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Holiday Break

Library Closed for Two Weeks

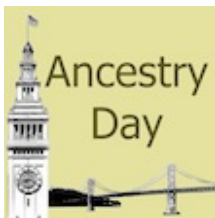


The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed Thursday, December 22, 2011 through Wednesday, January 4, 2012. The library will reopen on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

Have a joyous holiday season. See you next year!

Ancestry Day - a Resounding Success!

900 Attendees + 50 Volunteers + 100 New Members = Success!



The Ancestry Day planning committee (Jane Lindsey, Tim Cox, Linda Okazaki and Kathryn Doyle) thanks all the volunteers who made our event a huge success! The professionalism of our speakers, consultants, and hard-working staff volunteers was truly appreciated. We received many compliments from attendees and from the Ancestry.com staff. The whole day was a great experience. Thank you!

Insider's Guide to California Genealogy Research

Our Newest Publication Available by Mail Order



The Research Committee has created the *Insider's Guide to California Genealogy*. The four-page (8.5 x 11) laminated reference card of essential Golden State resources is designed to help family historians researching ancestors who lived in California.

The guide sells for \$7.00, including tax, shipping and handling.

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

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.](#)

Annual Business Meeting - Please Note New Date

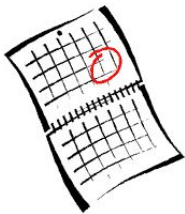
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA

The Annual Meeting of the California Genealogical Society will be held on the third Saturday of the new year. The meeting has been pushed back one week, away from the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, to Saturday, January 21. Please join President Stephen Harris for this important session. The agenda includes approval of the society budget and the nomination and election of [new board members](#).

The board has recently completed a review and update of the bylaws. According to Article X, "the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting members in good standing at any membership meeting, provided that the amendment has been sent to each member at least thirty (30) days before the meeting." A special **Supplemental eNews** containing the revised bylaws will be sent to members on December 20, 2011.

Coming in 2012: Two New Series of Classes

Online Registration Opens December 15, 2011



Homelands of Our Ancestors - monthly series for beginners starts Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Genealogy's Best Websites: Tips & Tricks - weekly series starts Thursday, January 26, 2012.

12th Annual Salt Lake City Research Tour - April 22-29, 2012.

NEHGS Comes West - October 26-27, 2012.

In Memoriam

The society learned of the deaths of two members. Condolences to the families.

Mary Ellen Martin (1926-2011)

Mary Ellen Martin died Tuesday, October 25, 2011. She had been a member of the California Genealogical Society since 2006.

Joseph A. Donohoe V. (1921-2011)



Joseph A. Donohoe V. died April 7, 2011. A seventh generation Californian, Donohoe was a lifelong genealogist and had been a member of CGS since 1991. His [obituary was published](#) in San Francisco Chronicle on April 14, 2011.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Members Meeting at CGS](#) by Kim Cotton

[Don't Cry About the SSDI](#) by Craig Manson

[Berkeley Bancroft Library](#) by Kathleen Brandt

[Fold3.com is Essential To Your Research](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Even More Things I'm Thankful for on My Genealogical Quest](#) by Donna Pointkouski

[NARA Picks Archives.com to Provide Online Access to 1940 Census](#) by Diane Haddad

["Survey Says" Top 3 answers to "Why Should I Be Actively Involved In a Gen Society?"](#) by Chris Staats

[British Library Digitizes 300 Years Worth of Newspaper Archives, Brings 65 Million Articles Online](#) by Amar Toor

Correction

Apologies for Error in November eNews

by Lorna Wallace



The November ancestor photograph of the **Thorvald and Ragna Rodley** family of Lookingglass, Oregon was submitted by Paul and LoisMarie Mayer. The article incorrectly stated Mrs. Mayer's first name. I regret the error.

California Ancestors: From Here, There, and Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month we pay tribute to **Agnes Rasmie Isacksen Nygard**, grandmother of member Louise Randolph.



The Isacksen sisters.

This is one of my favorite photos of my grandmother, Agnes, and her sisters. It was probably taken about 1901. She was born in 1891 just outside Durango, Colorado, to Rasmus Isacksen and Johanne Marie Rasmussen Isacksen. They immigrated from Svendborg, Denmark, in 1884. Rasmus was a weaver and wound up in the southeast corner of Colorado with a cattle ranch, a hotel and the post office. It was all lost when he died of appendicitis.

Johanne remarried and moved the family to Des Moines, Iowa. The sisters must have had a wonderful time in Colorado - ask them to "tell a story" and it was always of Colorado. They were always close to each other. They are [left to right]: Sophie Louise Isacksen Hansen (1884-1978), Agnes Rasmine Isacksen Nygard (1891-1971), Lily Isacksen Monks (1888-1980), and Mary Dorothy Isacksen Hansen (1880-1952). Sophie and Mary were born in Denmark; Lily and Agnes in Colorado.

-Louise Randolph

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?

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Happy Fourth Blogiversary!](#)

[News from the 2011 Nominating Committee](#)

[What You Missed: Ancestry Day - San Francisco](#)

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

Portraits of Our Patriots: Stories of Revolutionary War Ancestors



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