



Meet the 2015 Board Nominees

Elections to be held at the Annual Business Meeting on January 24, 2015

We're pleased to announce the slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of the California Genealogical Society. Their mini bios are listed below; additional information about them has been [posted on our blog](#).



Linda Harms Okazaki is a fourth-generation San Franciscan. As a CGS volunteer, she first started in Book Repair before joining the Desk Duty team. She served as the Volunteer Coordinator for two years and managed the research team for Their Roots Are Showing in 2013.



Todd Armstrong first became interested in genealogy as a teen when he received his great-great grandfather's 1864 Civil War diary. He joined CGS while attending the first Ancestry Day. In 2013, he played an active role in the research and presentation of CGS' fundraiser, Their Roots Are Showing.



Therese Hart-Pignotti is a fourth-generation Walnut Creek-er. In 2013 she was one of the producers of Their Roots Are Showing, which raised substantial funds for the society. She also works the front desk during our Thursday Late Night Summer Hours.



Kathleen Dunn Jones is now serving as Treasurer for the society. A member since 1999, she most recently has been instrumental in converting the society over to a new membership management and finance software program. She was born and raised in San Francisco, but has spent her adult life living in the Oakland Hills.

Holiday (or Anytime) Gift Ideas

For the CGS Community

Looking for gift ideas? Here are five great options:



- 1) If you subscribe to the eNews, but are not yet a member, give yourself the [gift of membership](#).
- 2) Stop by the library to pick up CGS flash drives and mugs. (Sorry, shipping is not available.)
- 3) Visit our [eBay store](#) for books about California and beyond, family histories, and more.
- 4) Check out the [CGS publications](#) for books of genealogical interest to those with California ancestors.
- 5) Consider [making a donation](#) in honor of the person who inspired your interest in family history

or as a "thanks" for all of the great CGS classes you attended this year.

January Classes

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



Saturday, January 3 [Intro to Genealogy](#), with Lisa Gorrell, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 31 [Reconstructing a Family When You Start with Almost Nothing](#), with Janice Sellers, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Save the Date! Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar, March 2015

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We're finalizing the details about our March 2015 **Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar**. The event, scheduled for **Sunday, March 29, 2015**, will feature Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Stay tuned for information about lecture topics, location, etc. Registration will be available once all of the details have been set.

Save the Date! Salt Lake City Research Trip, April 2015

Family History Library Salt Lake City, Utah



We're once again going to offer our super-popular research trip to Salt Lake City. This is a great chance for members to explore the library together, and under the guidance of experts.

The specific dates of this trip are being finalized, and we expect to announce them -- and post the registration link -- soon.

For now, [read member Daniel Spelce's account](#) of his first day on the 2014 research trip, and [watch our video about the trip](#).

Did You Miss These Posts?

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

These are our late November and early December posts. If you haven't yet read them, here's your chance!

- [Want to know more about our 2015 Board nominees?](#)
- [Wordless Wednesday](#)
- [Think kids don't like family history? Think again!](#)

RootsTech Conference, February 2015

Salt Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, Utah



RootsTech, the world's largest family history and technology conference, will be held February 11-14, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Attendees can choose from more than 200 educational classes. Keynote speakers include author, journalist, and TED talker, A.J. Jacobs and the entertainer, Donny Osmond.

Early bird pricing is available until January 23, 2015. [Learn more.](#)

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