



Library Closed Saturday, March 31, 2012

Building Maintenance

The Breuner Building and CGS Library will be closed all day Saturday, March 31, 2012, in order to perform required maintenance on the building's electrical systems.

Getting Ready for the 1940 Census: Searching without a Name

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

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). 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. Afterwards, Steve Harris will facilitate an open forum on using U.S. Census Records. This class is sold out and there is a waiting list. To be added, [register online](#).

Ancestral Homelands: A Monthly Spotlight Series for Beginners

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

Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, California



The California Genealogical Society and the Oakland California Family History Center have launched 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 features a different country or region. See the [blog](#) for more information. Classes are \$10 each.

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2012: *Beginning Research in Louisiana*, Sue Severson. [Register online](#).

Tuesday, May 22, 2012: *Beginning Research in Germany*, Robert Jackson. [Register online](#).

Come and Celebrate the 1940 Census!

Monday, April 9, 2012, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA



Come and celebrate the release of the 1940 U.S. Census by searching for your ancestors with other researchers! The California Genealogical Society, the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California and the Oakland Family History Center are co-sponsoring this event.

[Register online.](#)

April Membership Meeting - Brick Wall Problems and Possible Solutions

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

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

Do you have a research problem you've been working on but can't seem to solve? Join us for **Research Problems and Possible Solutions**. Bring your problem and let the group discuss options and offer suggestions to help you over your brick walls. Our work session will begin after a short membership meeting which starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Hard Drive Organization with Tim Cox

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



After collecting digital images from online sources and manually scanning paper documents and photos for over twenty years, Tim Cox found a management method that works for his digital files. He will demonstrate how to name files for easy identification, how to organize folders that make it easy to find them, and how to properly identify scanned photographs.

[Register online.](#)

Last Chance! 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.

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

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

Special June Event: Photo Seminar with Photo Detective Maureen Taylor

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, California



Save the date!

Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, is coming back for a full-day seminar in June when she will present four lectures. Private consultations will be available.

Online registration for the seminar and for consultations will begin on Monday, March 19, 2012. Check the [website](#) or [blog](#) for the announcement.

In Memoriam

Roberta Nelson Thomson (1909 - 2012)

San Francisco native Roberta Nelson Thomson died in Dana Point, California on February 12, 2012. She was a past regent, speaker, author, and historian of the Sequoia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of numerous historical, heritage and genealogical organizations. Thomson was a member of the California Genealogical Society since 1973. Her obituary [was published](#) in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on February 19, 2012.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[America's First POW Camps](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Sutro Library Has A New Home!](#) by Sheri Fenley

[Using E-Books for Your Irish Genealogy Research](#) by Deborah Large Fox

[Epidemiology of Disaster: The Donner Party, 1846-47](#) by Michael Dolgushkin

[National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections \(NUCMC\)](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[Tuesday's Tip - Pennsylvania Death Index, 1906 to 1961 Now Online](#) by Randy Seaver

[Follow Friday: National Library of Medicine and Your Ancestor](#) by Denise Hibsch Richmond

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

*This month, we pay tribute to **Maureen Hanlon's** ancestors, who were active participants in San Francisco's St. Patrick's Day festivities of the late 1800's.*



Do you have a Cliff House photo?

I love this undated, studio photograph of my grandmother, native San Franciscan Katherine Sheldon Hanlon, behind the wheel but driving nowhere. Her mother, Agnes Welch Sheldon, and her father, Daniel Martin Hanlon, the tallest gentleman in the very back, are posing with friends in front of an obviously fake background of the Cliff House in San Francisco.

This picture dates from about 1910 - 1915, based on other dated photos of Katherine. One of the couples may be Charles and Anna Stanton, who were good friends and resemble people identified with those names in another photo.

-Maureen Hanlon

Editor's note: Some studio photographs with the same or similar background image can be found on the [Cliff House Project page](#).

Call For Submissions - Are you a 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](#) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[A Visit from KTVU Channel 2](#)

[Introducing the New 2012 Directors](#)

[Correcting an Omission: Board Members Elected in 2011](#)

[Have You Purchased Raking the Ashes? Updates Available!](#)

[Black History Month: Honoring Genealogist Electra Kimble Price](#)

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



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