



September 2021 Announcements



CGS Member's Round Table

The Education and Events Committee and the Development and Members Services Committee have jointly proposed and the board has approved a new group called the CGS Members' Round Table. The purpose of this group is to provide a forum where CGS members will be able to ask questions of the group about their genealogical research, learn from others, share their research successes, and enjoy a collegial group of individuals interested in learning together. Particularly for new and remote members, this will be an opportunity to meet and feel part of the CGS community.

The Roundtable will meet on the 2nd Wednesday, starting in October. It will be from 6:30-8 pm. Lisa Gorrell, CG and Jacqueline Henderson will be the facilitators.



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.

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

Looking for Irish in the Civil War

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.



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, 4 Sep from 10:15 am - 12:15 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 .](#)



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, 18 Sep from 1 - 3 pm](#)



Hands-On Map Tools

Presented by Melinda Kashuba



Presented by Yolanda Raehaba

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 .



BIPOC Genealogy and African American History in California's Gold Rush

Presented by Jonathan Burgess

We will explore the significance of why oral narratives are important when exploring the history and genealogy of Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) origin. The right to education was not afforded to all; therefore BIPOC families shared history orally. Out of protection those that could read and write still shared much orally and this practice exists today.

Tuesdays, 5, 12 Oct, 9 Nov (three nights) - 6:30 - 8 pm .

Save the Date...

Oct 16 / 19 - Excel for Genealogist (in 2 parts) with Stewart Traidman

Oct 23 - Italian Genealogy with Alec Ferretti

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

11 September - 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

- [Memorial scholarship offered for new Applied Genealogy Institute](#) -- by CGS
- [Changes at Ancestry.com](#) -- by CGS
- [Update to Ancestry's update](#) -- by CGS
- [Yet another note about Ancestry's terms of service](#) -- by CGS

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Making Our Terms and Conditions Clearer: Modifications to our August 2021 Update](#) -- on Ancestry Blog
- [Search the Most Comprehensive Collection of Freedmen's Bureau and Freedman's Bank Records for Free](#) -- on Ancestry Blog
- [Beginning Your Middle East Family Tree](#) -- by Sally Odekirk on FamilySearch
- [New and Improved Colorization Model for MyHeritage In Color](#) -- by Esther on MyHeritage Blog
- [How to Get Your Ancestor's FindAGrave Memorial Transferred to You](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [New York State Substitutes for the Lost 1890 Census](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B
- [Enslaved Women of the Confederate Nitre Works](#) -- by Jessie Kratz at NARA
- [Confederate Slave Payrolls](#) -- by Jessie Kratz at NARA
- [How to Make a Basic Family History Binder](#) -- on FamilyTree Magazine
- [DNA Beginnings: What is a Match?](#) -- on DNAeXplained
- [Explore over one million historical newspaper pages for FREE](#) -- by Alex Cox on FindMyPast



How Home DNA Testing Has Redefined Family History
by Libby Copeland at RootsTech

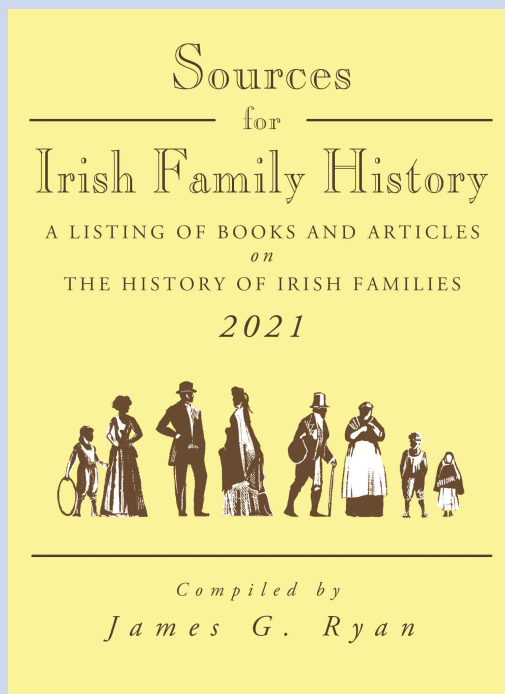
Events & Conferences

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



NEW EBOOK:

SOURCES FOR IRISH FAMILY HISTORY

JAMES G. RYAN

Sources For Irish Family History 2021 is a hugely expanded edition of our existing guide and lists some 6,500 references books, journal articles and other material on 2,500 families.

National & International Conference Schedule

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic

2021

[New York State Family History Conference](#)
September 1 - October 18

[British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Irish Lines and Female Finds](#)
September 19 - 26

[Texas State Genealogical Society](#)
October 1-2



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



2021 TXSGS Family History Conference

CONNECTING Generations

OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2021

Learn more at www.txsgs.org

30 ON-DEMAND RECORDINGS
BONUS RECORDINGS AND MORE!
10 PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A BY SPEAKERS

Registration is open!

VIRTUAL
PAST Present FUTURE

2022

[Salt Lake Genealogical Institute \(SLIG\)](#)

January 9-14, SLC, Utah

Registration is open

[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

[41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

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

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