

Holiday Hours

Library Closed Labor Day Weekend

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed Saturday, August 31, 2013, for the Labor Day holiday weekend. The library will reopen Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Individual Evening Intermediate Classes Available

Library Open 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays Through August CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Summer extended research hours, designed especially for our working members and patrons, continue through August 29, 2013.

The Thursday evening **Intermediate Genealogy** course ends August 8, 2013. [Download the series flier](#) for descriptions of the classes. [Email Jane Lindsey](#) if you would like to attend a specific class. The per-class fee is \$10.00.

On the Road Again: Practical Tips for Successful On-Site Research

Thursday, August 15, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612

A research trip to one's ancestral home can be extremely rewarding, but can also present many challenges. Join Pam Brett for an evening class to prepare for successful on-site research. Pam will share practical tips to make your trip more enjoyable. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

One Step Webpages: Genealogy Search Tools with Steve Morse

Saturday, August 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



Perennial favorite Steve Morse will return with updates on his amazing [One-Step Webpages](#). The first half of the presentation will describe the range of One-Step tools available and will give highlights of each one. The second half of the lecture will cover several lesser-known but extremely useful One-Step tools.

[Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

Evening "Introduction to Genealogy" Class

Thursday, August 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

The California Genealogical Society offers a free introductory genealogy class to the public the first Saturday of every month. Lavinia Schwarz will teach a special **evening Intro to Genealogy** class Thursday, August 22, 2013. Come early for a tour of the library at 6:00 p.m.

[Register online.](#)

Using Snagit

Saturday, August 24, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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



Tim Cox will offer a demonstration class on **Snagit** - a screenshot program that allows you to capture anything you can see on your computer screen - images, video, and even audio - on PC and Mac. [Learn more.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Stump the Panel Live! Brick Wall Help from the CGS Research Team

Thursday, August 29, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 pm.

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

Can you use some help with a research problem? The California Genealogical Society Research Team will share their expertise with six lucky members at the library. [Learn more.](#) [Register now.](#)

Mad about Maps Seminar with Melinda Kashuba

Saturday, September 14, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm.

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



Maps assist genealogists in not only locating physical addresses but also by providing context for the lives of their family. Join us for this special in-house seminar. Dr. Melinda Kashuba will present three talks to teach you how maps and online map tools can help you flesh out an ancestor's life.

[Register online.](#)

Build a Book and Learn Book Repair Techniques

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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



The California Genealogical Society is taking reservations for the popular **Book Repair Workshop**, taught by Book Repair Committee Chairman Bill O'Neil. Learn book repair techniques by building your own book. The workshop is limited to eight participants.

[Register online.](#)

Field Trip to Oakland FamilySearch Library

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

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

For members only! Join Jane Lindsey for an in-depth view of the Oakland FamilySearch Library and learn about the hidden resources often overlooked by even frequent visitors to the center. Our tour guide will be the center's director, Ralph Severson. Bring your lunch and enjoy the breathtaking views from this Oakland landmark followed by an afternoon of research on your own. [Register online.](#)

Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and Japan

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm.

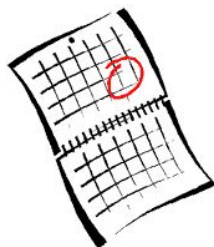
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The California Genealogical Society proudly announces the newest offering in our ongoing ethnic research series - researching Japanese ancestry. Join Linda Harms Okazaki for an overview of Japanese culture, history and language as it pertains to genealogy. Immigration, A-files and internment camp records will be covered. The seminar will also include information on documenting ancestors in Japan, and is suitable for researchers of all levels of experience.

[Register online.](#)

Coming in October Family History Month

Save These Dates!



10/5: First Saturday Free, *Intro to Genealogy*, Pam Miller

10/5: Angel Island Family History Day

10/10: Book Repair Committee

10/12: October Membership Meeting

10/15: RootsMagic Special Interest Group

10/18: Document Box Workshop, Bill O'Neil

10/19: San Francisco Special Interest Group

10/19: *Genealogy Meets Family Systems Theory*, Ron Arons

10/26: Their Roots Are Showing!

Visit CaliforniaAncestors.org for up-to-date event information on classes and events.

Their Roots Are Showing! Three Bay Area Celebrities Discover Their Family History

Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:00 p.m.

Leshner Center for the Arts, Del Valle Theatre, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA



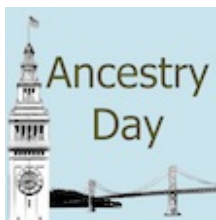
The California Genealogical Society is pleased to present a special night of discovery for three Bay Area celebrity guests: Oakland A's General Manager **Billy Beane**, swimmer and twelve-time Olympic medalist **Natalie Coughlin**, and **Tim "Herb" Alexander**, drummer for the Grammy-nominated rock band *Primus*.

[Download the event flier](#) for more information. [Tickets now on sale](#) at the Del Val Theater website. Proceeds benefit the California Genealogical Society.

Where In the World Are Your Roots?

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel, 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111



Once again, the California Genealogical Society will partner with Ancestry.com for a day of tips to solve the mystery of finding elusive ancestors. Bring a friend, relative, neighbor, or colleague to **Ancestry Day San Francisco**, a seminar designed to introduce you to the fascinating world of genealogy!

Watch our [website](#) and [blog](#) for details and links to online registration in mid-August.

The Volunteer Corner

Welcome Our Newest Volunteer

by Linda Harms Okazaki

Won't you all welcome our newest volunteer, Jo Culberson? Jo is a relatively new member of the California Genealogical Society who brings extensive transcription experience. She recently worked on a Civil War project for the Pearce Museum at Navarro College, Texas. Jo is doing some remote work for the Manuscripts Committee by transcribing the notes of Dr. Gene Peck from her home in Tracy. We are thrilled to have her assistance.

Desk Volunteers Needed

Two Desk Duty shifts are vacant. Help is needed in the library at the front desk on the first Saturday (10-4) and the second Friday (9-4) of each month.

Please [email Lorna Wallace](#) if you can help!

Your skills and experience are valuable and we have short term projects that need attention. If you would like to volunteer, please [email Linda Okazaki](#).

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[The Fountain's Journey](#) by Debbie Mascot

[Hidden Ancestors and "Original" Records](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[Genealogy Research in San Francisco -- via BART!](#) by Janice Sellers

[State Archives Newsletters Hold Value for Genealogists](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren

[Brian Mitchell: The Importance of Place \[in Irish Research\]](#) by Deborah Large Fox

[Sacramento City and County Resources - Center for Sacramento History](#) by Sheri Fenley

[Sepia Saturday 187: Ephemera and the Preservation of Family Photo Albums](#) by Brett Payne

[It Came From the \(Photo\) Morgue! The Bounty of the Bay](#) by SFPL San Francisco History Room

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month we honor the grandmother and great-aunts of Lorna Wallace - the Gale Girls of Hartford, Connecticut.



The Gale Girls, circa 1900

I just about swooned when I got this photo from a cousin.

On the left is my grandmother, Clino Eleanor Gale (1882-1938), with her sisters Helen Louise (ca. 1878-1919) and Marion Georgia (1880-1974). Helen died "in the flu epidemic" and my grandmother died long before I was born. But I remember Georgia, whom we called "Auntie George," late in her life as an artistic, almost deaf, spinster with a squeaky hearing aid. The fourth woman, sitting above the sisters in the dark skirt, is likely their cousin, Mary Gale. (Why are they all holding hankies so prominently?)

When the sisters were quite young their mother, Jane Lines Finch, died of phthisis (tuberculosis) leaving them to be raised by their father, George Gale. He was a [Manx](#) immigrant who worked as a ship carpenter and later as shipyard superintendent for the New York & Hartford Transportation Company. After his wife's death, George joined households with his brother, John Gale. John had one daughter, Mary, so I assume

she is in the photo.

Auntie George's occupation in the Hartford city directory of the time was "typewriter." Noting their attire, my guess is that the three sisters all did office work. Cousin Mary: maybe not!

-Lorna Wallace

Call for Submissions - Are you a member with a great family photo to share? Please [email Lorna Wallace](#) and send your image with a brief narrative.

Did You Miss These Posts in the California Genealogical Society & Library Blog?

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[We Need Your Books!](#)

[Swedish Genealogy Day at the Oakland FamilySearch Library](#)

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

[Call for Articles: The California Nugget Seeks WWI Accounts for 2014 Centennial Start of the Great War](#)

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