

Meetings & More

- There will be no Board Meeting in June.
- We'll be back in July.



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

- ["Strategic Searching" series in June](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Openings in the Advanced DNA Special Interest Group!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Covell Family Manuscripts Added to the CGS Website](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Now online: Documents from the Griffin Collection](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [When helping is harmful](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Understanding Japanese Names](#)-- by Kathryn Grant on FamilySearch Blog
- [How to Pull All the Clues from a Genealogy Source](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Jewish Genealogy Research](#) -- by Lisa Cooke
- [Links in the family chains](#) -- by Judy G. Russell
- [21 Most Important Civil War Records](#) -- by Michael L. Strauss and Sunny Jane Morton
- [Best Genealogy News Websites and Blogs of 2021](#) -- by David Fryxell



The 1950 Census for Genealogy
by Lisa Louise Cooke

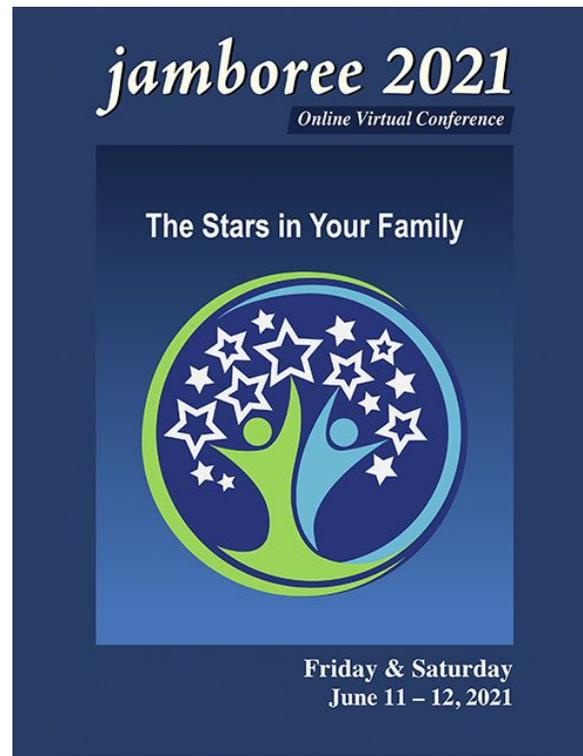
Events & Conferences

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



National & International Conference Schedule

2021

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

[Midwest African American Genealogy Institute \(MAAGI\)](#)
July 6 - 8

[2021 International German Genealogy Conference](#)
July 17 - 24

All events are subject to cancellation during this

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

[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](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

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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.
We plan to reopen on June 30th.

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

Join The
Society

Renew Your Membership