

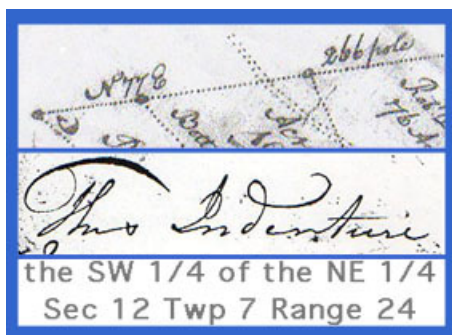
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Please Note: *The CGS Library will be **CLOSED Saturday, September 5, 2009** for Labor Day. The next First Free Saturday is October 3, 2009.*

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

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 this often overlooked record set can help you solve lineage problems, accurately identify ancestors, correct faulty information and enrich the story of more distant ancestors.

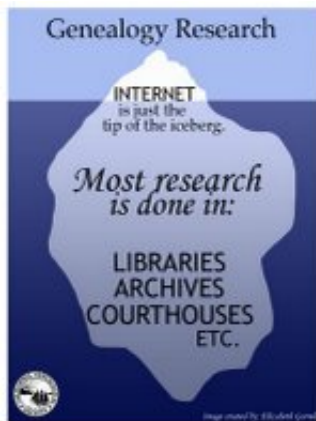
The workshop is FREE for CGS members but is limited to fifteen people. (There are only a couple of spaces left. If we get more requests, we will start a waiting list for a future workshop.)

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.

"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 for only \$10, including taxes and a protective cardboard tube, at the CGS Library. Conceived by members Lisa Gorrell and Tim Cox and created by Lisa's daughter, Elizabeth, the poster would be 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.

A Special Offer to CGS Members From the Photo Detective

\$10-off One Photo Analysis, Telephone Consultation and Recording

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. Maureen will analyze a family photograph, give you a personal telephone consultation and send you an audio file of the session for \$40 per photograph, a \$10 savings.

Simply [E-mail](#) your photo image to Maureen with your CGS member number. Tell her as much as you already know about your photograph.

Maureen will give you her findings in a telephone conversation which will be recorded. After the call, she will send you an mp3 file or CD so you have the recording for yourself.

This offer is limited to three photographs (\$40 per photograph) and expires on August 31, 2009.

September Membership Meeting: Breaking Down Brick Walls

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

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



Four Tales: Family Stories to Help You Break Down Brick Walls

Four active CGS members will share interesting family stories that illustrate the creative ways they conquered their genealogical brick walls.

Lorna Wallace will present *Buckingham's Letter* - how a twenty year journey ended at the CGS Library.

Tom Gesner will present *Name That Man: Who Was Mr. Ross?* - how a fiftieth wedding anniversary announcement led to a lot of unnecessary work.

Mary Beth Frederick will share *The Long and Winding Road to Anne E.* - the search for a surname for her gg-grandmother.

Steve Harris will relate brief vignettes with brick wall solutions using familiar sources in unfamiliar ways.

Please note that a short membership meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The presentations will follow at 1:30 p.m. There will be time for questions and answers.

The CGS 2009 Nominating Committee

In order to fulfill the California Genealogical Society Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, President Jane Knowles Lindsey has appointed the 2009 Nominating Committee. General members are Dick Rees and Lorna Wallace; director Chris Pattillo will act as the committee chair.

The committee is seeking nominees for two openings on the board of directors. They welcome suggestions of candidates or volunteers to serve. Nominees must be members of the California Genealogical Society. Please [E-mail](#) Chris with your suggestions.

[Read the full text of Article VII](#) at the CGSL blog.

Silent Auction Items Sought

Do you have something that would make an interesting auction item for the October 23, 2009 event with NEHGS?

Two years ago at our last New England event, we raised over \$1600 with a silent auction. Some of the best sellers were:

- a framed print of the Gloucester Serpent
- the current set of The Great Migration books by Robert Anderson
- a wonderful new leather brief case
- a selection of theme baskets

The society seeks a variety of quality items at different price levels. If you have any ideas, please [E-mail](#) Jane Lindsey and she will call you back.

NEHGS Comes West 2009 - A Full Weekend of Events

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 should 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 Research Time 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

[Genealogical and Historical Societies Online](#) by Tami

[Another Goldmine](#) from the *Just Thinking* blog by Nadasue

[How To Get Kids Interested in Genealogy](#) by Elyse Doerflinger

[How Genealogists Use Social Networking](#) by Gena Philibert Ortega

[Tech Tuesday - Setting Up a Genealogy Photo Work Flow](#) by Family Curator

Randy Seaver writes about a wonderful historical photo from his wife's family. Be sure to read the follow-up!

[18 April 1906 - They Were There!](#)

[Same House, 103 Years Later?](#)

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Judy Zelver**.



These old photos are of a stage line in Westchester County, New York, owned and operated by my great-grandfather Charles Johnson (1868-1952) of Armonk, New York. The coach line served the Armonk-Kensico villages, and later the Armonk-Valhalla route. The Kensico village and the surrounding valley were flooded in the early 1900s in order to create a large reservoir to supply water for New York City which is about twenty-five miles south of this area. The southern part of the reservoir and the dam are located in Valhalla. The project was completed circa 1915.

The picture of the horse-driven coach was probably taken in the late 1800s, and the driver is believed to be my great-grandfather. This coach served the Kensico-Armonk route. These villages were only a few miles apart. The picture of the motor coach probably was taken in the early 1900s. This coach served the Armonk-Valhalla area. The driver in the motor coach is my grandfather, Frank Johnson (1891-1973), the oldest son of Charles Johnson. The passengers are Frank's four brothers and a friend.

My great grandfather, Charles Johnson (1868-1952) was born in Armonk, New York, as were all his children, several of his grandchildren, and a few of his great-grandchildren. His paternal ancestors, going back to James Johnson in the early 1800s, were from Armonk. Other family lines resided in Armonk as far back as the mid-1700s. Before operating the coach line, Charles was a shoemaker. He married Phebe Conklin Kipp (1869-1959). Phebe's ancestors first settled in New Amsterdam in the late 1600s. Her Kipp ancestors migrated from New Amsterdam to Long Island and then north to Chappaqua, New York in the mid-1700s. Although they were Quakers, some family members participated in the Revolutionary War. Many descendants of the Kipps are still living in the area.

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?

[Looking Toward the Future](#)

[CGS Iceberg Poster on YouTube](#)

[Tim's Report From Jamboree 2009](#)

[Shelf Reading: A Top To Bottom Review](#)

[A Special Board Meeting and Lunch at the Peralta Hacienda](#)

[What You Missed: July Membership Meeting with Steve Danko](#)

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