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### Revealing Grandma's Secrets: A Look at the 1940 Census

#### **Newest Jones/Reese Video Features Lavinia Schwarz and Bill O'Neil**



Who knew grandma was living in Kansas City in 1935 and in San Francisco by 1940? The 1940 Census gives us a wealth of unique information about our families and helps us understand what their lives were like.

Watch it now and visit the California Genealogical Society's [You Tube channel](#).

### Have You Signed Up with FamilySearch Indexing?

#### **Join the Newest CGS Project and Help Create an Index to the 1940 Census**



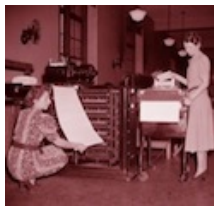
The California Genealogical Society has joined forces with other societies around the country as part of the [1940 U.S. Census Community Project](#) to create a free, online searchable name index of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census after images of the census are released to the public starting April 2, 2012.

[Learn more at the blog](#).

### Come and Celebrate the 1940 Census!

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

**Oakland California 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](#).

### Brick Walls: Research 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 so you can find them again, and how to properly identify scanned photographs.

[Register online.](#)

### **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, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA**



These are the last two classes in the series designed to help you find where your immigrant ancestor came from and the kinds of resources available for that part of the world. Sponsored jointly by the California Genealogical Society and the Oakland Family History Center, each class has featured a different country or region. See the [blog](#) for more information. Classes are \$10 each.

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

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

### **A Day with Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549**



Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, is bringing her blend of photo curation, genealogy, and history back to the Bay Area. She will present four lectures during a [full-day seminar](#). Register by May 6, 2012 for the early bird price - just \$48 to attend this all-day event which includes lunch.

Help us spread the word - [download the event flier](#) and share it with a friend.

Visit our [event site](#) for full information and registration.

### **Insider's Guide to California Genealogy**

**Now Available via Online Ordering**



This unique laminated reference card of essential Golden State resources is where you'll find everything you need to get started on finding your California ancestors. Created by the CGS Research Committee, the *Insider's Guide to California Genealogy* is four 8.5 x 11 pages and sells for \$7.00, including tax, shipping and handling.

[Learn more at the blog](#) or [order online.](#)

**eNews 2011 All Star Award**  
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**Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere**

[Hats and Hair](#) by Maureen Taylor

[Unexpected Obituaries](#) by Leah Allen

[Any Day But Friday](#) by Nancy Messier

[SSDI Hearing: "No Silver Bullet"](#) by Judy G. Russell

[A One-Step Approach to Research](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[My Conference Learning Strategy](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis

[How Has America Changed Since 1940?](#) by Thomas MacEntee

[Finding Addresses for the 1940 Census Search](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren

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**California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere**

**Photo Tributes to the CGS Family**

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, member Chris Pattillo honors her great-grandfather, **George Vetter**.



### George Vetter, Man of Mystery

*At this point, I know very little about my great-grandfather, George Vetter. I know he was born in May 1858, but I haven't yet sorted out the conflicting clues to his birthplace in Germany. His wife, my great-grandmother, Katherine Newmeyer, was also from Germany, in Battenheim. George and Katherine were the parents of five daughters - Kate, Mary, Elizabeth, Emma, my grandmother Anna, and one child who died. Katherine died in 1903 at age forty-six. Shortly thereafter, George relocated to Los Angeles and apparently abandoned his daughters. My grandmother, who was just ten years of age when her mother died, was raised by her eldest sister, Kate, whom she always spoke of with fondness.*

*This photograph of George Vetter in front of his Chicago beer house, the Standard Brewery Headquarters, is one of the very few photos I have of him. It was of poor quality and I had had it for many years before I worked some magic with Adobe Photoshop. I was thrilled to discover hidden detail and to finally see the slightly built man, with dark eyes and mustache, who was my great-grandfather. With more research, I hope the other details of his life will become as clear.*

-Chris Pattillo

**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](mailto:LornaWallace) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Have You Seen Our New Facebook Timeline?](#)

[First Saturdays Free and CGS Intro to Genealogy Classes](#)

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



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