

California Genealogical Society and Library eNews

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Please Note: The CGS Library will be **CLOSED Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, 2009** for the Independence Day holiday. First Saturdays Free resume on August 1, 2009.

Announcing The California Nugget!



The California Genealogical Society and Library is pleased to announce the publication of its new magazine, *The California Nugget*.

Edited by Jane Hufft and produced by Lois Elling, the journal will be published twice a year and distributed free to members. It is available to non-members for \$5.00 an issue plus postage.

[Read more](#), including the full table of contents, at the CGSL blog.

"Tip of the Iceberg" Poster Now Available for Purchase

Donate One to Your Local Library!



This attractive 11 x 17 full color poster is now available for purchase at the CGS Library for only \$10, including taxes and a protective cardboard tube. Conceived by members Lisa Gorrell and Tim Cox, and created by Lisa's daughter, Elizabeth, the poster will make a great donation to your local library.

Proceeds benefit the California Genealogical Society Library. Please help us spread this important message.

[Learn more](#) at the CGSL blog.

July Membership Meeting with Steve Danko

Saturday, July 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California



Genealogy Gadgets and Gizmos

New hardware, software and online technology make finding, recording and sharing information faster and easier than ever. Many of these advancements have found their way into genealogical research, enabling even a moderately technology-capable genealogist to take advantage of these new gadgets and gizmos. New technology allows genealogists to have access to family history data from anywhere in the world. Researchers can avail themselves of genealogy education at times and places of their choosing, collect documents and information more easily and prepare professional-quality family books without the commercial price.

Join CGS member and well-known [blogger](#) Steve Danko for this cutting-edge talk on new technologies for the genealogist. [Read more](#) at the CGSL blog.

Shelf Reading Day - Help Put Our Books in Order!

Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

by Marianne Frey



If you've been to the library you probably have admired our books on their nice new shelves (no more mismatched hand-me-downs), clearly marked and easy to find. But, are they perfectly arranged?

No. Like cars on the freeway, the books bunch up in one place and are generously spaced in another. And books are occasionally re-shelved in the wrong place. With your help we can get every book in the right place.

Come to the library on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for a review of the Library of Congress call number system and a chance to check your shelving skills. Then you can get to work putting the books in order.

We hope to have at least 20-25 people so this project can be completed in one day.

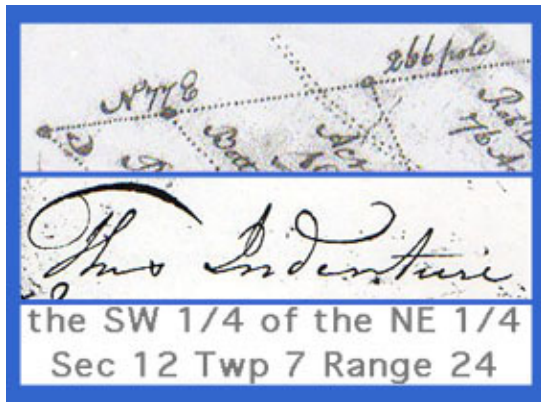
Volunteers who know how to read shelves can come earlier and begin reading. Our librarians will be available for questions as shelves are checked.

Bring your own lunch or purchase one nearby and take a break with other members (dessert, iced tea and coffee will be provided.) Want to have some fun? [E-mail](#) Jane Lindsey if you can help!

August Workshop: Using Land Records in Genealogy

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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



Using Land Records in Genealogy

CGS Workshop with Pam Miller

Join CGS member Pam Miller for this practical overview of land and property records and learn why they are absolutely necessary to your family history research. Discover how these often overlooked records can help you solve lineage problems, accurately identify ancestors, correct faulty information and enrich the story of those more distant ancestors.

The workshop is FREE for CGS members but is limited to fifteen people. There is a sign-up fee of \$10 for non-members. (This fee can be applied toward membership on the day of the workshop.) Reservations are required; [download](#) the registration flier. Questions? [E-mail](#) or call CGS at 510-663-1358. [Learn more](#) at the CGSL blog.

Graphic courtesy of Pamela A. Miller.

A Special Offer to CGS Members From the Photo Detective

Look for a Time-Sensitive Discount Next Week

Don't let heaps of unidentified, damaged, or disorganized family photos get you down. The [Photo Detective](#) can help!

Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, has a **special summer offer** for California Genealogical Society members. Look for details next week on the [CGSL blog](#) and in a special e-mail to members.

Fort Wayne, Indiana Tour - A Few Spaces Still Available!

Allen County Public Library - August 16-23, 2009



There are still a few spots available so sign up now for the [CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library](#). Join President Jane Lindsey on this trip to the world's best public genealogy research library.

Whether you have visited before or this is your first time, you will benefit from Jane's individualized attention to your research goals. Pre-planning meetings can be arranged by phone or in person prior to the trip.

[Download the tour brochure](#) from the society website for full details. Full registration materials and final payment are due on Thursday, July 16, 2009. Please [E-mail](#) Jane Lindsay if you are interested in obtaining one of these coveted spots.

NEHGS Comes West 2009 - A Full Weekend of Events

Friday, October 23, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Full Day Seminar and Lunch

**Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center at the Metrolinks Golf Course
10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland**

Michael J. LeClerc and Christopher Child from NEHGS will present several talks, including *Researching Your New England Ancestors Online*, *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* and more.

Friday, October 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Cocktails and Dinner

Holiday Inn & Suites, 77 Hegenberger Road, Oakland

Capping off the day will be a dinner and presentation, *The Lighter Side of Genealogy* by Brenton Simons, Ryan Woods, and Jane Lindsey.

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Private Consultations with Chris Child or Michael LeClerc

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

Consultations will be available for purchase for \$25 per half-hour. Payment will be made directly to NEHGS at the time. Please [E-mail](#) Ryan Woods with questions or to receive the request form.

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Special Sunday Hours at the Library for Seminar Participants Only

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

[Download](#) the flier for full event details.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Mourning Visiting Cards](#) by the Footnote Maven

[Google Books Updated](#) by Jennifer Jones Regan

[Until We Meet Again...](#) (Tips for Family Reunions) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[19th Century British Newspapers Online](#) by Dick Eastman

Family Tree Magazine's [100 Best Web Sites for Genealogy in 2009](#) by Diane Haddad

Kentucky ancestors? Arlene Eakle launched a new blog this month (in addition to her other state research blogs.)

[Arlene Eakle's Kentucky Genealogy Blog](#)

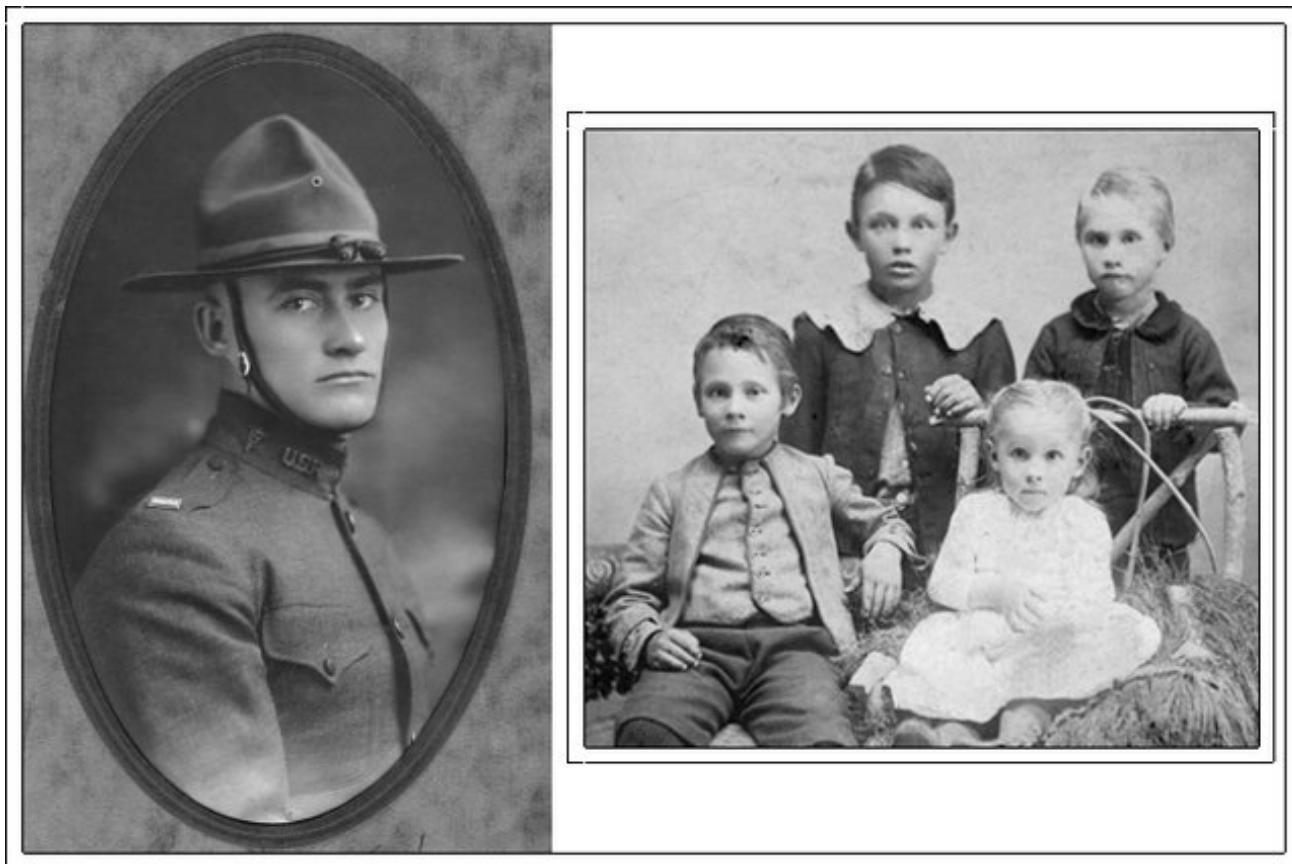
[Arlene Eakle's Tennessee Genealogy Blog](#)

[Arlene Eakle's Virginia Genealogy Blog](#)

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Lois Elling**.



The first photograph is my grandfather, Floyd C. Turner, as a doctor in his WWI U.S. Army uniform.

The next photo, circa 1895, is Floyd with his brothers and sister (clockwise from top left): Alonzo (10 yrs.), Floyd (6), Sylvia (3), and Guy (8) Turner.

My grandfather Floyd was born in 1889 in a sod house near Lincoln, Kansas. His father, Asher Turner (1851-1931), was not a responsible man and often didn't take care of the family. Floyd's mother, Martha Florence Brooks (1865-1901), had eight babies, only four of whom lived to adulthood. When Martha died at the age of 36, the elder brothers (ages 14 and 16) left home to make their own ways. Grandfather Floyd and his sister Sylvia (11 and 8) were partially taken in by an aunt.

Floyd joined the navy at the age of 17 where he spent time in the Philippines as a pharmacist's assistant. He went on to work his way through medical school in just three years and spent a short time in private practice. In 1915 he married Anna Thompson in Sterling, Colorado. Floyd joined the army during WWI and afterwards worked for many years as a surgeon in the U.S. Public Health Service. Floyd and Anna had three daughters, the oldest being my mother. After his retirement, he spent his time on cancer research in Boulder Creek, California until his death in 1960.

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

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[A-Files Update](#)

[Fun at Jamboree!](#)

[Member spotlight: Marston Watson](#)

[What You \(and I\) Missed: Morse and Morse on DNA](#)

[Member Book: *The Tricking of Freya* by Christina Sunley](#)



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