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Holiday Hours

Library Closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays



The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed Monday, December 24, 2012 through Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The library will re-open on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Have a joyous holiday season. See you next year!

California Genealogical Society Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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The society sponsors Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for members who share a common geographic research locale or genealogy-related interest. SIGs meet on specific days every month. A new writer's group will be starting early next year. SIG meeting days and times are listed below.

San Francisco SIG: third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., next meeting is December 15, 2012.

RootsMagic SIG: third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., next meeting is December 18, 2012.

Writing SIG: second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., starts February 13, 2013.

Website Honored by Family Tree Magazine



For the third year in a row, the California Genealogical Society's website - CaliforniaAncestors.org - has been honored as one of Family Tree Magazine's **Best State Websites** for 2012. Congratulations to Kathy Watson, Larry Youngman, and the entire Website Committee!

[Learn more.](#)

First Saturdays Free Intro Classes

Saturday, January 5, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The California Genealogical Society opens its doors to the public every month on First Saturdays. We waive the library usage fee for non-members and welcome everyone to use the library's extensive family history resources. [Register online](#) for our first 2013 FREE intro class on January 5, 2013, taught by Lisa Gorrell. The full [2013 schedule](#) has been posted on the blog. .

Shelf Reading: Help Us Put Our Books in Order!

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, January 7-9, 2013
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2012 has been a stellar year for adding books to our library. Now that new shelves have been added and the books have been shifted to new locations, it is time for **shelf reading**. With your help we can put every book in the right place.

Arlene Miles will coordinate the project which will take place January 7, 8, 9 and January 14, 15, 16. Volunteers are asked to sign up for 1.5 hour shifts (9-10:30, 10:30-12, 1-2:30, 2:30-4). Instructions and a review of the Library of Congress call number system will be provided. Let us know if you are able to participate. A sign-up sheet is at the front desk in the library, or [email Linda Okazaki](mailto:linda.okazaki@cgslibrary.org), if you can help.

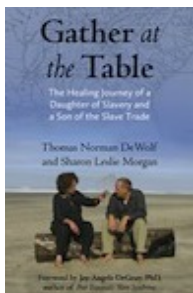
Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, January 12, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA

Members, please join us for this important annual session. President Jeffrey Vaillant will be making his first report as president of the society. The agenda includes brief committee reports, approval of the society budget, and the nomination and election of new board members. [Learn more](#).

Gather at the Table: Two People, One Journey, from Slavery to Healing

Sunday, January 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105



The California Genealogical Society is honored to partner with the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California and the Museum of the African Diaspora to present a special book event with authors Sharon Morgan and Tom DeWolf. *Gather at the Table* is the chronicle of their journey to ancestral towns, courthouses, cemeteries, plantations, and other historic sites.

[Learn more](#).

Field Trip to the New Sutro Library

Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sutro Library, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132

Join Outreach Coordinator Pat Gallagher for a day of research at the new home of the Sutro Library on the campus of San Francisco State University. Members may carpool or take BART. A private orientation for the group starts at 10:30 a.m. [Learn more](#).

[Register online](#).

Using Excel and Word to Analyze and Present Your Genealogy Research

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Tim Cox is back with a new workshop featuring some of his favorite Excel™ and Word™ tips and techniques to help you organize and share your genealogy research. The workshop is for beginners and is limited to twelve participants.

[Learn more.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Bad Indians: A Tribal Memoir - Book Event with Author Deborah Miranda

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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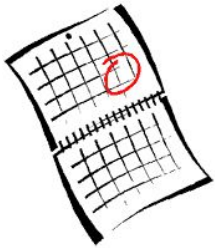


The California Genealogical Society welcomes author Deborah Miranda who will read from her new book, *Bad Indians: a Tribal Memoir*. The book integrates California Mission Indian history, family history and features a genealogy in the back, based on the work her mother did to trace her dad's lineage.

[Learn more.](#)

Coming in February

Save These Dates!



2/2: First Saturday Free; Intro Class, Kim Cotton

2/9: 115th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon at Preservation Park

2/13: Writer's Special Interest Group

2/16: San Francisco Special Interest Group

2/19: RootsMagic Special Interest Group

2/23: Black History Month Panel Discussion

The Volunteer Corner

New Projects for 2013

by Linda Harms Okazaki

Please join me in welcoming our most recent member of the volunteer team, Eva Goodwin. Eva is an avid genealogist who will be working on our soon-to-be-formed "Indexing Committee."

2013 is going to be busy at CGS. We have lots of projects and activities in the works. Here's where we need some new volunteers:

Indexing - Four to six volunteers are needed for two phases: first for the planning stage, then the actual indexing of records. Indexed records are eventually added to our online "California Names Index" or become books.

eBay Book Sales - We are looking for one to three people who will run the eBay book sale project. The planning and implementation stages are complete. Now we need to set up maintenance. Time commitment: several hours a month, but flexible.

Periodicals - One to four individuals are needed to process and shelve our continually growing collection of periodicals. Time commitment: 2-4 hours per shift, 1x per week or per month, depending on your availability.

Please [email Linda Okazaki](#) if you'd like to fill one of these roles. If you want to volunteer in a different capacity or have a special skill to share, let me know.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[Lost Holidays](#) by Anne Morddel

[Begin with Death Records](#) by Kimberly Powell

[Copyright and the Website](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Tips for Taking Oral Histories](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[NEHGS Has Many Searchable Periodicals Online](#) by Randy Seaver

[Time to Pop a Cap in the Term "Drive-by Genealogist"](#) by Amy Coffin

[Get Thee to the Courthouse - Why Visiting in Person is Still Necessary](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we honor **Joseph Dory, Jr.** and **Charlotte Hellenbolt**, ancestors of California Genealogical Society member Lynne A. Dory.



Joseph and Charlotte Hellenbolt Dory

This image is of Joseph Dory, Sr. (1786-1864) and his wife, Charlotte Hellenbolt (1801-1887). Joseph was said to have been "born at sea" 15 Jul 1786. Nothing more is known of his country or family of origin. Joseph and Charlotte were married in 1817 in Cobourg, Hamilton Township, Ontario, Canada and were the parents of ten children. There is a lake in the area called Lake Doré with an accent on the "e" so I have wondered if the family came from France and whether that may have been the original spelling of the name. One of their sons was baptized in St. Peters Church in Cobourg as Seymour Dore.

By 1860, most of the family was living in Spring Valley, Rock, Wisconsin. Joseph died in 1864 in Allamakee, Iowa, where the Dory family resided and multiplied for quite a number of years.

-Lynne A. Dory

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:Lorna.Wallace) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Fifth Blogiversary Thanks](#)

[FGS Bylaws Review and Workbook](#)

[News from the 2012 Nominating Committee](#)

[Tour You Missed: 2012 Research Trip to Boston and NEHGS](#)

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



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