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Celebrate Family History Month!

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

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



The California Genealogical Society and Library opens its doors to the public every year during the month of October in celebration of **Family History Month**. We waive the library usage fee for non-members and welcome everyone to use the library's extensive family history resources.

Want to jump start your research? Join Pam Miller for a free introductory class on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. [Register online](#).

Angel Island Family History Day: Tour the Ellis Island of the West

Saturday, October 5, 2013, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Angel Island Immigration Station, Angel Island, San Francisco Bay



The California Genealogical Society is partnering with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation and the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society to present **Angel Island Family History Day** on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the restored Immigration Station at Angel Island State Park. The event will feature lectures, genealogy resource tables, and free viewing of the Immigration Barracks.

[Learn more](#).

October Membership Meeting: Remembering World War I

Saturday, October 12, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Do you have family stories, photos, or memorabilia from World War I? The October membership meeting will be a look forward to the 2014 centennial of the start of The Great War. Members are invited to bring their ancestors' WWI photographs, stories, and ephemera. You will not be required to give a presentation. Please [email Diana Edwards](#) if you have something to share.

Come early and bring a bag lunch to the Sherman Room, at noon, Saturday, October 12, 2013, for a chance to catch up with friends and meet new members before the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dessert or beverage to share and enjoy the camaraderie of others who love genealogy!

Create Your Own Document Box Workshop

Friday, October 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Bill O'Neil is back with an [encore presentation](#) of this hands-on workshop. Create a custom-sized and beautifully decorated box for a book or personal item(s). Materials fee must be pre-paid. The workshop is limited to ten participants. [Register online.](#)

Understanding Our Families, Understanding Ourselves

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Genealogy is more than building family trees with names, dates, and places. By looking at families at a "systems" level, you can learn how generations have an impact on one another. Join Ron Arons for **Understanding Our Families, Understanding Ourselves: Genealogy Meets Family Systems Theory** - a fascinating new way to look at family history. Ron will discuss a different kind of family trees - genograms - diagrams to map behavioral traits through multiple generations. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

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

Saturday, October 26, 2013, Silent Auction at 7:00 p.m., Curtain up at 8:00 p.m.

Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595



After a year of preparation, hundreds of hours of research, and the Herculean efforts of the leadership team, **Their Roots Are Showing!** is almost here. Don't miss this special night of surprise and discovery for our three Bay Area celebrity guests: **Billy Beane**, Vice President and General Manager of the Oakland Athletics; **Natalie Coughlin**, winner of twelve Olympic medals and most-decorated female medalist of all time; and **Tim "Herb" Alexander**, drummer for the Grammy-nominated rock band Primus. [Learn more.](#) [Download the event flier.](#)

[Tickets on sale](#) at the Del Valle Theatre website. Proceeds benefit the California Genealogical Society Library. Please support the society and library and buy your tickets today!

Have You Registered? Early-bird Price Ends October 9, 2013

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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



Discover a bridge to your past!

Tickets are selling fast to **Ancestry Day San Francisco**, a seminar designed to introduce you to the fascinating world of genealogy.



The early-bird price of \$38 ends October 9, 2013. The price will increase to \$48 on October 10, 2013. Private consultations are sold out.

[Register now!](#)

We Need Your Books!

Book Donations Build the Library



The donation of books accounts significantly for the growth in holdings of the California Genealogical Society Library. Duplicate books and those that do not meet the library's retention guidelines are sold and the proceeds support the library.

In addition to our [eBay](#) and in-house sales, the library committee is planning to have books on exhibit and for sale at our upcoming [Ancestry Day in San Francisco](#) on November 9, 2013. Please [email the library committee](#) if you have books to donate. [Learn more](#).

San Francisco Special Interest Group Field Trip

Saturday, November 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Haas-Lilienthal House, 2007 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

by Sandra Britt-Huber



For members only!

The November meeting of the San Francisco Special Interest Group (SIG) will be held at the Haas-Lilienthal Victorian in San Francisco. Join the members of the SF-SIG for a tour of this historic landmark.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to Sandra Britt-Huber at SFSIG@californiaancestors.org. Include the number in your party and use "Haas-Lilienthal" in the subject line.

Field Trip to the Oakland Public Library

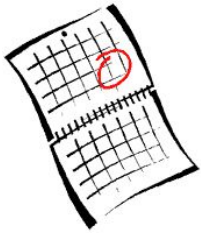
Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

Oakland Main, 125 Fourteenth Street, Oakland, CA

For members only! Jane Lindsey is leading a tour of the Oakland Main Library. Senior Librarian Kathleen DiGiovanni and Dorothy Lazard, Principal Librarian in the Oakland History Room, will provide an overview of resources available at the OPL to assist you with your family research. After the ninety minute tour, you are encouraged to stay and do research on your own. [Register online](#).

Coming in December

Save These Dates!



12/7: First Saturday Free, *Intro to Genealogy*, Diana Wild

12/7: *On the Road Again: Practical Tips for On-Site Research*, Pam Brett

12/10: Book Repair Committee

12/17: RootsMagic Special Interest Group

12/21: San Francisco Special Interest Group

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

Volunteer Corner

Welcome Our Newest Volunteer

by Linda Okazaki



Please give a warm welcome to our newest volunteer, Ann Duncan. Ann has recently joined the Manuscripts Committee where she will help create summaries of some of our vertical files. We are glad to have you on board, Ann.

Coming soon! Be sure to look for a new Volunteer Page on our website where available volunteer positions will be posted.

If you would like to volunteer but aren't sure where, please [email Linda Okazaki](mailto:linda.okazaki@californiaancestors.org) and include "Volunteer Position" in the subject line.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[California Mining Claims](#) by Sheri Fenley

[Voices from the Past](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis

[Ancestral Occupations](#) by Maureen A. Taylor

[Check Your Genea-Horoscope Here](#) by Kerry Scott

[Grandma Mollie's "California Flower Beads" Necklace](#) by Becky Jamison

[Church Record Sunday: Manuscript Collections](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega

[Behind the Scenes with CGS' Their Roots Are Showing](#) by Thomas MacEntee

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month's submission comes from *The California Nugget* Production Editor, Lois Elling.



Herman and Alice Robinson and the family car.

This is a 1918 photograph of my father, Herman Robinson, and his sister Alice, in front of the family car. Herman and Alice were the children of William and Caroline Persson Robinson who settled in Los Angeles where the photo was taken.

My grandfather William was a mechanic and he loved cars. This automobile - a Partin-Palmer - had a windshield that could fold down. I have a similar photograph taken the year before that shows it that way. Note the "Third Liberty Loan Subscriber" sign in the window. That helped date the picture to 1918, when Herman was about six years old and Alice was about three.

--Lois Elling

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?

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