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August 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 Tuesday evenings, 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.

All volunteers will need to be on a list of expected guests. You can send questions to visit@californiaancestors.org

Thank you for your support throughout these difficult months!



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

Applied Genealogy Institute - Learn by Doing

The [Applied Genealogy Institute](#), a new virtual genealogical institute, where attendees “Learn by Doing” will begin in Fall 2021. Sign up on the Mailing List to get the latest updates and the opening of the course signup window.

Are you yearning for practicum-based learning in a virtual environment from instructors you signed up to hear? The Applied Genealogy Institute (AppGen) is for you. The modest price and the virtual environment make intermediate to advanced practicum-based education topics available and accessible to everyone.

Three courses will be offered in October/November of 2021:

1. “Irish Research,” instructor, Mary Roddy, CG
2. “Land Research,” instructor, Lisa S. Gorrell, CG
3. “Exploring Broad Context,” instructor, Jill Morelli, CG

More information on course content can be found on the website.

AppGen is structured to capitalize on the best practices of the on-site institutes and virtual options.

- There is a demand for strong intermediate and advanced genealogy education in a non-intimidating atmosphere.
- “Learn by Doing” practicums enhance student learning and provide practical skills.
- Practicums are most effective with small numbers of students. No more than 15 students will be enrolled in a class, allowing for meaningful class discourse.
- A single instructor with smaller classes will monitor the students’ progress and provide feedback on assignments.
- Expenses are lower, so the cost is lower.
- AppGen provides options to those who can’t leave home for a week of classes because of work, family obligations, or other personal circumstances.
- The registration system is based on a lottery system with an open registration window---no more “first come, first served” and no more system crashes.

The Applied Genealogy Institute is the outcome of many discussions with emerging genealogical leaders regarding the type of education that is possible for busy but committed genealogists. By combining the best practices of many different educational opportunities and rectifying the weaknesses, AppGen achieves a balance that provides affordable and accessible genealogy education for all.

Contact: [Jill Morelli, CG](#) for more information

Sheila Benedict is compiling a database of American Civil War Soldiers buried in California who identified as born in Ireland. Right now, she is working in Los Angeles County because there is a soldier's home and about 600+- buried in the county. I would like to add burials within all of the 58 California counties so if anyone has information to add or would like a look-up in what is already in the database, please let me know.

Email [Sheila Benedict](#) or check out her [website](#).



Classes and SIGs

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

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

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.



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, 7 Aug from 10:15 am - 12:15 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, 21 Aug from 1 - 3 pm](#)



Eastern European Special Interest Group

Facilitated by Craig Siulinski

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

[Saturday, 28 Aug - from 2 - 4 pm .](#)



Useful Maps for Genealogical Research

Presented by Melinda Kashuba

Maps assist us in locating places but also provide "broad context" information essential to successful genealogical research. Every event has a location associated with it. The context provided by knowing the distance between those locations and the routes or means that connect them is valuable. The physical and cultural character of the area provides background to help us understand not only where records are kept but can

suggest reasons for their creation. This session is designed to highlight several of the most useful types of maps that describe rural and urban locations. Basic map assets such as scale, orientation, dates of publication and data, and authorship will be discussed.

[Saturday, 18 Sep - from 10 - Noon .](#)



Hands-On Map Tools

Presented by Melinda Kashuba

Do you admire those layered historical maps that exist on Google Earth? Do you wish that you could do that for your research locations too? Then, this session is for you. Building upon the previous lecture, we will georectify (place and pin) an old map over a modern map represented by Google Earth. This session includes hands-on practice with tips along the way to get you started on georectifying your own favorite maps. Please note: if you want to participate in the practice, you will need to download Google Earth Pro on Desktop prior to this presentation.

[Saturday, 25 Sep - from 10 - Noon .](#)

Save the Dates!

In October and November, CGS will host genealogist and entrepreneur Jonathan Burgess, who will give virtual talks each evening at 6:30 p.m.:

- October 5: Importance of Family Oral Narrative in BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Genealogy
- October 12: the California African American Gold Rush Association's Mission
- November 9: Hidden Figures During the California Gold Rush

Our September issue will have more details and registration information.

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.

Volunteers



Back to the Library!

A big "Thanks!" to all of our volunteers who worked so hard to make sure that the CGS Library reopened safely! Complying with the ever-changing Covid-19 situation has been a challenge for all, but our team pulled it off, providing members with the opportunity to continue their genealogical research at the Library. Many of our members were able to continue some volunteer work at home during the pandemic lockdown, but in other instances, working (and researching) on-site at the Library was put on hold. Remember - if you want to visit the CGS Library, you will need to make a [reservation](#).

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) if you have any questions about [CGS volunteer opportunities](#).

Meetings & More

CGS Board

14 August - 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

- [Digitizing and Preserving Records of the California Genealogical Society](#) -- by Stewart Traiman
- [Get ready! CGS hosts the NGS Conference in May 2022](#) -- by Jane Knowles Lindsey
- [Announcing the Applied Genealogy Institute: begins this fall!](#)
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Using Grand Army of the Republic Records for Civil War Research](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Landsmanshaftn of New York](#) -- by Jake Garfinkle on NYG&B
- [New QRB Videos: World War I Records and German Research](#) -- by Bob Taylor on Family History Guide Blog National Archive Blog: Pieces of History
- [Dotting the Ms](#) -- by Judy G. Russell
- [Citing Everything: Your 1-2-3 Guide](#) -- on Evidence Explained
- [RLP \[Research Like a Pro\] 158: RLP with DNA eCourse Part 1](#) -- by Nicole Dyer on Family Locket
- [RootsTech Connect 2022 Aims to Repeat Success](#) -- FamilySearch Blog
- [Dearfield, Colorado: Homesteading and the Dream of Black Independence Through Agriculture](#) -- on The Field by Lyles and Brunswig



Internet Archive: 10 Amazing Genealogy Finds You Need!
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](http://ConferenceKeeper.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

[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 \(SLIG\)](#)
January 9-14, SLC, Utah
Registration opens August 14th.

[SLIG Academy for Professionals](#)
January 30 to April

[RootsTech 2022](#)

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)
May 25 - 28, Sacramento, CA

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

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

[2021 International German Genealogy Conference](#)

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

July 19 - 24

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

July 25 - 30

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

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