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April Workshop: Microsoft Word Skills for Genealogists

**Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**



Microsoft Word Skills for Genealogists - Formatting Styles, Footnotes and Indexing A Publishing Workshop with Matthew Berry

Join CGS member Matt Berry for this skills building workshop designed to help give genealogists the practical tools they need to go beyond the basics of Microsoft Office Word. Follow Matt's step-by-step tutorial and learn to create an organized family history with information that is easy to find using:

- Consistent formatting of information
- Footnotes or endnotes to document sources
- A comprehensive index and table of contents

Please note that MS Word 2003 will be used for illustrations but instructions will also be provided for MS Word 2007.

The workshop day will consist of lecture material with handout, a lunch break and a "hands-on" session so attendees can practice their new skills. Members are encouraged to bring laptop computers; the six CGS computers may not all be available for the program.

Bring a brown bag for lunch or, if you prefer, there is a nearby deli where you can buy a sandwich and bring it back to the library.

The workshop is **FREE** for CGS members but is limited to fifteen people. There will be a sign-up fee of \$10 for non-members. (This fee can be applied toward membership on the day of the workshop.) There is a sign-up sheet at the CGS Library desk. Please call CGS at 510-663-1358

or send an [E-mail](#) to reserve a space.

Matthew Berry is a San Diego native who came to the Bay Area at a young age and grew up in Foster City. He received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and M.B.A. from Santa Clara University. His first career was as a satellite systems engineer at Lockheed Martin for fifteen years; he is now Project Manager at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco. Seeing what he calls "a cool computer program" for entering family information at a family reunion in 2003 sparked an interest in genealogy, which was subsequently fueled by a desire to consolidate the genealogical work of several other family members. Matt lives in Livermore with Karen, his wife of 15 years, and daughter Christa.

May Membership Meeting with Jim Terzian

**Saturday, May 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**



Coats of Arms, Crests and Heraldry: A Genealogist's Overview

Kings and courtiers, gentlemen and family groups have borne coats-of-arms for over thirty generations. Yet most of us, even extremely experienced genealogists, know very little about them or how to use them in our research. What exactly are coats-of-arms and crests? Who has them, when did they develop and where does a family get them? What resources exist to help you use heraldry as a tool in your research?

Join CGS for a ninety-minute presentation by Jim Terzian, Executive Director of the Heraldry Foundation and Secretary-Treasurer of the "Royal Bastards" - Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters of the Kings of Britain - as he presents "A Genealogist's Overview: Coats of Arms, Crests and Other Heraldry that is Part of Family Heritage."

For almost forty years, Jim Terzian has been a student of heraldry and genealogy, representing the United States as a delegate to the International Congresses of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences since 1996, serving as a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Heraldry Committee from 1995 to 2004 and serving as Executive Director of the Heraldry Foundation (which is building the G. Julian Morgan Heraldic Library collection) since 2003. Professionally Mr. Terzian is principal of the Terzian International Group, a Silicon Valley firm that develops and launches technology start-up companies,

products and services.

CGS Members Are the Best!

Ten Computers Purchased for the Society



Thanks to the incredible generosity of the membership of the society, a purchase order for ten desktop computers was placed with Charity Advantage, an association that offers technology solutions at low cost to non-profits.

The Intel Pentium 4 - 80GB Dell Desktop Computers will replace the existing machines that are more than six years old.

Twenty CGS members came forward to contribute to the purchase of the computers. Two additional members volunteered to donate to the purchase of a new laser printer.

Computer Committee member Kathy Watson notes that these computers are a significant improvement over our present hardware, almost doubling the speed and doubling the available memory.

CGS President Jane Lindsey was overwhelmed by the magnanimous response and sent these comments: "We are so appreciative! These computers will not only help patrons and members in the library but also our volunteer researchers, our indexers and our desk duty personnel. Faster computers will also help the hardworking members of our finance, library and membership committees do a better job for CGS."

Special June Presentation: Morse and Morse on DNA

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California



DNA and Genetic Genealogy

Please join us for this special program by noted lecturer Steve Morse and his daughter, Megan.

Stephen Morse is the creator of the [One-Step Website](#) for which he has received numerous awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a computer professional with a doctorate degree in E.E. - Electrical Engineering. He is well-known as the architect of the Intel 8086, which sparked the PC revolution. But his best accomplishment was that of fathering his daughter, Megan.

Megan Morse holds a bachelor's degree in "E.E.", but hers stands for Evolution and Ecology. She works as a wildlife educator and animal handler for [Wildlife Associates](#), a non-profit wildlife sanctuary in Half Moon Bay, California. She raises and trains everything from anteaters to porcupines, cats to snakes and foxes to hawks. She travels with these animals to schools, libraries, and recreation centers throughout the Bay Area to give educational

presentations.

Megan, with her formal training in evolution and her knowledge of DNA, complements her dad who is self-taught in these areas. Together they explain genetic genealogy and how it applies to the human species as well as the larger animal kingdom.

CGS on the Road in 2009

Santa Clara - Monday, June 15, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Central Park Library

South Bay members should mark their calendars for a CGS program at the [Santa Clara City Library](#) on Monday, June 15, 2009 in the Central Park Library Redwood Room. The tentative schedule is:



10:30 - 11:30 a.m. CGS President Jane Lindsey will present an overview of the outstanding resources at the California Genealogical Society Library and share information about upcoming events.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn - Bring Your Own Bag Lunch or buy a sandwich in the Central Park Library's café and break into small group discussions over special interest genealogy topics.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. "Some Brick Walls Are of Our Own Making" by CGS member Lavinia Schwarz. After listening to this spell-binding talk, you will look at your brick walls and unfinished lines with new openness, ideas, strategies and historical insight.

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Questions and closing remarks.

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 set 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 the first fifteen participants who send in their \$200 deposit. Several people have already contacted Jane to express interest, so please [download the tour brochure](#) from the society website and send in your deposit today.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Fowler (1927-2009)

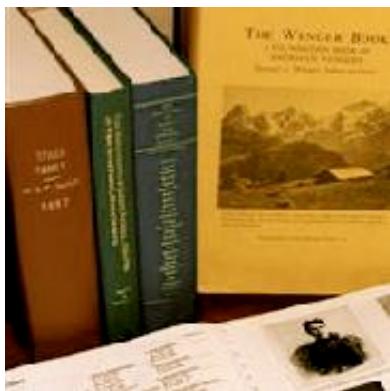


Researcher, editor, author and long-time volunteer and friend of CGS, Dorothy Helen Fowler died on February 26, 2009 in San Francisco. Her [obituary](#) ran in the San Francisco Chronicle March 6-8, 2009. Members and friends of Dorothy will gather at the California Genealogical Society Library on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. to remember Dorothy and to meet her brother, Walter Henry Fowler, his wife Etta Mae and their daughter Lisa.

Spring Cleaning?

Book Donations Needed

by Arlene Miles



Spring is the traditional season for clearing clutter, making it the perfect time to donate unwanted periodicals and books to the California Genealogical Society Library. The purchase of new books has been somewhat curtailed during this period of financial uncertainty which makes donations particularly important.

Donated books and periodicals which duplicate items already in our collection will be sold at an upcoming CGS book sale. All proceeds from books sales are used to purchase new books. If you have items to donate, please contact CGS by [E-mail](#) or telephone 510-663-1358.

Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[RSS Feeds: A Primer](#) by Matt Niemi

[Put WorldCat to Work](#) by Denise Olson

[The Slow Death of Handwriting](#) by Lee Drew

[Migrant Mother's Soul Stolen](#) by Craig Manson

[Follow that Genealogy Hunch!](#) by Lorine (Genealogy Blogger)

[Friday From the Collectors - March 27: Is She Dead?](#) by footnoteMaven

[America at last! Ilona's arrival at Ellis Island, 1909](#) by Lisa (Smallest Leaf)

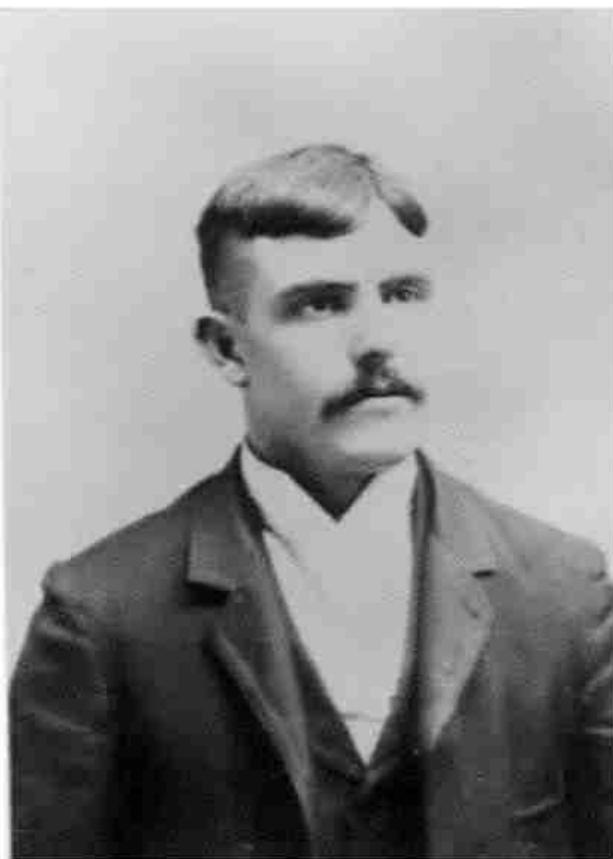
[Tuesday Teachings - Two Essential Resources for English and Welsh Research](#) by Kathryn Lake Hogan

CGS Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Bill O'Neil**.



William Andrew "Billy" O'Neil was born in Balmaghie, Scotland on June 24, 1873. He arrived in New York City on the ship "City of Rome" on October 10, 1892, and headed to Westlake, Minnesota where his sister lived. By 1894 he had arrived in Choteau, Montana but something

drew him back to Minnesota where he was naturalized in 1898. That was the year the first photograph was taken in Kerkhoven, Minnesota, a town just forty miles from the home of Catherine Elizabeth Drinkwine who he married in 1901 in Great Falls, Montana. The bottom photo is thought to be their wedding portrait. My father Cyril, the youngest of three, was born in Minnesota while Billy was driving a coal wagon in Salt Lake City, Utah. Grandfather worked on a variety of sheep ranches until 1936 when he moved to Renton, Washington where he worked in the Pacific Car Factory until retirement. He did a lot of writing about his and Choteau's history, some of it for the Choteau newspaper and some for the Montana Historical Society. He spent his last years between Renton and Cut Bank, Montana, where my parents lived. The third photograph was taken approximately 1950. He died in Seattle on July 13, 1959 and is buried in Renton.

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

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[Elderberries Visit CGS](#)

[Finding Fintan's Family](#)

[A Mini-Bloggers' Summit at CGS](#)

[A Tribute to Dorothy Fowler \(1927-2009\)](#)

[Internet Genealogy - It's Just the Tip of the Iceberg](#)



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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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