

California Genealogical Society and Library eNews

February 2008 Vol. 2, No. 2

Happy Birthday, CGS!

Celebrating 110 Years of Helping People to Find Their Roots



The California Genealogical Society and Library has reached another significant milestone.

The society was established in San Francisco on February 12, 1898, by founders who were interested in family history and in the preservation of genealogical materials. They sought to share their books and keep company with like-minded individuals, and the tradition continues.

Have you reserved your seat?

CGS Celebrates 110 Years with The Photo Detective

Saturday, February 9, 2008 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Concord Hilton

The reservations deadline has been extended to this Monday, February 4, 2008. Please plan to join the celebration at the special day-long program with Maureen Taylor, the [Photo Detective](#) at the [Concord Hilton](#).

Maureen will present four seminars exploring ways to identify and preserve photographs to enhance our family history:

Tales from The Photo Detective
Identifying and Dating Family Photos
Preserving Family Photographs
Reading Immigrant Clues in Photos

\$45.00 includes all seminars and lunch. A Silent Auction will be part of the festivities. Donated items include: a set of champagne glasses in a carrying case, a basket of Irish coffee glasses and accoutrements, two sets of framed botanical prints, Fleetwood Mac wines, a handmade baby blanket and a set of two Malaysian baskets.

Those who have scheduled private consultations with Maureen are encouraged to email digital images of their photographs to her in advance so she can do a preliminary review and consult her source texts if needed.



Maureen Taylor is a nationally recognized photo identification and family history expert. She is the author of a number of [research articles](#) and books, including [Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs](#) and [Preserving Your Family Photographs: How to Organize, Present, and Restore Your Precious Family Images](#).

If you have not yet sent in your check, please call the society and leave a message on Monday.

March Membership Meeting at the Oakland Family History Center

Amazing New Offerings at the Family History Library

Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.
4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602.

NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION!

Margery Bell, Assistant Director of the Oakland Regional Family History Center, will be sharing the exciting new developments in Salt Lake City and beyond, including [new.familysearch.org](#).

An avid genealogist for some thirty-five years, Margery Bell has worked in the Oakland Regional Family History Center for the past twenty-four years.

8th Annual Salt Lake City Research Tour

April 13-20, 2008

It's time to sign up for the 8th annual CGS Salt Lake City Research Tour, April 13-20, 2008. CGS President, Jane Lindsey and CGS [Research Director, Nancy Peterson](#) return again as volunteer leaders of this very popular trip to the [Family History Library](#). Accommodations are at the [Shilo Inn](#), located three blocks from the Family History Library.

The Tour Package includes:

- * Hotel room (7 nights, double occupancy)
- * Shuttle service to and from the airport
- * Three group dinners (Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday)
- * Orientation meeting and several lectures
- * Optional assistance at CGS prior to the trip
- * Computer assistance
- * Hotel shuttle to library, if needed
- * Continental breakfast included

The cost is \$625 (airfare not included.) A deposit of \$200 holds one space. The [trip registration form](#) gives the full details and a description of the cancellation and refund policy.

CGS Membership Coffees - save the dates!

Coffees Coming to San Francisco, Sacramento and Southern California



The next California Genealogical Society Membership Coffee will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, at the [Mechanics' Institute Library](#) cafe in San Francisco's Financial District. Members who live in San Francisco will be receiving personal invitations by phone or email and will be encouraged to bring a friend who is interested in genealogy. Immediately following the coffee, at noon, the regularly scheduled public [tour of the Mechanics' Institute Library](#) takes place. The Institute is private and only members are allowed inside the library, so this will be a unique opportunity to tour this historic facility. Reservations will be required since space is limited.

Plans are also underway for a membership coffee at the [Belle Coolege Branch Library](#) in Sacramento on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members in the greater Sacramento area will be receiving their invitations in the coming weeks.

CGS President Jane Lindsey is looking for a member who lives in the Los Angeles area to help organize a membership coffee to coincide with the [Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree 2008](#), which will be held June 27-29 at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

CGS Calendar of Events

Google Calendar

The [CGS Google Calendar](#) is updated whenever meetings or events are scheduled or changed. Click on any item for further details, including a map to all locations. View upcoming membership and society meetings, events, research trips, "First Saturdays FREE" and other important dates. Be sure to bookmark the link which is also available from the society [Web site](#).

Suggested Links

The Wayback Machine

It is a mistaken belief that pages on the World Wide Web will be there forever. Web sites can disappear over time, leaving us with bookmarked urls that no longer work. If you have some lost sites among your sources, try loading the url into [The Wayback Machine](#), a collection of 85 billion Web addresses archived from 1996 to a few months ago. There is no searching - you must copy and paste the url.

[Basic Computer Information](#)

[Digital Photography Tips](#)

[Newspapers US and Worldwide - refdesk.com](#)

[Steve's Genealogy Blog - Finding Obituaries Online](#)

[Genealogy Hack: Obituaries in Google Blog Search | The Genealogue](#)

[Genealogy Roots Blog: Online Death Certificates](#)

[Technophilia: Where to find public records online](#)

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family



In honor of our special 110th anniversary event with the Photo Detective, **CGS eNews** presents a new feature, suggested by member Carolyn Steinberg, who wrote: "Even though they are not my family, I always find old pictures interesting."

This month's **CGS Ancestor** was submitted by Lois Elling, production editor of the CGS Newsletter:

This is "Cousin Ida," surname unknown. The photograph was printed as a postcard and mailed to my grandmother's sister, Ella, in Boston, Massachusetts in 1912. Although Ida isn't one of my direct ancestors, she's very important because she had come to America from Sweden, then returned. When she came back to America, my grandmother, Caroline PERRSON came with her. I love this photo for several reasons. It's the only one I have of her, she's very smartly dressed, and is posed with a bicycle. Quite progressive for 1912!

If you would like to see your **CGS Ancestor** featured in a future edition of the **CGS eNews**, please email your image to [CGSpublicy@gmail.com](mailto:CGSpublicity@gmail.com) and include a brief description.

Are you reading the CGS blog?

<http://calgensoc.blogspot.com/>

The link is also accessible from the homepage of our website:

<http://www.calgensoc.org>

California Genealogical Society and Library
A Northern California Genealogy Resource
Oakland, CA 94612-3031



Founded February 12, 1898 in San Francisco, CGS, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that seeks to aid, educate and encourage research in family history, is presently located in Oakland, California. The society maintains a library, gathers and preserves vital records and disseminates information through publications, meetings, seminars, workshops, its Web site, blog and online catalog.

Email Marketing by

