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Holiday Hours

Library CLOSED Thanksgiving weekend - November 26-28, 2009.

Vote For Family Tree Magazine's Top 40 Blogs

CGSL Blog is a Finalist!



[Family Tree Magazine](#) is holding a contest to find the forty best genealogy blogs. The California Genealogical Society and Library blog is [honored](#) to be a finalist.

"The Family Tree 40" will be announced in the May 2010 issue of the magazine and in the *Genealogy Insider* email newsletter. There are ten categories and the CGSL blog is in category #7 - Local and Regional.

Voting is open until November 5, 2009. Go [here](#) to vote.

November Book Repair Workshop

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



Book Repair Workshop with *Bill O'Neil*

This is your last chance to sign up for the fall Book Repair Workshop to be held 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. [Download the registration flier.](#)

November Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday, November 14, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Please 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.

December Workshop - New York City Research

Saturday, December 12, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



New York City: Insider's Guide to Research *A CGS Workshop with Steve Harris*

If you are like the majority of Americans, at least one of your ancestors spent time in New York City. Dr. Stephen Harris has an insider's knowledge of the many helpful data sources and indexes that are available for your NYC research.

[Learn more](#) at the CGSL blog or [download the registration flier](#).

Announcing the Tenth Annual CGS Salt Lake City Tour

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Stay For the 2010 NGS Family History Conference



In celebration of the tenth **CGS Research Tour to Salt Lake City**, the dates of the 2010 trip have been set to conveniently precede the start of the [National Genealogical Society Family History Conference](#). The 2010 theme is *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*.

The spring tour will begin mid-week on April 21, 2009, and run Wednesday to Wednesday. Those interested in staying for the NGS conference (April 28 - May 1, 2010) can extend their stay at the Shilo Inn, located across the street from the [Salt Palace](#), site of the NGS Conference. The block of rooms reserved by CGS for the NGS Conference will only be available to those who attend the research week."

[Download the registration flier](#) for complete information.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[First 10 Lessons](#) by reh ncw

[Online Historical Directories](#) by Randy Seaver

[Taxation Can Be a Good Thing](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Historical Atlas of the American West](#) by Pam Cerutti

[The Hearse, Frozen Goldfish & Twins](#) by footnoteMaven

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photograph and story were submitted by **Mary Mettler**.



This photograph, taken by well-known frontier photographer, George F. Blackburn, is of the Turtle Mountain Hotel, built about 1885 in Dunseith, Rolette County, Dakota Territory. Shown is the proprietor, my great-grandfather, Philip Thomas (P.T.) METLER. He is holding the horse on which sits his daughter, Eva; on the other horse is his son Pete (Philip Jr.). His wife, Alice Farnsworth Metler, who really ran the hotel, is at the door of the hotel.

P.T. was made Justice of the Peace when Dunseith was established in 1884. He also became Postmaster in 1887. Guess where he moved the post office? To his hotel, of course! Ultimately and sadly, P.T. and Alice lost the hotel.

Note that the family name was spelled with one "t" at that time. In the early 1890s there was a horse thief named Charles Metler, so the family changed the spelling to Mettler. Although I hoped he was a relative, we have never found a connection.

- Mary Mettler

Call for Submissions! We're planning for next year and we need your photographs and stories! Do you have some great family photos that are scanned and ready to be shared? Or do you have a wonderful family story and a photo to go with it? 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 with a brief narrative.

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[The 2009 Annual Appeal](#)

[She Thinks He Had Them at Hello](#)

[The Santa Clara Gen-Study Group](#)

[San Francisco Pioneer Cemeteries](#)

[Blogging Workshop: Easy As 1-2-3](#)

[Member Spotlight: Jim W. Faulkinbury, CG](#)

[Carnival of Genealogy 82: Breaking Into Society](#)

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