



## Editor's Note

### Honoring our Fathers

This year's Father's Day will be celebrated on June 15th. For family history researchers, it's the perfect time to reflect on the heritage that accompanies our surnames -- those markers of ancestry we carry with us throughout life, whether that name is our father's or our father-in-law's. Those surnames are key ingredients in the "clue package" genealogists use to do their work.

So take some time, especially this June 15th, to honor your paternal roots and the surnames that go along with them. Without our fathers, we wouldn't be here!

A very Happy Father's Day to all.

See you at the library!

## Class Spotlight: The Flim-Flam Man -- The Con Man Who Helped Discover the East Texas Oil Field

### California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

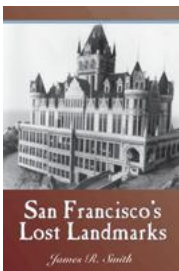


Researchers sometimes embark on projects that take on a life of their own. That's exactly what happened to professional genealogist Janice Sellers. She discovered a character so fascinating that she continued to research him four years after finishing the original commission.

So join Janice on **Saturday, June 14, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, as she tells the tale of Joseph Idelbert Durham, a quack doctor, U.S. Army deserter, and con man who criss-crossed the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Learn how Janice navigated the twists and turns in this project and you may discover some new ways to approach your own ancestor research. [Register now](#). Free for CGS members.

## Special Event: San Francisco's Lost Landmarks

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Author and San Francisco native Jim Smith will discuss his book, *San Francisco's Lost Landmarks*. Hear about once-familiar sites that have faded into dim memories and hazy legends. Not just a list of places, facts, and dates, Jim's pictorial history shows why San Francisco has been a legendary travel destination and one of the world's premier places to live and work for more than 150 years.

**Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Pre-registration is required, so [register now](#)! Free for CGS members.

*Hosted by CGS' San Francisco Special Interest Group.*

## June Classes

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**Saturday, June 7:** [Beginning Genealogy](#), with Lavinia Schwarz, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 28:** [Record Sets: Census Records](#), with Lisa Gorrell, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more June events, check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#).

## Special Interest Group Meetings and More

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**Tuesday, June 10:** Book Repair Committee, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 14 and Friday, June 20:** Stephen Harris City Directory Library, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 21:** San Francisco Special Interest Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (See Special Event listed above.)

*The RootsMagic Special Interest Group will be on hiatus until the fall.*

## Featured Library Resources

### New Additions to the Collection



Nearly 100 new titles have been added in recent months to our online library catalog! Select the "[New in Library](#)" tab to see a full list of the latest acquisitions.

Our newest titles include family histories, city directories, maps, cemetery and mortuary records, local histories, and vital records -- some specifically focused on California, and others that feature information from locations across the United States.

So the next time you visit the library, be sure to check out the "New Books" shelf in addition to browsing the regular collection.

## Ancestor Tribute: They Came from Everywhere!

### Three Generations of Nickles Men

*By Kathryn Doyle, member since 2000*

This photo of three generations of Nickles men in full fustanella was taken in Ohio in the late 1920s. One of the cousins brought it to the annual reunion in New York several years ago to give to my husband Dean's great-aunt Nancy who was 90 at the time. It was her father and brothers; the fourth man in the photo was Nancy's grandfather (and Dean's great-grandfather), Ioannis Nikolaides.

Aunt Nancy pointed at the third man in this photo and said, "He wasn't really there." We all looked at each other uncomfortably -- each of us wondering if Aunt Nancy was having a "senior moment." She said, "He never left Greece, the photographer stuck him in there." I looked more closely and realized she was absolutely correct. I pulled out a portrait I had of Ioannis and his wife and, sure enough, the image of Ioannis was identical in both.



The descendants of the immigrants from Tsintzina, Greece, have been meeting annually for more than one hundred years in the U.S. This year's reunion will be held July 24-27, 2014.

Left photo, left to right: Agamemnon, James, Ioannis (John), and Marcus Nickles.

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**We enjoy honoring members' ancestors.** Please email a photo to [Lorna Wallace](#), along with a short summary about why the ancestor featured is important to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

## Monthly Poll

### What Do You Think?



We're interested in learning more about why you visit the California Genealogical Society's Library.

This month's poll: [What is the main reason you visit the CGS library?](#)

## New England Historic Genealogical Society -- Berkeley Visit and Boston Trip

### Two Opportunities to Connect with New England Historic Genealogical Society Resources



Registration is now available for both of the following events.

**NEHGS comes west to Berkeley**, Saturday, September 13, 2014. This one-day seminar will focus on navigating New England and New York records. NEHGS genealogists Chris Child and Alice Kane will present resources and tips, with a special emphasis on resources available online. Learn more about the day's activities and [take advantage of the early bird price by registering now.](#)

California Genealogical Society's **Tour to NEHGS in Boston**, the week of November 2-9, 2014. The trip package includes: seven nights with continental breakfast, orientation at NEHGS, two group meals, and pre-trip consultation and planning with past president of CGS, Jane Lindsey. [Space is limited, so reserve your spot now.](#)

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