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## April 2022 Announcements



The California Genealogical Society is excited to announce the launch of **Member Connections**!

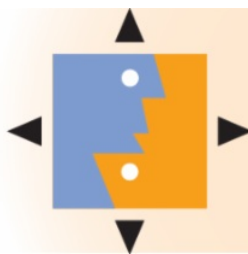
As a new benefit to our members, we'd like to bring you all closer together in collaboration. Have you ever wondered who at CGS is also interested in Mayflower, Sweden, Malaysia, Greek Orthodox records, Lineage Societies? Who shares your genealogical interests and is also a member of CGS? Who might be 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.

With **Member Connections** you will set up a personal profile detailing your interests in genealogy. Your profile will go into a database with other participating member profiles. You can then search all those profiles for people

at CGS that share your interests. Once you find matches, you can send private messages to each other to further your collaboration. The more people that launch profiles, the more opportunities for finding the right match.

**Member Connections** brings CGS members together in a society of shared interests.

Start Your Profile  
Today!



**OUR AMERICAN MOSAIC**  
24-28 MAY 2022 • SACRAMENTO, CA

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

**Come to Gold Country - Be part of the NGS 2022 Family History Conference in Sacramento!**

The upcoming National Genealogical Society 2022 Family History Conference in Sacramento (24-28 May) is not just an opportunity to attend lectures by experts in the field of genealogy.

It is also an opportunity to explore the Gold Country and mingle with fellow genealogy enthusiasts!

When you register for the Conference, be sure to add on a few Tours and Events to round out your California visit. Take a look at some of the offerings from the Local Host Society - the California Genealogical Society (CGS):

- Mother Wine Experience (Amador Valley)
- Old Sacramento Walking Tour

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- Capitol Mall Genealogical Research Tour
- Gold Discovery Tour
- A Taste of California Welcome Reception
- "Back to the Fifties" Evening

For details about these Tours and Events, check the [Conference Brochure](#) (pages 4-6).

The deadline to register for the conference is April 18.

Questions? Need more information? Send an email to: [ngs2022@californiaancestors.org](mailto:ngs2022@californiaancestors.org)

Quick Links:

- [NGS Conference Registration](#)
- [NGS Conference Blog](#)
- [NGS on CGS website](#)
- [Hotel Reservations](#)
- [NGS Registrar](#)
- [Visit Sacramento](#)



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.

## 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](mailto:events@californiaancestors.org) and we will be in touch.



### 2022 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, 2 Apr from 10 am - noon](#)



### Everything You Want To Know About the NGS 2022 FH Conference! Overview and Focused Topics

Join us for a "Q & A" about the NGS 2022 Family History Conference, 24-28 May, in Sacramento. CGS is the "Local Host" for the Conference and organizers will be available to answer your questions about this gathering of genealogy enthusiasts. Bring your Questions and CGS will bring their Answers!

[Tuesday, 12 Apr from 6:30 - 7:30 pm](#)



### 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 **13 Apr from 6:30 - 8 pm**  
Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.



### 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, 16 Apr 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, 16 Apr from 1 - 3 pm**



### Untold Stories from the California Historical Society's Collections

Presented by Frances Kaplan

The California Historical Society is a research library with extensive collections of rare books, manuscripts, newspapers, ephemera, maps, and photographs documenting the history of California and its peoples.

Join Frances Kaplan, Director of Library and Collections at the California Historical Society, as she highlights some of the more unusual artifacts, photographs, and manuscripts from the CHS collections that, while not traditionally genealogical materials, reveal untold stories of Californians and their lives.

**Tuesday, 26 Apr from 4 - 5:30 pm**

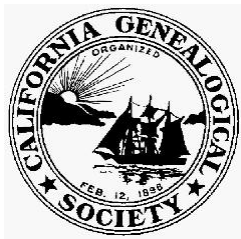


### RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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, 27 Apr from 6:30 pm**

## 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 DNA Skills SIG facilitated by [Mark McLaren](#) is open for new members. If you'd like to join please contact Mark.

## Volunteers



### It's not too late - Volunteer for the NGS Conference!

The search continues for NGS Conference volunteers! Whether you will be attending the NGS Family History Conference (24-28 May, Sacramento), or not - we need you! If you live locally, think about grabbing a few friends and coming to Sacramento for a fun day of volunteering (and a Goodie Bag!) It's easy: When you click on this link it will take you to [SignUp instructions](#) to volunteer. Please sign up for several spots - we have lots to fill - and it's easy to make changes. If you ARE planning to attend the Conference, don't forget that the deadline to register is **April 18**.

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

### Bring on the Genie Awards!

Please join the California Genealogical Society on **Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.**, to honor a few "super volunteers" for their contributions to our 124-year-old organization. The annual Genie Awards will be presented during the monthly meeting (online) of the CGS Board of Directors.

In "normal" (pre-Covid) times, we would celebrate the Genie Awards at the Library, along with the opportunity to "eat, drink and be merry." We hope that by next year, the festivities will be back in the Library! April is National Volunteers Month - be sure to [register](#) for the April 9 meeting and help us to honor not only our Genie Award recipients but all CGS volunteers.

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

## Meetings & More

### 9 April

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.



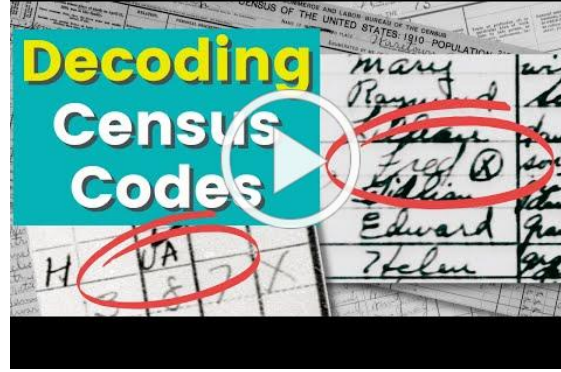
We welcome your stories! If you have an idea for a blog post, a family history story you want to share, or would like to be an occasional or even regular guest contributor, please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#).

### CGS Blog

- 2022 NGS Conference Speakers
  - [Melinda Kashuba](#)
  - [Jordan Jones](#)
  - [Colleen Robledo Greene](#)
  - [Grant Din](#)
  - [Sheila Benedict](#)
  - [Reem Awad-Rashmawi](#)
  - [Ron Arons](#)
- [Getting oriented: the 1950 census](#)
- [Sign up to help with the 1950 census!](#)
- [Join us on March 29 to learn about Member Connections](#) by Chris Pattillo
- [Celebrate Women's History Month with the National Archives!](#)

### Other Genealogy Blogs

- [AncestryDNA® Expands to Mexico](#) -- on Ancestry Blog
- [Identifying Sephardi Jews](#) -- by W. Todd Knowles on FamilySearch Blog
- [What Happened to the 1890 US Census?](#) -- by Sunny Jane Morton on FamilySearch Blog
- [New York City Public Digitized Vital Records Now Online for Free!](#) -- on NYG&B
- [Mission: Possible – Engaging Youth in Family History](#) -- by Alice Childs
- [All About GEDCOM](#) -- by Lisa Cooke
- [Ancestor Immigration Worksheet Free Download](#) -- on familyTree Magazine



Decoding the Codes in US Census Records | by Amy Johnson Crow

## 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



CALIFORNIA  
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January 28, 2022 - June 25, 2022

## 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

**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 \(MAAGI\)](#)

July 12 - 14

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

website prior to making plans to attend.

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](#)

[RootsTech 2023](#)

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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.

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Society

Renew Your Membership