



Holiday Hours

Library Closed Through January 2, 2013



The California Genealogical Society Library will re-open Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Shelf Reading: Help Us Put Our Books in Order!

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, January 7-9, 2013 **CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**

2012 was a stellar year for adding books to the California Genealogical Society 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@californiaancestors.org), if you can help.

Annual Business Meeting and Social Hour

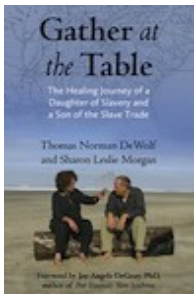
Saturday, January 12, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**

Members are invited to attend a social hour at 12:00 noon before the business meeting. Bring your appetite and, if you can, a small appetizer plate or dessert to share. Other refreshments will be provided. Please come and meet fellow members and volunteers!

The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. 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.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



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 tribal history, family and oral histories, and also features a genealogy based on her mother's work that traces her Ohlone /Costanoan- Esselen ancestors. Seating is limited.

[Learn more.](#)

Winter Intermediate Series

Classes Begin Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4677 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602



For the fifth consecutive year, the California Genealogical Society will present a winter genealogy course. The **2013 Intermediate Genealogy Series** is designed for the researcher who wants to go beyond the basics. Ten classes will be held on consecutive Tuesday mornings from January 29 through April 2, 2013.

[Download the series flier](#) for full class descriptions. [Register online.](#)

115th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon with Andy Anderson

Saturday, February 9, 2013, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 668 Thirteenth Street, Oakland, CA 94612



Join us for a special birthday event as the California Genealogical Society celebrates 115 years! The festivities will include a social hour, used book sale, and luncheon buffet. Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Andy Anderson, Chief Historian of Wells Fargo Bank, who will present *The Healing Power of Genealogy*.

Seating is limited. Be one of 115 members and friends to attend. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

Writing Your Family History: Start Now!

Encore Course Begins Saturday, February 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Back by popular demand, this encore genealogy writing course will meet for a five-hour session one Saturday a month. Class size is limited to twelve participants so register now. [Learn more.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Black History Month Panel Discussion

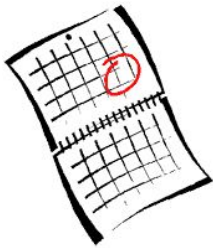
Saturday, February 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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The California Genealogical Society is partnering with the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California to present a Black History Month panel discussion. Felicia Addison, Annette Madden, Vernester Sheeler, Nicka Smith, and Jackie Stewart will be discussing genealogy research in their respective home states: South Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi. The panel will share some of the challenges they have faced and how they overcame them, including the use of DNA. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

Coming in March

Save These Dates!



3/2: First Saturday Free; Intro Class, Kim Cotton

3/9: The Holdings and Website of the National Archives, Marisa Louis

3/13: Genealogy Writing Special Interest Group

3/16: San Francisco Special Interest Group

3/19: RootsMagic Special Interest Group

3/20: Field Trip to California Historical Society, Henry Snyder

3/23: French-Canadian Seminar, Robert Jackson

Check our website, CaliforniaAncestors.org, for the most up-to-date information on classes and events.

Announcing 2013 CGS Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library

Sunday to Sunday, April 14-21, 2013

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



Past-president Jane Lindsey is leading the 13th annual California Genealogical Society **Salt Lake City Tour** to the Family History Library April 14-21, 2013. Research Director Nancy Peterson returns to help lead this very popular trip.

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

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

The Volunteer Corner

New Projects for 2013

by Linda Harms Okazaki

Many thanks to those who have signed up for the shelf read on January 7, 8, and 9, (January 14, 15, 16 only if needed). We still have a few slots open, so please [email Arlene Miles](#) or [email Linda Okazaki](#) if you'd like to help. Better yet, sign up at the library! It's a great way to meet people and do something for the library at the same time. Refreshments will be served!

We still have several volunteer positions open:

- Facilities Manager (see Linda Okazaki or Jeff Vaillant for details).
- Periodical processing (once a week commitment).
- Desk Duty Trainees (once a month commitment), lots of fun, a great opportunity to meet new people and share your research skills.

Please [email Linda Okazaki](#) if you would like to become a volunteer at the California Genealogical Society. We can accommodate any schedule or skill level.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[Unexpected Land](#) by Valerie Craft

[2012 Look-Back: DNA](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Ten Top Genealogy Resolutions](#) by Kimberly Powell

[Quit Claim Deeds and Deed Releases](#) by Bill Dollarhide

[Copyright Applies to Genealogy, Too](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren

[Twelve Months of the Photo Detective](#) by Maureen A. Taylor

[A Genealogy Community Necrology for 2012](#) by Thomas MacEntee

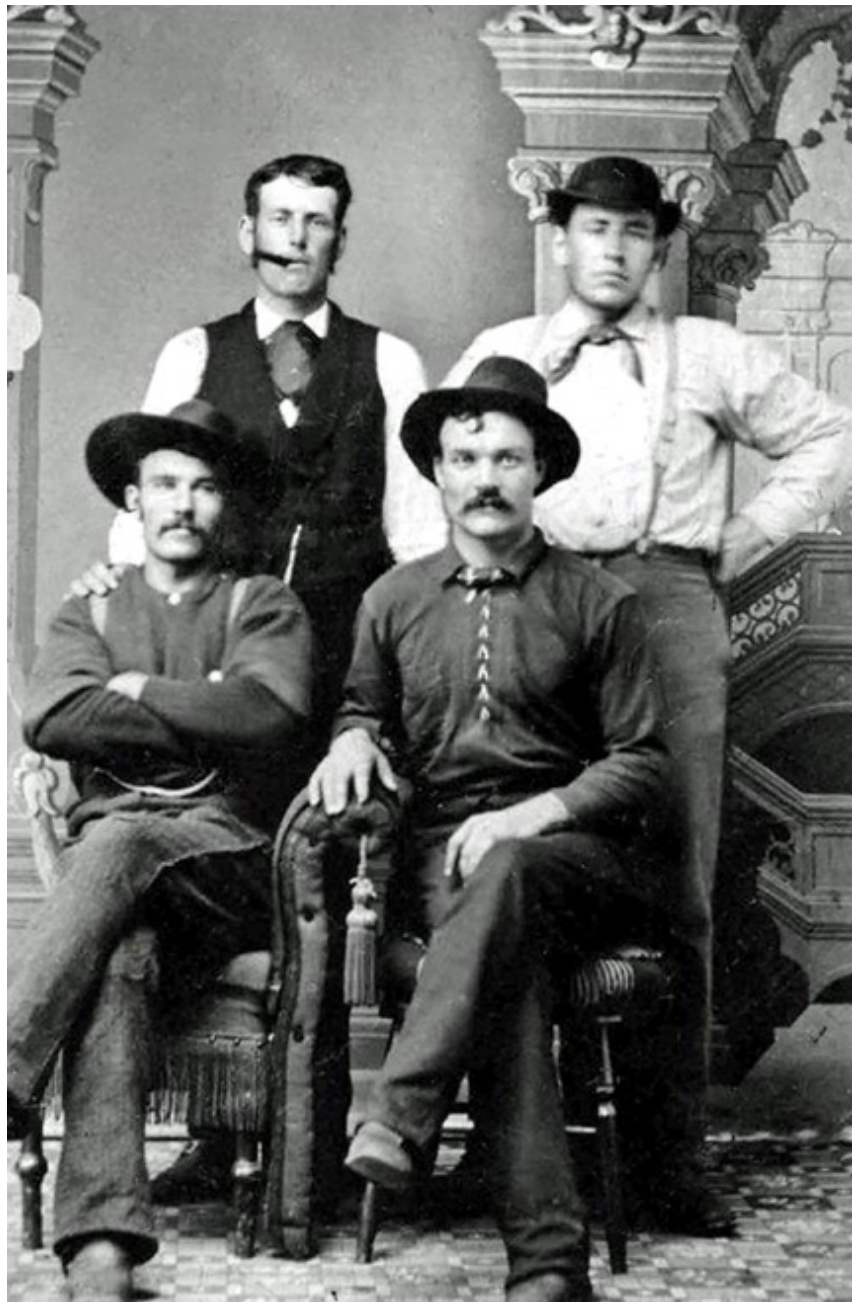
[Using New York Land Records, 1630-1975, on FamilySearch](#) by Randy Seaver

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we honor the Dartt Brothers of Mendocino, family of CGS member Nyla Urch-Dartt.



The Dartt Brothers

The Dartt brothers, natives of Nova Scotia, Canada, migrated to Mendocino County, California, to work in the logging industry as timber cutters, each within a year of his 18th birthday. After the area was "logged out" the brothers remained in California. Samuel owned a lumber company in Oakland. Robert became a rancher on the Navarro Ridge. Frederick retired from Mendocino State Hospital of Ukiah after many years of service. My grandfather, Joseph Howe Dartt, took employment at a PGE substation in Vacaville.

In the photograph, the brothers are standing in front of a backdrop, wearing the clothing and faces of "The Wild West" as celebrated in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, California, yearly, to this day. They are (l. to r., standing) Joseph Howe Dartt (b. 1862) [smoking cigar] and Frederick Dartt (b. 1857); (l. to r. sitting) Robert Dartt (b. 1853) and Samuel Kent Dartt (b. 1852).

-Nyla Urch-Dartt

Call for Submissions - Are you a member with a great family photo to share? We are gathering photos for 2013. 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 Message from President Jeff](#)

[Member Blog Roll: No Longer a Lonely Place](#)

[The California Nugget, Fall 2012, Volume IV, Issue 2](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Calendar: January 2013 Published](#)

[Coming in February: A New Special Interest Group - Genealogy Writing](#)



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