



California Genealogical Society

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Summer has arrived!



FAMILY HISTORY

SUMMER GOALS

CEMETERY WALK

VISIT A CEMETERY, TAKE PHOTOS, AND MARK FAMILY MEMBERS ON A MAP FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

TIPS AND TALK

JOIN CGS FRIENDS AT THE OAKLAND FAMILY SEARCH CENTER FOR A FREE PRESENTATION AND A CHAT

MINI-REUNION

IF YOU WON'T BE SEEING DISTANT FAMILY, SURPRISE THEM BY MAILING A CARD AND A FEW COPIES OF OLD PHOTOS

LIBRARY DAY

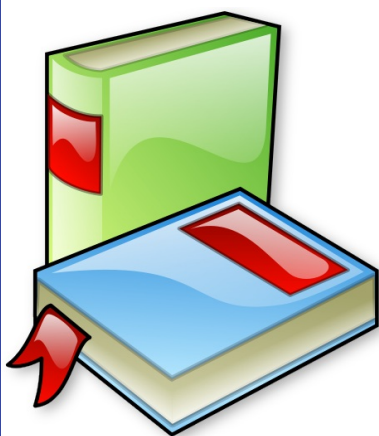
BEAT THE HEAT BY SPENDING THE DAY AT THE CGS LIBRARY EXPLORING ALL OF OUR IN-PRINT RESOURCES



Haven't visited the library in a while? What's going on??

Visitation at the CGS Library has declined considerably since COVID. We are asking you, our members, to help us better understand the patterns of attendance that we are seeing and to get your input on how to improve our services. **We really need to hear from you!** Your responses matter, regardless of how much or how little you visit our Library or attend our classes.

Please take our **very-short-oh-so-easy-to-fill-out Member Survey** so we can start workshopping the best way to serve our members.



Tips and Talk

Tips and Talk classes at the Oakland Family Search Center are catching on and we hope to see you there soon!

These discussions are free to all! They are one hour long and will be given only at 11:00am for the months of June, July, and August. Each Wednesday will have a different focus.

Come early and stay after the group to have additional hands on assistance to take advantage of the amazing resources at OFSC.

- **June 7th - "Got Questions?"** - Any questions are welcome. Volunteers will be on hand to help you with your genealogy projects. Bring lunch and join us in the break room!
- **June 14th - FamilySearch.org topics - *FamilySearch Wiki***. Volunteer Debbi Hunt will talk about this informative go-to site for all things genealogy. Be sure to check the blog for more details.
- **June 21st - Free subscription databases at OFSC- *Using FindMyPast***. Volunteers Donna and Terry Colyar will share the ever-increasing resources found on this subscription site (available for free at the Family Search Center).
- **June 28th - General Genealogy Topics - *Breaking Down Your Brick Walls***. Experienced researchers Pat Smith and Evan Wilson will facilitate a discussion to help you find new resources and strategies to break down brick walls.

Please look for Tips and Talks on [Eventbrite](#) and on [the OFSC webpage](#).

CGS might be turning 125 this year, but we're looking to the future. The CGS board recently approved having John Ralls, chair of the Technology Committee, upgrade our wifi to further improve our hybrid capabilities (i.e. prevent us from losing our internet connection mid-session). We want to make sure we stay as connected with our community as possible so we are not cutting corners with this one. The total anticipated cost is about \$4000, but it's going to be worth it!

Will you help by donating to support these state-of-the-art improvements?



Research Trip - EARLY BIRD PRICING

A promotional graphic for a research trip. It features a blue background with white decorative elements. The main text 'SALT LAKE CITY' is in large yellow letters, with 'Research Trip' in white script below it. A central photograph shows the FamilySearch Library building. To the right is the California Genealogical Society logo, which includes a ship and the text 'CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY', 'ORGANIZED FEB. 12, 1898', and '125th Anniversary 1898-2023'. A yellow circle on the left contains the text '6 Days For Just \$1050 /Person' and '\$1500 for single occupancy Airfare not included'. At the bottom right, it says 'More Information at CaliforniaAncestors.org'.

SALT LAKE CITY

Research Trip



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More Information at
CaliforniaAncestors.org

We are happy to announce the revival of [our annual society research trip to the FamilySearch Library](#) (formerly called the Family History Library) in Salt Lake City.

[Registration](#) /// [More information](#)

Early bird pricing: if you register for the trip before July 1st, you'll save \$100 with early bird pricing.

The trip includes:

- five-night stay at the Radisson Hotel
- five days of uninterrupted research at the largest genealogical library in the world
- pre-trip meeting and consultation
- guided tour of the library
- research assistance by [Evan Wilson](#) and [Stewart Traiman](#)
- daily hotel breakfast
- two group dinners at local restaurants

Classes and SIGs

We are pleased to continue to offer our [classes](#) and [special interest groups](#). We have online classes available as well as some opportunities to meet in-person. [Please visit our Events and Education page to learn more.](#)

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.



2023 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, 3 June from 10 am to 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 **14 June from 6:30 - 8 pm**
Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.

Mayflower Descendants Special Interest Group Hosted by Robert Trapp

The Mayflower Descendants SIG focuses initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants. The group discusses research in New England, parts of Canada and the



upper Atlantic seaboard states.

Friday, 16 June from 10:30 am to 11:30 am



San Francisco Special Interest Group

Hosted by Sandra Huber

Whether you're just starting out researching your family history or have been searching for years and need ideas on how to get past brick walls or are interested in finding your ancestors' records in and around the San Francisco Bay Area, join the conversation with us to uncover information and create a more complete family story.

Saturday, 17 June at 10 am



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, 17 Jun from 10 am to 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, 17 June from 1 to 3 pm



The Early California Population Project: A Genealogical Treasure A special joint program of CGS and Los Californianos

The early Hispanic settlers of Alta California (part of which is now the state of California) were called Californios or Californianos. Los Californianos was organized by their descendants to preserve the Hispanic heritage of Alta California (history, music, culture, infrastructure, etc.) and to help other descendants compile their Hispanic genealogy. Come to CGS to hear from a member of Los Californianos and see the resources in the CGS collection about the early Hispanic settlers of our state. Learn about the Early California Population Project.

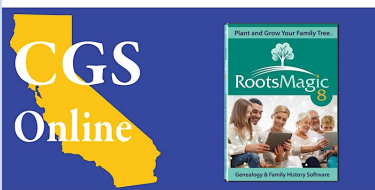
Friday, 23 Jun at 3:30 pm



Tax Records: More Exciting Than You Might Think Presented by Annette Burke Lyttle

Tax records can help us locate our ancestors in place and time. They can tie our ancestors to land or confirm for us that an ancestor did not own land. They can help us follow ancestral migrations and separate same-named persons. Sometimes they can help us pinpoint a death date or timeframe. Tax records can act as censuses between the censuses. The variety of taxes levied by governments at all levels has left a rich record of our ancestors' lives and their sometimes-changing fortunes.

Saturday, 24 Jun from 10 to 11:30 am



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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

Wednesday, 28 Jun 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.

Volunteers

If you have been thinking about contributing some of your time and talent to our 125-year-old organization, take a look at our list of **Volunteer Opportunities**.

We are in need of Desk Duty volunteers! Our wonderful Desk Duty helpers let us keep the library open for visitors and are an important part of what we do here at CGS. Don't worry, we give you all of the training and information you need, so if you'd like to spend a little more time in the library, we'd love to have you!

See something else that looks interesting? Want more information about a particular volunteer position? Contact Volunteers@californiaancestors.org if you have any questions about CGS volunteer opportunities.



Remember - CGS has been around since 1898 and is operated solely by volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Write for The California Nugget!

Do you have a story about an ancestor? Some helpful information or advice to share on genealogy topics?

The *Nugget* is our twice-yearly magazine, and we are interested in quality articles of any length. See our guidelines at: <https://www.californiaancestors.org/submit-to-the-nugget/> or email nugget@californiaancestors.org for more information.



CGS Genie Awards

Reminder: The annual **CGS Genie Awards** will be presented on **Saturday, June 10**, celebrating the outstanding work of our volunteers during the 2022 National Genealogical Society Conference in Sacramento.

Our volunteers will be recognized following (11:15 a.m.) the monthly 10 a.m. CGS Board Meeting. On the agenda is a potluck lunch (bring a favorite dish!) and a short presentation by Maureen Hanlon about exploring 1898 Spanish American war records.

The festivities will take place at the **CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL1, Oakland, CA.** (*Note previous location change!*) Street parking is available, as well as behind the Bruener Building. The 19th Street BART station is nearby. All CGS members are welcome!

The event will be "in person and online." Be sure to RSVP by **registering** now. For a list of recipients, take a look at the **latest CGS Blog Post**.

Questions? Contact **Kathleen Beitiks**

Family Day at Angel Island Immigration Station

Save Saturday, June 17 for Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation's Family Day. Take the ferry for a picnic with family and friends. There will be activities and programs and you can visit the new Angel Island Immigration Museum located in the former hospital building and the former immigration barracks. Several genealogical volunteers will be present to assist you in researching your family records (bring immigrant's name(s), birth date, immigrating year, naturalization year if possible). A special roundtrip ferry ticket that includes lunch from the San Francisco or Tiburon piers and shuttle van to the immigration station is

available for \$10 for the day. (<https://www.aiisf.org/familyday>). *

The Angel Island immigration station was in operation from 1910 to 1940 and was a locked facility for third class -steerage immigrants arriving by ship from China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, the Philippines, Russia, Austria and many other countries - a total of eighty in all. Each immigrant underwent questions regarding their status to enter the U.S. through interrogations, documents, and physical exams and were detained anywhere from overnight to two years. June 17th is a day of remembrance and to honor our ancestors who endured the procedures to become our families' first generation Americans. It is a day to celebrate.

**There are no other ferries going to Angel Island except SF and Tiburon. From the East Bay & Peninsula, Take Bart to The Embarcadero stop. then walk across to street to SF's Ferry Building's Pier 1/ B to catch the ferry. You must pre-purchase your ferry tickets to get the discounted package (<https://www.aiisf.org/familyday>).*

Meetings & More

CGS Monthly Board Meeting - 10 June

The CGS Board will meet online via Zoom and in-person at the CGS Library in Downtown Oakland. Members are welcome to attend. Please register in advance and 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 to the online meeting.



In-person location: the CGS Library at 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612-3031

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
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- [The magic is back! Genie Awards live at the library, June 10](#)
- [More about the "Tips & Talk" at OFSC](#)
- [From the Archives: The Ancestry of Theodore Timothy Judge and Ellen Sheehy Judge](#)

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.

[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](#)

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

[RootsTech 2024](#)

February 29 - March 2

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

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Our library is open by appointment, **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm** and on the **third Saturday of the month from 10 am to 4 pm**

To make this work for our dedicated volunteers who come in just for you, please let us know you'll be coming to the library by sending an email to visit@californiaancestors.org no later than 7 pm the night before your visit.

Visits are free for members and non-members can pay the \$5 fee at time of the visit or join and have the fee applied to membership cost.

Join The
Society

Renew Your Membership

