

California Genealogical Society and Library eNews

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October is Family History Month

Free Classes Throughout the Month



For nearly a decade, October has been celebrated as Family History Month among genealogy enthusiasts. The California Genealogical Society and Library will celebrate by hosting beginning to advanced genealogy seminars throughout the month. Topics range from organizing and performing basic genealogical research to utilizing technology and software to preserve your research. All seminars are open to the public and the usage fee for non-members is waived so the library resources are available free of charge.

[Download](#) the Family History Month Events flier. The complete schedule of classes, workshops and consultations can also be found on the CGS [Google calendar](#).

Genealogy Blogs - Why, How, Do's and Don'ts

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Are you curious about genealogy blogs? Or have you dismissed them as fluff and not worth your valuable time? Two experts will show why blogs are more than just "the latest fad" and how they are a valuable way to enhance your genealogy research.

Renowned genealogy bloggers and CGS members Thomas MacEntee and Craig Manson will be on hand to share their blog expertise and have some fun.

Thomas MacEntee will start with the ABCs of blog use in a basic introductory demo. You'll leave this session with a list of great genealogy blogs to read and learn ways to best use the information you'll find, wondering why you didn't start following blogs sooner!

Thomas' second session will show how having your own genealogy blog can take your genealogy research to another dimension. Learn how to get started in this easy-to-understand session geared toward beginners. With the help of an audience member, Thomas will create an individual family history blog right before your eyes.



Craig Manson will end the day with a topic of interest to beginners as well as experienced bloggers: Blogging and the Law - Privacy Issues and Copyrights.

Program:

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. How to Use a Blog - MacEntee

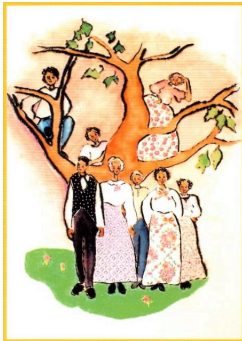
2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Building a Genealogy Blog - MacEntee

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Blogging and the Law - Manson

[Read more about our speakers at the CGSL blog](#) and find links to their blogs.

Fall Beginning Genealogy Research Series Continues

Single Classes Available Through October 17, 2009



The Fall Beginners Series is underway with twenty-six students attending the first session. Classes are taught on Thursdays at the Oakland Regional Family History Center (ORFHC) and repeated on Saturdays at the California Genealogical Society (CGS).

Single classes can be attended for a fee of \$4 per class.

[Download the series flier](#) for the full schedule and registration information.

NEHGS Comes West - Registrations Due October 9, 2009

Advance registration is required for the seminar/luncheon and for the dinner. Due to constraints set by our caterer, **all registration forms with payment MUST be received by Friday, October 9.**

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.

Wanted: A Few Good Volunteers

Desk Duty Positions

by Lorna Wallace

Do you have a few spare hours a month? The CGS Desk Duty Committee is short a couple of volunteers. This is a really great job for members who like to help people and who are interested in learning more about the library and its resources.

Desk Duty volunteers staff the library on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays when the library is open. It's a fun job, though there is a lot to learn. We have instructional material for reference and it would be fine to "shadow" or double up with another experienced desk volunteer to get familiar with the job.

If you can help, please [email](#) the society today!

Book Repair Workshop Returns

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



The California Genealogical Society is now taking reservations for the fall Book Repair Workshop to be held on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join Book Repair Committee Chair Bill O'Neil for this popular class. Learn repair techniques by building your own book and take home a souvenir.

The fee is \$25.00 for materials. Reservations are required. [Read more at the CGSL blog.](#)

November Volunteer Appreciation - Save the date!

Saturday, November 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Please plan to join the Board of Directors for a special wine and nibbles reception to honor our volunteers. The November membership meeting will be an informal one - a chance to say thank you and an opportunity for members to get to know each other. Our volunteers have created a successful formula that has kept CGS viable for more than 110 years. That is something to celebrate!

All members are invited to attend. If you can, please bring a small appetizer plate to share. If you can help us plan this event please [email CGSLevents@gmail.com](mailto:CGSLevents@gmail.com).

In Memoriam

Margaret Rogers Lester (1924-2009)

Margaret "Midge" Lester died on August 14, 2009, in Oakland. She was the eldest child of William E. Rogers and Edith Donnelly. Midge joined the California Genealogical Society in 1994. Her [obituary](#) appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on September 12 and 13, 2009.

Dorothy Collier Romo (1927-2009)

Dorothy C. Romo passed away on July 31, 2009 in Davis, California. Dorothy joined the California Genealogical Society in 1983 and she is remembered by David Adams as "one of the CGS hard core workers that I could always count on." She [attended](#) the CGS Membership Coffee last year in Sacramento.

Donald Lewis Anthony, Sr. (1934-2009)

Word was received of the death of Donald Lewis Anthony, Sr. on February 21, 2009. His [obituary](#) was published in the Contra Costa Times in March 2009.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Five Years and Still Going](#) by Craig Manson

[If Your Ancestor Was an Alien](#) by Diane Haddad

[Roots Television's Top Ten Videos](#) by Randy Seaver

[Using Timelines in Your Research](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[How To Start a Recipe or a Food-Related Genealogy Blog](#) by Thomas MacEntee

[Early SF Newspapers - Alta California](#) from the Herb Caen Magazines and Newspapers Center

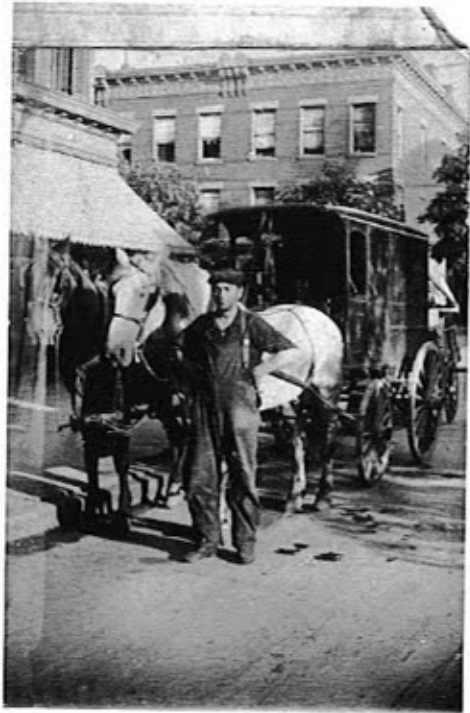
Have you heard? The National Genealogical Society newsletter [Up Front](#) is now a blog!

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Arlene Miles**.



Above is a picture of my uncle, Charles Schroeder. I recently found this photograph and I am submitting it in tribute to his father and my grandfather, Henry Diedrich Schroeder. Grandpa Henry was born November 7, 1878 in Brooklyn, New York. He married Annie Schneider and fathered thirteen children between 1904 and 1920. In 1911 when he registered with the draft board he was a chauffeur living at 113th Street, Richmond Hill, New York. In the 1920 census Grandpa Henry was enumerated "engineer in a brewery" and in 1930 he was a traffic cop for the Long Island Railroad. After Annie died Henry went into business with his youngest son, Charles. Their company sterilized beer pipes in the neighborhood bars, taverns and saloons. Grandpa Henry and Uncle Charles lived and worked from one address, 119-20 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, New York. In 1941, at the start of another war, Grandpa Henry once again registered with the local draft board at age 63. Henry Diedrich Schroeder died on November 2, 1949. I was born a few years before he died, but I don't have any memory of Grandpa Henry. Now I know a little more about him and it makes me very happy.

- Arlene Miles

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?

[Old San Francisco Cemetery Records](#)

[Bowen Cousins at the Intermediate Class](#)

[Announcing the CGS Manuscript Collection](#)

[You Don't Know What You Don't Know](#) by Tim Cox

[How Many Ships Are Buried Beneath San Francisco?](#)

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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 presently located in Oakland, California. 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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