

Library Closed Saturday, March 31, 2012

Building Maintenance

In order to perform required maintenance on the building's electrical systems, all power and utility services will be shut down between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The building and library will be closed all day Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Using Online Historical Black Newspapers for Genealogical Research

Saturday, February 25, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

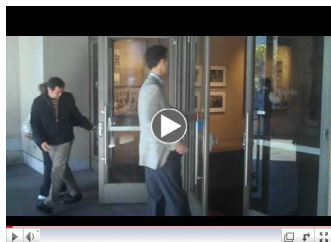
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Many historical black and abolitionist newspapers are available online, with more being added. This class will give an overview of the role of black newspapers, tell what is online and where to find it. Instructor Janice Sellers will suggest access strategies and show sample search results.

[Register online.](#)

Highlights from San Francisco Ancestry Day

California Genealogical Society on YouTube



Have you seen the newest video by Kathie Jones and Shannon Reese?

Watch it now and be sure to visit our YouTube page:

YouTube.com/CAancestors.

Volunteers Needed for East Bay Youth Genealogy Program

Ancestral Project 2012

Pat Gallagher and Nicka Smith, two of the newest CGS board members, have put out a call for volunteers for [Ancestral Project 2012](#) - the East Bay genealogy youth program that will run from February to June 2012. Nicka is the Ancestral Project manager and she is inviting California Genealogical Society members to participate. Volunteering can be done in a variety of ways.

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Ancestral Homelands: A Monthly Spotlight Series for Beginners

Classes on Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Oakland California Family History Center, 4755 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA



The California Genealogical Society and the Oakland California Family History Center are sponsoring a new series of classes designed to help you find where your immigrant ancestor came from and the kinds of resources available for that part of the world. Each month will focus on a different country or region. Details for future sessions are still being finalized. Watch the [blog](#) and [website](#) for updates and future offerings. Classes are \$10 each.

Tuesday, February 28, 2012: *Beginning Research in England*, Jeremy Frankel. [Register online.](#)

Tuesday, March 27, 2012: *Beginning Research in Norway*, Gloria Hanson. [Register online.](#)

San Francisco History Expo

Old Mint, 88 Fifth Street at Mission, San Francisco

Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, 2012, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Thanks to the generosity of [SFgenealogy.org](#) and the [San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society](#), CGS will be participating in the second annual San Francisco History Expo. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

Sort Your Story: Genealogy Organizing Made Easy

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Organizing and de-cluttering the vast amounts of documents, photos, certificates and records required to create a picture of a family's history can be intimidating and time-consuming. Lorel Kapke has created a tool to organize genealogy documents, research, and photos in one place to make it easy to recognize what you are missing. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Getting Ready for the 1940 Census: Searching without a Name

Saturday, March 24, 2012,

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When the 1940 census debuts in April it will not have a name index and researchers will be forced to locate family using Enumeration Districts (EDs). Thankfully, Stephen Morse's [One-Step website](#) contains numerous tools for obtaining EDs. His talk will present these strategies and show how each can be used.

[Register online.](#)

Announcing the 2012 CGS Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library

Sunday to Sunday, April 22-29, 2012

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

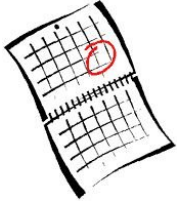


Past-president Jane Lindsey is leading her twelfth California Genealogical Society Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library April 22-29, 2011. Research Director Nancy Peterson returns to help lead this very popular trip. Slots are filling fast so reserve your space now!

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

Coming in April

Save the Date!



4/21 *Hard Drive Organization*, Tim Cox

4/24 *Ancestral Homelands: Beginning Research in Louisiana*, Sue Severson

Save These Dates - Coming in 2012

Watch the Blog, Website, and eNews for Updates and Information

June 6, 2012 - All-day seminar with Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective.

September 23-30, 2012 - Boston Genealogy Tour

October 26-27, 2012 - NEHGS Comes West

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[California Counties](#) by SF History Center Archivist

[Jamboree 2012: The Big Reveal #1](#) by Paula Hinkel

[Why Did You Get Started in Genealogy?](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Elizabeth Shown Mills Has a New Website!](#) by Diane L Richard

[Replace Your Research Log with Evernote](#) by Denise Barrett Olson

[Why NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* Third Season Makes Me Hungry](#) by Caroline Pointer

[American Canadian Genealogical Society and Why You Shouldn't Jump to Conclusions](#) by Heather Rojo

[Recommended Exhibit - Binding Wounds. Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine](#)

[Sign the Petition! Genealogy Community Responds To Efforts To Remove Access to Social Security Death Index and Other Records](#) by Kimberly Powell

California Ancestors: From Here, There, and Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month we honor CGS member Penny Hazelton Pollock's grandparents, DeWitt and Benja Lepley Hazelton, who were married for almost fifty years. Happy Valentine's Day!



Dewitt Charles Hazelton (1891-1979) and Benja Franklin Lepley (1887-1970)

Benja F. Lepley was born 17 August 1887 at Prospect, Butler Co., Pennsylvania, three months after her father, Benjamin Franklin Lepley, died in the same borough. Her mother, Lida K. (Warren) Lepley, raised three children on a teacher's salary, supplemented with music lessons.

Benja followed her mother's path into teaching. In 1906 she graduated from nearby Slippery Rock Normal School, now Slippery Rock University. After several years teaching in Butler county schools, she moved to Stevensville, Ravalli Co., Montana, in 1913. She lived with her uncle William Lepley and his sister Emily.

Two years later, she moved to California where she taught in Los Angeles city schools for more than forty years. There she met, and in 1920, married my grandfather, DeWitt Charles Hazelton. He had made his own way from McKean Co., Pennsylvania, to Blue Earth Co., Minnesota, and then to Los Angeles during World War I.

Grandma Benjie was a real lady and always the teacher. My brother and I spent a week or two every summer (when the Navy landed us in California) with my Hazelton grandparents. We made decorations for 4th of July and Mother's Day and at Christmas we made paper chains and decorated cookies. She taught me to sew, interested me in quilting and was the inspiration for my addiction to genealogy.

-Penny Hazelton Pollock

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](#)

[Three Directors at SLIG 2012](#)

[What You Missed: 2012 Annual Meeting](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: February 2012 Published](#)



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