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## August 2022 Announcements

### Goodbye, everyone.

I have been the CGS eNews editor since February 2014. For many years I've delivered your genealogy news on the 1st of each month, at 1 am. It's been a blast to tell you about genealogy classes & conferences, cultural events, raise diversity awareness, and share interesting blog posts.

Now it's time to serve CGS in other ways, like the Digital Historian Committee, Website Development team, and our new [Member Connections](#) tool.

Our new Marketing Chair, **Carly Morgan** will step into the role of eNews editor starting next month. She's going to be GREAT!

Stewart Blandón Traiman



## 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, 6 Aug from 10 am - noon**

### Maps Galore: Finding and Using Online Maps from the Library of Congress



**By Annette Burke Lyttle**

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, 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**



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



## 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**



## 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, 20 Aug 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



For the first meeting, we will demonstrate some features of the new version of. We will also discuss how the group would like to move forward on a regular basis.

**Wednesday, 24 Aug from 6:30 pm**  
We will meet on the 4th Wednesdays



### Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research

Presented by Nancy Loe

This presentation helps you put your family history research in order. Learn simple and effective strategies to organize and link your digital files and paper records, using the same principles as professional archivists. No need for color codes, numbering systems, or other complicated schemes with this archives-based system. And when your records are organized, you can spend more time on research.

**Tuesday, 13 Sep from 7 - 8 pm**



### U.S. Military Pension Records: Revolution to Civil War

Presented by Rebecca Whitman Koford

Military records offer enormous amounts of information for genealogical research. We discuss service records, pensions, and bounty land, and how to access them either online or offline.

**Saturday, 8 Oct from 1 - 2:30 pm**

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## 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

### Looking for Book Repair Volunteers

Interested in learning the art of book repair and donating your time and talent to CGS? If so, consider joining the CGS Book Repair Committee! One of the great



things about the CGS Library is its rich assortment of "vintage" books. However, since "vintage" is a nice word for "old," it goes without saying that some books need a bit of an upgrade after a while. Training will be provided for new volunteers. The Book Repair Committee meets in the CGS Library on the second Tuesday of the month. As long as masks are required in the Library, committee members meet in the afternoon, from about 1 p.m. to 3 or 3:30 p.m. Once things get back to "normal" (post-pandemic), the committee will meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with a lunch break!). Questions? Need more information? Send an email to [Kathleen Beitiks](#).

## Meetings & More

### CGS Board

13 August

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

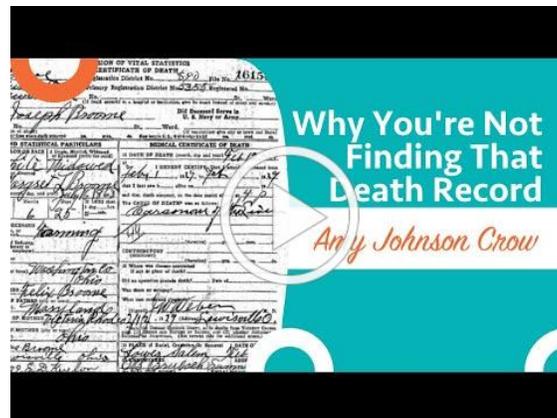
- [August Events at CGS](#)
- [Researching Your Farming Ancestors: August 9](#)
- [Maps Galore! on August 6](#)
- [In Memoriam: John Moore \(1931-2020\)](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Library Committee Survey – Part 5: Miscellaneous Comments and Questions](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Library Committee Survey - Part 6: The Final Chapter](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Jane Lindsey Honored](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

### Other Genealogy

### Blogs

- [Ancestry's New Image Colorization Feature Brings Your Black and White Photos to Life](#) -- on Ancestry Blog
- [New: Managing Multiple Sets of Parents in the Online Family Tree](#) -- on MyHeritage Blog by Erica

- [The 1840 US Census](#) -- by Amie Tennant on FamilySearch
- [Protesting Statehood: Hawaiian Women's Petition Against Annexation](#) -- by Jessie Kratz on NARA blog
- [Best Free Genealogy and Family History Websites](#) -- by David A. Fryxell on familyTree Magazine
- [DNA: In Search of...What Do You Mean I'm Not Related to My Family? – and What Comes Next?](#) -- on DNAeXplained
- [The French Hospital, San Francisco](#) -- by Frances Kaplan at California Historical Society



Why You're Not Finding Death Records -- and How You Can Fix It!  
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](#).

### Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

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

# Applied Genealogy Institute ~ Learn by Doing

The window for registration for the AppGen 2022 Fall semester will open from 8 August to 14 August. it is a random draw, not "first come first served." Mark your calendar.

Here are the AppGen offerings for this fall:

- [Advanced U.S. Military Records & Research: World War I](#), K.B. Barcomb
- [Applied Genetic Genealogy](#), Leah Larkin, Ph.D.
- [Foundations II: Focus on Improving Research Skills & Reporting](#), Lisa S. Gorrell, CG
- [Lost and Overwhelmed by AncestryDNA – Sorting, Organizing and Using Results to Grow Your Family Tree](#), Mary Roddy, CG
- [They Marched from Boys to Men - 19th Century Military](#), Sandra Rumble
- [Using Google Earth Pro To Enhance & Share Your Research](#), Marie Palmer
- [Write As You Go! A Methodology for Efficient Report Writing](#), Jill Morelli, CG



The 52nd Annual

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Southern California Genealogical Society

## Three Online Virtual Conferences!

Solving Your DNA Puzzles



August 19-20

JamboFREE



August 22-24

Preserving Your Family Tales



August 26-27



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

2022

Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)  
July 12 - 14

Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's 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](#)  
March 2 - 4

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#)

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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