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Happy New Year!

CGS Library Reopens Friday, January 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m. - CGS Library

The Annual Membership Meeting of the California Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., at the CGS Library (2201 Broadway at 22nd, Suite LL2, Oakland.) Please join CGS President Jane Lindsey for a quick review of the society's accomplishments in 2008 and a look forward to what's in store for 2009.

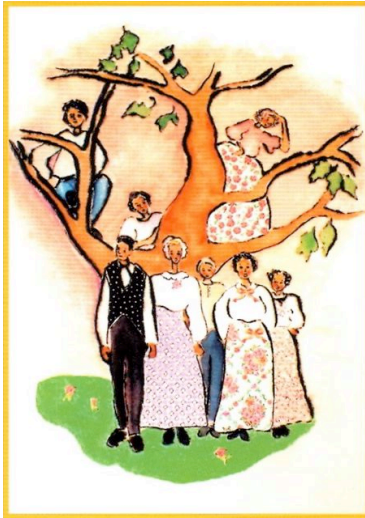
At this important session Jane will provide information about the two upcoming research trips designed to help you make that all-important breakthrough, two impressive all-day seminars and a slate of new classes for beginning, intermediate and experienced researchers.

There will be time for questions and answers. The agenda also includes brief committee reports, approval of the society's budget and the annual election of new board members. (Information on the proposed board members appeared in the November 2008 CGS News, which is available online at the society's [website](#).)

The annual meeting is always well attended so arrive early to get a front seat, see old friends and meet new ones. Light refreshments will be available before the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Intermediate Level Genealogy - Eight Sessions in 2009

Another Joint Venture with the Oakland Regional Family History Center



The class schedule has been finalized for the **Intermediate Course in Genealogy** following the success of the recent beginners' classes held during Family History Month. A total of fifty students took advantage of the classes offered jointly by the California Genealogical Society and the [Oakland Regional Family History Center](#).

The Intermediate Course will consist of eight sessions and will be offered twice - on Saturday, at the CGS Library and on the following Tuesday, at the Family History Center. All classes are from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The same instructors and handouts will be at both sessions and students can attend classes at either (or both) facilities.

Classes begin on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the CGS Library with **Military Records** taught by genealogy instructor and military records specialist Susan Goss Johnston.

The full schedule includes the following topics:

January 17 & 20: Military Records

January 24 & 27: Probate and Guardianship Records

January 31 & February 3: Land & Property Maps, and Gazetteers

February 7 & 10: Church and Cemetery Records

February 14 & 17: **No classes**

February 21 & 24: Newspaper Research

February 28 & March 3: Reading and Transcribing Colonial
American Handwriting

March 7 & 10 - **No classes**

March 14 & 17: Immigration, Passenger Lists, Naturalizations
and Passports

March 21 & 24: People-Finders, Continuing Education and Giving
Back

Preregistration is necessary to insure adequate handouts. The course fee is \$15 to cover the cost of materials. **Individual sessions** cost \$2 each. To register by telephone call 510-531-3905 or [E-mail](#).

Please prepay the materials fee by check, payable to ORFHC. Send to the Oakland Regional Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland CA 94602, attention: Marge Bell. Indicate "Intermediate Class" in the memo field.

Illustration: "The Family Tree" by local artist Lyn White, from the cover of the Oakland Regional Family History Center brochure.

Scots-Irish Research Seminar - *Sign up now!*

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Early Bird Discount Ends on January 15, 2009.



The California Genealogical Society and Library and the [Ulster Historical Foundation](#) present a full day [Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar](#) on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the new [Oakland Airport Holiday Inn and Suites](#), 77 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, California. *Please note that there is limited seating at this venue.*

Fintan Mullan, Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and Dr. Brian Trainor, former Director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) and former Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation will give several lectures on all aspects of Scots-Irish research.

Program schedule:

- Registration with coffee and book sales
- Welcome and introductions
- "Introduction to Scots-Irish Family Research"
- "18th C. Emigration from the North of Ireland to North America"
- "Records Relating to the Different Churches"

Lunch, break and book sales

- "Scots Irish Research - Not Always at the Bottom of the Pile"
- "Using Gravestone Inscriptions in Ulster"
- "Researching the Farming Community in Ireland"
- "The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th C. Families"

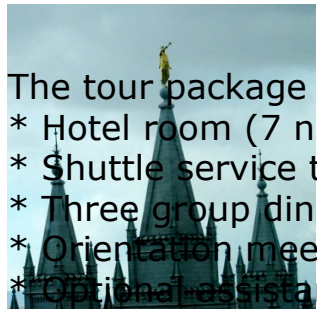
Q & A

[Download the program registration flier](#) and send in your check today to qualify for the special "early bird" registration price - **a \$10 savings - if you register by January 15, 2009.**

Ninth Annual Tour to Salt Lake City Announced

March 29, 2009 - April 5, 2009

The dates have been set for the [ninth annual California Genealogical Society Salt Lake City Research Tour](#). As in previous years, the tour will run from Sunday to Sunday, March 29, 2009 to April 5, 2009. CGS President Jane Lindsey and CGS Research Director Nancy Peterson return as volunteer leaders of this very popular trip to 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

Accommodations will be at the [Shilo Inn](#), located three blocks from the Family History Library. The Shilo provides free high-speed internet access in every room.

The cost is \$680 (airfare not included.) A deposit of \$200 holds one space. [Download the tour flier and registration form](#) for full details.

Beyond the Bay in 2009

Expanding "Member Coffees" to Include a Speaker

CGS hopes to expand membership outreach to include a program with speaker in addition to coffee and fellowship. Up to three "**CGS On the Road**" events may be planned for 2009 in locations where CGS has a cluster of members, pending local volunteer assistance.

Places under consideration include Santa Rosa, San Jose and the San Joaquin area. [E-mail Jane Lindsey](#) or call the society at 510-663-1358 if you would like to help plan an event in your area.

Fort Wayne, Indiana Tour August 16, 2009. Sign Up Now!

Allen County Public Library - August 16-23, 2009



The fourth [CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is being planned for August 16-23, 2009. Join CGS President Jane Lindsey for a week-long trip to the best public genealogy library in the United States.

Whether you have visited before or this is your first time, you will benefit from Jane's individualized attention to your research goals. Pre-planning meetings can be arranged by phone or in person prior to the trip.

Space is limited to fifteen participants. To ensure the minimum tour requirement of **ten participants** is met, a \$200 deposit is required by June 15, 2009. The trip will be canceled if we do not have the minimum, so please [E-mail Jane Lindsey](#) if you are interested in attending. [Download the tour brochure](#) from the society website.

Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[Photographic Evidence in Court](#) by Craig Manson

[Is That Your Family Bible on eBay?](#) by MacGenealogist Ben Sayer

[Ten Simple Steps to Start Writing Your Genealogy Memoirs Today](#) by Coralie Johnson

[New Tricks From Old Dogs: A Mini-Sode on the 1930 Census](#) by Arlene Eakle

Introducing a Special New Blog

[Ernie's Journeys](#)

Lest you think that blogs are only for techies or for a younger generation, please take a look at this new offering. At 87 years young, Ernest Margheim just started blogging in November. He's leaving a wonderful record of his memories for his descendants.

More Genealogy Organization Tips for the New Year

[Finally Organize Your Pictures](#) by Maureen Taylor, [The Photo Detective](#).

Miriam Robbins Midkiff ran this **Tuesday's Tips** series in her blog [AnceStories: The Stories of My Ancestors](#):

[Tuesday's Tip: Organizing Your Digital Files](#)

[Update on Tuesday's Tip: Organizing Your Digital Files](#)

[Tuesday's Tip: Organizing Your Digital Photographs](#)

[Tuesday's Tip: Organizing Digital Research Notes, Emails and Reports](#)

CGS Lauded

[One Society Bites the Dust; Another One Celebrates a Milepost](#)

A special thanks to Miriam for her kind words about CGS and the CGSL blog.

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Editor's Note: I'm a huge fan of newspaper research and I thought I knew all of the potential genealogical benefits. Who knew that a newspaper article could be a source of photo identification. I'm forwarding this one to The Photo Detective!

This month's CGS Ancestor Photo was submitted by **Pat Smith**:

*I happened to be in the library on the day that CGS subscribed to newspaperarchives.com. Jane Lindsey was showing me the site and found this article about the 50th anniversary of my great-grandparents, **Alanson and Laura Ross**, in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, January 2, 1917. It was under the headline "Pleasant Lake News."*

Mr. and Mrs. Alson Ross celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Sunday and a public reception was given them at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Chadwick, from 2 to 4 p. m. The Pleasant Lake concert orchestra furnished music during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were seated in the large window beautifully decorated for the occasion. Those present from a distance were: Mrs. Lucy Widney, of Auburn; Otto Ross and wife, of Louisville, Ky.; Bessie Cross, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Bert McNett and children of Nevada Mills; Donn Ross and wife, of Montpelier, O. Miss Laura McEthenie sang "Put on Your Old Grey Bonnett." L. L. Matson gave a short eulogy on the couple and closed by reading Riley's "That Old Sweetheart of Mine." Mrs. Frank Chadwick gave a short poem on "Mother." Miss Helen Huffman read "When This Old Ring Was New" with Miss Maurine Huffman presiding at the piano. A vocal solo, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," was sung by Maurine Huffman. Light refreshments were served, after which the Ross family sang "Bless Be the Tie That Bands," with the guests joining in the chorus. It is not often that a couple celebrates their fiftieth anniversary who are as supple and robust as Mr. and Mrs. Ross. Fred Fay was present and took the family picture.

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While trying to ascertain the possible family relationships of those present at the party, I noticed the name Mrs. Bert McNett. I knew she was my mother's cousin and that her name was Parepa. That reminded me that I had a family picture that included her. When I retrieved the photograph, I noticed that almost everyone noted in the article was in

the photograph and on the back of the photo it said "taken at Pleasant Lake, Indiana." It is certainly the one taken by Fred Fay.



If you would like to see your CGS Ancestor featured in a future edition of the CGS e-News, please [e-mail](#) your image and include a brief description.

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[Towers of Gold](#)

[CGS Mailing Committee](#)

[CGS News - The Last Issue!](#)

[A Note From Beyond the Grave](#)

[Gaye Lenahan's Report on the Got-Genealogy Academy](#)



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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 [website](#), [blog](#) and [online catalog](#).

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