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January 2016 Announcements

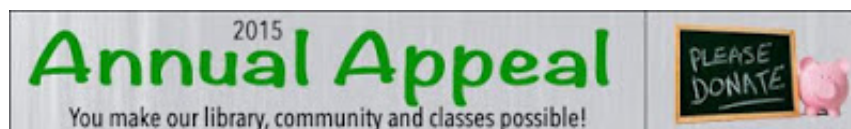
Happy New Year!



Please join us for our **Annual Membership and Business Meeting** on Saturday January 23, 1 - 3 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room. The agenda includes brief committee reports, approval of the 2016 budget, presentation of the slate of nominees, and electing the Board of Directors for 2016.

All members are invited to attend a **potluck social hour** before the Business Meeting beginning **at Noon**. Bring your appetite and a dish to share for the buffet lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Please come and meet your fellow members and volunteers!

The library will be closed to researchers from Noon to 3 p.m. on this day.



- Our [Annual Appeal](#) is underway. Your donations enable us to continue to provide a high quality resource for genealogical information in California. California Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and all or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Membership fees only cover 40% of our operating expenses. Please contribute today so that we can continue to thrive and assist others. Many thanks to all who have participated in this endeavor.
- We need BOOKS! CGS volunteers sell books on e-Bay to raise money for the Library. If you have non-fiction Historical or Genealogical books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating some or all of your collection to our library. All proceeds of these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Email [Arlene Miles](#) with questions.



California Genealogical Society & Library

Happy Holidays!

Library Closed
Dec.24-Jan.6

Reopens
January 7, 2016

CGS Sponsored Events, Trips and Conferences



[Research Trip to the New England Historic Genealogical Society \(NEHGS\)](#)
Sunday, February 28, 2016 - Sunday, March 6, 2016

Join Jane Lindsey, CGS Past President and former [NEHGS](#) Trustee, on our biennial research trip to Boston and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Jane has visited NEHGS too many times to count and this is her 6th trip on behalf of CGS. Take advantage of her knowledge and join us for this signature trip! This trip is limited to 15 researchers.



California Genealogical Society Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip

Trip dates: April 24 - May 1, 2016
Trip cost: \$805 for double occupancy
\$1165 for single occupancy
(these prices are LOWER than last year)

Must be paid in full (no deposit) by March 21.
This event is open to all.

Prior to the trip there will be a "[Getting More from FamilySearch.org](#)" meeting on March 5, 2016 in preparation for a trip to the Family History Library. There will also be an optional meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from Noon to 2 p.m. Links for signing up for these events will soon be available on Eventbrite.

Contact info: [Lisa Gorrell](#)

Classes

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2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



As usual, here's our wonderful line-up of classes for this month.

	Saturday, Jan 30	On The Road Again: Practical Tips for Successful On-Site Research A research trip to one's ancestral home can be extremely rewarding, but also present many challenges. Join Pam Brett for this class on successful on-site research. Pam will share tips on how to plan an on-site research trip to achieve your research goals and to bring home new understanding
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of the lives of your ancestors.
10 A.M. to Noon.



Saturday,
Jan 30

[French-Canadian Family History](#)

To have French-Canadian ancestors is to have an astonishing and ready-made family tree. From the very beginning of French settlement in Canada, in the early 1600s, the Catholic priests responsible for the spiritual lives of their parishioners maintained thorough and complete records of all vital events, including marriages, baptisms, and burials. Join Robert Jackson, PhD in this presentation and discussion.
1 to 3 P.M.



Saturday,
Feb 6

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)

1 to 3 P.M.

Saturday,
Feb 20

N.A.R.A. Records
with Marisa Louie
1 to 3 P.M.



Tuesday,
Feb 23

[Book Repair Workshop](#)

Learn the basics of book repair techniques with Bill O'Neil. Workshop participants will learn book repair techniques by creating a book for themselves.
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM



Saturday,
Feb 27

[Discovering Your German Roots: The Great Migration 1815-1914](#)

You know that your ancestors came from Germany, but from where in that huge country? Until we know their village of origin, we can't trace their roots. This presentation and discussion with Robert Jackson PhD will guide you in the challenging task of discovering the hometown of your German ancestors, even if they arrived 150 years ago.
1 to 3 P.M.



Saturday,
March 19

[Angel Island Genealogical Resources](#)

More than one million people from over eighty countries were processed by officials on the island, and as a result there are quite a lot of genealogical resources available to the researcher. Learn from examples of case studies of Chinese, Jewish, South Asian and Japanese immigrants and find out about the National Archives and other resources that might be available for your own research.
1 to 3 P.M.

For additional events check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#).
Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Meetings and More

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Saturday, January 23: CGS Board of Directors meeting to be held after the Annual Meeting. Starting in February, Board meetings are moving to the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Board meetings are open for all CGS members to attend. If you'd like to add items to the Agenda please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

Saturday, January 16: Family Tree Maker SIG, 1 - 4 P.M. Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please [register](#) for this event.



Saturday, January 16: San Francisco SIG, 10 - 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.) please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#). If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

CGS Volunteers



Several [volunteer](#) positions are vacant:

January is the month for New Year's resolutions - why not add "Volunteer at CGS" to your list? Since 1898, we have been an organization staffed 100 percent by volunteers. If you are a member we can use your time, skills and expertise!

We are currently looking for members who can help out with the following:

Desk Duty - Be the face of CGS as a volunteer receptionist. Welcome our patrons to the library, shelve books, answer the telephone. It's a wonderful way to meet people and to learn more about our society. Commitment: One day a month.

Membership - Become part of the CGS "Welcome Wagon!" Two to three individuals are needed for membership outreach. Also - one individual with computer savvy with skills, including Word and Excel.

Events Organizer - Do you have some great ideas about 1-2 offsite events? Get to know big name speakers, arrange venues, work with a committee of volunteers to put on fun educational events for our members.

Family Search Wiki page. Our [page](#) here needs more information about our organization and we are looking for a volunteer to spruce it up.

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information,

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Welcome our new editor of the CGS Blog - [Shannon Reese](#). Please email him to publish your contributions to the CGS Blog.

[Help Us Reach our Annual Appeal Goal](#) by Shannon Reese



[Happy Holidays and 2016 Preview](#) by Shannon Reese

[Meet a Genealogy Volunteer: Pat Smith](#) by Shannon Reese

[Support Us Every Time You Shop at Amazon](#) by Shannon Reese



Interesting Blog Posts from other sites:

[The Easy, Low-Tech Way to Label Scanned Photos](#) by Amy Johnson Crow

[Resolution Rules of Thumb for Scanning Old Family Photos and Documents](#) by Diane Haddad

[5 Ways to Get Young Children Interested in Genealogy](#) on Ancestral Findings.com

[A gift from the Newberry](#) by Judy G. Russell

[The Double-Edged Helix](#) by Paul Hond

[Ten-Minute Methodology: Beyond the Index-or Not](#) by Judy Kellar Fox

People are Talking

Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for November: "[Meet our 2016 Board Candidates](#)" by Karen Lemelin.

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for November: "[Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree](#)" a free online course offered by University of Strathclyde-Glasgow.

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

Ancestor Tribute

Erling Anton Klabo

by Karen Lemelin

Erling Anton Klabo, my grandfather, was born in Mosjoen, Norway on December 1, 1879. He was the last of 8 children born to his parents Peder Anderson Klabo and Maren Zindsen.

Erling was a clock maker and jeweler as was his father before him. He was sent to Copenhagen, Denmark as a young man to learn his craft. Erling married Karen Olivia Dahl, daughter of Herman Dahl and Juliana Olsen at the Dolstad Church in Mosjoen. Erling and Karen had 5 children, the 4th child, Margaret, was my mother.



The tribute photo shows Erling and Karen Klabo with her grandmother, Johanna Pederson Moen.

Despite much research, that elusive rumored Klabo Royal ancestor has not been discovered, yet. There was a distant great grandfather, Henrik von Borchenhagen who was a German Baron but no royalty. By all rights Erling should have had Pederson as his last name, following Norwegian custom, but his father whose middle name was Klabo appropriated Klabo as his last name upon moving to Mosjoen from Bronnøy.

Erling quickly learned English while in Norway as his parents would not speak to him until noon each day unless he spoke to them in English. It also helped that the family tutor married his sister, Ursella. Erling and his family came to America in 1914 and to California in 1924, settling in Piedmont. He had a clock shop and beaded purse repair business on 16th street in Oakland until the mid 1930s. Erling who was a prolific letter writer died in 1942. Many of his letters were to his daughter, Margaret, and are now in my possession.

Ancestor Tributes are open to all CGS Members to share their family photos and stories. Please contact [Lorna Wallace](#) with your contribution.

New Membership Perk!

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find my past

[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription** (over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our [Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly. Below are just a few of the local conferences that may be of interest in your area.

- [RootsTech 2016](#) will be held on February 3 - 6, 2016.
- [Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy](#) is having a week-long intensive educational experience that takes students deep into their topic of choice. Students attending SLIG have the opportunity to advance

their education with renowned genealogy experts during a week-long experience, network through special events, and tap into the wealth of resources at the nearby Family History Library. January 11-15, 2015. Contact [Linda Okazaki](#) if you plan to be there so that we can arrange a group photo or sit together at the banquet.

- January 23, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Seaside, California - [35th Annual Ancestor Roundup Genealogy Seminar](#). Keynote speaker is well-known genealogist, Dayna Jacobs, AG®. \$30 includes lunch and a syllabus with early registration by January 15, 2016. Sponsored by the Commodore Sloat Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the seminar is held at the Family History Center and classrooms at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. 1024 Noche Buena (at Plumas), Seaside CA. Information and registration, [Serita Sue Woodburn](#)
- [The Whittier Area Genealogical Society](#) will present its 33rd Annual Seminar on Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 8 to 4 at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA.
- The San Francisco Public Library will offer a [Senior Tech Expo](#) geared towards tech users 50+. All levels of tech users welcome. Programs, interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities will be held at the Main Library in the Koret Auditorium, the Latino/Hispanic Community Rooms and the 6th Floor Computer Lab throughout the day on February 12, 2016.
- [36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) in Seattle, Washington, USA. August 27, 2016. Registration open January 3, 2016.

Connect with Us

See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information

Volunteer positions available include:

Proof Readers, Instructors, Clerical Assistance, Library Work, Technology and Others.



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