



Editor's Note

Back-to-School Time

The official back-to-school season is in full swing. Children (and adults!) across the U.S. are back in the classroom, learning new skills and absorbing new knowledge. It may have been a few years since the school bell reminded you to get to class, but that doesn't mean the learning opportunities are over. Thankfully, as adults, we get to choose what we want to study. And as genealogists, we're always hungry for more information about our ancestors.

Check out the fall classes and other resources listed below. You're sure to find at least one of them that will help you learn new research skills, enhance the way you document family history, or take you down the path into a whole new area of study.

See you at the library!

September and October Classes

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- Saturday, September 20** [Digital Image Editing Basics: A Hands-on Workshop](#), with Ron Madson, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 27** [Read All About It: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research](#), with Janice Sellers, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 27** [Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and Japan](#), with Linda Okazaki, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 4** [Beginning Genealogy](#), with Dick Rees, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 11** [Everything Was Not Lost! Digging Deeply to Unearth Your Early San Francisco Ancestor](#), with Nancy Peterson, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 25** [Introduction to Military Records](#), with Susan Goss Johnston, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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

Class Spotlight: Record Set Series -- Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research

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Newspapers can be a valuable resource for family history researchers. In addition to birth, marriage, and death announcement, you might also find information about re-locations, naturalizations, court cases, and more!

But newspaper research is more complicated than you might think: Millions of pages of the world's newspapers are accessible online, but there is no one place to find them all.

Join professional genealogist and newspaper researcher extraordinaire Janice Sellers, **Saturday, September 27, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** She'll help you learn about what is available and she'll share techniques to help improve your chances of finding information about your relatives. [Register now!](#)

Field Trip: Nikkei Angel Island Pilgrimage

Immigration Station at Angel Island State Park Tiburon



Rediscover the little-known history of the Japanese and Japanese American legacy at Angel Island, where 85,000 persons of Japanese descent -- the second largest immigrant group detained on the island -- landed between 1910 and 1940, before setting foot in America.

A full day of family-friendly presentations and performances is scheduled for **Saturday, October 4, 2014**, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Events include a talk on new research on those of Japanese descent who were temporarily detained on Angel Island during World War II en route to Department of Justice internment camps on the mainland. **CGS member Linda Harms Okazaki** will provide guidance about genealogical research. [Learn more.](#)

Save the Date -- October Quarterly Membership Meeting

First Annual Genie Awards



Our Fall Membership meeting will be **Saturday, October 11, 2014**. We'll be presenting the First Annual Genie Awards, honoring some of our extra-special volunteers -- those whose "magical" skills have helped the California Genealogical Society in significant ways.

The award ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m., followed by the membership meeting with a discussion of "Genealogical Blogging." BYO lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

Finding Maps in Our Library

Learning about Locations in Your Family's History

Philip Hoehn, Library Committee



The CGS library's collection of about 400 maps and 125 atlases includes many items not found in other libraries. This is especially true for county land ownership maps and atlases. About one-quarter of the maps in our collection are of places in California. The collection also contains a few items covering foreign countries. We're supplementing our paper map and atlas collection with records and links in our catalog to online images held elsewhere. Such links are in blue letters and usually say "Access Digital Media."

The best way to find maps and atlases is to [search our online catalog](#) under subjects such as:

- California -- Maps
- Contra Costa County (Calif.) -- Maps
- Saint Louis (Mo.) -- Maps
- San Francisco (Calif.) -- Views
- Germany -- Maps
- Landowners -- New York (State) -- Oneida County -- Maps
- Roads -- Virginia -- Maps
- Railroads -- Europe -- Maps

In many cases you will need to look beyond the CGS catalog. Here are a few places to try:

- [WorldCat.org](#)
- [Perry-Castañeda Map Collection](#)
- [David Rumsey Collection](#) (about half the collection is also in WorldCat)
- [Historic Map Works](#)
- [HistoryGeo.com](#) -- a database of ownership maps available (for free!) on our library's public computers

Did You Miss These Posts?

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

We've posted quite a few items this past month on the California Ancestors Blog. If you haven't yet seen them, here's your chance to catch up!

[Chinese Whispers: Bay Chronicles -- SF Bay Area events in September](#)

[CGS Member Eva Goodwin Receives APG's Young Professional Scholarship](#)

[Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and in Japan](#)

[Adventures at GRIP -- Genealogical Institute at Pittsburg, Pt. 1](#)

[Adventures at GRIP -- Genealogical Institute at Pittsburg, Pt. 2](#)

[The Search is on! Researching at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Pt. 2](#)

Special Interest Group Meetings and More

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Tuesday, September 9: Book Repair Committee, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13 and Friday, September 19: Stephen Harris City Directory Library, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20: San Francisco Special Interest Group, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The RootsMagic Special Interest Group is on hiatus.

Ancestor Tribute: They Came from Everywhere!

An Inspiring, Community-Minded Woman

By Sydney B. Newell, member since 2010

Bernice E. Newell, Tacoma, Washington, ca. 1899



My grandmother, Bernice E. Newell, was a newspaperwoman in Tacoma, Washington, from about 1889 to 1929. She is important to me because she had an amazing career back in the days before women could even vote and when it was hard for women to do anything significant in an "official" capacity.

She was very active in the Tacoma community, and she contributed to its history in three significant ways:

1. She wrote a "centerfold" newspaper article that helped Tacoma acquire Point Defiance Park in 1905.
2. She wrote the first book published in Tacoma around 1899. She was also the author of ...*Stories of the Yakima Valley Indians* and *The Mountain and Other Poems*.
3. She created and managed the Artists Series of Concerts from about 1907-1926. This series brought world-class performing artists to Tacoma for the first time.

Seeking Family Stories from Members

Pay Homage to Your Ancestor

We enjoy honoring members' family histories in our eNews and we'd love to feature an image and story about someone -- or a family group -- in your "tree." If you haven't yet submitted an ancestor photo to the eNews -- or you haven't contributed one in the past year -- we'd love to hear from you. We have space available!

Please email a photo and your short summary to CGSphototribute@gmail.com. Photos should be in .jpg format and approximately 200 kb to 1 Mb in size; text should be under 200 words. Photos and text may be edited for space.

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