



Holiday Hours

Library Closed Labor Day Weekend

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed Saturday, September 1, 2012, for the holiday weekend.

A Trip Worth Taking: the Family History Library

New YouTube Video Features the Annual CGS Tour to Salt Lake City



Is visiting a library fun? Really? Yes! It's so much fun members of the California Genealogical Society make the trek to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City year after year after year. Last April Kathie Jones took her video camera and she and Shannon Reese have created a light-hearted look at our most popular research trip.

Click to view *A Trip Worth Taking: the Family History Library*. Visit the California Genealogical Society YouTube channel [CAancestors](#) to see all of our videos.

Extended Summer Hours Every Thursday Until 8:30 p.m.

Library Open Thursday Evenings through August CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



The California Genealogical Society Library is open from 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. every Thursday through August. Informal evening discussions are offered from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Participants of all levels of research experience are welcome to network and join the conversation.

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Genealogy 101: Getting Started - Free Class in San Francisco

Saturday, September 8, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Society of California Pioneers, 300 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA 94107



The California Genealogical Society is partnering with The Society of California Pioneers to present a special class at their beautiful facility in San Francisco. The lecture by Lavinia Schwarz is free and open to members of both the California Genealogical Society and the Society of California Pioneers. Seating is limited. Preregistration is required.

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

Fall 2012 Beginning Genealogy Series

Tuesday Mornings 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Starting September 18, 2012
Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602



In celebration of Family History Month in October, the Oakland FamilySearch Library will host the California Genealogical Society's fifth annual Fall Beginning Genealogy Research Series. Seven ninety-minute sessions will cover the basics. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

For the full class schedule and information, [download the course flier](#). [Register online](#).

A Few Spots Left - Register Now

CGS Boston, Massachusetts Research Tour to NEHGS
September 23-30, 2012

Join Jane Lindsey, former CGS president and past NEHGS Trustee, on a CGS Research Tour to Boston and the [New England Historic Genealogical Society](#). Explore the genealogical treasures at one of the nation's leading family history research libraries, including their extensive [Irish collection](#) of more than 1500 resources.

For full information, [download the registration flier](#). [Register online](#). Questions? [Email Jane Lindsey](#).

Where to Plant Your Family Tree in the Online Forest

Saturday, September 29, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Sharing your genealogical research online enables you to connect with others who share your ancestry. Sheri Fenley and Doug Joe will explore four websites in the forest of online trees, discuss the pros and cons of using online webtrees and give a demonstration. [Learn more at the blog](#). [Register online](#).

NEHGS Comes West 2012: A Visit from the New England Historic Genealogical Society

Full Day Seminar and Lunch, Friday October 26, 2012, 8:45 a.m. _ 3:45 p.m.
Hs Lordships Restaurant at the Marina, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710

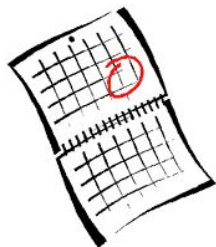
Don't miss a weekend of top-notch genealogy with Rhonda McClure, David Allen Lambert, and D. Brenton Simons. This year we are offering two lecture tracks. You choose the talks you want to attend. Topics include vital records, immigration, online searching, New York state, and, of course, New England. Stay for an optional dinner Friday evening. A limited number of private consultations will be available at the CGS Library on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

[Download the information flier](#) for full schedule of events.

[Register online](#).

Coming in October

Save These Dates!



10/6: Book Repair Workshop with Bill O'Neil

10/6: First Saturday Free; Intro Class

10/20: Legacy Planning: What Happens to Your Research after You Are Gone?

10/26 - 10/27: NEHGS Comes West 2012 - Seminar, Dinner, Consultations

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Blown Away with DNA](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Finding The Rancho](#) by Jennifer Regan

[Who Has That Family Bible?](#) by Bill Dollarhide

[F is for Frankie: Beloved Firstborn, 1906](#) by Lisa / Smallest Leaf

[Russians in Early California Celebrated in Book and Festival](#) by Pete Basofin

[Sacramento County Coroner's Records Collection Completed](#) by Denise H. Richmond

["Names are not always what they seem to be" Mark Twain - Finding Mary](#) by Sharn White

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month we honor **Josefa Babilonia Lopez**, step-grandmother of California Genealogical Society board member Ellen Fernandez-Sacco.



Josefa Babilonia Lopez (1893-1963) and Maria del Rosario Ines 'Sarito' Babilonia Estrella (1888-1978)

This photo postcard of my my step-grandmother and great aunt, Josefa Babilonia Lopez, dates from 1905 and was probably taken in Barrio Pueblo, Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. Josefa is dressed in black and is shown with her cousin, Maria del Rosario Ines 'Sarito' Babilonia Estrella, in the white dress. Josefa was the daughter of Alicides Ambrosio Talavera (1860-1921) and his wife Maria de la Concepcion Lopez Ramirez (1863-1925), the seventh of eleven children. She died 17 Oct 1963, at the age of 70, of complications from lung and heart problems.

Josefa had a terrible temper, and believed kindness was a weakness. She had a son, and then three daughters and two stepsons with Jose 'Cheo' Lopez Hernandez, a municipal housepainter in Moca. Josefa also took in my mother after the death of her mother, Felicita Rodriguez Vale, in 1941, and then her father (who was Josefa's brother), Felix Alicides Babilonia Lopez, in 1948.

I photographed this image in 2007 during a visit to Puerto Rico where I met family members and collected genealogical data, family stories and images for a book I hope to finish this year. The postcard is from the collection of my cousin, Gaspar Matias Babilonia.

-Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

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?

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

[Almost Finished! 1940 Census Indexing: July 2012 Update](#)

[Publications/Marketing Committee Meeting at The Society of California Pioneers](#)

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