Today, 1 February is Lunar New Year.
Happy Year of the Tiger!
The 2022 theme for Black History Month is **Black Health and Wellness**.

The theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals, and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.

**Black History Month** is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing our central role in U.S. history.

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Onward to Sacramento!

Fire up your computers, CGS members and genealogy fans...online registration is now open for the [National Genealogical Society 2022 Family History Conference](#) in Sacramento, 24-28 May! *(Mail-in registration is also available.)*

CGS is the “Local Host” for the Conference and has arranged several tours and events to supplement more than 165 lectures on the five-day agenda.

“Our American Mosaic” is the theme, with a variety of tracks offered. Included on the list of tracks:

- African American
- Asian and Pacific
- Chinese American
- European and Middle Eastern
- Hispanic and Latin American
- Jewish
- Native American genealogy.

Other tracks on the schedule explore
- DNA
- Immigration and migration
- Maps and records - including the 1950s census
- Eastern and Western states
This year’s conference offers registrants three ways to participate:
- In-Person in Sacramento;
- Online at Home; and
- On-Demand.

Interested in volunteering at the Conference? Please look for information about volunteering and the official Sign Up Form that will be sent out shortly. That is the best way to indicate that you wish to volunteer. Whether you plan to register for sessions or not, there are plenty of opportunities to help make the Conference a success. If you are unable to attend the Conference, CGS will gladly accept donations to help provide a productive and positive conference experience for genealogy researchers.

Some quick links:
- Visit the dedicated NGS 2022 Conference page on the CGS website, for access to additional information.
- Reserve your room today - Hotel reservations are available now.
- Register for tours and events now – before they fill up! (See the list on page 29 of the Conference brochure.)
- Sign up for the NGS Conference Blog to receive up-to-date news.
- Need more information? Send an email to: ngs2022@californiaancestors.org

NGS will appraise all participants of the required protocols and procedures in advance of the conference. NGS will continue to monitor the changing guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic and will update policies as needed.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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.

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
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.

**Tuesday, 5 Feb from 6 - 8 pm**

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**Round Table**

Facilitated by Jacqueline Henderson and Lisa Gorrell, CG

This group is for CGS Members to connect. It is a venue where attendees can share things they've learned or found. Often this sparks ideas for others on their own research. It is also a great way to brainstorm ideas for new avenues of research when you get stumped.

2nd Wednesday of each month, next on 9 Feb from 6:30 - 8 pm
Email Jacqueline or Lisa for a link to the Zoom meeting.

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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!

**Saturday, 19 Feb from 1 - 3 pm**

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**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**

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**RootsMagic Users Group - SIG**

Users of Roots Magic will meet to discuss helpful hints for using the software. For the first meeting, we will demonstrate some features of the new Version 8. We will also discuss how the group would like to move forward on a regular basis.

**Saturday, 23 Feb from 6:30 pm**
We will meet on the 4th Wednesdays

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**Eastern European Special Interest Group**

Facilitated by Craig Siulinski

Come to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European studies, every last Wednesday of the month.

**Wednesday, 26 Feb from 7 - 9 pm**

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**CGS Online**

Visit our website for more information about our upcoming events and resources.

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**Contact Information**

For more information or to join any of our groups, please contact us at info@cgsonline.org.

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**Social Media**

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates on our events and genealogical resources.
Come to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all. We meet quarterly starting on February 26, 2022. Stay tuned for future dates.

**Saturday, 26 Feb from 1 - 3 pm**

**Bein Yiu Chung, The Chinese Railroad Worker**

Presented by Raymond Douglas Chong

Author, poet, filmmaker, genealogist, and transportation engineer Raymond Douglas Chong will present the story of his personal journey and how he has learned the story of Bein Yiu Chung, his great-great-grandfather who worked on the Transcontinental Railroad. Learn about his and his family's fascinating odyssey from the California Gold Rush to the present day.

**Tuesday, 8 Mar 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**

**Searching for Irish Names**

Presented by Maureen Hanlon

Having trouble finding your ancestors in Irish records? It may be that they used one or more of many variants, both for surnames and first names. Learn about the O’, Mc, and Mac, the vowel and consonant substitutions, the influence of Vikings, Normans, English, and the Church that will help you identify likely relationships. Also, hear about the different searching rules on the major Irish websites.

**Saturday, 19 Mar from 10 - 11:30 am**

**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.
Class Recordings and other events

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

Contact Kathleen Beitiks if you have any questions about CGS volunteer opportunities.

Meetings & More

CGS Board

12 February

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
- Old Business
- New 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.
The Age of the Birth Certificate -- by CGS

February Events at CGS -- by CGS

CGS library to reopen February 9: reserve your slot now! -- by CGS

Online registration now open for NGS 2022 -- by CGS

NGS May 2022 Conference Program announced -- by CGS

We’re increasing our monthly subscription prices to help provide you with more content and new product features -- on Ancestry Blog

Meet Dick Eastman: Author of Online Genealogy Newsletter -- by Maggie Stevens on FamilySearch Blog

Discover Your Middle Eastern Heritage -- by Alison Ensign on FamilySearch Blog

Introduction to Genealogy: A New Online Course From MyHeritage -- by Esther on MyHeritage Blog

Census Records: The 72-Year Rule -- by Jessie Kratz on the National Archive Blog

New York State Substitutes for the Lost 1890 Census -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B Blog

Crafting Proof Arguments & Citing Ourselves in the Process -- on Evidence Explained Blog

Best Free Genealogy and Family History Websites -- by David A. Fryxell on FamilyTree Magazine

Chronicling America: A Quick Tour
by Family Tree 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
**Thursday, February 3**

**Journey to the West of the West: Genealogical Treasures at Sutro Library (Training)**

1:30 pm  
Virtual via Zoom

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. Dvorah Lewis joined the California State Library in June of 2017 as the Genealogy & Local History Librarian at the Sutro Library. She earned her Master's in Library & Information Science at UCLA. Her passion for archives and genealogy was inspired by an interview with her great Aunt Essie, the then eldest member of her family. She is excited to help researchers learn how to navigate the State Library’s extraordinary collections and resources. Dvorah feels that by preserving the past we can understand the present and bring positive change to the future. If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to President@gsvb.org to request a Zoom invitation.

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**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.

**2022**

**Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)**  
January 9-14, SLC, Utah - Now Virtual

**SLIG Academy for Professionals**  
January 30 to April

**RootsTech 2022**

**Ohio Genealogical Society Conference**  
April 27-30, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason

**National Genealogical Society**  
May 24 - 28, Sacramento, CA

**Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)**  
June 19-24 and July 10-15

**Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)**
The library is open Wednesday through Friday by appointment.

Registration is again now available to visit the CGS Library on Wednesday, Thursdays, and Fridays beginning February 9. Our mask protocol remains in place; i.e., masks are required to enter the Breuner Building and in our library. Other health and safety practices include using sanitizer, wiping down workspaces, and keeping a safe distance from others.

We look forward to having you come and access our collections and online subscriptions.