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Hello!

I'm Carly Morgan, the current Marketing Chair for the California Genealogical Society and the new eNews editor. I'm excited to connect with you every month to share the wonderful resources, events, and collective knowledge that CGS has to offer. I'm an attorney-turned-full-time-genealogy-writer and this is my first year on the CGS board. Although I currently live in Salt Lake City, I've had family in the Bay Area since the 1860s.

I'd like to say a special thanks to Stewart Blandón Traiman for doing a wonderful job with the CGS eNews for many years and for being so generous with his time as I've been learning the ropes.

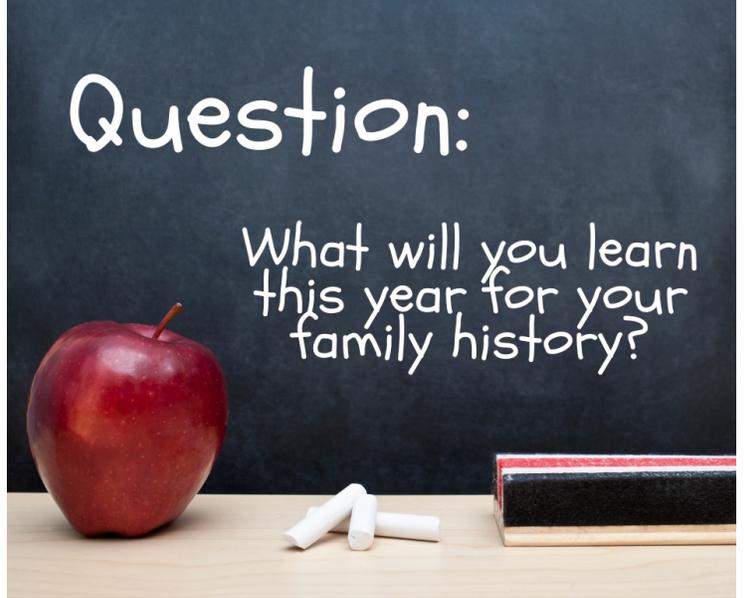
Have specific questions about CGS? Just hit "reply" on this email and I will be happy to help out or connect you to the right person.

As we head into Back to School season, have you given any thought to what you might want to learn this year? Even though the calendar starts in January, I still think of September as my favorite time for goal-setting and making a plan of action.

No matter where you are with your genealogy, learning about new research techniques, record types, and untapped sources will make the time you spend on your family history more efficient. CGS has a great list of classes in the line-up with more to come so don't forget to check our Classes and Events page to see what's happening.

Question:

What will you learn
this year for your
family history?



Classes and SIGs

We are extremely pleased to continue to offer our ONLINE classes. Register on [Eventbrite](#).



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.

	<p>2022 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics</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>Saturday, 3 Sep from 10 am - noon</p>
	<p>Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research Presented by Nancy Loe</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tuesday, 13 Sep from 7 - 8 pm</p>
	<p>Round Table Facilitated by Jacqueline Henderson and Lisa Gorrell, CG</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.

2nd Wednesday of each month, next on **14 Sep from 6:30 - 8 pm**
Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.

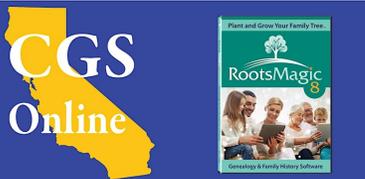


Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group

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, 17 Sep from 1 - 3 pm



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

Users of Roots Magic will meet to discuss helpful hints for using the software.

Wednesday, 28 Sep from 6:30 pm
We meet on the 4th Wednesdays



Social Media Series: Saving Social Media for Family History

Presented by Carly Morgan

Posts on social media now capture much of the information we would find in correspondence, journals, and photo albums. In this presentation, we'll look at the most commonly used social media platforms and discuss the easiest ways to ensure that we're preserving anything we don't want to lose.

Tuesday, 4 Oct from 5 - 6:30 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

Social Media Series: Using Social Media for Research

Presented by Carly Morgan



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As social media has changed the way we communicate, we can now explore it as a tool for reaching out and finding research support for our family history work. In this presentation, we'll talk about how to start harnessing the power of social media as you're researching along with best practices for working with efficiency and kindness in a noisy online world.

Tuesday, 11 Oct from 5 - 6:30 pm



Social Media Series: Using Social Media to Grow Your Genealogy Society or Business

Presented by Carly Morgan

In this presentation, we'll talk about what each of the major social media platforms has to offer and how you can take advantage of the ease of communicating with social media to get free advertising, a longer reach, and a deeper connection with the genealogy community you're building.

Tuesday, 18 Oct from 5 - 6:30 pm



Ancestral Time Travel: Timelines

Presented by Jennifer Holik

Every genealogist and military researcher uses timelines in their research. They are automatically created on family trees as we add facts about our ancestor. Did you know this generic timeline is only one way to use this powerful tool? Are you ready to step out of the generic timeline box and travel through the life of an ancestor from a completely different perspective?

Saturday, 22 Oct from 10 - 11:30 pm



Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret

Presented by Pam Vestal

Looking for a date of birth or death? When and where your ancestor became a citizen? Where he disappeared to or where he came from? Voting records may have the answer. These often-overlooked gems can be packed with genealogical information, and you won't believe what they can tell us about our ancestors!

Tuesday, 1 Nov from 6 - 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, 19 Nov 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



Join the CGS Membership Team!

Are you someone with decent organizational skills and enjoys meeting other genealogy enthusiasts? If so, the CGS Membership Committee would love to have you on board! Basically, the Membership Committee is looking for a volunteer to assist them with tasks such as: copying checks and membership forms, data entry of renewals and new memberships, collecting and sorting mail, printing reports, filing and putting together packets for new members.

Ideally, a new volunteer would be available to come into the CGS Library a few hours at a time, twice a month - and preferably on weekends (free parking!). However, if a volunteer is only available on weekdays, it can be arranged. Training will be provided. Interested? Send an email to [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for additional information.

Meetings & More

CGS Board Meeting - 10 September

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

- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business



If you would like to host a Special Interest Group, 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

- [Colleen Shogan nominated to be Archivist of the United States](#)
- [In Memoriam: John Moore \(1931-2020\)](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Library Committee Survey - Part 6: The Final Chapter](#)-- by Chris Pattillo

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [A Letter to Paul](#) -- by Jeff Record for American Ancestors
- [NGS Recommends: Eighteen Important Free Websites for Genealogy Research](#) -- National Genealogical Society
- [Sonoma County Library and activists launch two new local LGBTQ+ archives](#) -- by Chelsea Kurnick for Bohemian
- [New AI Tools Let You Chat with Your Dead Relatives](#)-- by Jennifer A. Kingson for Axios
- [What Do I Do with Old VHS Tapes?](#)-- by Linda Yip for Past Presence
- [How this design blogger's journey into genealogy exposed the dark side of antiquing](#) -- by Caroline Borque for Business of Home



Overcoming Discouragement in Genealogy (Why Continue to Build Your Family Tree)
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](https://www.conferencekeeper.org).

Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

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

National & International Conference Schedule

All events are subject to cancellation.
Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

2022

[New York State Family History Conference](#)

September 8 - 10

[SLIG Fall Virtual \(SLIG\)](#)

September 8 - November 17

2023

[Salt Lake Genealogical Institute \(SLIG\)](#)

January 23 - 27

[SLIG Academy for Professionals](#)

February 9 - April 28

[RootsTech 2023](#)

March 2 - 4

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

April 26 - 29

[National Genealogical Society](#)

May 31 - June 3

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

June 18 - 23 (virtual) and July 19 - 24

[Midwest African American Genealogy Institute \(MAAGI\)](#)

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

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#)

[42nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

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!](#)

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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. Our mask protocol remains in place: 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](#)

