**December 2021 Announcements**

**CGS MEMBERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Please register and join us for the 2022 CGS Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting will begin at 10 AM, PST. During the meeting, we will vote on the slate of nominees to the board and the 2022 budget. We will also review the 2021 activities and plans for 2022.

Past President, Jane Lindsay, will discuss the 2022 National Genealogical Society Conference. This annual convention will be held in Sacramento and CGS has been selected to be the host society.

**The Zoom meeting will open at 9:30.** CGS members are welcome to join early to visit with other members.

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**2022 CGS Board**

The Nominating Committee has proposed six new board nominees for the term 2022-2024. These candidates were presented to and accepted by the board at the October meeting. The general membership will vote upon the slate of directors at the Annual Business Meeting on 8 January 2022.
Meet the new candidates:

Jacqueline Threet Henderson was born and raised in the Bay Area. She has worked in retail (Mervyn's, Nordstrom, imports), two employment agencies, and 10 years in telecommunications (Nextel, Sprint, T-Mobile). In the 1990s she served as secretary for two years and president for four years of a women's stock club. She became interested in genealogy when an uncle no longer wanted to continue researching the family genealogy and passed it along to her. She joined CGS in 2015. In 2017, she joined the Events Committee and currently maintains our communications with ConferenceKeeper and the Bay Area Genealogical Calendar. She also conducts our post-class evaluation surveys. Jacqueline co-hosts the new CGS Members' Roundtable with Lisa Gorrell. She has attended institutes at SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR over the past three years.

Carly Morgan is the owner of Family Tree Notebooks, a shop that sells digital genealogy worksheets for people looking to organize their family trees. Her family has been in the Bay Area for almost two centuries and she has strong ties to the Chinese population of San Francisco, although she lives in Salt Lake City. A former attorney, Carly has been working as a marketer and content creator for more than ten years. She's currently working with the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and RootsTech to improve their social media reach.

Roger Prince worked as a geological oceanographer at Oregon State University, the University of Rhode Island, and Brown University, where he went on numerous research cruises, published more than a dozen original research papers and a nine-sheet color bathymetric map series of the Peru-Chile trench, and earned a Ph.D. in geophysics. He joined Gulf Oil as an exploration geologist in 1983 and worked in Angola, Papua New Guinea, and other international locations. He moved to the Bay Area in 1985 and later worked in IT systems. He and his family spent five years in Bangkok and Singapore before returning to San Ramon in 2004. He spent the last few years of his career working on IT Reliability/Planning, before retiring in 2011. Roger became interested in family history when he asked his parents who all the ancestors in the unlabeled pictures were. He has published two papers in the NEHGS Register.

Cindy Kim Thompson was born in Hawaii and is descended from Korean immigrants who arrived there in 1904. Her childhood interest in family stories morphed into an obsession with genealogy (particularly over the past 15 years) and annual visits to repositories, cemeteries, plantations, and churches (as well as family) in Hawaii. She has been a volunteer on the CGS Desk Duty and Events Committees and is a member of NGS. Reflecting the roots of her multi-ethnic extended family, her research has focused on immigrant sugar plantation workers in Hawaii, East Asian immigrants to Hawaii and California, and Japanese-American World War II internment. She has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of California, San Diego, and is a retired Commerce Department economist.

Evan Wilson grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, where his love of genealogy was ignited by his grandmother's stories and dedication to research. After completing a Ph.D. in English and Medieval Studies at U.C. Berkeley in 2019, he decided to work toward becoming a professional genealogist. His passion is the intersection of genealogy and social history—studying the ties within families, but also between families and others in their society. His own research is heavily Southern, but he's also dipping his toes into California history and research these days. Other things he gets fired up about include genealogical writing and education, oral history, and the stories of marginalized people and communities.
Larry Youngman is a third-generation Californian, born in Oakland, who has been researching his ancestry for close to fifty years. His research efforts have resulted in publishing ten family history books in addition to serving the Mayflower Society as Colony Treasurer and Governor. His ancestry traces back to England, Ireland, Germany, and Bohemia. Larry has managed the CGS website membership section for over fifteen years. Having achieved Scouting’s Eagle rank, his volunteer work has also included leading Scout contingents to the east coast, England, Sweden, and Japan. Larry recently retired from his forty-three-year career as a member of senior information technology management teams within multiple corporations, including Clorox, IBM, Gap Inc., Charles Schwab, Citibank, and Raychem. Larry and his wife Pam reside in Pioneer, California, and enjoy visiting their daughters and two grandchildren in Walnut Creek on a regular basis.

Slate of board members for 2022:
- Proposed nominations for their second terms are Grant Din and Joanna Shear.
- Proposed nomination for a third term is Chris Pattillo.

- Continuing in their first terms are Ron Madson and Adelle Treakle.
- Continuing in their second terms are Matt Berry, Jennifer Dix, and James Sorenson.

- Maureen Hanlon and Stewart Traiman will term out in January after serving three terms.
- Richard Kehoe, Theresa Murphy, and Linda Okazaki will step down from the board.

As the local host, CGS is responsible for providing volunteers for the National Genealogical Society annual conference that will take place in Sacramento May 24-28, 2022. Many volunteers will be needed to help with registration, as room monitors, Ask-Me volunteers, exhibit hall volunteers, and more.

Maureen Hanlon and Chris Pattillo are the Volunteer Committee co-chairs. When the time is right they will send out a link to a Volunteer Sign-Up Form but we don’t want to send it out prematurely. The plan is to wait until after the conference program is published in December or January. Once the program is published potential attendees will be able to decide if they will attend the conference and if so what sessions and events they will sign up for.

Our plan is to send out the Volunteer Sign-Up link after those decisions have been made. On the form, you will be able to tell us what positions you are interested in filling. Look for our announcement in January or February of 2022. In the meantime, if you just want to tell us you definitely want to volunteer, please feel free to contact Chris or Maureen.

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.

The library will be closed the last two weeks of December on the 22, 23, 24 and 29, 30, 31. We'll reopen Jan 5.

2021 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics

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Saturday, 4 Dec from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

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**Research in Salt Lake City - What's New? What's Not?**

Presented by Pam Brett

CGS member Pam Brett spent 10 days in October 2021 in Salt Lake City conducting research at the Family History Library. This was her 35th trip since 1999. During this informal session, she will relate her experiences and provide an opportunity for attendees to share their own tips on planning a successful trip.

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Wednesday, 4 Dec from 6 - 7:30 pm

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**California Research: Center for Sacramento History**

Presented by Kim Hayden

The Center for Sacramento History, a division of the City of Sacramento, is the official historical archives for the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County. In addition to housing public records dating back to 1849, CSH also collects personal material from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations from throughout the county in order to help tell a complete story of the Sacramento region.

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Tuesday, 11 Jan from 4 - 5:30 pm

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**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!

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Saturday, 15 Jan from 1 - 3 pm

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**California Research: Government Publications at the California State Library: Finding Genealogy Gems**

Presented by Emily Blodget

You’re probably familiar with a few government-produced records, like marriage certificates. But what about government publications—the dizzying array of documents intended for the public? Buried within annual reports, government agency directories, legislative hearing transcripts, Congressional reports accompanying private bills, and even environmental and scientific reports, you can find a wealth of information about your ancestors. In this presentation, you will learn about the breadth of government publications available, what you might discover within them, and how to find them.

**California Research: Government Publications at the California State Library: Finding Genealogy Gems**

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Tuesday, 18 Jan from 4 - 5:30 pm

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Tuesday, 25 Jan from 4 - 5:30 pm
California Research: Historical Resources at the California State Library
Genealogy in the California History Room
Presented by Elena Smith

Do you want to research your family while you are in Sacramento this year? Get an insider’s look at the genealogy resources the California History Room of the California State Library has to offer, along with search tricks usable at many archives. Then join us as we chase down the life story of one Californian in this information-packed class!

Tuesday, 25 Jan from 4 - 5:30 pm

California Research: Sutro Library
Journey to the West of the West: Genealogical Treasures at Sutro Library
Presented by Dvorah Lewis

Sutro Library, the California State Library branch located in San Francisco, has one of the largest genealogy collections west of the west (i.e. Salt Lake City). Sutro Library is not just a physical hub for the genealogy community, it is also a virtual hub. Come learn about the highlights of the genealogy collection, how to search online, and how to access once on-site.

Tuesday, 1 Feb from 4 - 5:30 pm

An Introduction to Southern US Genealogy
Presented by Evan Wilson

Learn a set of steps you can take to research Southern ancestors and answer your research questions efficiently and accurately. This talk will model a process of Southern research that moves from relatively simple analysis using direct (or nearly direct) evidence, to higher-level strategies that require the use of indirect evidence and less-typical record types.

Tuesdays, 15 and 22 Feb from 6 - 7:30 pm

California Research: The California Archives
Presented by Chris Garmire

The California State Archives is an enormous repository with many types of information of interest to people with ancestors who lived in California and those who came and had businesses or other interests in the State. Chris will cover the history of archives, how to access many types of records including census, military, court, and other genealogical records of interest. Chris will cover both the in-person and virtual guidelines for accessing the archive's great resources.

Tuesday, 15 Mar from 4 - 5:30 pm

California Research: Special Collections at the Sacramento Public Library. A Fruitful Confluence: Doing Your History and Genealogy Research at Sacramento’s Central Library.
Presented by David Munger & James Scott
Just like the American and Sacramento rivers form an ideal place to live, the Sacramento Public Library’s Genealogy and Sacramento Room holdings mesh to provide one of Northern California’s more robust family and local history collections. From vital statistics to city directories to books made of poison and teeth, join librarian David Munger and archivist James Scott for a deep dive into the most useful, most compelling, and just plain fun to look at research items living at Sacramento’s historic main library.

Tuesday, 22 Mar from 4 - 5:30 pm

Class Recordings and other events

Italian Genealogy: Tracing your Immigrants in the US and in Italy
Presented by Alec Ferretti Is now available to view on Vimeo.

Did you miss the CGS Italian Genealogy Series? New to CGS, you can now register and view a recording of Alec Ferretti's Italian Genealogy classes. The recordings will be available until December 20th.

What's Available on the CGS Website and in the Library

Chris Pattillo talks about resources available at our library to help guests prepare for a library tour. This recorded presentation was originally given at the Placer County Genealogical Society. Chris gave the talk while live on our website, showing the attendees not only what is available at our library and where to find things but also explained what resources are available on our website that they can access from home. For anyone interested in learning more about what is in our library, where to find things, or what can be found on our website this is a very helpful and informative video. Check it out.

The Advanced DNA SIG facilitated by Mark McLaren is open for new members. If you'd like to join please contact Mark.

Volunteers

Time to start your CGS New Year’s resolution list

It seems hard to believe that the beginning of 2022 is only a few weeks away! The month of December is a good time for CGS members to start thinking about adding "volunteer at CGS" to their New Year’s resolution list. If you have been thinking about contributing some of your time and talent to our 123-year-old organization, take a look at our list of Volunteer Opportunities. See something that looks interesting? Want more information about a particular volunteer position?

Remember - CGS has been around since 1898 and is operated solely by volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Contact Kathleen Beitiks if you have any questions about CGS volunteer opportunities.
**Meetings & More**

**CGS Board**

11 December - 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.

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**CGS Blog**

- December Events at CGS -- by CGS
- It takes a village . . . to write a blog! -- by CGS
- Books for Sale: Bargains and Treasures, Part 4 -- by Chris Pattillo
- Judge and Sherman Books Now Available on our Website -- by Chris Pattillo

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**Other Genealogy Blogs**

- Leading French Genealogy Company, Geneanet, Joins Ancestry -- on Ancestry Blog
- 12 Great Genealogy Gifts for Genealogy Lovers, Family Historians, and Everyone in Between -- on FamilySearch by David Nielsen
- Carlisle Indian School’s World War I Soldiers -- by Jessie Kratz at National Archives
- Introducing Labels for DNA Matches on MyHeritage -- by Esther on MyHeritage
- New York Family History School -- on NYG&B
- How to Make a Photo Book: Your Ultimate Planning Guide -- by Sunny Jane Morton
10 Little-Known Free Genealogy Websites Professionals Use
by Family History Fanatics

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

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

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's organizers for the most current information.
check with each event’s website prior to making plans to attend.

**Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh** (GRIP)
May 25 - 28, Sacramento, CA

**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**

**British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa**
**Irish Lines and Female Finds**
September 19 - 26

**New York State Family History Conference**
September 1 - October 18

**Texas State Genealogical Society**
October 1-2

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Contact Us Via Email

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Join The Society

Renew Your Membership