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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.*

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.

Workshop: Digital Photography - A Tool For Genealogy Research

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California

Join CGS member Mary Beth Frederick and learn how to use your digital camera to take photographs of books, original documents, microfilms, and computer screens. Using this method will save you time, money, energy, and frustration, not to mention your back as you will never again have to tote a mountain of paper in your carry-on baggage!

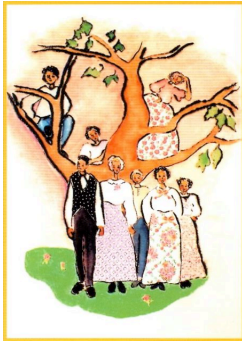
The workshop is a FREE benefit of membership but is limited to fifteen people. Pre-registration is

required - no walk-ins will be allowed. There is a non-refundable sign-up fee of \$10 for non-members. (This fee can be applied toward membership on the day of the workshop.) There is a sign-up sheet at the CGS Library desk. Please call CGS at 510-663-1358 or email CGSLevents@gmail.com to reserve a space.

[Read more about Mary Beth](#) at the CGSL blog.

Fall Beginning Genealogy Research Series

Classes Begin September 24, 2009



In celebration of October Family History Month, the Oakland Regional Family History Center (ORFHC) and the California Genealogical Society (CGS) are offering an encore Beginning Genealogy Research Series. Four classes will be taught on Thursdays at the ORFHC and repeated on Saturdays, at the CGS Library.

The same teachers and handouts will be used in both sessions each week and enrolled students can attend classes at either or both facilities. Classes start on September 24, 2009. All classes will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

An optional Internet Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 1 and Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. There is a \$15 fee for the full series of classes which includes a printed syllabus. Single classes can be attended for a fee of \$4 per class if space is available. The optional workshop will not be open to walk-ins.

For the full schedule and registration information, [download the series flier](#).

Announcing the CGS e-News ARCHIVE

Past Issues Back to 2007 Now Available

The California Genealogical Society now offers an online archive of all past editions of this electronic newsletter. The [CGS e-News ARCHIVE](#) can be easily accessed through the [society website](#). The link is in the left sidebar. [Read more](#) 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. Jane Lindsey still needs a few more items. If you have something to donate, please [email](#) Jane and she will call you back.

October is Family History Month

Blog Workshop on Saturday, October 10, 2009.



Events coordinators Tim Cox and Carolyn Steinberg are planning several special programs to celebrate Family History Month in October. Check the [CGSL blog](#) and the [Google calendar](#) for event details as they become finalized.

[Learn more](#) about the Blog Workshop.

NEHGS Comes West - Register before September 29th

Have you sent in your registration form yet? The "early bird" break ends September 29, 2009!

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 [email](#) 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

[A Developing Genealogist](#) by Donna Pointkouski

[The Year Without a Summer](#) by Becky Wiseman

[What is a Genealogical Consultation?](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren

[English Jurisdictions 1851 on FamilySearch Labs](#) by Randy Seaver

[Treasure Chest Thursday: 08/20/09: Dress and Trunk](#) by Lisa Alzo

[The ProGen Study Group - an Online Genealogy Education Opportunity](#) by Amy Coffin

You know blogs have gone mainstream when the National Archives starts one! Check out

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Lisa Gorrell**.



The girl in the white dress in the photograph on the left is my great-grandmother, Lela Ann, with her parents Ebenezer LOVELESS and Eliza ROGERS. Lela Ann Loveless was born in Faulkner County, Arkansas, in 1896. Her family later moved to Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. Although all census records indicate that Ebenezer was a farmer, he also was a minister. I have a newspaper photo showing him baptizing adults in a river. Lela Ann married George Warren LANCASTER in 1912. They had four children, one of whom is my 95-year-old grandmother, who I have always called Mam-ma. Mam-ma and my mother, Lea Nell, came to California after World War II. They are shown in the second photograph in the matching clothes that my grandmother made. These two photos are the four generations before me.

- Lisa Gorrell

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

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[Found in Fort Wayne](#)

[BayNet Spotlight on CGS and Interview With Jane](#)

[Tip of the Iceberg Poster - Buy Three Get One Free!](#)

[CGS and the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire](#)

[At the Library - A New Reference Homepage for Patrons](#)



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