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**Reminder: Renew Now and Save!**

**Board Votes to Continue Decennial Dues Increase**

Effective May 1, 2011, membership dues will be raised \$5 per year for four levels of membership: basic, family, international and library/society. Members wishing to renew at the old rate are welcome to do so before May 1. [Renew now](#) (for up to two years) and save.

**Blogging 201: Learning More Features on the Blogger Platform**

**Saturday, April 16, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

Craig Siulinski is back with a second hands-on workshop for genealogy bloggers who want to further their skills and learn more about the blogger platform. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

**Forever Remembered: Writing Your Autobiography with Francine Brevetti**

**Thursday, April 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**



Whether you want to leave a legacy for your children or simply thirst to be known - writing your own life story is a great way to savor the richness of your life. Noted journalist, author and biographer Francine Brevetti will teach you her secrets to getting started and show you how to accomplish your own writing project. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

**Workshop: Two DNA Lectures by Steve Morse**

**Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

Perennial favorite Steve Morse returns with two lectures: *From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask* and *Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed*. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

**Wish You Were Here: Using Postcards for Genealogy Research**

**Saturday, May 14, 2011, 1:00 p.m.**  
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**



People have been collecting postcards since they first appeared on the American scene in 1893. While their popularity has ebbed and flowed, they continue to be sought after by collectors today. CGS member Glenn Koch combines his passion for postcards with his interest in genealogy and has agreed to share his expertise at the May membership meeting. Glenn will teach us the value of postcards as historical documents and explain how postcards can be used to enhance any family tree or genealogy project.

### **Last Call for Salt Lake City!**

**Sunday to Sunday, May 15-22, 2011**  
**Eleventh Annual Tour to the Family History Library**

There is space for a few more on this year's tour. Don't miss out!

[Download the tour flier.](#)

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

### **More Partner Projects with FamilySearch Indexing**

#### **1852 California State Census**

The California Genealogical Society and Library is partnering with FamilySearch Indexing on our second project - the [U.S., California 1852 State Census](#). Member volunteer Maureen Stephan is coordinating the project from her home in Kansas. If you don't yet have an indexing account with FamilySearch, find out how easy it is with the [two-minute test drive](#). [Learn more at the blog](#).

### **In Memoriam**

#### **Marian C. Murphy (1953-2011)**



Oakland resident Marian C. Murphy passed away peacefully at home of natural causes on February 20, 2011. A fourth generation Bay Area native, she was a skilled genealogy detective for over 25 years, helping many relatives untangle their roots from the pre-American Revolution era to the present. Marian had been a member of the California Genealogical Society since 2002. A celebration of her life will be held April, 23, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Merritt Hotel, 1800 Madison Street, Oakland, for family and friends. [Marian's obituary](#) was published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* from March 17 to March 20, 2011.

### **Can You Help?**

#### **Book Repair Committee**

The book repair committee is looking for new members. Since our start in the mid-1980s, we have repaired about 3000 books and saved the society a substantial sum of money. Current members are Judy Bodycote, Marianne Frye, Bill O'Neil, Dick Rees, Anne Robinson and Lorna Wallace.



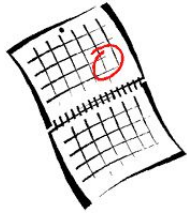
Qualifications: No special expertise is required - we will teach you the basics. And we really have a good time!

Time Commitment: Monthly on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please [email Bill O'Neil](mailto:Bill.O'Neil) if you can help. Note in subject line: "Book Repair Committee."

## Coming in June

### Save the Dates!



6/4 First Saturday Free - *Intro to Genealogy*, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

6/11 Writing Class, Nora Profit

6/18 *Digital Photography*, Mary Beth Frederick

6/25 *Civil War Research*, Susan Goss Johnston

## eNews All Star Award

### Thank You to Our Readers!



The eNews received the All-Star Award from Constant Contact® and was designated one of their top performers for email marketing throughout 2010. Fewer than 15% of the company's customers were so designated.

The California Genealogical Society started publishing the eNews in April 2007. Our print newsletter ceased publication in December 2008 and "going green" freed up funds to allow the reintroduction of *The California Nugget* in 2009.

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

[Cyndi's List is 15 Years Old](#) by Cyndi Howells

[Genealogy and Search Engines](#) by Deborah Large Fox

[Law Causes - Beyond Chancery Suits](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Create Your Own Maps at National Atlas](#) by Denise Barrett Olson

[Select RootsTech Presentations Available Online](#) by The Ancestry Insider

[Who Says Cooking and Genealogy Don't Mix](#) by McNicholl Genealogical Services

[Tuesday's Tip - Use PERSI to Find Genealogy-Related Periodical Articles](#) by Randy Seaver

## California Ancestors

### Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

This month, we pay tribute to an ancestor of Laura Obergfell, **Dr. Josiah Andrus Gridley**.



*Using dates when tintypes were common and another photo of him, I have identified in this unlabeled photograph my ancestor, Josiah Andrus GRIDLEY, b. 1802, who lived a long life in Southampton, Massachusetts. I believe it dates from about 1870 and includes his third wife, Myra and their young daughter, Eva. I descend from a previous wife - Fidelia Searle - daughter of Gaius Searle and Electa Day, who was born 22 July 1803 in Massachusetts and died 24 Aug 1853.*

*Josiah was a successful physician who was known to be a profoundly religious man, stating in a family letter that he had no faith in ministers as "their lights have gone dim." I believe him to be the Josiah A. Gridley who published *Astounding Facts from the Spirit World, Witnessed at the House of J.A. Gridley, Southampton, Mass., by a Circle of Friends, Embracing the Extremes of Good and Evil, printed 1854.**

*I have yet to find proof of his date of death, though some people list it as 1900 (at age 98). Myra may have married again before 1880. I have lots of research yet to do! Perhaps someone will be able to provide more information about Josiah.*

- Laura Obergfell

**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](mailto:LornaWallace) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[Honored to be Honored Again!](#)

[How Our Genealogy Society Does Outreach](#)

[What You Missed: German Research Workshop with Shirley Reimer](#)

[New Member Book - The Nilson Family: From Jönköping to America](#)

[Judy Avery's Report from London and Who Do You Think You Are - Live 2011](#)



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