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October is Family History Month!

Check Our Complete Menu of Offerings



The California Genealogical Society and Library opens its doors to the public every year during the month of October in celebration of Family History Month.

We waive the library usage fee for non-members and host a number of free workshops and classes. October member consultations have been so popular that we are pleased to offer them again.

[Download the flier.](#)

[Schedule a Member Consultation.](#)

Can You Help? Items Still Needed for October Silent Auction

The silent auctions held at past California Genealogical Society sponsored events have been very successful fund-raisers and they've been fun, too! Members donate things that appeal to others who bid on them. The auctions are a place to browse between lectures and they are 100% profit for the society.

Items are still needed for the October seminar. [Learn more](#). Please [email Pam Lewis](#) or [Jane Lindsey](#) if you have a possible donation.

California Family History Expo

Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 2010

Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, California



The California Genealogical Society and Library is a local sponsor of the upcoming [California Family History Expo](#) at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 2010.

Volunteers are needed to help staff registration, classrooms and other areas at the venue. CEO Holly Hansen is offering workers one free day of classes in exchange for one day of your help. Please [register your availability online](#).

Book Repair Workshop Returns

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



Book Repair Committee Chairman Bill O'Neil is back with this popular class. Learn repair techniques by building your own book.

There are only a few spaces left so please register now. The workshop will not be offered again until next year. The fee is \$25.00 for materials. Reservations are required.

[Register online.](#)

RootsMagic Genealogy Software Special Interest Group Forms

Join Us Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

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

The RootsMagic Special Interest Group will meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. beginning October 19, 2010. All meetings are FREE and open to the public. Registration is not required. Guests are welcome, as are all levels of experience from beginning to expert.

[Learn more](#) at the blog.

Google All the Way with Lisa Louise Cooke - Register Today!

Saturday, October 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Christ the Light Conference Center, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland



Join us for this special program! Host of the popular [Genealogy Gems Podcast](#) Lisa Louise Cooke presents four talks to teach you how Google can help with your genealogy research.

The full day seminar includes a boxed lunch and silent auction. Advanced reservation required. The discounted early-bird price ends October 1 (today.) Register online to reserve your space. Checks for the discounted price must be postmarked by October 1st and received at the library by October 5, 2010.

[Register online.](#)

Using Microsoft Excel 2007 for Tracking Your Genealogy Research

November 6, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Excel 2007 is a powerful tool for creating spreadsheets, analyzing data already collected, and sharing information with others. Let Tim Cox show you how in this workshop designed for beginners to intermediate users.

[Register online.](#)

November Membership Meeting with Jean-François de Büren

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

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

Covering over 800 years of family history in the United States, Switzerland and Argentina, the de Büren story encompasses passionate tales of suitors, soldiers, statesmen and saints. Jean-François will share tales of historical intrigue and the compelling family drama of his family's journey from Swiss nobility to the California Central Valley.

CGS On the Road to San Joaquin County

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N El Dorado St, Stockton, CA 95202

Please join members of the California Genealogical Society and the [San Joaquin Genealogical Society](#) for networking, a presentation and a discussion about blogging.

In Memoriam

Eileen Patricia Redman (1931 - 2010)



Pleasanton resident Eileen Redman passed away at home on August 25, 2010, at the age of 79. Genealogy was her passion for the last fifteen years and her research was the source of many wonderful friendships. She had been a member of CGS since 1999.

Her full obituary was published in the [Contra Costa Times](#) on August 31, 2010.

Workshop: *Guidelines for Writing Your Family History* with Don Edwards

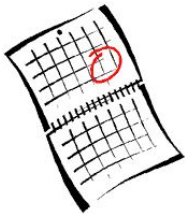
Saturday, November 20, 2010, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California

This informal and interactive writing workshop will help you professionally tell your unique family story. Learn how to write your family's history, professional reports and articles. Bring your current genealogical writing projects to discuss. The workshop is limited to the first ten participants to enroll.

[Register online.](#)

Coming in December

Save The Date!



12/11: Workshop - *Heating Up Your Research with Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*, Dr. Melinda Kashuba

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Why Does This Record Exist?](#) by Sherry Lindsay

[Scribbles, Scratches, and Splotches](#) by Deborah Large Fox

[Separate Maintenance or Divorce Records](#) by Kathleen Brandt

[I Found Rachel in the 1852 California Census](#) by Randy Seaver

[You Can Think That if You Want but It's Wrong](#) by Lorine McGinnis Schulze

[Essential Research Tools - Research Logs and Research Report](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[San Francisco City Directories on SF Genealogy](#) by SFPL Magazines and Newspapers Center Staff

California Ancestors: From Here, There and Everywhere!

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to **Florence Randolph Jackson Lee**, grandmother of Lisa B. Lee.



Florence Randolph Jackson Lee (1884-1965) was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, one of three daughters of Charles Kersey JACKSON and Mary Luvisa BRUCE. The Jacksons were an affluent black family who owned The Robinson House, a hotel in Niagara Falls, New York. After Florence graduated from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York in 1908, she worked for a designer on Fifth Avenue in New York City as a modiste - a fashionable dressmaker or milliner.

Florence married Edward David LEE in 1917 in Niagara Falls and the newlyweds settled in nearby Buffalo, New York where Florence co-founded the Lit-Mus Study Club in 1922. (The name is a contraction of the terms "literature" and "music" and is pronounced Lit-MUSE.) The group started with a nucleus of 21 women and a mission "to study history, sociology, civic, literature, music, and any other subject chosen to improve our community and to promote sociability among our members." Eighty-eight years later it is the oldest active affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's clubs in Buffalo and continues a tradition of service to the community that spans more than three quarters of a century.

- Lisa Lee

Call For Submissions - Are you member with a great family photo to share? Do you have a wonderful family story and a photo to go with it? If you would like to pay tribute to your ancestor in a future edition of the eNews, please [email Lorna Wallace](mailto:lorna.wallace@california-genealogy.com) and send your image with a brief narrative.

Did you miss these posts in the California Genealogical Society & Library blog?

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[RootsMagic Special Interest Group Starts October 19, 2010](#)

[CGS Member Speakers at the California Family History Expo](#)

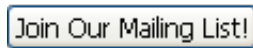
[Spotlight on the Manuscript Collection: The Covell Family Papers](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: October 2010 Published](#)

[Wordless Wednesday: Internet Research with Nancy Peterson and Ron Filion](#)



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