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Holiday Hours

Library Closed for Two Weeks



The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed December 23, 2010 - January 2, 2011 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The library will re-open on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Have a wonderful holiday season. See you next year!

Can You Help?

Annual Appeal

Your society has just one goal: to assist you in researching your family history. But because we are an all-volunteer organization, we depend on dedicated members to do the work of running the society and we count on the generosity of members and friends for funds to offset expenses. In November, our <u>Annual Appeal letter</u> was sent to members. If you have not yet done so, please support the society with a donation. You can make an online contribution with the <u>donation form</u> at our website.

Nominee Sought

A nominee is still needed to fill the position of Recording Secretary on the CGS Board of Directors.

<u>Qualifications</u>: Willing to take accurate minutes at the monthly board meetings and ability to transcribe minutes in a concise report for the permanent record. Good writing skills for preparing reports.

<u>Time Commitment</u>: 3rd Wednesday about 1-2 hours. Time at home to transcribe and prepare reports.

Please email Jane Lindsey if you can help. Note in subject line: "Recording Secretary inquiry."

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



Dr. Melinda Kashuba's workshop on how to use Sanborn fire insurance maps in your family history research is full.

Register online to be placed on a waiting list for a future workshop.

RootsMagic Genealogy Software Special Interest Group

Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California

The December RootsMagic Special Interest Group meeting will be held one week early because of the busy holiday week. In January 2011, the schedule will return to the third Tuesday of the month. Registration is not required and guests are welcome, as are all levels of experience from beginning to expert.

Learn more at the blog.

Annual Business Meeting, Book Sale and Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Saturday, January 8, 2011, Book Sale Opens at 12:00 p.m. CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California

The Annual Business Meeting of the California Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Please join President Stephen Harris who will be making his first report to the society. The agenda includes brief committee reports, approval of the society budget, and nomination and election of new board members.

After the meeting, refreshments will be served during the annual "Volunteer Appreciation" reception. Please stay and thank our hard-working volunteers who donate their time.

The Library Committee will hold a used book sale from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Workshop: The A-B-Cs of Blogging

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California



Let Craig Siulinski show you how to build your own genealogy blog. This workshop is designed for beginners who are interested in learning the fundamentals of blogging. Limited to ten participants.

Learn more at the blog.

Register online.

2011 Winter Intermediate Genealogy Series Coming in January

Classes Begin Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Oakland Regional Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA

For the third year in a row, CGS is teaming up with the <u>Oakland Regional Family History Center</u> (ORFHC) to present an **Intermediate Genealogy Series** for the researcher who wants to go beyond the basics. Ten classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the ORFHC.

Download the series flier for schedule and class descriptions.

Register online and reserve your space now!

Workshop: Getting Started in German Genealogy

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Join Shirley Reimer for this informative workshop to get you started with your German research. This session will focus on the first steps the German family historian must take to gain an understanding of the cultural, historical and genealogical facts essential to German ancestral research. Limited to twenty participants.

Register online.

Coming in February 2011

Save the Date!



2/5 - Who Do You Think You Are? Intro to Genealogy

2/19 - Comparing Genealogy Software

2/26 - Intermediate Series Group Visit to the CGS Library

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

The Violin Story by Leah

NARA Blogs Worth Following by Myrt

The Genealogists' Digital Camera Buying Guide by Elyse

What Clues Might You Be Missing? by Deborah Large Fox

What Would Genealogist Barbie Look Like? by Kerry Scott

First Impressions Should Be Captured by Paula Stuart-Warren

What Did California Look Like Before the Europeans? by Frances Dinkelspiel

Tombstone Tuesday - Can You Stumble Over Someone on Find A Grave? I Did by Michelle Goodrum

California Ancestors: All Dressed Up

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to **Daniel Martin Hanlon**, grandfather of member Maureen Hanlon.

This is my grandfather, Daniel Martin Hanlon (1868 - 1938), the fifth of six children born to Daniel HANLON and Emilie FRANCK.

He was born in San Francisco where this image was created by photographer J. T. Silva, 64 Third Street.



I guess his age to be about four years which dates the photo to about 1872. City directories show the family living at MIssion, near 26th and Bartlett - the far reaches of the City at that time.

Grandfather enjoyed race horses, gun shoots, boxing matches and his banjo.

What I find amusing is what he wrote on the back of the photograph: "Any one can see I did not like this rig they dressed me up in to have my picture took!"

- Maureen Hanlon

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.

Daniel Martin Hanlon

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

Yelp Genealogy!

Happy Third Blogiversary!

Genealogy Buddies - They Keep Coming Back

Wordless Wednesday: Autumn Celebration of Books

Just Ask Thomas: Genealogical Societies Do Your Genealogy Good



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