

OUR AMERICAN MOSAIC

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FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

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Across the dramatic landscape that became America, our diverse ancestors each contributed a precious piece to the colorful design of our American mosaic. In the West, Native American cultures have thrived for thousands of years. While eighteenth-century American colonists were fighting for independence from Great Britain in the East, the Spanish were establishing missions and military outposts in what is now California.

The discovery of gold near Sacramento in 1848 sparked a frenzy of migration to California from Asia, Mexico, and the eastern states. The lure of western skies has continued to the present day, attracting ranchers, Dust Bowl refugees, the Great Migration of African Americans from the South, immigrants fleeing poverty or persecution, and technology entrepreneurs settling in Silicon Valley.

Our family histories make each of us unique, and our separate stories are a shared history within our American mosaic. Attendees at the National Genealogical Society 2022 Family History Conference in Sacramento will benefit from lectures and workshops to help build skills in methodology and the use of records and resources to advance their genealogical research.

NGS 2022 CONFERENCE

California's state capital, Sacramento, is the site of the NGS 2022 Family History Conference to be held 25–28 May 2022. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from more than 150 lectures by the nation's premier genealogical speakers. The conference will feature lectures and workshops for family history researchers at all levels, from beginner to professional, as well as luncheons and banquets with socializing time.

Lecture topics will include:

- core topics of research methodology, tips, and techniques; documentation and writing; records and repositories; and DNA

- heritage-focused tracks for African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, European and Middle Eastern, Jewish, Hispanic and Latin American, and Native American research

Attendees may want to extend their time in Northern California with visits to the nearby San Francisco Bay Area, wine country, or historic gold country.

A detailed program brochure including pricing will be available this fall with registration opening in December 2021.



Sacramento State Capitol
capitolmuseum.ca.gov



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safecreditunionconventioncenter.com

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The NGS 2022 Family History Conference will be held at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento, California (visitsacramento.com/scceexpansion). This newly renovated and expanded facility is across the street from the State Capitol Park, and a short walk from the California State Library and the State Archives.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Reservations will open in fall 2021. The official conference hotels, the Hyatt Regency Sacramento and the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, are across the street from the convention center. For more details see the NGS Conference website conference.ngsgenealogy.org, beginning in August 2021.

EVENTS ON TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022

BCG EDUCATION FUND WORKSHOP

Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, FUGA
Title: **Tackling the Family Narrative**

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.

Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL
Title: **Walk A Mile in Their Shoes: Writing the Ancestors' Stories with Social History and Historical Context**

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.



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SOCIETY AND ORGANIZATION EVENTS

The NGS Delegate Council will meet in the morning. All are invited to a social gathering at lunch which includes the "Society Shout-Out." The Focus on Societies event in the afternoon will include a choice of topics and sessions beneficial to organization leadership. The Societies, Libraries, Archives, and Museums' "SLAM" Showcase will highlight creative and innovative projects or programs, the best programs will be presented, and the 2022 winners will be announced.

EXPO HALL OPENS

The Expo Hall will open at 6:00 p.m. and provide a long-awaited opportunity for conference attendees to socialize with one another while perusing the many goods and services at the various booths.



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oldsacramento.com

EVENING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2022

A Taste of California Welcome Reception

Join fellow genealogists for a *Taste of California* and meet our Host Society members! Enjoy premium wines from several California wine regions and a selection of California-inspired hearty hors d'oeuvres. Mingle with fellow attendees while learning first-hand about California wines from winery representatives. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022

Back to the Fifties

As a nod to the April 2022 release of the 1950 census, join us for a fun-filled evening stepping back in time to the fifties. Reminisce about the highlights of the decade. Think music, celebrities, fashion, inventions, historical moments, and more. Test your knowledge of that decade. If the mood hits you (and you have room in your suitcase) wear your favorite 1950s attire (think *Happy Days* and *Grease*). A casual dinner will be served in the courtyard of the California Museum.

TUESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS



Photo courtesy of Shake Ridge Ranch, Sutter Creek, CA

MOTHER LODE WINE EXPERIENCE (ALL DAY)

Journey east of Sacramento to the historic Shenandoah Valley in the Sierra foothills to visit Shake Ridge Ranch, home of Yorba Wines. After a stroll through the vineyards, enjoy lunch, while hearing about the history of the vineyard. In the afternoon we will visit the historic town of Sutter Creek, the "Jewel of the Mother Lode," which offers historical sites dating back to the Gold Rush period, shops, and several tasting rooms.

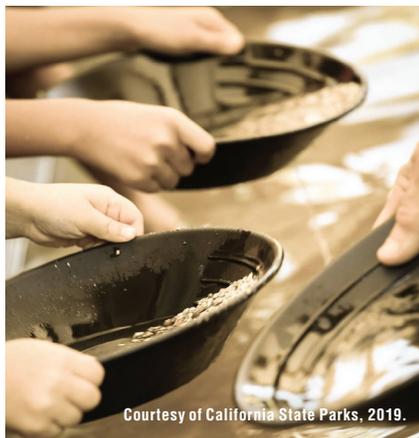
OLD SACRAMENTO (ALL DAY)

Step back in time and meet us in Old Sacramento. View the many historic buildings, museums, shops, and restaurants. Experience the Old Sacramento Underground Tour to see the streets before they were raised due to the repeated flooding of the area. On your own, explore the California State Railroad Museum, the Delta King Riverboat, the Sacramento Museum, or the many shops and exhibits.



CAPITOL MALL WALKING TOUR (MORNING AND AFTERNOON OPTIONS)

See the major genealogical research collections and architectural gems in the Capitol Mall area. The morning will feature the State Capitol Rotunda, a tour of the California State Library, and a tour of the collections and the Preservation and Imaging Lab at the California State Archives. The afternoon will include the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building and other interesting and historically significant venues. A no-host lunch in the Capitol cafeteria will be available between the morning and afternoon sessions.



Courtesy of California State Parks, 2019.

GOLD DISCOVERY TOUR (ALL DAY)

Join us for a tour of the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. In 1848, John Marshall discovered gold while building a sawmill for John Sutter. A docent will lead us through the site of Marshall's discovery and gold mining exhibits. After lunch, we will visit Sutter's Fort, the oldest restored fort in the West. The six-acre compound illustrates life in this replica of the original adobe structure.

RESEARCH IN SACRAMENTO AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Come early or stay after the conference to take advantage of research facilities in Northern California. The following are some of the main repositories in Sacramento.

CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES

The California State Archives collects, catalogs, preserves, and provides access to the historic records of California state agencies, the governor's office, the state legislature, and the state Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal.

1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-7715 | sos.ca.gov/archives
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY (CSL)

Established in 1850, the CSL is the central library for state government. Besides the California History room, it is an official repository for all Federal publications, making it an unusually rich source for professional directories, licensing boards, military promotion lists, bulletins and newsletters of state hospitals, veterans' homes and prisons, county agricultural reports and much more.

914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 323-9843 | library.ca.gov
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

The California State Railroad Museum Library has items that provide biographical information about railroad employees and officials, including biographical directories, corporate directories, employee magazines, and archival collections containing employee information.

111 I Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814
(916) 323-8073
californiarailroad.museum/visit/library
Tuesday-Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CENTER FOR SACRAMENTO HISTORY (CSH)

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.

551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95911
916-808-7072 | centerforsacramentohistory.org
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.