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Holiday Hours

Library Closed for Ancestry Day and Thanksgiving

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed on Saturday, November 5, 2011, for [Ancestry Day San Francisco](#). The next "First Saturday Free" will be December 3, 2011.

The library will also be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27, 2011. The library will re-open Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

What Do Dead People, Greed and Real Estate Have in Common?

New YouTube Video Features *Raking the Ashes* Author Nancy Peterson



In 1900, San Francisco was a Wild West boom town driven by greed. The city fathers removed cemeteries and banned burials. Research Director Nancy Peterson shares this little-known piece of San Francisco history in a new video by member volunteers Shannon Reese and Kathleen Jones.

Watch it now and visit the California Genealogical Society [YouTube channel CAancestors](#).

Thank You for Your Support!

Saturday, November 5, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111



After months of planning, [Ancestry Day in San Francisco](#) is here! The event is sold out, with more than 900 registrations. We're so pleased that this will be one of the largest gatherings of family historians in San Francisco history.

Registrants are invited to a no-host reception Friday evening, November 4, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt. You may pick up your syllabus and name tag at this time to avoid the Saturday morning lines.

November Membership Meeting: *Members Talk, CGS Listens*

Saturday, November 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

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

The California Genealogical Society has had a busy and productive 2011. As we begin to make plans for 2012, we thought it was important to make time for member feedback. We want to know what you're thinking!

Join President Stephen Harris and Vice-President Jeffrey Vaillant for a special member session where you'll do all the talking. We're seeking input and feedback from members on a variety of topics. Join us for

a one-sided conversation: you talk, we listen!

If you can't make it, please [leave a comment at the blog](#) and we will read it at the meeting.

Footnotes 101 with Jane Hufft

Saturday, December 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA



Footnotes made easy! Citing your sources is an important part of family history researching. Let *California Nugget* Editor Jane Hufft help take the mystery out of constructing footnotes. She will explain why you need to cite your sources and show you how to do it.

[Register online.](#)

Insider's Guide to California Genealogy Research

Available for Sale on November 5, 2011 at Ancestry Day
by Jim Sorenson

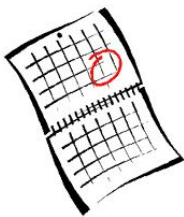


Just in time for Ancestry Day, the Research Committee has created the *Insider's Guide to California Genealogy*. The four page (8.5 x 11) laminated document is designed to provide internet links to the best sites for doing research on ancestors who lived in California.

With a special introductory conference price of \$5.00 (\$7 after the conference), the guide is expected to sell quickly. Look for it at the Publications table in the Market Street Foyer at the Hyatt. Watch the society's website and blog for information about online sales later in the month.

Coming in January 2012

Save the Dates!



1/7 Who Do You Think You Are? Intro to Genealogy

1/17 RootsMagic Special Interest Group meeting

Annual Meeting - date to be announced

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Getting from A to B](#) by Peter at Fold3HQ

[Pennsylvania Research](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Defining Research, Part One](#) by Jennifer Regan

[Cover Girl of The California Nugget](#) by Amy Coffin

[The Age of Fraternal Organizations](#) by Cyndi Howells

[How Genealogy and Family History Can Thrive](#) by Michael Katchen

[Playing Dominos: the Illumination of the Non-Authoritative](#) by Barbara J. Mathews, CG

[How to Find Ancestor's Legal Name Change Records with Newspapers](#) by Thomas Kemp

California Ancestors: From Here, There, and Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month member Paul Mayer pays tribute to his wife Donna's ancestors - Thorvald and Ragna Rodley, of Lookingglass, Oregon.



The Rodley family, left to right: Irene, Arnold (my wife's father), John, Ragna, Ruth, Oscar, Thorvald, and Ralph. Not shown are two daughters, Lucile and Betty Louise.

Thorvald Rodli (later "Rodley" from the Norwegian Rotli) was born 8 Dec 1878 in Kristiansund, Norway. He arrived in New York 23 April 1901. That June, he filed his intention to become a U.S. citizen in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Ragna Bjerkeseth, born in Norway 11 Feb 1884, arrived in Philadelphia 7 June 1903. Thorvald and Ragna courted in Minnesota and married 31 Dec 1904 at the home of Thorvald's uncle, Anton Larsen.

Thorvald and Ragna followed Uncle Anton west to Oregon where they settled in in West Roseburg. About 1910-1911, the Rodleys moved to Lookingglass, Oregon, west of Roseburg on the road to Coos Bay. This photograph shows the family at their home in Lookingglass on the Rodley farm.

Thorvald was a farmer, carpenter and a contractor. Among other projects, he built the Masonic Lodge in Roseburg (1920) and a number of Richfield gas stations featuring a unique round turret on the buildings. He died of colon cancer 19 March 1934. Ragna died of pneumonia 19 Dec 1928. Her death was a shock to her family and community. The local school cancelled the Christmas program in her honor.

-Paul Mayer

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 Twice and Doubly Well-Styled!](#)

[A Special Wedding Gift: The Pattillo Family History](#)

[Chinese-American Resources - November 12, 2011](#)

[The Ancestry and Descendancy of Thomas Frost of Hebron, Connecticut](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: November 2011 Published](#)

Portraits of Our Patriots: Stories of Revolutionary War Ancestors



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