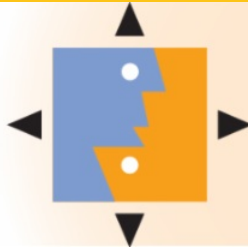




May 2022 Announcements



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

Top 10 Little Known Perks About Registering for the 2022 NGS Family History Conference in Sacramento

1. It has been 12 years since an NGS genealogy conference was held in Sacramento. The city is ready to welcome back Conference attendees, and so is NGS Local Host Chair, [Jane Knowles Lindsey!](#)
2. The [2022 Conference](#) will be smaller, allowing more opportunities to network with family researchers and reconnect with old friends.
3. There will also be more opportunities to interact with our Conference [speakers](#).
4. There is lots to do in the EXPO Hall: visit vendors and genealogical societies; meet with friends for a snack at the concession stand; and more.
5. Take advantage of the Conference's WHOVA app. Beginning May 10, registrants will be given access to the app, where they can add personal information and provide networking opportunities with other attendees.
6. Discussion tables will be set up in the EXPO Hall for attendees to organize "Meetups" on a topic of their choice, using the WHOVA app to meet and exchange research tips and tricks.
7. The [California Genealogical Society](#) will provide registrants with a complimentary guide for learning about their California ancestors who lived in Sacramento and in the surrounding counties.
8. A "[microsite](#)" from Visit Sacramento will aid Conference attendees in finding local restaurants and places to visit.
9. Visit genealogy research facilities (see the [California Research Series](#)) within walking distance of the convention center. (Appointments are recommended.)
10. Attend two [special evening events](#):
 - Wednesday, 25 May, is the "[Taste of California Welcome Reception](#)," featuring a variety of California wines; (\$57)
 - Thursday, 26 May, is our "[Back to the Fifties Party](#)," celebrating the release of the 1950 U.S. Census. (\$57)
 - Prizes will be awarded for the best 50s outfit, and to the table of attendees with the highest "50s trivia" score. And...look for special 1950s props set up for some fun photo opportunities!

Remember - The deadline for online Conference [registration](#) is **Friday, May 13!**
Questions? Send an email to ngs2022@californiaancestors.org

Quick Links:

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

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!



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 and we will be in touch.



Genealogical Resources at the National Archives at San Francisco **Presented by Sean Heyliger**

The National Archives at San Francisco is part of the National Archives system whose headquarters are in Washington, DC. Among their holdings are those on Alcatraz inmates, Alien Case Files, immigration case files, Bureau of Indian Affairs, records of US District Courts and Court of Appeals, maritime record groups, Bureau of Land Management/General Land Office, military records, and New Deal personnel records. They have a very knowledgeable, friendly staff and are open on a limited basis at this time. Dial in to learn more!

Tuesday, 3 May from 3 -4 pm



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, 7 May 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 **11 May from 6:30 - 8 pm**
Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.



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 Jun from 1 - 3 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, 22 Jun from 6:30 pm
We will meet on the 4th Wednesdays

Class Recordings and other events



[Searching for Irish Names](#)

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.

The video will be available **through May 23**.



[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



A "tip of the turban" to recipients of our 2022 "Genie Awards"

Congratulations to Jean Alderson, Liz Summerhayes, and Kristi Wessenberg, who were recently honored for their CGS volunteer work with the 2022 "Genie Award." The coveted "magic lamp" was presented to these three volunteers, singled out for their exceptional work with the ongoing California Surnames Index.

The indexing project makes it easier for researching California ancestors. Jean, Liz, and Kristi spent hours upon hours going through books from the CGS Library, identifying family names and entering them into a searchable database. Due to restricted access to the CGS Library during the Covid-19 situation, Library Chair Chris Pattillo personally delivered books to local volunteers who contributed their time to the project. Our "super indexers" were Jean, with 10 books, followed by Liz with 12, and Kristi, who indexed 13 books!

The Genie Awards are generally presented during "National Volunteers Month" in April, accompanied by festivities at the CGS Library (food, drink, and merriment!) However, 2022 was the third year in a row that the awards were presented online, during the April CGS Board Meeting. We are keeping our fingers crossed that in April 2023, we will be back in the Library to honor all of our dedicated CGS volunteers.



Again - thanks to ALL of our volunteers for contributing their time and talents to our 124-year-old organization.

Again, thanks to ALL of our members for contributing their time and talents to our 127 year old organization.

Meetings & More

CGS Board

14 May

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](#).

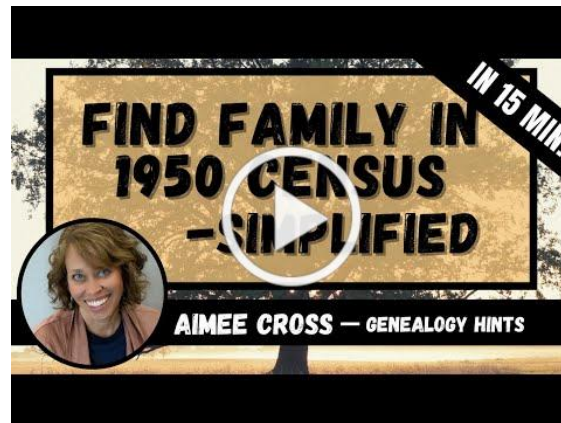
CGS Blog

- 2022 NGS Conference Speakers
 - [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#)
 - [Cindy Thomson](#)
 - [Linda Harms Okazaki](#)
 - [Trish Hackett Nicola](#)
 - [Carly Lane Morgan](#)
 - [Marisa Louie Lee](#)
- [Expand Your Genealogy Library and Support CGS!](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [California Research series: CHS and NARA San Francisco](#)
- [A message from NGS local host chair Jane Lindsey](#)
- [2022 Genie Awards!](#)
- [Help index the newly released 1950 census!](#)

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Cemetery Research: Six Photos You Must Take](#) -- by Lisa Lisson
- [Proving a Parent-Child Link Using Ancestry DNA ThruLines and Documentary Research: Part 1](#) -- by Diana Elder
- [No assumptions!](#) -- by Judy G. Russell
- [Ancestry® Proprietary Artificial Intelligence-Powered Handwriting Recognition Technology Processes Over 150 Million Records from the 1950 U.S. Census in Only 9 Days](#) -- on Ancestry Blog

- [The 1850 United States Census](#) -- by Annie Tennant
- [When Ancestors Changed Names](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow



Simplified Steps for Using the 1950 U.S. Census | by Aimee Cross

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



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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

2022

[National Genealogical Society](#)
May 24 - 28, Sacramento, CA

[Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#)
June 19-24 and July 10-15

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

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

RootsTech 2023

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference

California Genealogical Society

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Oakland, CA 94612-3031
(510) 663-1358

Contact Us Via
Email



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

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