



Holiday Hours

Library Closed Weekend before Fourth of July

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed on Saturday, July 2, 2011, for the Independence Day holiday.

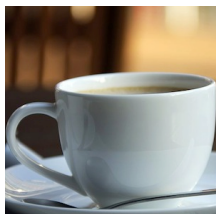
Extended Summer Hours

Library Open Until 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays through August

Building on last summer's successful program, the California Genealogical Society Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. every Thursday through August. In addition, informal evening discussions are planned from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Participants of all levels of research experience are welcome to network and join the conversation. To view the full schedule and list of topics, [read more at the blog](#).

You're Invited to a Member Coffee in June

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m. or Thursday, June 23, 2011, 11:00 a.m.



Please choose a date and join us for a get-together at the library! Membership Committee Chair Sandy Fryer is welcoming members who would like to learn more about the library, see what the society has to offer, and network with other members. [Learn more at the blog](#).

[RSVP online](#).

Writing and Publishing Your Family History with Nora Profit

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Everyone has a story to tell. What about you? You've done the research, gathered the facts, and now you're ready to write your family history. Join journalist Nora Profit for an afternoon and learn how to categorize your experiences, memories and family traditions and present them in a cohesive structure. The world is waiting for your one-of-a-kind story. [Learn more at the blog](#).

[Register online](#).

Heading To the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree?

June 10-12, 2011, Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank



If so, be sure to stop by the California Genealogical Society's table on **Society Row** all day Saturday, June 11, 2011. The fine folks at SCGS have made it possible for us to have a table for one day *at no cost!* Several members have stepped forward to volunteer some time at our table. If you can help, please [email Kathryn Doyle](#).

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Digital Photography: A Tool for Your Genealogical Research

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Let Mary Beth Frederick teach you how to use your digital camera to take photographs of books, original documents, microfilm, and computer screens.

[Register online.](#)

Civil War Research: It's More than Compiled Service and Pension Records

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

If you haven't heard Susan Goss Johnston speak about military records, you are in for a treat! In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Johnston is presenting two talks: *Recreating the Life of the Civil War Soldier* and *It Becomes My Painful Duty: Uncovering the Stories behind Letters of Condolence*.

[Register online.](#)

Two Talks by Member Virginia Kysh

Friday, July 8, 2011, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Join member Virginia Kysh for some genealogy fun and tips from the experts. Virginia will start things off with *A Few Favorite Things* - a "poor genealogist's" version of Oprah's famous give away. Next Kysh will share some insights learned from the pros in *Some Things We Can Learn from the Professionals*. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

July Membership Meeting: So Many Books, So Little Time

Saturday, July 9, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

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

Join CGS librarians Laura Spurrier and Barbara Hill for *So Many Books, So Little Time! Demystifying the California Genealogical Society Library* - a discussion of the vast resources at the society's library.

Mapping Madness with Ron Arons

Saturday, July 16, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Member and author Ron Arons will discuss numerous websites where one can find historical maps. He will review two Goliaths of online mapping: [Microsoft](#) and [Google](#) as well as other interesting online, map-oriented tools.

[Register online.](#)

Finding Your Ancestors Through Latino/Hispanic Genealogy, A Two-Part Series

Saturday, July 23, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Join professional genealogist Sheila Lee Prader for two Saturday workshop sessions on finding your Latino/Hispanic ancestors. Session I - *Beginning Research in Spanish Records: An Introduction* - will cover getting started with family and original sources, getting organized with forms and extracts and an overview of parish records.

Session II - *Digging Deeper: Record Types and Specific Locations of Origin* - will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Register online.](#)

Chinese Research for Beginners with Douglas Joe

Saturday, July 30, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

This class is for beginners without Chinese language skills to learn how to start researching their Chinese ancestry. The first half of the class is designed for the tech-challenged and will emphasize the basics of Chinese genealogy, including nuances and taboos and how to overcome these obstacles.

In the second portion, Doug discusses the internet and computer resources. Attendees without computer skills are welcome to bring a friend who is computer literate.

[Register online.](#)

Fort Wayne, Indiana Research Tour August 21-28, 2011

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center



Join Director Jeff Vaillant for the fifth CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-28, 2011. Whether you have visited before or this is your first time, you will enjoy your week at the best public genealogy library in the United States. For more information, [download the registration flier.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Can You Help?

Volunteers Needed to Shift Books

Do you have a few spare hours in the next couple of weeks? The new bank of shelves has been installed in the library and we need volunteers to help shift books to their new locations.

Qualifications: Able to lift books. Familiarity with Library of Congress call numbers is helpful but not

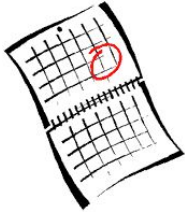
required.

Time Commitment: Three hour shifts from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday until June 17, 2011 or until the work is complete. Volunteers will work in teams of two.

[Please email Volunteer Coordinator Jane Lindsey](#) if you can help. Note in subject line: "Books."

Coming in August

Save the Dates!



8/5 *Celtic Roots Online: Ireland and Scotland*, Cath Trindle

8/6 *First Saturday Free: Intro to Genealogy*, Muriel Sonne

8/6 *Digging Deeper: Latino/Hispanic Genealogy Part II*, Sheila Prader

8/13 *New Netherland*, Dorothy Koenig & John Moore

8/20 *Open Discussion: Brick Walls and Success Stories*, Mary Beth Frederick & Lavinia Schwarz

8/27 *DNA*, Katherine Borges

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[The Ground Shifts](#) by walkingmytree

[Review of BillionGraves.com](#) by Amy Crow

[Research Note: A Bit of Info about SSDI](#) by Craig Manson

[Some Good News from the Library of Congress](#) by Elizabeth O'Neal

[New York Times Obituary Corrected 112 Years Later](#) by Leland Meitzler

[Mocavo.com Launches as World's Largest Free Genealogy Search Engine](#) by Diane L. Richard

California Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to Lois Elling's family enjoying a gathering at the Robinson family home.



This is my grandparent's home on Dochester Street in Los Angeles, November 1916. The house still stands but the address today is 2725 West 15th Street.

At the top of the steps is my grandmother, Caroline Persson Robinson holding my aunt, Alice; my grandmother's sister, Anna, with husband, Carl Persson; my father, Herman Robinson, age 4 1/2; and grandmother's other sister, Ella, with husband Andrew Carlson. Standing at the right is my grandfather, William Robinson, Jr., who took the photograph and hand-colored it with tints that were applied just like paints.

The three sisters - Caroline, Anna and Ella - came from Sweden. Ella died in the 1918 flu epidemic. Anna and Carl later returned to Sweden.

My grandfather Robinson was interested in photography and I'm sure he set up the camera himself and probably made the print. I don't think he had much talent for hand-tinting pictures, though, and this is one of the few that he did. His interest in photography was passed down to both his children, and also to me.

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:lorna.wallace@californiaancestors.org) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Salt Lake City Finds 2011](#)

[East Bay Teens on a Familiar Journey](#)

[Jeffrey Vaillant Talks Civil War Research on Blog Talk Radio](#)

[A Visit From the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County](#)



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