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Join family historians and genealogists excited to be together again at the 44th National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Sacramento, California, 24–28 May 2022. Choose from more than 165 lectures and special programs with an emphasis on researching the diverse cultures that have made California and the West thrive. The conference program will also include a BCG Skillbuilding track together with many sessions on methodology, DNA, records and repositories, land, western research, and more.

The conference provides a great opportunity to share your success stories and discuss brick wall challenges with fellow family history researchers at luncheons and evening social events. Register for the pre-conference events on Tuesday which include tours, the Focus on Societies program, and the BCG Education Fund Workshop. The Expo Hall will open on Tuesday evening to provide everyone with the long-awaited opportunity to socialize and mingle with other genealogists while viewing the latest products, online resources, books, NGS courses and Research in the States guides, and more.

THREE CONFERENCE OPTIONS

There are three ways to enjoy the 2022 NGS Family History Conference. Pricing for all programs and events are included on page 29.

IN-PERSON IN SACRAMENTO

The in-person conference provides pre-conference tours, research opportunities, more than 165 lectures from which to select your topics of interest, luncheons with speakers, an Expo Hall, and several evening social events. Most of this program brochure details the events of the in-person conference.

ONLINE AT HOME

Online at Home is a two-day virtual program for those unable to travel in 2022 with several opportunities for you to connect with others viewing from home and those attending in Sacramento through the Whova platform. For program details for Online at Home, see pages 19 and 20 of this brochure.

ON-DEMAND

We also have three packages of lectures On-Demand for post-conference viewing: 20 session package, 40 session package, or the “Works” which includes all 60 On-Demand sessions with the speakers’ slides delivered on a USB. The “Works” is only available if you register for the Family History Conference in Sacramento or Online at Home. We will announce the On-Demand sessions in early 2022. Presentations will be available for viewing from July through 31 December 2022.
REGISTER BY EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE AND SAVE

Discounted, early-bird conference registration runs from open registration through 18 March 2022. Register online at conference.ngsgenealogy.org or print out the registration form on pages 29 and 30 of this PDF, complete and sign the form, and mail to NGS at the address on the cover of this brochure. Attendees may also register for tours, luncheons, and social events, until 18 April 2022 (or until events are fully booked). Space is limited for some events so register early.

Online registration ends on 18 April 2022. Registration sent by USPS must be postmarked by 18 April 2022. On-site conference registration opens Monday, 23 May 2022, 3:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

NGS will adhere to COVID-19 regulations issued by the California Department of Public Health and Sacramento County Order of the Health Officer. NGS offers a refund, minus a $50 service fee, until 18 April 2022. No refunds are provided after 18 April 2022. If concern for the health and safety of conference participants or an order by one of the government entities mentioned above makes it impossible for NGS to hold an in-person conference, then registered attendees will have the opportunity to convert their registration to Online at Home which will be an expanded virtual program. Be sure to check conference.ngsgenealogy.org/covid-19-disclaimer-regulations.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ATTENDEE CHECK-IN HOURS

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CONFERENCE VENUE

The newly renovated SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento, California, will host most daily conference events. Please check the program for the evening venues.

PARKING

If you are driving daily to Sacramento, check out the City of Sacramento parking website, specifically noting the Early Bird pricing at the Memorial and Capitol garages: cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Parking-Services/Lots-and-Garages/Rates. Parking is also available if you are a guest at one of the conference hotels. Current rates can be found at conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations.

There is no parking available at the convention center.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Reservations at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento and Hyatt Regency Sacramento hotels opened in October. At the release of this brochure, room nights are still available at the Sheraton Grand (a Marriott family hotel), and a few rooms may still be available Tuesday through Friday nights at the Hyatt Regency. Updated hotel information is available on the NGS Conference website at conference.ngsgenealogy.org.
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

GETTING TO SACRAMENTO
The Sacramento International Airport is serviced by Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, and more. Taxis are available as well as Uber and Lyft. Express bus route 142 runs from the airport to the convention center every thirty minutes, seven days per week. See sacrt.com/apps/express-airport-bus-service/ for bus maps, schedule, and more details.

CONFERENCE BLOG
Subscribe to the NGS conference blog at conference.ngsgenealogy.org/blog. The conference blog will provide the latest information about conference events, speakers, exhibitors, research facilities in northern California, and things to do in and around Sacramento.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Registrants with special needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should notify NGS at 6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22042-2318 or email registrar@ngsgenealogy.org, by 4 April 2022.

Special meals are available upon request by marking the Special Meal box on the registration form on page 30 of this brochure or by checking the appropriate box during registration at conference.ngsgenealogy.org.

YOUTH REGISTRATION
A youth conference registration is available for all full-time students up to the age of twenty-three. Please contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org for details and to register for the conference.

EVENT COSTS
Not surprisingly, our conference planners are faced with higher costs due to pandemic-related health and safety protocols; labor shortages that have increased wages; higher prices on food caused by a prolonged drought; higher prices for imported goods due to supply chain issues; and sales taxes on meals for which NGS is not exempt despite non-profit status.

NGS and its sponsoring organizations do not add any fees to these costs. We know our conference attendees enjoy the camaraderie of social events where they can connect and share conversations with others interested in family history. We have tried our best to keep cost increases as low as possible.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS
Ancestry
Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)
BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy
California Genealogical Society (CGS)
Densho
FamilySearch
FamilyTreeDNA
Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG)
International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)
MyHeritage
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B)
Palatines to America
ProQuest
Research Ties
Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS)
The Family History Guide
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS, TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022

DELEGATE COUNCIL I 8:00 a.m.-11:45 p.m. I Invitation only

The NGS Delegate Council meets Tuesday morning for a leadership update followed by society collaboration breakouts. For more information on the NGS Delegate Council and delegate registration for the meeting, please visit conference.ngsgenealogy.org/delegate-council-meeting. Email Kate Smith at ksmith@ngsgenealogy.org with questions.

FOCUS ON SOCIETIES | 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | Price: $100

All are invited to register for the Focus on Societies program, “Moving Forward in 2022,” which includes the “Society Shout-Out” at the luncheon followed by luncheon speaker, David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, sharing his thoughts on “Relevant Society Leadership in the Twenty-first Century.” In the afternoon participants will have a choice of topics and sessions beneficial to organization leadership.

SLAM! IDEA SHOWCASE | 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

The complimentary SLAM! Idea Showcase highlights creative and innovative projects or programs from genealogy societies, libraries, archives, and museums. Submitted posters will be displayed prior to the opening of the Expo Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Winning video submissions will be shown during a special SLAM! film fest starting at 5:30 p.m. Come celebrate our SLAM! award winners. (Seating limited: Register early.)

EXPO HALL | 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. | (cash bar)

The Expo Hall will open at 6:30 p.m. and provide a long-awaited opportunity for conference attendees to reconnect and socialize with one another while perusing the many goods and services at the various booths. The Expo Hall will be open daily until Saturday afternoon.

BCG EDUCATION FUND WORKSHOP—PUTTING SKILLS TO WORK | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Price: $120

**Tackling the Family Narrative**

Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, FUGA

This workshop will explore the skills needed to write a family history or a Kinship Determination Project (KDP): numbering and formatting the genealogical summary, arranging the narrative content, and incorporating visual aids, proofs, and special citation considerations.

**Walk A Mile in Their Shoes: Writing the Ancestors’ Stories with Social History and Historical Context**

Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL

This workshop focuses on understanding historical context and social history: how to research it, integrate it into an ancestor’s narrative, and create interest for your readers.
TUESDAY TOURS
Each tour and special social event must meet a minimum number of registrations by the early-bird deadline of 18 March 2022, or the event will be cancelled and your payment for the event refunded.

MOTHER LODE WINE EXPERIENCE | 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Price: $80 (lunch included)

Board bus on L Street in front of the Hyatt Regency

Get in the spirit of western US life by joining the all-day tour to the Shake Ridge Ranch in California’s Shenandoah Valley, home of Yorba Wines, and then on to the historic town of Sutter Creek. Meander through the vineyards and learn about the art and science of growing grapes for world-renowned California wines. A hearty picnic lunch will be served and you can purchase a bottle (or two) of premium wines. In Sutter Creek, established in 1850, participants will visit the 1898 Monteverde Store and Museum and the Knight Foundry (1873-1996), the last water-powered foundry and one of the best-preserved industrial workplaces in the United States.

OLD SACRAMENTO WALKING TOUR | 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Price: $47 (lunch included)

Meet in front of the Hyatt Regency to walk with the group three-fourths of a mile to Old Town or meet at the Sacramento Museum

A visit to Old Sacramento will send you back in time to the hardscrabble days of living and working on the western frontier. This riverfront section of the city is filled with unique history and attractions that you may want to visit more than once. We will meet at the Sacramento History Museum for the Old Sacramento Underground Tour. After lunch at the restored paddlewheel Delta King, take a leisurely stroll and visit the sites of Old Town Sacramento, which include historic buildings, the Sacramento History Museum, the California Railroad Museum, the California Automobile Museum, and more. (Transportation and all museum admissions are not provided).

CAPITOL MALL GENEALOGY RESEARCH TOUR | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Price: $20

Meet in front of the Hyatt Regency for this walking tour

See an overview of the major genealogical research collections and architectural gems in the Capitol Mall area. Stroll across the Capitol grounds for docent-led tours by genealogists at several locations. The California State Library includes publications of the three branches and various agencies of state government—including an expansive California History Collection. The State Library incorporates the 1929 Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building—an architectural gem and California Historic Landmark also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Nearby, the State Archives building has voluminous public records and historical materials as well as a highly-regarded Preservation and Imaging Lab.
GOLD DISCOVERY TOUR | 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Price: $85 (lunch included)

Board bus on L Street in front of the Hyatt Regency

In 1848, John Marshall, a New Jersey native who had moved to California for health reasons, discovered gold in the Sierra foothills while building a sawmill in Coloma for John Sutter. Although it took some time for word to spread, the discovery eventually triggered the Gold Rush of fortune seekers from around the world making the long voyage to California in hopes of striking it rich. A replica of the original sawmill is in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, along with more than twenty historic buildings. Following a docent-led tour and lunch, participants will visit Sutter’s Fort to learn about the checkered career of John Sutter and the history of the fort. Today the rebuilt fort is part of the California State Parks system and serves as a teaching tool, with the re-creation of historic events and activities representing life during Sutter’s time.

FEATURED CONFERENCE EVENTS

OPENING SESSION—THE CHINESE WHO BUILT AMERICA’S TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD | Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. W101

Gordon H. Chang, professor of history at Stanford University and the Olive H. Palmer Professor of Humanities, will share his research and stories about the Chinese workers who built the western portion of America’s first transcontinental railroad completed in 1869. Professor Chang, author of Ghosts of Gold Mountain: The Epic History of the Chinese Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad, will shine a light on this monumental achievement and neglected history through extensive findings from biographical and genealogical work by descendants of railroad workers.

FAR EAST DEEP SOUTH | Friday, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | F351

Far East Deep South is an award-winning documentary produced by Larissa Lam and Baldwin Chiu. The film follows Chiu’s search for answers about his paternal ancestors that takes him on an emotional journey with his father through Mississippi. They not only discover surprising family revelations but uncover the racially complex history of Chinese families during the Jim Crow era and the interconnected relationship between the Black and Chinese communities. Ultimately, they learn how deep their roots run in America. The Chiu family’s story has been featured on NBC News and PBS, in USA Today, and more.

EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS

A TASTE OF CALIFORNIA WELCOME RECEPTION | Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Price: $57 | W160

Relax and mingle outdoors with fellow genealogy enthusiasts in downtown Sacramento’s Cathedral Square on Wednesday evening. Meet members of the conference’s local host society and taste some of California’s premium wines, accompanied by special hors d’oeuvres. Representatives from several California wineries will be available to provide answers to questions about the featured wines. A tasting of three wines is included. Additional wine can be purchased by the glass. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.
BACK TO THE FIFTIES | Thursday, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. | Price: $57 (cash bar) | T260

As a nod to the April release of the 1950 census, step back in time and join us for a fun-filled evening. Reminisce about the highlights of the 1950s. Wear your favorite 1950s attire (think “Happy Days” and “Grease”). Enjoy a casual buffet dinner in the courtyard of the California Museum which includes chicken breast, asparagus, potatoes, and cookies and brownies for dessert as well as a gluten free and vegan option.

NGS RECEPTION AND BANQUET | Friday, 6:30 p.m. Reception (cash bar) | 7:00 p.m. Banquet, F360 | Price: $82

Which Family History is My “Real” Family History?

Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS, calls herself a Latina Leprechaun and a double half-Mexican. Adopted as an infant into a large, loving, extended family, Colleen did not feel a need to learn about her biological family until her mid-forties. Trusted genealogy friends, search angels, DNA, and paper trail records guided her journey into a more inclusive identity.

Menu

Baby romaine salad with rolls and butter, pan roasted chicken with thyme glaze and brown butter chanterelle mushrooms, seasonal vegetables, and dessert. Coffee and iced tea.
RESEARCH IN SACRAMENTO AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Come early or stay after the conference to take advantage of research facilities in northern California. Visits to each facility are limited and by appointment only. Below are some of the main repositories in Sacramento.

**CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES**
1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-653-6814  
sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/family-history-resources  
Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The California State Archives includes the historical records of California state agencies, the governor’s office, the state legislature, and the state Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. The Archives Research Room has early census schedules, some county records (probates, wills, naturalizations, deeds, homesteads, vital records), military, state hospital, and prison records, articles of incorporation, professional licensing files, and more.

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL LIBRARY (SCL)**
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-264-2920  
saclibrary.org/education/history/the-sacramento-room  
Tuesday–Thursday, Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The SCL’s Sacramento Room includes digital collections of photographs, yearbooks, directories, and Sanborn city maps dating from 1867 to 1970. The California Collection encompasses the history of the state with emphasis on northern California—including in-depth county histories. Other collections include rare books and a notable Printing and Book Arts History Collection.

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY (CSL)**
900 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-654-0176  
library.ca.gov/california-history/  
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Established in 1850, the CSL is the central reference and research library for the State of California and is one of the major genealogical reference libraries on the West Coast. The CSL California History Room has thousands of rare books, maps, periodicals, newspapers, city/county directories and local histories, a huge photo collection, and more.

**CENTER FOR SACRAMENTO HISTORY (CSH)**
551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95911  
916-808-7072  
centerforsacramentohistory.org/collections  
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CSH is the official archives for the city and county of Sacramento with public records dating back to 1849. The Center also has personal collections, photographs, and films pertaining to the social, political, geographic, and cultural history of the Sacramento region.
## Important Dates to Remember: Mark Your Calendar

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Credit: Francisco Chavira, Capitol Square
FOCUS ON SOCIETIES, TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022

12:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON (INCLUDED WITH FOCUS ON SOCIETY REGISTRATION) | FS51 | SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT WILL BE PART OF THE LUNCHEON**

Relevant Society Leadership in the Twenty-first Century

_David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS_

Leading a society with passion, vision, and skills is an attainable goal. Learn how to stay relevant to the changing needs of your society!

**MENU**

(Luncheon included in Focus on Societies registration)
Grilled Caribbean chicken salad with mango, pineapple salsa, berries, and orange lime vinaigrette. Rolls and butter, coffee, and iced tea.

2:30 p.m. **PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE: NEW REALITIES FOR SOCIETIES IN 2022 | ALL | FS61**

_D. Joshua Taylor_

The session discusses the impacts of the pandemic, demographic shifts, and other changes that will shape the future of genealogical societies.

**OR**

**WHO ARE WE? WHERE DOES OUR SOCIETY GO FROM HERE? | ALL | FS62**

_Janice Lovelace, PhD_

Is your society struggling with membership growth? Are you offering new programming—content and production? This session offers tips for successfully growing your society.

**OR**

**SOCIETY SUPPORT: USING THE NGS SOCIETY AND ORGANIZATION RESOURCE PAGE | ALL | FS63**

_Cheri Hudson Passey_
Help your board and members understand what the New NGS offers through its resource page especially for societies and organizations.

4:00 p.m. **ORGANIZING AND CARRYING OUT A SOCIETY PROJECT | ALL | FS71**

_C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL_

Taking on a society project, big or small, can be a daunting task. Hear answers for project selection, budgeting, committees, timelines, record-keeping, and more.

**OR**

**DUTY OF CARE: SOCIETY’S RESPONSIBILITY WHEN BOOKING SPEAKERS | ALL | FS72**

_Kathleen Kaldis_
Societies have a responsibility to honor and protect the intellectual property of speakers. Simple checklist systems can protect your society from copyright violations.

**OR**

**EMAIL MARKETING FOUNDATIONS FOR GENEALOGY SOCIETIES | B | FS73**

_Anne Merrell_
Use email marketing to increase member engagement and public reach. Leave with actionable steps for selecting an email platform, creating campaigns, and building a following.

5:30 p.m. **SLAM! IDEA SHOWCASE**
Submitted posters will be displayed prior to the opening of the Expo Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Winning video submissions will be shown during a special SLAM! film fest starting at 5:30 p.m. Come celebrate our SLAM! award winners. (Seating limited: Register early).

6:30 p.m. **EXPO HALL OPENS (CASH BAR)**
Reconnect and socialize while perusing the many exhibitor booths.
## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE—25 MAY 2022

### OPENING SESSION | ALL | W101 | A–A6

**Keynote Address**  
Gordon H. Chang, n/a

The Chinese Who Built America’s Transcontinental Railroad

The completion of America’s first transcontinental railroad in 1869 was a monumental achievement. Yet, the stories of the Chinese workers who constituted 90 percent of the labor force on the western portion are largely unknown. Gordon H. Chang, author of Ghosts of Gold Mountain: The Epic History of the Chinese Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad, will shine a light on this neglected history through the extensive findings from biographical and genealogical work by descendants of railroad workers.

Gordon H. Chang, n/a, is a professor of history at Stanford University and the Olive H. Palmer Professor of Humanities. A fourth-generation Californian, he holds degrees from Princeton University and Stanford and has been a fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, and the Stanford Humanities Center. He served as codirector of the Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project at Stanford for more than seven years.

### 10:00 a.m.

**BGCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | W111 | B5**

Why Standards are for Everyone

Laurensa Garrett-Nelson, B.D., LL.M., CGL, CG, FASG

Standards are imperative for anyone who cares about achieving accurate research, whether for their own family or someone else’s family.

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**EASTERN STATES | I | W112 | 9**

Your Ancestors on “Judge Judy”: Using Chancery Records in Virginia

W. Samuel Williams, PhD

Discover Virginia’s rich chancery records, where to find them, and how they break down brick walls. Did your Virginia ancestors spill the tea on scandal?

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**IMMIGRATION | ALL | W113 | B7 & B9**

Ship Manifest Indexes: A New Look at an Old Resource

Rich Venezia

Searching and searching and still no ship manifest? Learn about the various indexes available to help locate an ancestor’s elusive arrival record.

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**LAND AND MAPS | ALL | W114 | B1 & B3**

Researching Federal Land Records for Western States

Angela Packer McGinty, CG, FUGA

Federal land records can be a rich source of genealogical information for settlers in the West, including homestead records, donation land, and cash sales.

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**METHODOLOGY | I | W115 | B8 & B10**

Taking Your Family Oral Histories One Step Further

Reem Awad-Rashmawi, JD

Learn best practices for your oral history interviews and find repositories to house the finished product; a lecture for historians of all disciplines.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN | I | W116 | 10**

Southern California Mission Indian Research: Repositories, Availability of Records, and Search Methods

Jean Wilcox Hibben, JD, CG, CGL, FUGA

Learn about the various record collections and their availability is paramount to doing research on the Native Americans of Southern California.

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**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | W117 | B2 & B4**

Las Leyes de California: Spanish Colonial Laws and the Records They Produced

Judy G. Russell, MLS

Spanish colonial law governed Las Californias before 1850, greatly influencing early state laws and creating unique records for researchers in California and beyond.

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**WESTERN STATES | ALL | W118 | 11**

America’s Westward Expansion: Twenty-five Events in Fifty Minutes

Katherine R. Willson

Highlighting major laws and events contributing to westward migration between 1787 and 1890, including territorial boundaries, slavery, and wars against Mexico and Native Americans.

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**WRITING | I | W119 | B6**

Writing for Peer-Reviewed Journals: Developing a Case Study from Your Research

Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL

Interested in writing for a genealogical journal, but unsure of what’s involved? Learn about the peer-review process and structuring research findings into a case study.

### 11:30 a.m.

**BGCG SKILLBUILDING | IA | W121 | B1 & B3**

Steamer Kate Explosion: Correlating Indirect Evidence to Identify and Correct an Error

C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

What happens when indirect and documentary evidence disagree? Research begins in earnest! A case study about the death of Antoine/Anthony Lallamant.

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**EASTERN STATES | ALL | W122 | B7 & B9**

The Mess of New York City and State Vital Records

Alec Ferretti, MLS

Learn the structure and complicated rules governing access to New York vital records and the work that’s being done to improve the situation.

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**IMMIGRATION | ALL | W123 | B5**

Researching Recent Immigrant Ancestors in Regional Repositories

Michael D. Lacops, DVM

Passenger lists and naturalization records are valuable records but there are many other record types to seek for our later arriving immigrant ancestors.

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**LAND AND MAPS | ALL | W124 | B8 & B10**

Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Census Records, and City Directories

Ari Wilkins

The lecture will demonstrate ways to build a map in Google Maps using Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, census records, and city directories.

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**METHODOLOGY | ALL | W125 | 9**

The Ins and Outs of Lineage Application Research

Shannon Combs-Bennett

Applying to a lineage society can help verify your research. To avoid pitfalls, ask the right questions to ensure you meet the requirements for acceptance.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN | B | W126 | 10**

When History and DNA Don’t Match: Am I Native American?

Judy Nimer Muhn

Stories of Native ancestors abound but how do you find documentation when your DNA doesn’t verify anything but your family insists?

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**LAND AND MAPS | A | W127 | B6**

Private Land Claims in California, New Mexico, and Other Western States

Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA

Discover the genealogical riches created by the adjudication process of private land claims as the US established jurisdiction over lands previously held by Mexico.

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**METHODOLOGY | B | W128 | B2 & B4**

Controlling Chaos: Managing a Genealogical Project

Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL

Rein in that project with tools and techniques to start or re-start a project in a directed approach. Learn methods to help work more effectively.

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**WRITING | ALL | W129 | 11**

Publish Before You Perish—Leaving a Genealogical Legacy

Loretta Evans, AG

You have spent years researching your ancestors. Now is the time to share that information with the rest of the world.
### Conference Schedule

**Wednesday Schedule—25 May 2022**

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### Lunch Break | 12:30 p.m.

**Expo Hall W131 | Hall A**

Explore the Expo Hall and grab a sandwich or salad at the Concession Stand, Starbucks, or a nearby restaurant.

### Expo Hours

- **Tuesday, 24 May 2022**
  - 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, 25 May 2022**
  - 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, 26 May 2022**
  - 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
- **Friday, 27 May 2022**
  - 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, 28 May 2022**
  - 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
THURSDAY SCHEDULE—26 MAY 2022

8:00 a.m.

**BCG SKILLBUILDING | A** | T201 | B2 & B4

**Document Analysis: Digging Into Details**
Angela Packer McGhie, CG, CGL, FUGA

Seek the story behind the document by studying the background and context. Assess the reliability of the source and the information it contains.

**BCG**

8:30 a.m.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | A** | T202 | 9

**Finding Pamela: Researching Your Enslaved Ancestors**
Charlotte Bocage

Bocage presents this advanced program from her three times great-grandmother’s point of view while in period costume.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL** | T212 | 9

**McMasters’ Will: The Scheme That Made Us Virtually Free**
Calvin Dark

Aaron McMasters, the presenter’s great-great grandfather, was enslaved in North Carolina and convinced his master to free him even though against state law.

9:30 a.m.

**BCG SKILLBUILDING | A** | T211 | B1 & B3

**Appreciating Conflicting Evidence: Analysis and Resolution Develops Broader Research**
Rebecca Whiting Keford, CG, CGL, FUGA

Conflicting evidence is a gift. Working through it using methods of analysis and resolution often offers new discoveries or family relationships.

**BCG**

9:45 a.m.

**METHODOLOGY | I** | T215 | B8 & B10

**Overwhelm by Organizing Them**
Diahan Southard

Learn strategies to confirm generational links as you move back in time and how to employ Y-DNA to provide evidence of an emigrant ancestor.

10:00 a.m.

**EUROPE AND MIDDLE EASTERN | I** | T216 | 10

**As Greek as Feta and Spanakopita: Finding Greek Roots in DNA and US Records**
W. Samuel Williams, MLS

Using DNA to identify unknown ancestors requires four basic steps: identifying best matches, creating genetic networks, finding the generation of connection, and doing more genealogical research.

10:15 a.m.

**METHODOLOGY | I** | T214 | B7 & B9

**Your DNA Match List: Overcome the Overwhelm by Organizing Them**
Daimon Southard

Discover the genealogical riches related to Virginians serving in the Revolutionary War, including local, state, and national resources.

10:30 a.m.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL** | T202 | 9

**Outlaw Genealogy—Finding the Outlaw in Your Family**
Karma Robinson

From formerly enslaved laborers to educated entrepreneurs, more than 360 individuals who owned land during California’s first decade of statehood seeded its African American history.

11:00 a.m.

**BCG SKILLBUILDING | A** | T221 | B1 & B3

**Follow the Trail of Records and DNA from Ireland to Oregon (1810-1860)**
Lauren S. Stansbury, CG

A deep dive into the records narrates a family’s journey. Advanced methodology and DNA reconstructs the forgotten family.

**BCG**

11:15 a.m.

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I** | T217 | B2 & B4

**Manifest Destiny: Researching Your Mexican War Ancestors**
Michael L. Strauss, AG

The Mexican-American War of 1846 marked the first domestic conflict fought on foreign soil, pitting militarily unprepared Mexico against the United States.

11:30 a.m.

**JEWISH | I** | T229 | 11

**All Was Not Lost: Researching Relatives in the Holocaust**
Emily Cherney

Reconstruct families torn apart by genocide during WWII. Learn about sources both online and in archives to reaffirm family ties that could not be destroyed.

11:45 a.m.

**JEWISH | ALL** | T219 | 11

**Tips and Tricks for Navigating JewishGen**
Ellen Kewitt

Overview of free online global home for Jewish genealogy with more than thirty million searchable records, educational and language tools, networking and more.

12:00 p.m.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL** | T222 | 9

**An Introduction to California’s Early African American Landowners**
Evelyn Elder, AG

Learn strategies to confirm generational links as you move back in time and how to employ Y-DNA to provide evidence of an emigrant ancestor.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL** | T224 | B6

**From California to Virginia: Confirming the Emigrant Ancestor with a Paper Trail and Y-DNA**
Diana Elder, AG

Discover the genealogical riches related to Virginians serving in the Revolutionary War, including local, state, and national resources.

12:15 p.m.

**JEWISH | ALL** | T229 | 11

**Jewish Genealogy: Researching Business Directories, Telephone Books, and Town Maps in Eastern Europe**
Miriam Weitzen, CG, CGL

Jewish Genealogy: Utilizing business directories, telephone books, and both town and regional maps for towns in Poland and the former USSR via OCR and standard surname searches.

12:30 p.m.

**Rocks and Reputories | I** | T227 | B7 & B9

**Land, Licenses, Love Gone Wrong, and Other Courthouse Records**
C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

We will explore the fabulous resources of the county courthouse to discover how the records contained within this underutilized resource can aid our search.

12:45 p.m.

**JEWISH | I** | T229 | 11

**Angel Island’s Immigrants from More Than Eighty Countries and the Records They Left Behind**
David Atwood

Close to a million immigrants from over 80 countries passed through Angel Island from 1910 to 1940. Learn about the diversity and stories of these new Americans.

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THURSDAY SCHEDULE—26 MAY 2022

2:30 p.m.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | I | T241 | B2 & B4
Finding Sophia’s Family: A Case of Fratricide and Forgotten Identity
Nancy A. Peters, PhD, CG
After her husband’s murder, Sophia fled with her children, never returning home. Learn methods used to reconstruct this nineteenth-century widow’s identity and locate her kin.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | I | T242 | B1 & B3
Tracing the Enslaved and Formerly Enslaved in Newspapers
Art Wilk
The lecture will discuss researching different types of newspapers, information that can be gleaned from advertisements, and how newspapers can lead to other sources.

DNA | I | T244 | B6
Smart Alternatives to Using Third Party Tools Diahann Southard
Learn why not to use the free GEDmatch website or other third-party tools—discover alternative strategies for finding and analyzing more DNA matches.

METHODOLOGY | I | T245 | B5
Organizing and Diagramming Your DNA Records and Repositories Julie Stoddard, SC
Come see organization methods and learn diagramming software with example charts to show how you can extend your pedigree using your DNA results.

EUROPE AND MIDDLE EASTERN | ALL | T246 | B8 & B10
Erin in the USA: Irish Research on This Side of the Atlantic Michael Brophy
You have found a place name for your Irish ancestor in the Emerald Isle. Now it is time to explore Irish records and resources available here.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | T247 | B7 & B9
Opening Up Records from Closed Churches James M. Beidler
Finding religious records sometimes requires a “pedigree” of the congregations, many of which don’t exist today and require a scavenger hunt to unearth their registers.

WESTERN STATES | ALL | T248 | 9
Searching the Multicenturies of Southern California in the 1890s from Anywhere Charlotte Becage
The lecture will assist in the understanding and appreciation of the histories of our diverse communities and recognition of their contributions to our society.

JEWISH | I | T249 | 11
Documentation of Jewish Records Worldwide Maris Humphrey
Demonstration of two new comprehensive and essential tools for Jewish ancestral research—innovations in Jewish genealogy: the Record Type Taxonomy and the Custodial-Entity Taxonomy.

4:00 p.m.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | I | T251 | B2 & B4
Margaret’s Mother: Using DNA to Solve a Mystery
Julie C. Russell, PhD, CG, CGL
Her father, William, ran off from his first wife with the woman who became his second wife. So which wife was Margaret’s mother?

AFRICAN AMERICAN | I | T252 | 9
Telling Their Stories: African American Women’s Stories and Voices Janice Lovelace, no
Learn more about the lives of African American women ancestors by digging into special collections at libraries and archives.

CHINESE AMERICAN | I | T253 | 10
Three Chinese Women in America: Following the Paper Trail Carly Lane Morgan, PhD
A look at the different research strategies employed to find American records for three Chinese women in the presenter’s family tree.

DNA | ALL | T254 | B6
Hi! We’re Related! Successful Communication With Your DNA Matches Michael D. Lacapa, GED
Do your DNA matches respond to your queries? Are you enticing them with your knowledge or driving them away with gibberish? Learn best practices.

EUROPE AND MIDDLE EASTERN | B | T256 | B8 & B10
How to Find Your German Ancestor’s Hometown Charlotte Noelde Champenos
Records in Germany are kept on the local level, so knowing the hometown is crucial. Learn how to determine the hometown using US records.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | T257 | B5
Revising the Enslaved and Formerly Enslaved in California State Archives and Library to Discover Genealogical Gems William L. “Bill” Cole Stagecoach robbers, murder trials, and California Supreme Court records are only a few genealogical gems awaiting you in the California State Archives and Library.

WESTERN STATES | I | T258 | B7 & B9
Euracl Records and Resources of the Forty-niners and the California Gold Rush Julia Anderson, SC
Learn about the history of the California gold rush and discover research strategies, records, and resources for locating your “forty-niner” ancestors.

JEWISH | I | T259 | 11
Crypto Jews: Their History and Influence from the Iberian Peninsula to the Americas W. Todd Kunole, SC and Edgar E. Donahue Learn about the fascinating histories and genealogies of Crypto Jews from their origins on the Iberian Peninsula to their establishment in Mexico and North America.
8:00 a.m.

**BG Skillbuilding | IA | F301 | B5**

What Happened to Uncle Walter? Evidence Analysis and Correlation Uncover a Man’s Dual Identities
Sharon Hoyt, MLS, CG
Walter’s family lost touch with him after his 1920 arrest. Reasonably exhaustive research into subtle documentary and photographic evidence revealed his story.

8:15 a.m.

**Chinese American | ALL | F302 | 11**

Chinese Railroad Workers’ Files from the Mid-Nineteenth Century
Grant Din
More than 20,000 Chinese worked to build the Transcontinental Railroad. Discover the records that have survived from this important period of American history.

8:30 a.m.

**Hispanic and Latin America | B | F303 | 10**

The Fundamentals for Researching Hispanic Genealogy
Colleen Robledo Greene, MLS
This high-level overview will introduce essential concepts, online record collections, and strategies for researching Mexican and Hispanic family history. Even non-Spanish speakers can succeed.

8:45 a.m.

**Land and Maps | ALL | F304 | 9**

Creating Locality-Specific Guides
Lori Thornton, MLS
Each time we research a new geographic area, we should create a guide with helpful information, available records, and works pertaining to the place.

9:00 a.m.

**Westward Migration | ALL | F305 | B2 & B4**

Trails West: Crossing the Continent 1840–1869
Mary Kocher Roddy, MLS
Western settlers traveled overland and by water. Which way did your ancestors go, how to find out, and what was their journey like?

9:15 a.m.

**Europe and Middle Eastern | ALL | F306 | B6**

Dutch Genealogy 101: Finding Your Ancestors in the US and The Netherlands
Mary Rosseuw
Learn how to use records to trace your Dutch ancestors here and abroad. The Dutch are some of the best record keepers in Europe.

9:30 a.m.

**Technology | ALL | F307 | B7 & B9**

Excel for Genealogists—Using Analytics to Reveal Hidden Stories
Stewart Blandon Traiman, MD
Visualizing data in spreadsheets allows researchers to make breakthroughs by correlating data points. Learn basic functions like filtering, sorting, color coding, date calculations, and more.

9:45 a.m.

**Western States | ALL | F308 | B1 & B3**

Irish Miners Across America
David E. Rencher, MLS, CG, FUGA, FGS
In a land rich with natural resources, miners were needed from every quadrant. The Irish were drawn to these jobs—learn how to find them.

10:00 a.m.

**Writing | I | F309 | B8 & B10**

Narrative Genealogies, Lineages, and Pedigrees
Laurinda Garrett-Nelson, JD, MLS, CG, CGSL, FASG
Genealogical narratives are written work products that document linkages between successive generations, usually taken one of three standard forms, and meet the GIPS.

10:15 a.m.

**Methodology | I | F314 | 9**

Research Planning for the Win: Next Steps for Breaking Down a Brick Wall
Diana Elder, MLS
Research begins with a plan. What are the steps and how can you harness the power of thought before action?

10:30 a.m.

**Europe and Middle Eastern | I | F316 | B6**

Reading Chicken Scratch: Paleography Techniques for Difficult German Handwriting
Joseph B. Everett, MLS, CG
Old German is hard enough when the handwriting is clear; often it is anything but. Learn techniques for deciphering difficult German handwritten records.

10:45 a.m.

**Technology | I | F317 | B1 & B3**

1950 Census TBD

11:00 a.m.

**Western States | ALL | F318 | B7 & B9**

In Their Own Voices: Nineteenth-Century Women on the American Frontier
Katherine R. Wilson
Record sets and stories of nineteenth-century pioneering females of various cultural groups in multiple occupations—homesteaders, miners, prospectors, doctors, midwives, teachers, entertainers, and more.

**Technology | ALL | F325 | B2 & B4**

Seeking Maps for Context and Analysis in Urban Genealogical Research
Melinda Kuska, MLS
Urban maps are genealogically useful because they depict cities and adjacent areas often providing information on neighborhood land use, wealth, race, and property ownership.

**FamilySearch | ALL | F327 | B1 & B3**

Record Publication Innovations at FamilySearch
Robert Raymond
First, images in 2020. Now, records in 2022. FamilySearch is now transforming the rapid publication of online records.

**Western States | I | F328 | 9**

Documenting the Other Gold Rush: The 1895 Klondike
Jill Morelli, MLS
Using one family’s puzzle as an example, learn how to trace families in Scotland both before and after the 1855 transition to civil registration.

**Chinese American | ALL | F322 | 11**

Researching Chinese American Family History Using Chinese Exclusion Records (Part II)
Marina Louie Lee and Trish Hackett Nicola, MLS
Chinese Americans endured intense scrutiny during the Chinese Exclusion period. Learn about Exclusion Act records at the National Archives and how to find them.

**Hispanic and Latin America | B | F323 | 10**

Catholic Parish Records: The Backbone for Research in the Hispanic World
Debbie Gurtler, MLS
Catholicism has been the predominant religion in Spain and Latin America for centuries, making parish records among the richest resources for family history research.

**Land and Maps | I | F324 | B7 & B9**

What’s in a Name: Name Changes and the Law
Elizabeth S. Russell, MLS, CG, CGL
Judy G. Russell, MLS, CG, CGL
Names weren’t changed at Ellis Island, but in courts, legislatures, and elsewhere. Learn about the law of name changes and how to find new names.

**Methodology | ALL | F326 | B6**

Understanding Scottish Records: Navigating Through the Transition from Church Records to Civil Registration
B. J. Jamieson, MLS
Names and records were sometimes separated. One family’s puzzle is an example, learn how to trace families in Scotland both before and after the 1855 transition to civil registration.

8:30 a.m.

**BG Skillbuilding | ALL | F311 | B5**

Certification Seminar
Laurinda Garrett-Nelson, JD, MLS, CG, CGSL, FASG, Rick Snyder, MLS, CG, FUGA, and Scott Wilds, MLS
In this interactive forum, current associates share various pathways to certification and how to begin.

9:00 a.m.

**Chilean American | B | F312 | 11**

Tracing Your Chinese Roots
Eric Leach
How do you start researching your Chinese roots? How do you find “your” jiapu?

9:15 a.m.

**Hispanic and Latin America | I | F313 | 10**

Afro-Latinx in Nineteenth Century California
Janice Lovelace, PhD
Alive with a Lively Blog
J. H. “Jay” Fonkert, CG
Immortal Words: Keep Your Family History Alive with a Lively Blog
Eileen Lyon
If you have a blog or wish to start one, these tips will help improve your storytelling and generate readers.
## FRIDAY SCHEDULE—27 MAY 2022

### Luncheons | 12:15 p.m.

**F331**
- The Family History Library: Premier Destination of Genealogists
  - Lynn Turner, AG
- The FHL is the biggest genealogical library in the world. The presentation will look at its past, present, and future.

**F333**
- Bullion Bend: Confederate Stagecoach Robbers in California—Oh My!
  - William E. “Bill” Cole
- A fun-filled presentation about a relative's Wild West caper, where facts are truly stranger than fiction—one not to miss!

### MENU | $45

- Fajita salad with grilled beef, lettuce, beans, guacamole, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, in a flour tortilla bowl, rolls and butter, coffee, and iced tea.

### 2:30 p.m.

**BG**
- BCG SKILLBUILDING | IA | F341 | B5
  - James C. Ward's Eldorado: Identifying a New Englander in Early California
  - Nicole Gilbertson LaRae, CG

**BG**
- CHINESE AMERICAN | ALL | F342 | II
  - Researching Chinese American Family History Using Chinese Exclusion Records (Part II)
  - Marisa Louie Lee and Trish Hackett Nicole, CG
- This session is a continued presentation about the Exclusion Act and finding and analyzing records at the National Archives.

**BG**
- HISPANIC AND LATIN AMERICA | I | F343 | 10
  - Spanish Catholic Marriage Records: From Premarriage Investigations to the Marriage Sacrament
  - Lynn Turner, AG
- The lecture will explore all the marriage types and associated methodologies, using case studies to demonstrate the importance of each.

**BG**
- LAND AND MAPS | A | F344 | B1 & B3
  - Historical Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
  - Mapping Tools for Genealogical Research
  - Rick Sager, CGL, CGL, CG
- A survey of GIS tools applicable to genealogy. Examples demonstrate their wide applicability to solve genealogical problems.

### 4:00 p.m.

**B**
- PLERNARY SESSION | ALL | F351 | B1-B6
  - Far East Deep South
  - Baldwin Chiu and Larissa Lam
  - Far East Deep South is an award-winning documentary produced by Larissa Lam and Baldwin Chiu. The film follows Chiu's search for answers about his paternal ancestors that takes him on an emotional journey with his father through Mississippi. They not only discover surprising family revelations but uncover the racially complex history of Chinese families during the Jim Crow era and the interconnected relationship between the Black and Chinese communities. Ultimately, they learn how deep their roots run in America. The Chiu family's story has been featured on NBC News, USA Today, PBS, and more.

**BG**
- METHODOLOGY | ALL | F352 | B7 & B9
  - Tales of a Mad Genealogist
  - Daniel Horowitz
- Laugh a little with Daniel as he shares some of the more bizarre techniques and resources he’s utilized as a genealogist.

**NGS RECEPTION AND BANQUET | F360 | HYATT**
- 6:30 P.M. RECEPTION (CASH BAR)
- 7:00 P.M. BANQUET
- Which Family History is My “Real” Family History? Colleen Roberts Greene, Ancestry, calls herself a Latina Leprechaun and a double half-Mexican. Adopted as a child, Colleen did not feel a need to learn about her biological family until her mid-twenties. Trusted genealogy friends, search angels, DNA, and records guided her journey into a more inclusive identity.

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**RESOURCES**
- MEXICAN AMERICAN | ALL | F340 | 9
  - Food and Genealogical Tape
  - Ron Arens
- Individual-focused genealogy allows a researcher to understand why ancestors lived the lives they did and how they had a direct impact on you.

**BG**
- TECHNOLOGY | ALL | F354 | 10
  - ResearchTies Tips and Tricks: A Research Log Can Do That?
  - Jill N. Crandall, AG
- Have your genealogy files joined the twenty-first century? Create searchable research logs, digitized documents, and electronic “to do” lists. Digitize and organize with ResearchTies.

**BG**
- METHODOLOGY | ALL | F356 | 9
  - Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tape
  - Holley Davis
- How to transform family letters into a gripping short memoir using historical, archival, and onsite research, and literary devices, looking at a case study.

### WRITING | ALL | F349 | B8 & B10
- How to Write Family History into Compelling Stories
  - Annette Gendler
  - Learn how to transform family letters into a gripping short memoir using historical, archival, and onsite research, and literary devices, looking at a case study.
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### Lunches | 12:15 p.m.

**ALL | S431**

**NGS**

**Colored Citizens of Coloma and the Life of Rufus Burgess**

Nelson Bell, aka Rufus Burgess, was an early Black pioneer during the Gold Rush, land owner, and appointed secretary of the AME church in Coloma.

**MENU | S52**

House salad, grilled Sonoma chicken in white sauce, garlic roasted mashed potatoes, with seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, and iced tea.
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| 11:05 a.m. | OPENING SESSION | ALL | OH10   | The Chinese Who Built America’s Transcontinental Railroad  
Gordon H. Chang, PhD  
The completion of America’s first transcontinental railroad in 1869 was a monumental achievement. Yet, the stories of the Chinese workers who constituted 90 percent of the labor force on the western portion are largely unknown.  
Gordon H. Chang, author of *Ghosts of Gold Mountain: The Epic History of the Chinese Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad*, will shine a light on this neglected history through the extensive findings from biographical and genealogical work by descendants of railroad workers. |
| 12:15 p.m. | NATURALIZATION | I | OH11   | Understanding the Naturalization Process in the United States  
Seema Kenney  
Focusing on the courts, we’ll review six ways to gain US citizenship as well as ways in which citizenship was lost and perhaps regained later. |
| 1:30 p.m. | LUNCH BREAK—CONNECTION SESSION ONE |                                                                             | Enjoy your lunch and have fun meeting your fellow attendees in five-minute, random mini-sessions on Zoom.                                                                                                    |
| 2:00 p.m. | DNA | ALL | OH12   | DNA Ethnicity in 2022: More Inclusive, Specific, Accurate, and Meaningful  
Diahan Southard  
A five-company comparison will show how DNA ethnicity results are more inclusive, specific, accurate, and meaningful to genealogical exploration. |
| 3:15 p.m. | METHODOLOGY | I | OH13   | It Gets Even Better Offline  
Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS  
Three cases show how online research leads to unique offline sources and serendipitous results, demonstrating ways to solve genealogical puzzles involving ancestral biographies and relationships. |
| 4:30 p.m. | BREAK—SLAM IDEA! SHOWCASE | 0H14   | SLAM film fest highlights                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5:00 p.m. | AFRICAN AMERICAN | I | OH15   | Tracing the Enslaved and Formerly Enslaved in Newspapers  
Ari Wilkins  
The lecture will discuss researching different types of newspapers, information that can be gleaned from advertisements, and how newspapers can lead to other sources. |
<p>| 6:15 p.m. | CONNECTION SESSION TWO |                                                                             | Join breakout groups to meet others, exchange ideas, and share information about common research interests.                                                                                               |
| 6:55 p.m. | CLOSE |                                                                             | Announcements for Saturday.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7:00 p.m. | WHOVA EXPO HALL OPEN |                                                                             | Expo Hall open for all attendees—at-home and in-person.                                                                                                                                                |</p>
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**2022 NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE**

**NGS 2022 IN-PERSON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, 24-28 MAY 2022**

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**CONFERENCE COMPENDIUM**

An electronic version of the compendium which includes the program, syllabus, exhibitors, and more will be distributed for free approximately two weeks before the conference. Please check all NGS conference emails for announcements including the compendium. Printed syllabus will not be available in 2022.

**Compendium on USB drive (for Early Bird Registrants only)**

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<td>$195 $</td>
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**NGS 2022 ON-DEMAND REGISTRATION (AVAILABLE JULY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2022)**

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<td>On-Demand 20 Session Package</td>
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**NGS 2022 ON-DEMAND REGISTRATION (ALL 60 SESSIONS JULY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2022 ON-DEMAND AND ON USB DRIVE)**

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<td>The Works—60 On-Demand sessions and USB (containing permanent video with speaker slides) only available if registered for In-person or Online at Home programs.</td>
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**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS, TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022**

A separate fee is required for each event listed below which must be purchased by 18 April 2022 and cannot be purchased at the conference. Seating is limited for all events; register early. Details on pages 4–7.

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<td>Focus on Societies</td>
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<td>Mother Lode Wine Experience (all day, lunch included)</td>
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<td>Old Sacramento Walking Tour (half day, lunch included)</td>
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<td>Capitol Mall Genealogy Research Tour (half day)</td>
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<td>Gold Discovery Tour (all day, lunch included)</td>
<td>$85 $</td>
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<td>BCG Education Fund Workshop (lunch included)</td>
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<td>SLAM! Showcase (Space is limited. Registration is required.)</td>
<td>FREE $</td>
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**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2022**

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<td>A Taste of California Welcome Reception (wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres)</td>
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**THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022**

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<td>BCG Luncheon</td>
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<td>GSG Luncheon</td>
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<td>Back to the Fifties (dinner and cash bar)</td>
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**FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2022**

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<td>FamilySearch Luncheon</td>
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<td>Palatines to America Luncheon</td>
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<td>Far East Deep South Documentary (Space is limited. Registration is required.)</td>
<td>FREE $</td>
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<td>NGS Reception and Banquet (dinner and cash bar)</td>
<td>$82 $</td>
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**SATURDAY, 28 MAY 2022**

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<td>NGS Luncheon</td>
<td>$52 $</td>
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**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrant Name (Enter your name as it should appear on your conference name tag.)

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Phone Number

Email Address (for registration confirmations)

NGS Membership Number (Non-members, leave blank. Join today and save on registration!)

NGS MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew to receive the NGS Member Registration Rate!

☐ I wish to join NGS

☐ I wish to renew my current NGS Membership

☐ Individual NGS Membership ($75 after 18 March 2022) $70

☐ Family Member ($95 after 18 March 2022) $90

TOTAL NGS MEMBERSHIP DUES

☐ I am a listed Additional Family Member on a current NGS Membership

(NGS Membership Rates will apply to this registration):

Name of NGS Family Member / NGS Membership Number

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT INFORMATION

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUESTS

Please check if you require aids or services: ☐ Audio ☐ Visual

☐ Other (please specify)

Due to COVID-19 a scooter rental provider is not available at this time.

SPECIAL MEALS

Please check if you require a special meal. Special meals must be requested before 18 April 2022.

☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Dairy-free ☐ Kosher

☐ Other (please specify)

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION

By registering for and attending the National Genealogical Society’s (NGS) Family History Conference, I agree to abide by NGS policy that requires I provide proof of vaccination and a booster (if applicable following CDC guidelines) along with proof of identification, and all health and safety guidelines and recommendations promulgated by federal, state, and local government agencies and officials, NGS, and the event venue. This includes, but is not limited to, submitting to restrictions set in place during the event that consist of providing identification and proof of vaccination and a booster (if applicable following CDC guidelines), and wearing a mask at all times in indoor public areas, and may include engaging in appropriate physical distancing, and restrictions on certain activities that carry higher COVID-19-related risk, such as congregating in large private gatherings or attending off-site events in crowded facilities. I further agree that I will not attend the Family History Conference in person if I become ill, am exposed to the COVID-19 virus within 14 days prior to the event, or exhibit any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus prior to the event.

Additionally, I understand that travel to and participation in events may increase the risk of exposure to communicable diseases or other unforeseen dangers. I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST NGS AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS (THE “RELEASED PARTIES”), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE.

I AGREE ☐

*NGS will continue to monitor the changing guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic and will update policies as needed.

CONSENT FOR RECORDING

By registering to attend the NGS 2022 Family History Conference, I understand that I am attending live sessions and that my voice and/or likeness may be recorded in any session(s) I attend. I further agree to forever release the National Genealogical Society from liability for any such recording(s) or use of any such recording(s).

I AGREE ☐

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to “National Genealogical Society”).

☐ Credit Card (circle one) VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

Signature Date

Signature Date