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## New YouTube Video Features the California Genealogical Society

### FamilySearch Indexing + Genealogical Societies = Great Stuff for Genealogists



Have you seen the new [YouTube video](#) featuring Jane and Nancy? It was filmed at the library last summer. Be on the lookout for information later this month about our next indexing project: the [1852 California State Census](#).

*The California Genealogical Society and Library works with FamilySearch to provide free online access to the records of funeral homes in the San Francisco area. These records are among the few collections that date back prior to 1906 and the San Francisco earthquake. They are great substitutes for death records*

*for that time period.*

## Decennial Dues Increase

### Board Votes to Continue Fiscal Tradition

Effective May 1, 2011, membership dues will be raised \$5 per year for four levels of membership: basic, family, international and library/society. It has been ten years since the last increase. In fact, the society has raised dues by only a modest \$5 in each ten-year period since 1991.

Members wishing to renew at the old rate are welcome to do so before May 1. [Renew now](#) (for up to two years) and save.

## Book Launch and March Membership Meeting with Nancy Peterson

**Saturday, March 12, 2011, 12:00 p.m.**

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



Celebrate with us as we launch the second edition of *Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research* by CGS Research Director Nancy S. Peterson. The festivities will start at noon. After a short membership meeting at 1:00 p.m., Nancy will present a talk, "Climbing Over, Under, Around and Through Lost Records." [Learn more at the blog.](#)

## Celtic Roots Workshop: Scotland and Ireland Research

**Saturday, March 19, 2011, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Let Cath Trindle share her expertise and show you how to navigate the Scotland government web sites to retrieve basic records like statutory registers, census, old parish records, and testaments. She'll also look at the growing selection of Irish records available online and touch on some online genealogical resources

for those with Welsh ancestry. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

### Internet Workshop: Two Talks by Lisa B. Lee

**Saturday, March 26, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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



Lisa Lee will help you harness the power of the internet. Lisa will cover **Internet Security** and explore the various ways your computer, PDA and cellphone may be vulnerable to attack by viruses or unscrupulous persons intent on stealing your personal data. In **Finding Your Unfindables** learn how to deal with online records that are mis-transcribed or poorly indexed. Lisa wants to help you find your elusive ancestors! [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

### Workshop: Online Newspapers with Janice Sellers

**Saturday, April 2, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Newspapers are a valuable but underutilized resource in genealogical research. Janice Sellers will give an overview of what is available, tell you how to find it, and teach you the techniques to help you trace your ancestors in the paper. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

### Blogging 201: Learning More Features on the Blogger Platform

**Saturday, April 16, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

Craig Siulinski is back with a second hands-on workshop for genealogy bloggers who want to further their skills and learn more about the blogger platform. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

### Forever Remembered: Writing Your Autobiography with Francine Brevetti

**Thursday, April 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

Francine Brevetti, noted journalist, author and biographer will show you how to make the writing of your autobiography easy.

[Register online.](#)

### Workshop: Two DNA Lectures by Steve Morse

**Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Perennial favorite Steve Morse returns with two lectures: *From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask* and *Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed*.

[Register online.](#)

## Can You Help?

### Board Member Sought

We have an unanticipated vacancy on the Board of Directors and are seeking a **Recording Secretary**.

Qualifications: Willing to take accurate minutes at the monthly board meetings and ability to transcribe minutes in a concise report for the permanent record. Good writing skills for preparing reports.

Time Commitment: Third Wednesday about 1-2 hours. Time at home to transcribe and prepare reports.

Please [email President Steve Harris](#) if you can help. Note in subject line: "Recording Secretary inquiry."

## In Memoriam

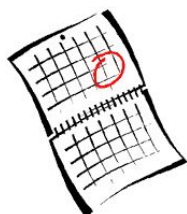
### Annette Woolsey (1944 - 2011)



New Zealand native Annette Woolsey passed away peacefully in her sleep after an 18-month battle with cancer. She joined the society in 2001 and participated in several Salt Lake City research tours. Annette was a genealogy volunteer at the Santa Clara City Library. She organized the successful [On the Road to Santa Clara](#) meeting in June 2009. Annette's [obituary](#) was published in the San Jose Mercury News on February 1, 2011.

## Coming in May

### Save the Dates!



5/7 First Saturday Free - *Intro to Genealogy*, Craig Siulinski

5/14 *Using Postcards for Genealogy Research*, Glenn Koch

5/15 - 5/22 Salt Lake City Research Tour, Jane Lindsey and Nancy Peterson

## Only Six Spots Left for the Annual Salt Lake City Tour

**Sunday to Sunday, May 15-22, 2011**

**Accommodations at the Shilo Inn, 206 West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah**

If you are planning to attend the eleventh annual California Genealogical Society Salt Lake City Tour to the Family History Library May 15 - 22, 2011, be sure to send in your deposit soon. Don't miss out!

[Download the tour flier](#) for full information.

[Register online](#) and reserve your space now!

## Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Why Blogs Matter](#) by Denise Barrett Olson

[Hook 'em While They're Young](#) by Janice M. Sellers

[Putting Names to Faces of Long Ago](#) by Cathy H. Paris

[My Challenge to Genealogists: It's Time to Get Hip](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis

[Tuesday's Tip - Use NUCMC to Find Manuscript Holdings](#) by Randy Seaver

[The Week My Outlook on Genealogy Changed: RootsTech 2011](#) by Polly FitzGerald Kimmitt

[Have a Question About Irish Genealogy or Heritage? Irish Genealogy Toolkit Provides Answers](#) by Deborah Large Fox

## California Ancestors

### Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, we pay tribute to **Mary "Mollie" Donlon Flynn**, Irish grandmother of Mary Caroline Chunn.



*My maternal grandmother, Mary Pauline "Mollie" Donlon (1899-1989), was born and raised on a farm in El Rio, formerly known as New Jerusalem, Ventura County, California. She was the ninth of twelve children of John Donlon and Mary Caroline Forrer who were the first couple to be married in the New Jerusalem Church in 1886. They came from entirely different backgrounds: he sailed to America from Ireland and she came to California from Utah in a covered wagon.*

*Mollie attended Rio Grammar School, where her father was a trustee, and graduated from Oxnard High School. In 1920 she married George Henry Flynn of nearby Camarillo. They had four children, including my mother, Patsy Flynn. They were wonderful grandparents, always showing genuine delight in their grandchildren. We called them Nana and Gramper.*

*In addition to superb domestic skills, her many talents included hat-making and oil painting. She was in the same bridge club for over fifty years. A lot of her time was spent visiting and calling her sisters and brothers and, of course, her children and grandchildren. She lived in the same county her whole life and had many long-lasting friendships. I once heard*

someone tell her, "George got a peach when he married you."

The Ventura County Donlons have roots in Derryshanogue, County Longford, Ireland. In fact, there are Derryshanogue Donlons all over the globe. There will be an exhibit in their honor this year at the [Dublin Heritage Center](#) in Dublin, California, from April 20 to June 24, 2011.

- Mary Caroline Chunn

**Call For Submissions** - Are you member with a great family photo to share? If you would like to pay tribute to your ancestor in a future edition of the eNews, please [email Lorna Wallace](#) and send your image with a brief narrative.

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

[Genealogy Addiction](#)

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Happy Birthday to Us! - 113 years](#)

[Top Ten Reasons to Go to Salt Lake City with CGS](#)

[Anatomy of the Sanborn Maps Workshop with Melinda Kashuba](#)

[The California Genealogical Society and FamilySearch on YouTube](#)



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