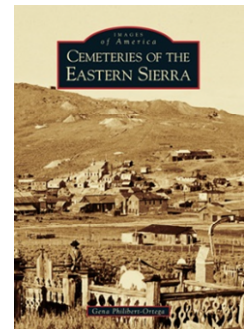




The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society presents:

**Walking Amongst the Dead:  
Becoming a Cemetery Expert**

*Presented by*  
**Gena Philibert-Ortega**  
**Tuesday, June 15, 2021**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**



We are delighted that Gena has agreed to share with us her extensive knowledge of Cemetery research. For family history researchers, cemeteries hold clues to the lives of our ancestors, but there is more to cemetery research than just finding a death date and a gravestone. Cemeteries and gravestones provide important clues that can be uncovered from their history, location, and engravings. In this presentation, she will discuss the history of cemeteries in the United States and the types of cemeteries that exist. She will help us learn to better examine records documenting death and burials and learn to better interpret all the information we discover in our cemetery research.

Gena Philibert-Ortega is the author of *Cemeteries of the Eastern Sierra*. The Eastern Sierra is a region with a rich cemetery history that includes pioneer, ethnic, and mass burial sites. Her research into these cemeteries included maps, images, original and derivative records, histories as well as onsite research at libraries, archives, museums, and the cemeteries themselves. Gena's current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fundraising cookbooks, and women's material culture.

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