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As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings we have, and at the forefront of our thoughts are each and every one of you, the heart and soul of our genealogical community.

The California Genealogical Society is not just an organization; it is a family of dedicated individuals who share a common passion for uncovering the stories of our ancestors. This holiday season, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and commitment to preserving our rich heritage.

Throughout the year, you have attended our meetings, shared your invaluable knowledge and experiences with fellow members, and celebrated our 125th anniversary. Your collective efforts have allowed our society to flourish and thrive, creating a vibrant and dynamic community that continues to inspire and educate. This includes the many wonderful societies, archives, libraries, and other groups who offer so much support and inspiration as they do their own great works



We look forward to another year of exploration, learning, and camaraderie with all of you and extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. Thank you for being a part of our genealogical society and for making it the remarkable and thriving community it is today.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!

Do you read all of these?

The CGS Library Committee needs feedback from our members.

Currently, we subscribe to several periodicals. Some are free, some are donated, and 31 we pay for. Visits to the library have been down since the pandemic started, so we are wondering if we should continue to renew all of the paid subscriptions. Please review the list below and if you use any of the following periodicals and want us to renew our subscriptions please send an email to periodicalsmanager@californiaancestors.org

Thank you!

List of Current Paid Periodical Subscriptions

- American Ancestors
- American Genealogist
- TheAmerican Spirit
- Arkansas Family Historian
- Journal of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society
- Family Tree Magazine [USA]
- Florida Genealogist
- TheGenealogical Magazine of New Jersey
- TheGenealogist
- TheGerman-American Genealogy

- The German American Genealogy
- Immigrant Gen Society
- Illinois State Genealogy Society
- Journal of The Quarterly
- Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter
- Internet Genealogy
- Los Californianos noticias para
- Louisiana Genealogical Register
- Maryland Genealogy Society Journal
- Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal
- National Genealogical Society-Quarterly
- National Genealogical Society
- NGS Magazine
- Nebraska Ancestry
- New England Historical and Genealogical Register
- New Mexico Genealogist
- New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
- The Record
- North Carolina Genealogy Society-NCGS Journal
- Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly
- South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research
- Tennessee Genealogical Magazine
- Ansearchin' News
- Texas State Genealogical Society
- Stirpes
- Vermont Genealogy
- Magazine of Virginia Genealogy

CGS would like to welcome new members Tammy Durston, Anne Gometz, and Lynn Wenzel

Tips & Talk

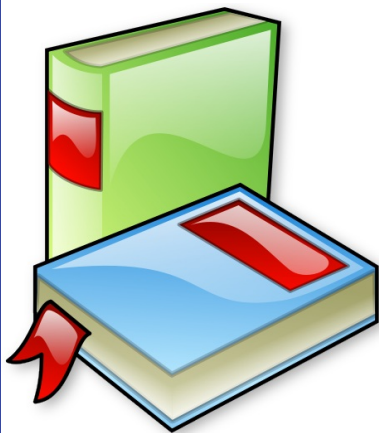
New Information for 2024 Tips & Talk Classes

Tips & Talk is a joint program of the California Genealogical Society and the Oakland Family Search Center. Many of the speakers have years of experience and are providing these free talks to assist CGS members and OFSC patrons in advancing their research. These have become popular as attendance has been increasing.

Due to patron requests, **all of the Tips & Talk presentations will now be hybrid**. Although we strongly encourage attending in person at OFSC, all talks will now also be on Zoom.

Beginning in January we ask that:

- All attendees register on EventBrite whether attending the class at OFSC or remotely.



- An email reminder will be sent a few days before the class and will include the Zoom link.
- Classes will be recorded and can be viewed at OFSC if you are unable to attend on the day of the presentation.

Please click on the [LINK](#) for the 2024 class schedule (January to May). And please feel free to share it with others who might be interested in the classes.

- More detailed information is on the EventBrite link (class descriptions and presenter biographies).
- The CGS blog will post weekly information for classes (Signing up for the blog is encouraged to receive the most up to date information. Go to <https://www.californiaancestors.org/blog/> ; Under “Follow the Blog” on the left side, add your email address and then click Subscribe.)
- Details are also available at templehill.org/events.

Signups appreciated on [Eventbrite](#). Calendar of classes available at [the OFSC webpage](#).



Holiday Hours

The CGS Library will be closed for the last two weekends in December (21-30). The library will reopen on January 4th.

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 Dec 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 Dec from 6:30 to 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 Dec 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 Dec 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 users, people who are just FTM curious, and experienced FTM veterans. All Welcome!

Saturday, 16 Dec from 1 to 3 pm



RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

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

Our next meeting will be hybrid live/online. Please bring your laptop for a hands-on work session.

Wednesday, 27 Dec from 1 to 3 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.



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.

Save the Date!

January 13th – Join us for our Open House after our Annual Membership Meeting, January 13th. We plan on tours of the library, demos, representatives from our SIG Groups and much more. Mark your calendar for January 13th.

January 31st – Oakland FamilySearch Center Tour (OFSC) lead by our CGS member Jane Lindsey. Jane is a regular volunteer at OFSC and very knowledgeable about what OFSC has to offer. Please join us for a **members only** tour and stay after to elevate your research with the tools available.

February 24th – How to Leave Your Genealogy: Don't Let it Get Thrown Away, presented by Lisa Gorrell. Lisa recently presented this topic for the first time, as the Key Note Speaker for the Maine Genealogical Society Seminar. Mark your calendars for February 24th.

March 30th – Photo Organizing and Preservation: You Can Do This, presented by Thomas MacEntee. Is organizing your photos your New Year Resolution? Let Thomas help you. Mark your calendar for March 30th.

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!



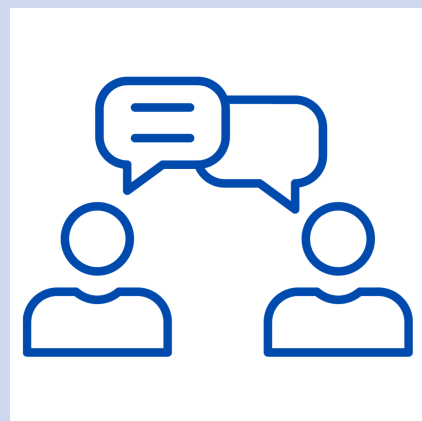
Meetings & More

CGS Monthly Board Meeting - 9 Dec 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



NorCal Group - Association of Professional Genealogists

The Northern California chapter of APG is back after a hiatus!

We are planning quarterly field trips, educational sessions during meetings, and more. A logo and a Facebook group are under construction. Quarterly virtual meetings are planned for the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November. All APG members in good standing are invited to participate. **You do not need to live in Northern California to participate in our group.** Interested parties should contact Linda Okazaki at lindahokazaki@gmail.com.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group, please contact [Jacqueline Henderson](#).

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, 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 Greene, 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.

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

- [CGS Announcement: All Talks Now FREE](#)
- [Jane Lindsey honored for extraordinary service](#)
- [Call for Volunteers: The 10 Million Names Project](#)

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 Conference Schedule

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

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

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

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

[IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

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

All events are subject to cancellation. Please check with each event's website

each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

[RootsTech](#)

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

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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