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Book Repair Workshop Returns

Friday, June 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California



Build a Book and Learn the Techniques!

The California Genealogical Society is taking reservations for a [Book Repair Workshop](#) to be held on Friday morning, June 12, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The hands-on program offered by Book Repair Committee Chairman, Bill O'Neil, is a rare opportunity to learn a dying art.

Workshop participants learn book repair techniques by creating their own book. Pages are provided and the pupils create the binding. The finished product is a copy of a "how to" pamphlet written by the late Dick Thrift, founder of the CGS [Book Repair Committee](#). Everyone goes home with a self-made instruction book and souvenir of the day.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Workshop is limited to ten.
- \$25 charge for materials.
- Reservation form and pre-payment of fee required.

[Download the registration flier](#) and mail with a check for \$25 to CGS. Questions? [E-mail](#) or call CGS at 510-663-1358.

Special June Presentation: Morse and Morse on DNA

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
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DNA and Genetic Genealogy

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

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 doctoral degree in E.E. - Electrical Engineering. He is well-known as the architect of the Intel 8086, which sparked the PC revolution.



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 Santa Clara

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

Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara

Central Park Library



CGS is expanding the popular membership coffee gatherings to a half-day genealogy program with lecture and lunch. South Bay members of the society are invited to join with members of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society for networking and presentations by CGS President Jane Lindsey and Look-Ups Researcher Lavinia Schwarz.

Program

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee served

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

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn - Bring a bag lunch or buy a sandwich in the Central Park Library café and take part in some small group discussions of special interest genealogy topics.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. "Some Brick Walls Are of Our Own Making." CGS member Lavinia Schwarz's spell-binding talk will help you look at your own brick walls with new openness, ideas, strategies and historical insight.

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

The [Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society](#) is located at the [City of Santa Clara Central Park Library](#) in the Heritage Pavilion, at the address noted above. They have a large collection of genealogy resources and a great historical collection available for public use. Consultants are available to assist with research problems.

Please RSVP for the June 15th event by [E-mail](#) to Annette Woolsey or by telephone to Mary Hanel at 408-615-2909. [Download the information flier](#) from the [CGS website](#).

CGS is Heading to the SCGS Jamboree!

June 26, 27, 28, 2009
Burbank Airport Marriott and Convention Center



The 40th Annual Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, 2009, at the [Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center](#). This year's Jamboree of 55 speakers and nearly 100 lectures focuses on the British Isles - English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh research.

The California Genealogical Society is sharing [Table 135](#) in the Exhibit Hall with the [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#). Members are needed to help staff the table. Please [E-mail](#) Kathryn Doyle if you can help.

For detailed information about schedule, speakers, genealogy exhibitors and more, visit the [Jamboree blog](#).

July Membership Meeting with Steve Danko

Saturday, July 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

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



Genealogy Gadgets and Gizmos

New hardware, software and online technology make finding, recording and sharing information faster and easier than ever. Many of these advancements have found their way into genealogical research, enabling even a moderately technology-capable genealogist to take advantage of these new gadgets and gizmos. New technology allows genealogists to have access to family history data from anywhere in the world.

Researchers can avail themselves of genealogy education at times and places of their choosing, collect documents and information more easily and prepare professional-quality family books without the commercial price.

Join CGS member and well-known [blogger](#) Steve Danko for this cutting-edge talk on new technologies for the genealogist.

Allen County Public Library Tour - Sign Up By June 15!

August 16-23, 2009

Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana



This is your last chance to sign up for the [CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library](#). Deposits must be received by June 15, 2009 to join CGS President Jane Lindsey on this trip to the world's best public genealogy research library.

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.

If the minimum of twelve is not met, the trip will be cancelled on June 16, 2009. [Download the tour brochure](#) from the society website for full details. Please [E-mail](#) Lindsey and send in your deposit today.

NEHGS Comes West 2009: Three Ways to Participate

Friday, October 23, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center, 10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland

Full Day Seminar and Lunch

Michael J. LeClerc and Christopher Child from NEHGS will present several talks, including *Researching Your New England Ancestors Online*, *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* and more.

Friday, October 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn & Suites, 77 Hegenberger Road, Oakland

Evening Cocktails and Dinner

Capping off the day will be a dinner and presentation *The Lighter Side of Genealogy* by Brenton Simons, Ryan Woods, and Jane Lindsey.

Saturday, October 24, 2009

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

Private Consultations with Chris Child or Michael LeClerc

Consultations will be available for purchase for \$25 per half-hour. Payment will be made directly to NEHGS at the time. Please [E-mail](#) Ryan Woods with questions or to receive the request form.

[Download](#) the flier for full event details.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Ten Questions to Ask Before You Visit a Research Facility](#) by Kimberly Powell

[Genealogy and Social Networking - A Perfect Partnership](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Ordering English Certificates of Birth, Marriage or Death Online](#) by Lorine (Genealogy Blogger)

[Why Does the Tale of the Donner Party Continue to Fascinate?](#) by Frances Dinkelspiel

[Tech Tuesday: Tools For Transcribing Documents](#) by Denise Levenick (The Family Curator)

[The Coloured President: A Fair\(e\)y Story Involving Barack Obama, George Washington and the Amistad Judge](#) by Craig Manson

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Cathy H. Paris

This month's photographs and story were submitted by **Dick Rees**.



This is the 1892 wedding photo of my great-grandparents Michael and Mary Clara (Hoffman) Tuchfarber. They are the couple sitting in the front. In the background from left to right are Frank Tuchfarber and his wife Antoinette (Richardson), John Tuchfarber and Caroline Tuchfarber. Frank was Michael's older brother; John and Caroline were his younger siblings.

Michael Tuchfarber died of consumption at the age of 31; Mary Clara died of the same illness about the age of 43. Their second child, my grandmother Florence Louise, was born a few months after her father's death. Florence died in 1932 at the age of 39.

Michael and all the Tuchfarbers I have found in the United States are descended from the family who arrived at the port of New Orleans in 1833 en route to Cincinnati. The Tuchfarbers came to this country in response to a flier distributed in the Rhineland by Nicholas Longworth, a prominent businessman in Cincinnati. His grandson, Nicholas Longworth IV, was the U.S. Speaker of the House from 1925 to 1931 and the husband of Teddy Roosevelt's daughter, Alice.

I have a copy of the contract drawn up between the Tuchfarbers and Longworth, specifying their housing arrangements and the portion of the produce they could keep. I have not found any Tuchfarbers in present day Germany.

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

Did you miss these posts in the CGSL blog?

[Puckerbrushed by Randy](#)

[Jane's Interview with Lisa Louise Cooke](#)

[CGS in the News: Family Tree Magazine - July 2009 issue](#)

[The Great Lecture You Probably Missed](#) by Laura Spurrier

[Reports 1-4 From the NGS 2009 Family History Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina](#) by Jeffrey Vaillant



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