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Raise a Glass! It's Our 125th Anniversary!

You're invited to party with fellow family history enthusiasts on Sunday afternoon, October 8th.



We will be celebrating the 1898 founding of the California Genealogical Society.

Please join us for this anniversary party, and bring your genealogy buddies! We will be having a lovely luncheon at the Beach House on the shore of Lake Temescal in Oakland from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our glasses will flow with wine as we toast the continuance and the evolution of CGS over the last century and a quarter. And, you get to keep the commemorative glass!

Live music, interesting people, a delicious cake...and a great opportunity to show your love of genealogy and your support for CGS. To add to the fun, we will have an Anniversary Raffle of many delightful gift baskets at the luncheon, so come prepared to win! Here are some teasers: a basket filled with genealogy aids, a toy-filled grandparent survival kit, a special spa basket, a home maintenance-themed basket, and several baskets of wine, wine, wine!

So, let's raise a glass, and get the party started!

Tickets cost \$60 and are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/cgs-125th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-699395760547



Early purchase is recommended as tickets are limited.

The Lake Temescal Beach House is at 6500 Broadway. Directions and parking information can be found at www.ebparks.org/rentals-and-permits/event-venues/beach-house



Doors Open California

For the first time, California Genealogical Society will be a part of **Doors Open California**, the largest statewide celebration of historic spaces.

For only \$20, **you will have access to more than 65 amazing historic places throughout the state** on September 9 and 10. CGS will have an open house on Sunday, September 10, from 11 to 3, and we are especially encouraging attendance by people who haven't been to our incredible library.

CGS is located in the historic Breuner Building at 2201 Broadway in Oakland and after your visit to CGS, we will have volunteers from Oakland Heritage Alliance provide information about other area historic buildings including the Fox and Paramount Theaters.

Street parking is free on Sundays!

We'd like to welcome new members to the California Genealogical Society!

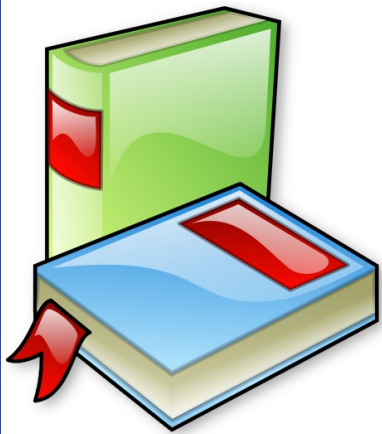
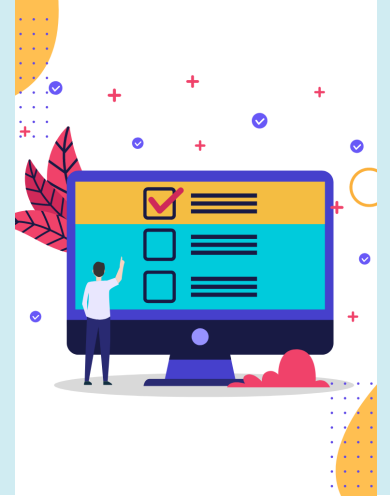
Member Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent member survey!

Main themes:

- CGS is already working on issues that our members care about
- CGS will prioritize other top issues raised in the survey
- CGS will incorporate members' concerns in our long-term planning

[Click here](#) to read details about the feedback.



[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 July and August. Each 1st and 3rd Wednesday and 2nd and 4th Tuesday will have a different focus.

- Come early and stay after for additional hands-on assistance and to take advantage of the amazing resources at OFSC.
- [View the schedule of upcoming discussions.](#)

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

Recent CGS Events

Our tour of Mountain View Cemetery was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who came out!



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, 2 Sep 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 **13 Sep 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. If interested, contact Robert Trapp at r1946at@aol.com.

Friday, 15 Sep 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. If you are interested in joining the SF SIG, please send an email to SFSIG@californiaancestors.org.

Saturday, 16 Sep at 10 am

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





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, 16 Sep from 1 to 3 pm



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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

Wednesday, 27 Sep from 6:30 to 8 pm



Be a Super Sleuth: Accessing and Using Image Records

Learn the ins and outs of using FamilySearch Image Records

Saturday, 30 Sep from 10 am to 11:30 am



CGS 125th Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to join in the festivities for this very special anniversary on Sunday, October 8 in the beautiful Lake Temescal Beach house. There will be food, fun, and a sense of family, as we get together to celebrate 125 years of the California Genealogical Society.

Sunday, 8 Oct from 12 pm to 3 pm



Using Google's My Maps as a Research and Analysis Tool

Learn how Google My Maps can help your research.

Tuesday, 10 Oct from 7 pm



Eastern European Special Interest Group

Hosted by Craig Siulinski

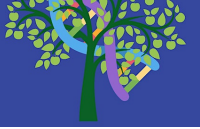
Come to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.

Saturday, 4 Nov from 10 am to 12 pm

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**.

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!

Members only!

Check out the new **Tech Talks** on the CGS website, an ongoing set of videos about how to use and benefit from CGS technology, including:

- [Intro to Google Drive](#)
- [Google Drive Files](#)
- [File Sharing](#)

Surplus Books for Sale



Ancestors in German Archives, A Guide to Family History Sources, v. 1 by Raymond S. Wright III et al, 2004, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 568 pg. Paperback, good condition. **\$10**

----- **v. 2** by Raymond S. Wright III et al, 2004, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., pp. 569-1189. Paperback, good condition. **\$10**

DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Part 1: A-F, 1990, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1109 pg. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **Part 2: G-Q** 1990, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pp. 111-2204. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **Part 3: P-Z** 1990, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pp. 2205-3336. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May 1692 on the Basis of Farmer's Register, v. 1: A-G, by James Savage, 1977, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 516 pg. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **v. 2: D-J** by James Savage, 1977, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 599 pg. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **v. 3: K-R** by James Savage, 1977, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 664 pg. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **v. 4: S-Z** by James Savage, 1977, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 714 pg. Index to v. 1-4. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

New England Marriages Prior to 1700, v. 1: A-G Clarence Almon Torrey, 2011, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 674 pg. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **v. 2: H-S** Clarence Almon Torrey, 2011, New England Historic Genealogical Society, pp. 675-1482. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

----- **v. 3: T-Z** Clarence Almon Torrey, 2011, New England Historic Genealogical Society, pp. 1483-2308. Includes Source List and Index to v.1-3. Hardback, good condition. **\$20**

Polk's Long Beach (Los Angeles County, CA) City Directory 1962 848, 507, 169 pg. Hardback, fair condition (binding needs work). **\$20**

Polk's Oakland (California), City Directory 1933. Includes Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Piedmont. 880 pg. Hardback, fair condition (looks old and beat up). **\$25**

Polk's Stockton (San Joaquin County, CA) City Directory 1968. Includes Signal Hill. 610, 266, 80 pg. Hardback, fair condition (looks old and beat up). **\$20**

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor, by Bertram Hawthorne Groene, 1973 John Blair Publisher, Winston-Salem, NC, 124 pg. Bibliography and Index. Hardback, good condition. **\$10**

Western Massachusetts Families in 1790, Edited by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, 2012, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 313 pg. Index. Paperback, good condition. **\$10**

----- **v. 2** Edited by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, 2016, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 554 pg. Index. Paperback, good condition. **\$10**

How To Order Surplus Books

Email

Send an email to library@californiaancestors.org stating which book you want to buy and providing your name and address where you want the book mailed to. We will calculate the postage and inform you of the total price. You can send us a check and we will mail the book to you.

Donation

On the CGS Donation page, you can make a donation of the price of the book plus postage, and specify in the Note box that you want to buy a specific book from our Surplus Books list in the CGS enews. The Donation page allows you to pay via Pay Pal or via mail. When we learn that you have done this, we will mail the book to you.

Visit the Library in Person

Send an email to library@californiaancestors.org to make sure the book is still unsold and tell us that

you want to come in person to pick it up. If we reply that it is still available, then you can come in during our open hours, and you can pay with cash or a check and take the book home with you.

Meetings & More

[CGS Monthly Board Meeting - 9 Sep at 10am](#)

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 California Genealogical Society

- [This was the scene at the 2023 Genie Awards](#)
- [More about the "Tips & Talk" at OFSC](#)
- [From the Archives - A Remembrance: Dr. Eugene Peck](#)

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

National & International

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

International Conference Schedule

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

[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](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

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Contact Us Via
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Our library is open **Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm** and **Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm**

See **Directions and Parking** for info on Saturday visits, which have different procedures than weekdays.

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