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November 2022 Announcements

As we warm up to the holiday season, many of us will be spending time with family, bringing along stories of ancestors, photos of holiday memories, and news of discoveries made in our research over the past year.

If you haven't browsed [the online resources on the CGS website](#) recently, you may want to take a peek before you meet up with family just in case we have something exciting you want to share. As always, feel free to ask [our Research Services team](#) for help if you find yourself a little stuck. We're here for you!



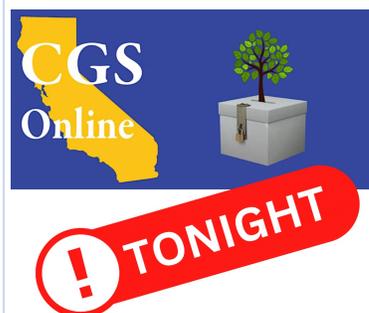
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Thanks for your cooperation and please visit!

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.



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



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, 5 Nov 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 **9 Nov from 6:30 - 8 pm**
Email [Jacqueline](mailto:jacqueline@californiaancestors.org) or [Lisa](mailto:lisa@californiaancestors.org) for a link to the Zoom meeting.



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

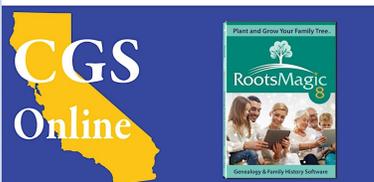


Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group

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, 19 Nov from 1 - 3 pm



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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

Wednesday, 28 Dec from 6:30 pm

We meet on the 4th Wednesdays



DNA Skills - SIG

The DNA Skills Special Interest Group will continue to develop their understanding of DNA techniques, review new developments in DNA testing and tools, and discuss member's research problems and case studies.

Prerequisite: Completion of CGS DNA Series or equivalent DNA class / experience. Must have uploaded DNA test results at one of the common DNA websites.

Please contact Mark McLaren at greatscot@earthlink.net.

San Francisco SIG

The California Genealogical Society is interested in reconstituting the **San Francisco SIG monthly meetings** in person at the library or joining virtually using Zoom.

If you are interested in participating in this group meeting we'd like to hear from you, please send an email to the host at sfsig@californiaancestors.org



to express your interest in reconvening. If there is sufficient interest, the meeting dates and time will be scheduled and announced in the CGS eNews, and the websites Eventbrite and the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar.



Volunteers

Searching for a Calendar Girl (or Boy)!

Are you a CGS member who would love to contribute some volunteer time for our (almost) 125-year-old organization, but the CGS Library in Oakland is a bit of a distance from your home? If so, we have a great opportunity to "volunteer at home!"

We have an opening on the Education & Events Committee for assistance with online calendar submissions. A volunteer is needed to regularly submit information about CGS classes to "[ConferenceKeeper](#)" and the "[Bay Area Genealogical Calendar](#)" (hosted by Sutro Library). We also have an email list of other societies and groups that receive information about CGS classes. The job entails about five hours a month and you will receive training from one of our longtime volunteers. Interested? Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information.



We've missed you!

Our holiday volunteer potluck is back!

Current president, Jim Sorenson, and past president, Linda Okazaki, cordially invite you to an informal holiday gathering of CGS volunteers, past, present, and potential.

Sunday December 4

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In Lafayette

Come join your friends and meet other volunteers

Please bring a dish to share

Fruit, appetizers, bread, dessert, beverage – whatever suits your fancy

Sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for directions

Guests must be vaccinated.

Bring a sweater as windows will be open; if the weather is nice, we can celebrate outdoors.

Meetings & More

CGS Board Meeting - 12 November

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 and Videos

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](#).



From the California Genealogical Society

- [Video: What's Available on the CGS Website?](#)
- [Blog Archives: Internet Genealogy - It's Just the Tip of the Iceberg](#)
- [Blog Archives: A Note From Beyond the Grave](#)

Other Genealogy Resources

- [That's Not a Genealogy Source!](#) -- by The Occasional Genealogist
- [California Dreamin': Looking for Connections to Cass Elliot](#) -- by Jeff Record for AmericanAncestors.org
- [Photo Preservation for Family History](#) -- by Kathryn Grant for FamilySearch
- [Video: 16 Ways to Find Your Ancestor's Village](#) -- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems



Explore the California Genealogical Society Library
Hosted by Chris Pattillo

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).

African American ✦ Hispanic ✦ German Tracks

Provide tips and tools for researching your ethnic ancestors

Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

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

National & International Conference

Schedule

2023

[Salt Lake Genealogical Institute \(SLIG\)](#)
January 23 - 27

[SLIG Academy for Professionals](#)
February 9 - April 28

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

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 2022 Nominating Committee – Joanna Shear, Kathleen Beitiks, and Linda Okasaki – has proposed one new board nominee, Keith Montgomery, for the term 2023-2025. The candidate was presented to and accepted by the board at the October meeting. Nominations will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting on 14 January 2023 where the general membership will vote upon the full slate of directors.



Keith R Montgomery has been a member of CGS since 2015. He sits on numerous CGS committees, including Technology, Digital Archives, Education and Events, Reopening, and Finance and participates in many CGS SIG groups, especially those involving computer technology. A former editor of the newsletter for Clan Montgomery Society, he helps other members with genealogical records, and has been administrator of the Montgomery Genealogy Facebook page for the past 13 years. He's active with DNA research on family and helps others in their work. Now living in Albany, CA, Keith grew up in New Mexico and attended the University of Colorado. He's a retired Hotel Controller and worked in downtown Oakland for many years. He's passionate about traveling as much as possible and enjoys taking five-mile walks along the bay with friends.

Status of other board members:

- Continuing in their first terms are Jacqueline Threet Henderson, Carly Morgan, Roger Prince, Cindy Kim Thomson, Evan Wilson, and Larry Youngman.
- Continuing in their second terms are Grant Din and Joanna Shear.
- Proposed nominations for their second terms are Ron Madson and Adelle Treakle.
- Continuing in her third term is Chris Pattillo.
- Proposed nominations for their third terms are Matt Berry, Jennifer Dix, and James Sorenson.

The California Genealogical Society's bylaws outline the requirements for Directors in Article V, Section 1:

1. The number of directors shall be not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20).
2. The last active past president, he or she consenting, shall serve as a Member of the Board of Directors until replaced by a new past president willing to serve on the Board of Directors.
3. Immediate family members of Directors are ineligible for candidacy during the period of the sitting

Director's term.

4. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years from the date of election.
5. Any vacancy in the Board during an unexpired term may but is not required to be filled by the Board. Such Director shall serve until a successor Director is elected.
6. Directors shall be limited to a maximum of three successive two-year terms, or a total of six (6) consecutive years.

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