July 2021 Announcements

CGS Library Visit Registration
The CGS Library is excited to be welcoming researchers back to the library. We will be following Covid protocols at this time. All visitors must have a reservation to visit until further notice. Registration for visiting the library will go online at 10 am on Wednesdays a week before the sessions, and close at 5 pm and 8 pm the evening before the session. They will be available in 2 1/2 hour shifts from 10 am -12:30 and 1 pm - 3:30 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with a limit of 5 visitors per session. Please see the CGS Covid-19 page for more information.

You may use the CGS computers or bring your laptop. Using your laptop on the CGS network, will allow access to our subscription websites.

You can send questions to visit@californiaancestors.org

Thank you for your support throughout these difficult months!

Spring 2021 Nugget is here!

From the CGS Blog By Jennifer Dix

Our Spring 2021 issue of The California Nugget is hot off the press! If you haven’t already received your copy in the mail, it should arrive soon. The issue also is available online for members to read.

In this issue, our writers share their stories of family history and California history and how they intersected. Norman Ishimoto recounts
they intersected. Norman Ishimoto recounts the remarkable life story of his father in “Seven Brushes With Death: The Life of Itsuo Ishimoto.” Born on a Hawaiian sugar plantation, Ishimoto survived several life-threatening events, including the 1918 flu pandemic, a stint in the Japanese Imperial Army, and, upon his return to the United States, illness, poverty, and incarceration in two WWII detention camps.

In “A Happy Ending for a Runaway Schleswig-Holstein Bride,” Maureen Hanlon traces the journey of an ancestor who abandoned her first husband in Germany, married an Irishman, and immigrated with him to New York and then to San Francisco, where they settled, raised a family, and became prosperous.

Trish Hackett Nicola’s article about the Halcyon, a racing yacht re-outfitted for smuggling, illuminates the opium trade that flourished up and down the West Coast in the late nineteenth century.

Lisa Gorrell’s column, “21st-Century Genealogy,” discusses using social history in context to bring ancestors’ stories to life.

CGS is hosting the 2022 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Sacramento, CA. Stay tuned to this newsletter as more information becomes available.

Classes and SIGs

Register on Eventbrite.

We are extremely pleased to continue to offer our ONLINE classes.

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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.

"Hoping all our fans will enjoy the summer break as will our Events volunteers during August. Please check-in for a number of events in the fall including talks by our Genealogical Geographer, Melinda Kashuba, Stewart Traiman's popular Excel class, Italian Genealogy with Alec Ferreti, and a series with Jonathan Burgess, on African Americans in Gold Rush times."

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**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
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

CGS Board

10 July - 10 - 11:30 am
The CGS Board will meet online via Zoom. 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

- A genealogical puzzle at the Royal Horticultural Society -- by Jennifer Dix
- And... we are open! -- by Jennifer Dix
- Spring 2021 Nugget is here! -- by Jennifer Dix
- More on the library reopening plans -- by Jennifer Dix
- Meet the new blog, (almost) same as the old blog -- by Jennifer Dix
- CGS Library to reopen end of June -- by Jennifer Dix
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Evening Programs Open to Public
- 6 Steps to Organizing and Managing Your Digital Photos -- by Karen Edwards on Familytree Magazine
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
Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)
July 6 - 8 - Registration is closed.

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

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.
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
Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)
June 20 - 25 & July 11 - 16

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