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## Holiday Hours

### Library Closed Thanksgiving Weekend



The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed over the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, November 25 - Sunday, November 28, 2010. The library re-opens on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Happy Turkey Day!

## Using Microsoft Excel 2007 for Tracking Your Genealogy Research

**November 6, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Excel 2007 is a powerful tool for creating spreadsheets, analyzing data already collected, and sharing information with others. Let Tim Cox show you how in this workshop designed for beginners to intermediate users.

[Register online.](#)

## November Membership Meeting with Jean-François de Büren

**Saturday, November 13, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**

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



Covering over 800 years of family history in the United States, Switzerland and Argentina, the de Büren story encompasses passionate tales of suitors, soldiers, statesmen and saints. Jean-François will share tales of historical intrigue and the compelling family drama of his family's journey from Swiss nobility to the California Central Valley.

[Learn more](#) at the blog.

## RootsMagic Genealogy Software Special Interest Group

**Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**

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

The RootsMagic Special Interest Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Meetings are FREE and open to the public. Registration is not required. Guests are welcome, as are all levels of experience from beginning to expert.

[Learn more](#) at the blog.

## CGS On the Road to San Joaquin County

**Thursday, November 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202**

Please join members of the California Genealogical Society and the [San Joaquin Genealogical Society](#) for networking and two presentations. [Learn more](#) at the blog.

## Guidelines for Writing Your Family History with Don Edwards

**Saturday, November 20, 2010, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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

This informal and interactive writing workshop will help you professionally tell your unique family story. Learn how to write your family's history, professional reports and articles. Bring your current genealogical writing projects to discuss.

This workshop is now full. [Register online](#) to be placed on a waiting list for a future writing workshop.

## Heating Up Your Research with Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

**Saturday, December 11, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

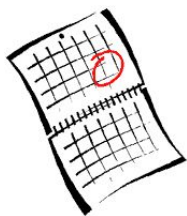
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

Join Dr. Melinda Kashuba for this informative workshop and learn how to use Sanborn fire insurance maps in your family history research.

[Register online.](#)

## Coming in January 2011

### Save the Date!



1/8/11: Annual Business Meeting, Member Appreciation Reception and Book Sale

## In Memoriam

### Jean Meadows Nelson (1927 - 2010)



Jean Nelson

Oakland resident Jean Nelson passed away at home on August 22, 2010, at the age of eighty-three. Genealogy was an activity she enjoyed sharing with her daughter, and her research led her to visit various ancestral locations in the UK and Canada. She had been a member of CGS since 1995.

Her [full obituary](#) was published in the Oakland Tribune and Contra Costa Times on September 24-26 and in the El Cerrito Journal and The Montclarion on October 1, 2010.

## Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Paths to Your Past](#) by Diane L. Richard

[Just Who Were the Scots-Irish?](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Tuesday's Tip - It Isn't All on the Internet!](#) by Randy Seaver

[Apostilles: International Records Certification](#) by Deborah Large Fox

[Shades The Magazine - Memento Mori Issue - 2010](#) by footnoteMaven

[Insurance and the 1906 Earthquake and Fire](#) by SF History Center Archivist

[Schedule Time for Analysis After Your Research Trip](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis

[5 Reasons I Wish I Could Travel Back in Time and Smack My 1995-Self](#) by Kerry Scott

## California Ancestors: Homesteaders

### Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to the family of Martin Enos DAVIS, who homesteaded in North Dakota. Photo and story shared by Ron Davis.



*Martin Enos Davis (1882 - 1955), youngest child of Floyd Miller Davis and Rachel Ann Lushbaugh, married Julia Lucinda Newcomer (1882 - 1962), daughter of Zachariah Taylor Newcomer and Mary Louisa Webster, on August 24, 1899 in Princeton, Missouri. For a time the couple resided in Decatur County, Iowa where six of their eight children were born.*

*Martin and Julia Davis homesteaded near Amidon, North Dakota. The babe in arms in the photograph is daughter Wilma who was born there in January 1910. The family went back to Iowa for several years before returning to North Dakota where they farmed and reared their family on 360± acres, one mile west of Amidon. Four sons relocated to Northern California during the 1930s but Martin and Julia remained in North Dakota the rest of their lives. Both are buried at Lebanon Lutheran Cemetery near Amidon.*

- Ron Davis

**Call For Submissions** - Are you member with a great family photo to share? Do you have a wonderful family story and a photo to go with it? If you would like to pay tribute to your ancestor in a future edition of the eNews, please [email Lorna Wallace](#) and send your image with a brief narrative.

## Did you miss these posts in the California Genealogical Society & Library blog?

[Tuesday Tales: Salt Lake City Two Years Later](#)

[Burbank to Oakland: South Comes North For a Visit](#)

[Amazing 1906 Footage: San Francisco After the Quake and Fire](#)

[CGS Website Honored by Family Tree Magazine as One of the Best!](#)

[Wordless Wednesday: CGS Table in the Exhibit Hall at California Family History Expo](#)



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