



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 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.



Seven Brushes With Death: The Life of Itsuo Ishimoto

by Norman Ishimoto, with Mary Ishimoto Morris, Janet Ishimoto Simms, and Roger Ishimoto

My father, Itsuo Ishimoto, was always a kind and gentle man and father. He strove for stability while working diligently towards a better life for each member of his family. That was not unusual, but given his eventful life, a stable family life was as precious to him as to victims of war or similar trauma. Dad himself survived many hardships, including illness, racist hatred, and internment in American prison camps during World War II. His life spanned plantation work in Hawai'i, a stint in the Japanese Imperial Army, resettlement in several internment camps, and a life in civil service. He was even-tempered, optimistic, and despite the many challenges he had faced in America, he felt gratitude for his life in this country.

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SACRAMENTO, CA

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."

	2021 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics
	<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, 3 Jul from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>

	Image Editing for Family History, Learn Irfanview
	<p>Presented by Ron Madson</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Tuesday, 13 Jul from 6 - 7:30 pm .</p>

	Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group
	<p>Hosted by Ron Madson and Karen Halfon</p>
	<p>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!</p>
	<p>Saturday, 17 Jul from 1 - 3 pm</p>

	Image Editing - More Irfanview
	<p>Presented by Ron Madson</p>
	<p>The popular Irfanview freeware/shareware image viewer and editor for Microsoft Windows computers can be used for editing various types of images.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Tuesday, 20 Jul from 6 - 7:30 pm .</p>

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

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

- [Immigrating While Queer: Part II The Fight Ahead](#) -- by jkratz on National Archive Blog: Pieces of History
- [Genealogy and Juneteenth](#) -- by Judy G. Russell
- [5 things you will learn from our 'Genealogy Resources at the Center for Jewish History' webinar](#) -- by Jake Garfinkle
- [The Family History Library Is Opening Soon—Unveiling the 2021 Remodel](#) -- by Diane Sagers



I Took 5 DNA Tests and Compared Them | Which One Is Best?
by Matt Baker on UsefulCharts

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

[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

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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The library is open Wednesday through Friday by [appointment](#).

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