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October 2018 Announcements

October is Family History Month

Finishing our 120th Year with a Bang, October events include a great lineup that are open for registration.

We will hold our **member meeting** on the second Saturday.

Lisa Gorrell will be expanding her [Intermediate Series](#) with a Part II which will cover tax, military, newspapers, cemeteries and principles of research writing. This will be Wednesday evenings at the FamilySearch Library.

A new topic, [Finding Your Ancestral Home](#) will be presented on Oct 27, by Kate Black.

And on the same day, Bill O'Neil will offer his always popular [Book Repair Workshop](#).

Come to the Library in October to continue your family research. **The library is FREE to all for the entire month!**



Japanese American Pilgrimage - Saturday October 13

The California Genealogical Society is partnering with the [Nichi Bei Foundation](#) to host the Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island on October 13. [Tickets are available](#) online for this fun cultural event. Attendees can visit the barracks where immigrants were detained and meet with genealogists to learn how to research their family history. [Judy Sakaki](#), president of Sonoma State University, will present the keynote address.



If you would like to participate as a genealogy consultant, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#). Lunch will be provided.



Beginning on September 15, and continuing through to October 15, we recognize [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#). During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community. Festivities begin on September 15, marking the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. With great fanfare, celebrations sweep across Latin America, Central American and on into Mexico and Chile commemorating each country's independence from week to week!

This is a good month to learn about Latin American and Hispanic genealogical resources.

- [Central American & Caribbean](#) Resources
- [South American](#) Resources
- [Spanish](#) Resources



Nominations for the Board of Directors

There will be an election of directors at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Four current directors' seats are up for election, and as the by-laws allow up to 20 directors, another eleven could be elected.

Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact [Vicky Kolakowski](#), who will then forward the information to the Nominations committee when it is finalized.

Get Ready for the Genie Awards!

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Please join us on **Saturday, October 13 at noon**, for the 2018 Genie Awards.

Volunteers who "make magic happen" at the California Genealogical Society (CGS) will be recognized for their ongoing commitment to our 120-year-old organization! The awards ceremony will be part of our noontime Fall Membership meeting. Join us in honoring our volunteers,



as well as learning what you can do to contribute your time and talents to CGS. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

For details about any and all volunteer opportunities, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#).

Classes and SIGs

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

When registering on [Eventbrite](#) you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to [Membership](#).

	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 6, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>San Francisco Special Interest Group</p> <p>Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SF-SIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 20, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</p> <p>This CGS Special Interest Group (FTM-SIG) has been formed devoted exclusively to the popular robust and easy-to-use Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Join FTM-SIG facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 20, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Perspectives on DNA and Adoption</p> <p>DNA Testing is transforming genealogical research and is having a huge impact on families with adoptions. Join us to hear our six panelists who will share the perspectives as adoptees, parents and consultants who are building family trees with adoptions. Details being finalized to include an Ancestry.com spokesperson as well. They will share what they have learned about using this advancement for genealogy and their guidelines and insights for dealing with the emotional and ethical issues that arise. Check our EventBrite for registration and details soon.</p> <p>Saturday, Sep 29, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Intermediate Records Series Part II: Taxes, Newspapers, Military, Cemeteries and More</p> <p>Join genealogist Lisa Gorrell for a continuing exploration of resources that go beyond vital records and censuses. The course will consist of both lecture and activities. There will be immediate practice using these newly taught skills. There will also be optional homework so practice can continue at home.</p> <p>Wednesdays in October - 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.</p>



[Book Repair Workshop](#)

Bill O'Neil, Book Repair Committee Chairman will again present his popular Book Repair Workshop.

Workshop participants will learn book repair techniques by creating a book for themselves. Pages are provided, and the pupils create the binding. The finished product will be a copy of a "how to" pamphlet written by the late Dick Thrift, founder of the CGS Book Repair Committee. Everyone goes home with a self-made instruction book and souvenir of the day.

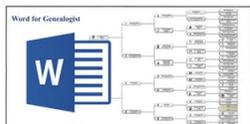
Saturday, Oct 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



[Find Your Ancestral Home in America](#)

Now that you have found your ancestors and where they settled in America, have you ever wondered if the family house or farm still exists? Many of you have family homes you don't know about - but they are out there waiting to be found. In this class we will review the tools that will help you use your already-honed sleuthing skills to find where your ancestors lived and worked.

Saturday, Oct 27, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.



[Microsoft Word for Genealogists](#)

A well written family history or genealogy article adheres to certain styles with regard to formatting, citations and indexing. This course will show how to use Microsoft Word's features to 1) format your genealogy in "Register Style", 2) create footnotes or end notes, and 3) create a useful index. Participants are encourage to bring their own laptop computer and follow along with the examples in class. Examples in class will be shown using MS Word 2016 on a PC, but these features haven't changed much since Word 2007 and are also available on the Mac versions of MS Word.

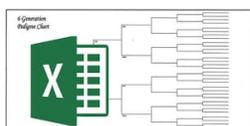
Saturday, Nov 17, from 10 to Noon



[Eastern European Special Interest Group](#)

Come, discuss a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on Eastern European Genealogy. We are still refining how the group will meet, where, when, and more. Join and help us create this group, together!

Saturday, Nov 24, from 1 - 3 p.m.



[Excel for Genealogists](#)

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Stewart loves spreadsheets! He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using spreadsheets in genealogy quite frequently. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Breakthroughs can easily happen by visualizing data in spreadsheets. Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets to track newspaper clippings, a vital records catalog, tracking ancestor addresses over time, and tracking whole families over many censuses. Stewart will teach how to use Excel filter, sorting, color coding, calculations and many other functions.

Saturday, **Dec 8**, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Volunteers

Are you a CGS member who might be thinking about volunteering for our 120-year-old organization? If so, we have some sweet committee opportunities for you:

- Assist with Events (organizing onsite or offsite events such as lectures, field trips, etc.)
- Library (shelving, cataloging, etc.)
- Communication (marketing, blog, newsletter, press releases, etc.)
- Technology (computer maintenance, website, databases)
- Membership (outreach)
- Development (fundraising, grants research, etc.)
- Remote (work from home on online survey tabulations, etc.)
- Other



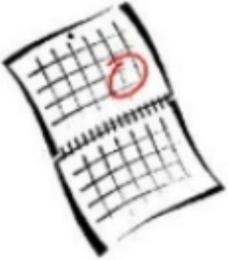
CGS needs your tech skills!

Volunteers are needed to help keep our in-library computers and network functioning smoothly. Maintenance is performed weekly on Mondays, and usually takes a couple of hours. Duty rotates among volunteers, which generally results in a once-a-month commitment. Requires familiarity with Windows 10 setup and troubleshooting; you'll get training on the specific procedures.

Feel free to submit the CGS [Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information!

Meetings and More

California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

	<p>Board Meeting -- The Board will not be meeting in October. Our next meeting will be on November 10, starting at 10 a.m.</p>
	<p>Quarterly Membership Meeting & Genie Awards October 13, at Noon.</p>

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).

If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Vicky Kolakowski](#).

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

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 want and need your stories. If you have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#) to discuss.



A State by State Series by Chris Pattillo

- [CGS Library Collections: Arizona](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Arkansas](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: California, Part 1](#)

[2018 Strategic Plan Status Report](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[The Apple Tree Parable](#) -- by Jennifer Dix & Stewart Traiman

[Report from the field: The Allen County Library Trip](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[California Nugget is here!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[The Genealogy Collection at Los Angeles Central Library: A Worthwhile Adventure!](#) -- by Annie Brenneis

[Thomas MacEntee featured at Fall Seminar, October 6, 2018](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



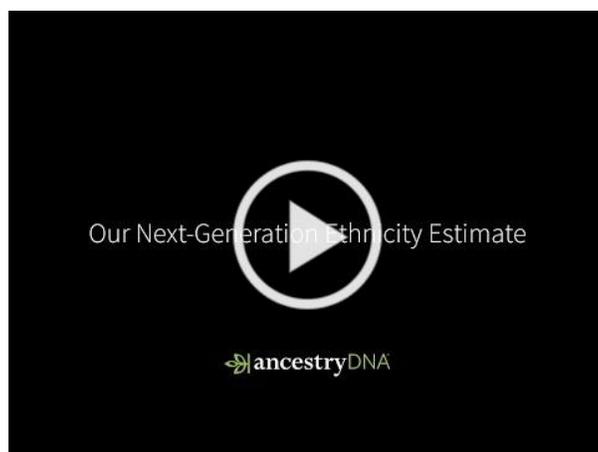
Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Scottish clan gets first chief in 337 years, after genealogist keeps promise to find the rightful heir](#) -- by Francesca Marshall in the Telegraph

[Blaine Bettinger Launches DNA Central](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Ancestry.com Changed how it Determines Ethnicity and People are Upset](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Powered by the World's Largest Consumer DNA Network, Ancestry Unveils More Detailed and Precise Ethnicity Estimates Than Ever Before](#) -- Ancestry Blog



AncestryDNA | Our Next-Generation
Ethnicity Estimate | Ancestry

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

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



Spend a Day With Thomas MacEntee Get a Genealogy Do-over™

October 6

Four Amazing Genealogy Sessions in One Day!

Thomas MacEntee, nationally-known genealogist, will give you the tools and techniques to clear out the clutter and build a better family tree. Find out how to start your own Genealogy Do-over™ plus three other sessions:

- How Do I Know What I Don't Know? Fast-track your Genealogy Education
- Successful Cluster Searching
- Searching For Living Persons

For info and to register, go to Events section at www.cccgs.net

Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society
Event held at Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane PH
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Major National and International Conferences in 2018

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2018		
Oct 4 - 6	<u>APG Professional Management Conference</u>	Kansas City, Missouri
Oct 26 - 27	<u>Illinois State Genealogical Society</u>	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	<u>Texas State Genealogical Society</u>	San Antonio, Texas
2019		
Jan 21-26	<u>Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	<u>RootsTech 2019</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<u>International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</u>	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	<u>National Genealogical Society</u>	St. Charles, Missouri

May 30 - Jun 2	50th Annual Jamboree 2018	Burbank, California
July 21 - 26	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)	Pittsburgh, PA
	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	
Aug 21 - 24	Federation of Genealogical Societies	Washington, DC

Connect with Us

See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

Become a member of CGS



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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Summer Hours - Thursday open until 8 p.m.



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