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May Membership Meeting with Jim Terzian

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California



Coats of Arms, Crests and Heraldry: A Genealogist's Overview

Kings and courtiers, gentlemen and family groups have borne coats-of-arms for over thirty generations. Yet most of us, even extremely experienced genealogists, know very little about them or how to use them in our research. What exactly are coats-of-arms and crests? Who has them, when did they develop and where does a family get them? What resources exist to help you use heraldry as a tool in your research?

Join CGS for a ninety-minute presentation by Jim Terzian, Executive Director of the Heraldry Foundation and Secretary-Treasurer of the "Royal Bastards" - descendants of the illegitimate sons and daughters of the kings of Britain - as he presents "A Genealogist's Overview: Coats of Arms, Crests and Other Heraldry that is Part of Family Heritage."

For almost forty years, Jim Terzian has been a student of heraldry and genealogy, representing the United States as a delegate to the International Congresses of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences since 1996, serving as a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Heraldry Committee from 1995 to 2004 and serving as Executive Director of the Heraldry Foundation (which is building the G. Julian Morgan Heraldic Library collection) since 2003. Professionally Mr. Terzian is principal of the Terzian International Group, a Silicon Valley firm that develops and launches technology start-up companies, products and services.

Special June Presentation: Morse and Morse on DNA

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

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DNA and Genetic Genealogy

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
California Genealogical Society and Library
2201 Broadway at 22nd, Suite LL2
Oakland, California

Please join us for this special program by noted lecturer Steve Morse and his daughter, Megan.

Stephen Morse is the creator of the [One-Step Website](#) for which he has received numerous awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a computer professional with a doctoral degree in E.E. - Electrical Engineering. He is well-known as the architect of the Intel 8086, which sparked the PC revolution. But his best accomplishment was that of fathering his daughter, Megan.



Megan Morse holds a bachelor's degree in "E.E.", but hers stands for Evolution and Ecology. She works as a wildlife educator and animal handler for [Wildlife Associates](#), a non-profit wildlife sanctuary in Half

Moon Bay, California. She raises and trains everything from anteaters to porcupines, cats to snakes and foxes to hawks. She travels with these animals to schools, libraries, and recreation centers throughout the Bay Area to give educational presentations.

Megan, with her formal training in evolution and her knowledge of DNA, complements her dad who is self-taught in these areas. Together they explain genetic genealogy and how it applies to the human species as well as the larger animal kingdom.

CGS on the Road in Santa Clara

Monday, June 15, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road

Central Park Library



CGS is adding a lecture to the membership coffees. South Bay members of the California Genealogical Society are invited to join with the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society for networking and a presentation.

Program

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee served

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CGS President Jane Lindsey will present an overview of the outstanding resources at the CGS Library and share information about upcoming events.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn - Bring a bag lunch or buy a sandwich in the Central Park Library café and take part in some small group discussions of special interest genealogy topics.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. "Some Brick Walls Are of Our Own Making." CGS member Lavinia Schwarz's spell-binding talk will help you look at your own brick walls with new openness, ideas, strategies and historical insight.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Questions and closing remarks.

The [Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society](#) is located at the [City of Santa Clara Central Park Library](#) in the Heritage Pavilion. They have a large collection of genealogy resources and a great historical collection available for public use. Consultants are available to assist with research problems.

Please RSVP by [E-mail](#) to Annette Woolsey or by telephone to Mary Hanel at (408) 615-2909. [Download](#) the information flier from the CGS [website](#).

CGS at the SCGS Jamboree 2009

**Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
June 26-27-28, 2009**



The 40th Annual Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, 2009, at the [Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center](#). This year's Jamboree of 55 speakers and nearly 100 lectures focuses on the British Isles - English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh research.

CGS is sharing a space in the Exhibit Hall with the [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) and members are needed to help staff the table. Please send an [e-mail](#) if you can help.

For detailed information about schedule, speakers, genealogy exhibitors and more, visit the [Jamboree blog](#).

Fort Wayne, Indiana Tour August 16, 2009. Sign Up Now!

Allen County Public Library - August 16-23, 2009



The deadline to sign up for the fourth [CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library](#) is approaching. Deposits need to be in by June 15 for the trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 16-23, 2009.

Space is limited to the first fifteen participants who send in their \$200 deposit. If the minimum number is not met the trip will be canceled. Please [e-mail](#) Jane Lindsey now if you would like to go.

[Download the tour brochure](#) from the society website and send in your deposit today.

NEHGS Visits CGS - Save the Date!

Friday, October 23, 2009 Full Day Seminar & Evening Cocktails and Dinner

Michael J. LeClerc and Christopher Child from NEHGS will present *Researching Your New England Ancestors online, Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* and more. Capping off the day will be a dinner and presentation *The Lighter Side of Genealogy*. [Download](#) the flier with full event details.

Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[My Dad](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren

[Keeping a Genealogy Task List, Part 1](#) by Ben Sayer

[Continuing Education for Genealogists](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[The Story of Oak Knoll Cemetery in Livermore Part 1](#) by Cheryl Palmer

[The Gretna Green of the Ohio Valley - Aberdeen, Ohio](#) by Arlene Eakle

[Are You Reading "The Examiner" Genealogy Columns?](#) by Randy Seaver

[OwikTip: Finding Your Ne'er-Do-Well Ancestors and Relatives](#) by Craig Manson

[City Directories on Internet Archive \[Reference Shelf\]](#) by Jennifer Jones Regan

CGS Ancestors

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Linda Foster Arden**.



Mary Jane Strain and John Alexander Hastings Foster are my great-

great grandparents. They were married in 1858 and lived in Rural Valley, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. You can learn more about them in my upcoming book **The Intimate Civil War Letters of Lt. Foster 155th Pennsylvania Volunteers**. The book features one hundred transcribed letters written from 1862 through 1865, set against the background of all the major Civil War battles involving the Army of the Potomac, 5th Corp. The publisher is Mechling Bookbinding. Additional information will be available soon through their [website](#).

If you would like to see your CGS Ancestor pictured in a future edition of the CGS e-News, please [email](#) your image and a brief narrative.

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[A Tale of Ten Computers](#)

[Reunited After Fifty Years!](#)

[The Immigration of Anton Radivoj](#)

[Tell a Story, Hear a Story, Read a Story](#)

[2009 Finds at the Family History Library](#)

[Honored as One of the Top 25 Genealogy Blogs](#)



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Founded February 12, 1898 in San Francisco, CGS, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that seeks to aid, educate and encourage research in family history, is located in Oakland's historic Breuner Building. The society maintains a library, gathers and preserves vital records and disseminates information through publications, meetings, seminars, workshops, its [website](#), [blog](#) and [online catalog](#).

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