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October 2022 Announcements

As family historians, we spend a lot of time looking at the past. How strange, then, that the field of genealogy changes so often!

It's not uncommon to feel overwhelmed by changing technologies but don't let that push you away from your family history goals. In the last couple of years, there have been an explosion in online connection and records being digitized which means we can all enjoy more access to the records of our families than ever before. This gives you the opportunity to truly make your genealogy work your own.

Our [upcoming classes](#) explore some of this change. The social media series looks at all the family history that has been created on our social profiles and how we can save those treasures to our archives while the U.S. Military Pension Records class will tell you how you can access service records and the amazing information they contain.

In November, you can look forward to a class all about using the friendly Photoshop Elements program to tell your family stories. Don't forget to check our SIGs to learn more about DNA testing, family history software, and other wonderful changes in the world of genealogy.



Classes and SIGs

Speaker: Rebecca Whitman Koford

Rebecca Whitman Koford holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and as a Certified Genealogical Lecturer. Her focuses are Maryland and military records at the National Archives, especially the War of 1812.

Her presentation on military records is appropriate for all levels of family historian and offers our community the chance to participate in a Q&A session, perfect for breaking down those brick walls!

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

Presented by Rebecca Whitman Koford
Saturday, 8 Oct from 1 - 2:30 pm



Speaker: Jennifer Holik

From Jennifer Holik's website, Ancestral Souls Wisdom School:

"I'm Jennifer, a spiritual coach and an intuitive healer specializing in inherited & war trauma, & personal & ancestral healing.

With over 25 years genealogy & military research & writing experience, I help people identify & release the beliefs, behaviors, & patterns in their lives & the lives of their ancestors that keep them stuck."

Ancestral Time Travel: Timelines
Presented by Jennifer Holik
Saturday, 22 Oct from 10 - 11:30 pm

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.



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, 1 Oct from 10 am - noon



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

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



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 **12 Oct 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



Hosted by Ron Madison and Karen Harlow

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, 15 Oct from 1 - 3 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

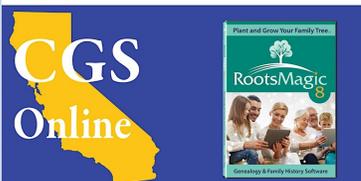


DNA Skills - SIG

Learn how to use DNA test results for family history.

Tuesday, 25 Oct from 7-8:30 pm

Contact Mark McLaren - greatscot@earthlink.net



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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

Wednesday, 26 Oct from 6:30 pm

We meet on the 4th Wednesdays



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



Using Photoshop Elements™ For Genealogy

Presented by Ron Madson

This class will bring together three of Ron Madson's passions: Family History, Photography, and Computers. Ron will demonstrate how your own Family History work can benefit from the synergy of these three elements working together.

This is a hybrid class that will be presented virtually on Zoom and in-person at the Oakland FamilySearch Library.

Saturday, 12 Nov from 1 - 4 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.](#)

Volunteers

Join the CGS Membership Team!



Have you been thinking about contributing some of your time and talent to the California Genealogical Society? CGS has plenty of volunteer opportunities for members of our 124-year-old organization. Do you like working with a group of fun, dedicated volunteers? Want information about a particular volunteer position? Maybe "job sharing" appeals to you? Remember - CGS has been around since 1898 and is operated solely by volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for additional information or if you have any questions about volunteering for CGS.

Meetings & More

CGS Board Meeting - 8 October

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, 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](#).



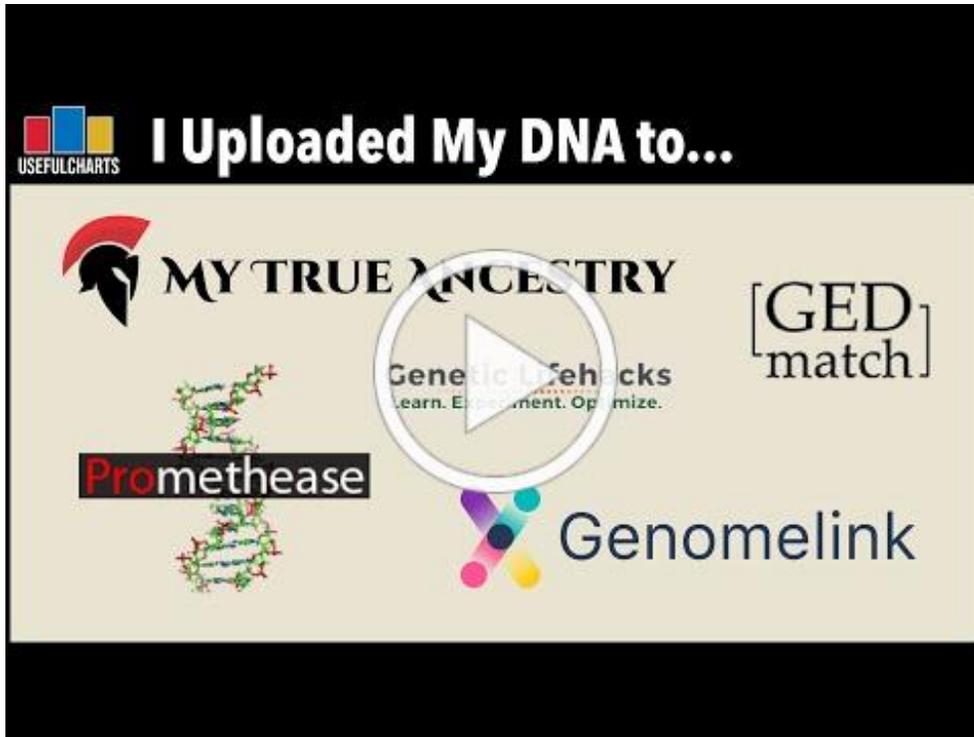
CGS Blog

- [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

- [Rest in Peace, Queen Elizabeth](#) -- by DNAeXplained
- [Living Through the Panic of 1837](#) -- by Sally Odekirk for FamilySearch

- [Four Expert Tips for Deciphering German Place Names in Genealogy](#)-- Germanology Unlocked
- [Downsizing \(Part 1\) - Getting the Process Rolling](#)-- by Gena Philibert-Ortega for Legacy Family Tree



I Uploaded My DNA to Genomelink, My True Ancestry, GEDmatch, Promethease, and Genetic Lifehacks
by Matt Baker of UsefulCharts

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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 Great Britain*
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Paul Milner
OCTOBER 22
 IN-PERSON • LIVE-STREAMED • RECORDED
 Register at dallasgenealogy.org

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African American ★ Hispanic ★ German Tracks
 Provide tips and tools for researching your ethnic ancestors

National & International Conference Schedule

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

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**. If you are a CGS member, you do not need to make an appointment to visit on Fridays.

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](#)