



## July 2022 Announcements



### **Happy Birthday to the United States of America Melting Pot**

#### **From where did your ancestors originate?**

No matter how long ago or by what means your ancestors came to the United States of America, the California Genealogical Society has all the tools to help you succeed in your family history quest. We've been helping family historians for 120 years - half the age of the U.S.A.




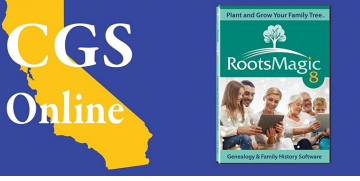
- Our [research team](#) will tackle your brick walls or help obtain vital documents.
- Our [blog](#) will keep you informed of ongoing events around CGS.
- Our [volunteers](#) are knowledgeable, friendly, and passionate about family history.
- Our [library](#) has unique gems that can only be found at CGS.
- Our [online database](#) may reveal new information while you search from home.
- Our new [Member Connections](#) database can help you find kindred members.


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.

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|     | <p><b>2022 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free!</b><br/><b>Overview and Focused Topics</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 2 Jul from 10 am - noon</b></p>   |
|    | <p><b>Round Table</b></p> <p>Facilitated by Jacqueline Henderson and Lisa Gorrell, CG</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of each month, next on <b>13 Jul from 6:30 - 8 pm</b><br/>Email <a href="#">Jacqueline</a> or <a href="#">Lisa</a> for a link to the Zoom meeting.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</b></p> <p>Hosted by Ron Madson and Karen Halfon</p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>Saturday, 16 Jul from 1 - 3 pm</b></p>  |
|   | <p><b>RootsMagic Users Group - SIG</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, 27 Jul from 6:30 pm</b><br/>We will meet on the 4th Wednesdays</p>   |

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|  | <p><b>Maps Galore: Finding and Using Online Maps from the Library of Congress</b></p> <p>By Annette Burke Lyttle</p> <p>Maps can be important for our research and can also help us make our ancestors' stories come to life. The Library of Congress has over 56,000 maps available online.</p> |
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records come to life. The Library of Congress has over 60,000 maps available online, covering the Colonial era to the present day and including fire insurance maps, landowners maps, battlefield maps, and many more. Learn how to find and use these maps to understand the world of our ancestors and help tell their stories.

[Saturday, 6 Aug from 10 - 11:30 am](#)



## Researching Your Farming Ancestors

By Lisa Gorrell, CG

Do you have farmers in your family? Up to about 1870, farming was the number one occupation. Many record sets document our farming ancestors such as land, tax, and probate records. Newspapers and many agricultural records can add context to their story. Lisa will demonstrate how you can apply these to your ancestors' stories.

[Tuesday, 9 Aug from 6:00 - 7:30 pm](#)



## Eastern European Special Interest Group

Hosted by Craig Siulinski

Come, to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.

[Saturday, 20 Aug from 10 - Noon](#)

## 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

**Volunteers - the lifeblood of CGS!**

A big "Thanks!" to all of our CGS members who volunteered at the NGS 2022 Family History Conference in Sacramento - we couldn't have done it without you!

And, speaking of volunteers, don't forget that CGS is always on the lookout for



more members to help us keep our organization alive and kicking! Remember, CGS was established in 1898 and is run by volunteers. It's amazing to realize that the 125th anniversary of the California Genealogical Society is next year - which means we are already looking for some genealogy enthusiasts to help us celebrate appropriately. In addition, we always welcome new volunteers to help us expand our services for CGS members.

Take a look at [Volunteer Opportunities](#) for some ongoing available positions. In addition, now that the pandemic situation seems to be receding (fingers crossed!), CGS will slowly be ramping up again, looking for volunteers to help us make the Library, classes, events, etc., (parties!) more accessible to our members.

Interested in donating some time to California's oldest genealogical society? Please contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) if you have any questions or want more information.

## Meetings & More

### CGS Board

9 July

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

A recent Library Survey asked our members what they would like to see in our library. Here are the results published by Chris Pattillo.

- [Library Survey Feedback – Part 1: Suggestions for Our Website](#)
- [Library Survey Feedback – Part 2: California Resources](#)
- [Library Survey Feedback – Part 3: Book Requests](#)
- [Library Survey Feedback – Part 4: Non-American Resources](#)
- [Highlights from the NGS Conference](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

### Other Genealogy Blogs

- [105 years after he died, buried World War I soldier identified through DNA](#) -- on CBSNews
- [Types of Jewish Identities: How You Can Identify Your Jewish Roots](#) -- by W. Todd Knowles on FamilySearch



- [For Juneteenth, the letters](#) -- by Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist
- [She found handwritten letters from her enslaved ancestor: 'I'm just blown away'](#) -- by Cathy Free in The Washington Post
- [Op-Ed: My family's story, starting with an African girl on a slave ship, was almost lost](#) -- by Zachary Hocker in The Los Angeles Times
- [Mitochondrial Eve Gets a Great-Granddaughter: African Mitochondrial Haplogroup L7 Discovered](#) -- on DNAeXplained
- [An Overlooked Part of the 1950 Census: The Notes](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Clues for Discovering Military Service](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow



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## Events & Conferences

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!"

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, July 7

## Methodology & thorough research to uncover a family secret (Training)

1:30 pm

Virtual via zoom

Jeffrey Vaillant is a genealogical instructor and researcher. He has taught at the Rotary Club, California, Marin County, Sonoma County and San Joaquin Genealogy Societies, and held monthly classes at the San Rafael Public Library. He attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) for 9 years, Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburg (GRIP) and Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) for 3 years, along with regional conferences. Jeffrey is published in the Scotland Highlands Journal. This presentation will illustrate using a variety of sources to understand a family secret. *Non-Members: If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to [President@gsvb.org](mailto:President@gsvb.org) to request a Zoom invitation. The time is 1:30 PM PDT*



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!

## 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

**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](#)

[RootsTech 2023](#)

March 2 - 4

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

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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.

Join The  
Society

Renew Your Membership