



March 2022 Announcements



March is Women's History Month

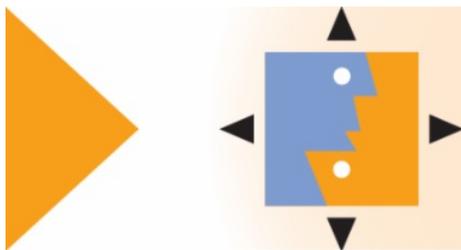
The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

Read more at:

- [National Archives](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [Smithsonian Education](#)
- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

This is a good month to write your great grandmothers' story.



OUR AMERICAN MOSAIC
24-28 MAY 2022 • SACRAMENTO, CA
NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Is it March already?

Our CGS Local Host Committee has been gearing up for the first live national genealogy conference in three years - and we are counting on the time and talents of CGS members to make it a success!

In just a few weeks the discounted "Early Bird Deadline" for the NGS 2022 Family History Conference will be upon us (March 18). Spread the word to your friends and colleagues and check the online [Conference Brochure](#) for all the details.

If you plan to register for the conference, there are more than 165 lectures on the program. Before you register to attend, it's a good idea to look at the Conference Brochure and begin making a list of the subjects or tracks that are of interest to you and your ongoing family history research. There are many choices of subjects and knowledgeable speakers.

When's the last time you were in Sacramento? If it has been a while, be sure to take advantage of the Tours and

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On the tour agenda for Tuesday, May 24: Motherlode Wine Experience and Marshall Gold Discovery Park (all-day tours). And, don't forget walking tours of the Capitol Mall and Old Sacramento. Events on Wednesday, May 25 include: Taste of California Welcome Reception and on Thursday, May 26, the Back to the 50s Party (celebrating the release of the 1950s U.S. Census).

Remember, you can find links to everything you need to know by going to the [NGS Conference's dedicated page](#) on our [CGS website](#) - including the Conference brochure.

Onward to Sacramento!

Some quick links:

- Reserve your room today - [Hotel reservations](#) are available now.
- Register for tours and events now – before they fill up!
- 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.



Check out the revamped [CGS YouTube channel](#).

Watch the California Research Series videos, as well as informative videos about CGS in depth. If you haven't watched it, Chris Patillo's 'CGS Website & Library' is a wealth of information about the resources of CGS.

Stay tuned for more offerings.

Volunteers



The search is on for NGS Conference volunteers!

If you have been pondering the idea of volunteering at the Conference, the opportunity you've all been waiting for has finally arrived – your [Invitation to Volunteer](#) at the 2022 NGS Conference in Sacramento. When you click on this link it will take you to SignUp instructions to volunteer. It is easy to do and easy to make changes if needed. Please sign up for several spots - we have lots to fill. You don't necessarily need to be a registered attendee. Think about spending a day volunteering to help us make the conference successful!

Chris Pattillo and Maureen Hanlon
Co-Chairs, NGS 2022, Volunteer Committee

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

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.



2022 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused

Topics



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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, 5 Mar from 10 am - noon



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 Mar from 6:30 - 8 pm**

Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.



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



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 Mar from 1 - 3 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



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.

Wednesday, 23 Mar from 6:30 pm

We will meet on the 4th Wednesdays



Member Connections Demo

Presented by Stewart Blandón Traiman

As a benefit to our members, we'd like to bring you all closer together in collaboration. Have you ever wondered who at CGS is also interested in Mayflower, Sweden, Malaysia, Greek Orthodox records, Lineage Societies? Who shares your genealogical interests and is also a member of CGS? Who might be able to help you with your specific questions? Our Special Interest Groups offer an opportunity to connect with other like-minded members, but with Member Connections you can now connect one-on-one with other CGS members who have interests matching yours.

This one-hour demo will show you how to set up your profile and how to search other member profiles for that right research partnership.

Tuesday, 29 Mar from 6:30 pm

This presentation will be recorded.





[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.

Meetings & More

CGS Board

12 March

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 [Jacqueline Henderson](#).

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

- [Check out the new, updated CGS YouTube channel!](#)
- [NGS 2022: African American Genealogy \(May 25-27\)](#)
- [Update on masking in the CGS Library](#)
- [Volunteering at the CGS Manuscript Collection: a great opportunity](#)

Other

- [Ancestry® to Apply Handwriting Recognition Artificial Intelligence to Create a Searchable Index of the 1950 U.S. Census -- on Ancestry Blog](#)

- [Searchable Index of the 1930 U.S. Census](#) -- on Ancestry Blog
- [Connect with Your Living Relatives during Relatives at RootsTech 2022](#) -- by Michael Provard on FamilySearch Blog
- [MyHeritage Adds 28 Collections of Jewish Historical Records](#) -- by Talya on MyHeritage Blog
- [Major Update to FindAGrave Memorials](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Census Records Come to the National Archives](#) -- by Jessie Kratz on the National Archive Blog
- [AutoKinship at GEDmatch by Genetic Affairs](#) -- on DNAexplained Blog
- [Gen-Fed 2022 goes virtual](#) -- by Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist



How To Find Your Ancestor in the 1921 Census | Findmypast

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](https://www.conferencekeeper.org).

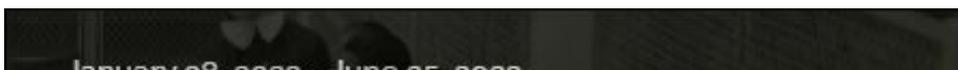
Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#)
maintained by the Sutro Library



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Chinese Pioneers: Power and Politics in Exclusion Era Photographs

Chinese Pioneers presents a visual history of the social, political, and judicial disenfranchisement of Chinese Californians—as well as moments of Chinese agency and resilience—during the Exclusion Era (1882–1943). The exhibition is drawn exclusively from the California Historical Society's collections.

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

RootsTech 2022
March 3

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)
July 12 - 14

Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)
Registration opens on March 1.

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)
July 25 - 29

42nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

New York State Family History Conference
September 8 - 10

2023

Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)

SLIG Academy for Professionals

California Genealogical Society

2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Oakland, CA 94612-3031
(510) 663-1358

Contact Us Via
Email



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.

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