

California Genealogical Society and Library eNews

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Holiday Hours

CGS Library CLOSED through January 6, 2010.

The library re-opens on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Please join us for this important annual session. Jane Knowles Lindsey will be making her last report as president of the society. She will provide a review of 2009 and a look forward at the society's plans for 2010 (see next article), including details of upcoming meetings, workshops and much more.

Two members will make brief presentations about their interesting genealogical projects. **Jeanie W. Chooy Low** will discuss her advocacy work on the Alien immigration case files known as the "A-Files." **Kathy Beals** will describe her writing project about the early settlers of several New Hampshire towns.

The agenda also includes brief committee reports, approval of the society budget and the annual election of new board members.

The annual meeting is always well-attended so arrive early to get a seat. Light refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m., before the meeting begins, promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Tech Saturdays

Genealogy Tech Discussion

Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Members with all levels of computer experience are invited to join panelists Kathy Watson, Judy Bodycote and Cathy Paris at the first "Tech Saturday" program. The **Genealogy Tech Discussion** will answer some common questions:

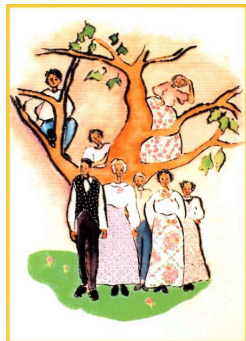
- What are the advantages of Mac over PC?
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- How do I choose a genealogy software?
- What are "social media" and how do I use them for genealogy?
- Does the CGS Library offer tech benefits to members?

The panel will also share information about new technology available in the library and have time to answer audience questions.

The session is limited to thirty attendees. Pre-registration is required. Tech Saturdays are open to everyone but non-members pay a \$5.00 user's fee to enter the library. (Or come and become a member of CGS!) Email Events@californiaancestors.org for more information or to reserve your space.

Intermediate Genealogy Series Returns

Classes Begin Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m
Oakland Regional Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland

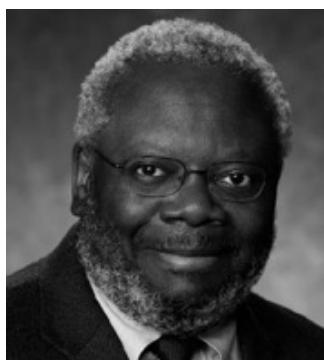


The next Intermediate Genealogy Series will be held on eight consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 9, 2010 and ending on March 30, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at the [Oakland Regional Family History Center](#). In addition, there will be a field trip to the California Genealogical Society Library on Saturday, February 27, 2010.

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

February Black History Month Program

Saturday, February 20, 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



In celebration of Black History Month, the California Genealogical Society presents a special program featuring panelists from the [African American Genealogical Society of Northern California](#) and two lectures by Craig Manson, professor, lecturer and noted [blogger](#).

Schedule

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

1:00 p.m. *Finding African-Americans in Census Records Prior to 1870*

2:15 p.m. *Civil War: Military Research with Special Emphasis on*

African-American Soldiers

FREE admission. For full description and reservation information, [download the registration flier](#).

California State Genealogical Alliance Meeting at CGS

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



All CGS members and members of other local societies are welcome to attend this open meeting of the [California State Genealogical Alliance](#) (CSGA) at the California Genealogical Society Library.

The gathering is an opportunity for Bay Area genealogists to meet CSGA President Susan M. Roe, attend an Alliance meeting, have a tour of the CGS Library and hear a presentation by CSGA Past-president Lisa B. Lee.

Space is limited to 40 attendees. For full details, including registration information, please

[download the registration flier.](#)

Only Eight Spots Left for the Annual CGS Salt Lake City Tour

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



Reservations are almost full for the tenth annual **Research Tour to Salt Lake City**. The 2010 trip conveniently precedes the start of the [National Genealogical Society Family History Conference](#). This year's theme is *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*.

The spring tour will begin mid-week on April 21, 2010, and run Wednesday to Wednesday. Accommodations will be at the Shilo Inn, located just across the street from the [Salt Palace](#), site of the conference. Rooms reserved by CGS for the conference dates are all filled. (New tour registrants who would like to stay for the conference on April 28 - May 1 will have to make their own hotel reservations for the additional dates.)

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

Calling All Members - Will You Be Attending the NGS Conference?

Member Volunteers Needed to Staff Our Table in the Exhibit Hall



Members of the Events and the Publications/Marketing Committees are considering whether to sponsor a California Genealogical Society table in the Exhibit Hall at the NGS Family Conference April 28 - May 1, 2010.

NGS requires that the table be staffed throughout the open hours of the conference. Before we make a final commitment we would like to know how many of our members would be available for a two-hour shift.

CGS Research Director Nancy Peterson has volunteered to spend some time at the table autographing [Raking the Ashes](#), and Mr. [GeneaBlogger](#), Thomas MacEntee, will be there to create some blog-buzz. If you can help, please [email Kathryn Doyle](#).

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Eureka! Lessons From a Gold Mine](#) by Patricia Burrows

[State Census Records Online](#) by Miriam Robbins Midkiff

[Genealogists Needed For a Study](#) by Thomas MacEntee

[Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 - Are They Really?](#) by Christine Sharbrough

[Privacy, Identity Theft and Genealogy - First in a Series](#) by James Tanner

[How to Determine the Size and Scope of Your Family History Book](#) by Lynn Palermo

[A Suggestion for Improving the Rootsweb Mailing List and Other Message Boards Experience](#) by Chris Staats

[How To Find a Photograph of a \[San Francisco\] Building 101](#) by Christina Moretta, Photo Curator for the [San Francisco History Center](#)

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month our California Ancestors are from McLeod's Crossing in Nova Scotia. The photographs and story were submitted by **Jane Knowles Lindsey**.



A great aunt had these photographs of my second great-grandparents, Andrew and Matilda "Ellen" (Wilson) Livingstone of McLeod's Crossing, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. I loved the fact that Ellen had fur on her winter coat. The family was not well-to-do - Andrew was a coal miner.

Ellen died on February 5, 1917. Their daughter, my great-grandmother, was living in New York at the time. She began the long trip home when she was notified of her mother's death. By the time she arrived home she had also lost her father, Andrew, who died on February 20, fifteen days after his wife.

On a visit to Cape Breton, a cousin and I were doing research and I suggested that we go to the library to look for obituaries. I had their death records, but I was having trouble finding their siblings and learning what had happened to their children. My cousin remarked that Andrew and Ellen were too poor to have obituaries, but knowing their exact

dates of death, we headed to the library.

Imagine my delight when I found these notices!

Sydney Daily Post, Wednesday, February 7, 1917, page 5, under Local & General News: "The LATE MRS LIVINGSTONE - The death occurred at her home yesterday morning of Mrs. Andrew Livingstone of McLeod's Crossing. She had contracted a cold which later turned into pneumonia from which she died. The late Mrs. Livingstone had lived in town for a good many years. She was 76 years old and is survived by her husband and two children. Mrs. Knowles of NY and Charles at home. She is also survived by five brothers and one sister. David Wilson of McLeod's Crossing, William with an ambulance Corp in England, Benjamin and Vincent in Dominion. Henry in Glace Bay. The sister is Mrs Lewis of Glace Bay."

Sydney Daily Post, Wednesday, February 21, 1917, page 5, under Local & General News: "Death of A. Livingstone - The death of Andrew Livingstone occurred Monday at his home, McLeod's Crossing. He did not long survive his wife who died only a couple of weeks ago. He was 76 years of age and lived at McLeod's crossing for 16 years coming from Low Point. He is survived by one son Charles at home. One daughter Mrs. Knowles of NY. Four sisters also survive. Mrs. David Wilson of Reserve. Mrs Daniel McSween of MacKay's Crossing, Mrs William Kelly of Nashua NH and Mrs Daniel McNeil of New Glasgow."

- Jane Lindsey

Call for Submissions! We need your photographs and stories! Do you have some great family photos that are scanned and ready to be shared? 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?

[Wreaths Across America](#)

[Blog Resolutions For 2010](#)

[Happy \(Belated\) Second Blogiversary!](#)

[Feedback From the NYC Research Workshop](#)

[The California Nugget, Volume 1, Number 2](#)

[Tune In or Call In To Forum KQED 88.5 FM For Genealogy 101](#)



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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](#).

