

Happy Birthday, CGS!

Society Founded on February 12, 1898



A half dozen or so San Franciscans interested in genealogy gathered at Dr. Edward Stephen Clark's office at 16 Geary. They pooled their knowledge of family history research and shared the materials they'd separately gathered. In fact, they held the first meeting of what would become the California Genealogical Society, the state's first organization of family history researchers.

Well over a century after the events described by the late Dorothy Fowler in *A Brief History of CGS*, we continue to gather and to share a common zeal for all things genealogical.

Congratulations to our members and volunteers as we celebrate 113 years of helping people find their roots!

New York City Research Workshop - Part II

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



Just over a year ago CGS President Stephen Harris presented his first NYC workshop to rave reviews. Now he's back with a second installment - this time on using naturalization records, probate records, and city directories to research your New York City ancestors in the 19th and 20th centuries.

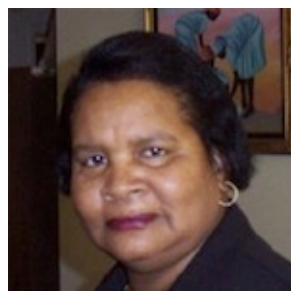
Learn more [at the blog](#).

[Register online](#).

February is Black History Month

Friday, February 18, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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We stopped the presses when we learned that Events Chair Tim Cox is putting together a special FREE program in celebration of Black History Month. [BlogTalkRadio's Anita Wills](#) is preparing **Two Talks on African-American History and Research** which will be open to the public.

The date and time are set and there is no need to register in advance. Check in at the blog and we will have more information about Anita (one of our newest members) and the titles of her talks.

Workshop: Comparing Genealogy Software

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Join Glenn Koch, Lisa Gorrell, Gary Darnsteadt and Kathy Watson for a discussion on genealogy software and a brief, live demonstration of four popular programs: [Family Tree Maker](#), [Legacy Family Tree](#), [RootsMagic](#) and [The Master Genealogist](#).

[Register online.](#)

Book Launch and March Membership Meeting with Nancy Peterson

Saturday, March 12, 2011, 12:00 p.m.

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Celebrate with us as we launch the second edition of *Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research* by CGS Research Director Nancy S. Peterson. After a short membership meeting at 1:00 p.m., Nancy will present a talk, "Climbing Over, Under, Around and Through Lost Records."

Celtic Roots Workshop: Scotland and Ireland Research

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Let Cath Trindle share her expertise and show you how to navigate the Scotland government web sites to retrieve basic records like statutory registers, census, old parish records, and testaments. She'll also look at the growing selection of Irish records available online and touch on some online genealogical resources for those with Welsh ancestry.

[Register online.](#)

Two Talks by Lisa B. Lee

Saturday, March 26, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

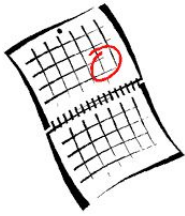
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Join Lisa Lee for two workshop in one afternoon. In part one, Lisa will cover *Internet Security* and explore the various ways your computer, PDA and cellphone may be vulnerable to attack by viruses or unscrupulous persons intent on stealing your personal data. In *Finding Your Unfindables* learn how to deal with online records that are mis-transcribed or poorly indexed. Lisa wants to help you find your elusive ancestors!

[Register online.](#)

Coming in April

Save the Dates!



4/2 - *Online Newspapers*, Janice Sellers

4/16 - *Blogging 201*, Craig Siulinski

4/21 - *Forever Remembered*, Francine Brevetti

4/30 - *From DNA to Genetic Genealogy*, Steve Morse

Announcing the Annual CGS Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library

Sunday to Sunday, May 15-22, 2011

Accommodations at the Shilo Inn, 206 West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Are you ready to experience *genealogy nirvana*? Past-president Jane Lindsey is leading her eleventh California Genealogical Society Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library May 15 - 22, 2011. Research Director Nancy Peterson returns to help lead this very popular trip.

[Download the tour flier](#) for full information.

[Register online](#) and reserve your space now!

Can You Help?

The Publication and Marketing Committee is Looking For Volunteers



Responsibilities: The committee oversees all written work created by the society, distributes the society's publications and uses various forms of media to promote the society, its activities and publications.

Qualifications: The written word is at the core of everything the Pub/Mark Committee does so a love of writing, grammar, editing and proofing is key. Experience with indexing, databases, photo editing, graphic design, layout, marketing, publicity or social networking is highly desired.

Time Commitment: Flexible - we are seeking core committee members as well as those who could contribute their special skills occasionally. The Pub/Mark Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. but we welcome distance members who can contribute from afar.

Please email [Kathryn Doyle](#) if you can help. Note in subject line: "Pub/Mark Committee."

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Life Gets in the Way of a Blog About Death](#) by Kim Adams

[Five Things About the Port of San Francisco](#) by Juliana Smith

[Are You Using eBay to Supplement Your Research?](#) by Susan Petersen

[Check These Out - Five Interesting Genealogical Web Sites](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Federal Court Research: Useless to Genealogists? We Report. You Decide](#) by Craig Manson

California Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

Kay Speaks shares her family photos and sends greetings:

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year!



1. Great-grandfather: Leong Joy
2. Great-grandmother: Wong Shee, called "Four" as she was the fourth child
3. Grandfather: Leong Juy Sing
4. Grandmother: Dang Lee Choy, married name Dun Shee Leong Sing
5. Great uncle: Leong Fat
6. Great aunt-in-law: Chuey Ying, married American name Jean Fat (Mrs. Leong Fat)
7. Father: Leong Wing Ding, American name Wing Tung Sing
8. Mother: Virginia Lee Camp, married name Virginia Lee Sing
9. Father & me: Wing Sing and two-month-old Cheryl Kay Sing, married (divorced) name Cheryl Kay Speaks

Call For Submissions - Are you member with a great family photo to share? 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?

[This Blog is Ancestor Approved!](#)

[What you Missed: Annual Meeting 2011](#)

[The Antique Sewing Box Mystery - Part 1](#)

[The Antique Sewing Box Mystery - Part 2](#)

[Craig's Report From the Blogging Workshop](#)

[Strangers' Plot: A Potter's Field Just Down From Millionaires' Row](#)

[Jeff Vaillant's Series from the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2011](#)



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