



Holiday Hours

Library Closed Memorial Day Weekend

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed on Saturday, May 28, 2011, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Wish You Were Here: Using Postcards for Genealogy Research

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

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



People have been collecting postcards since they first appeared on the American scene in 1893. While their popularity has ebbed and flowed, they continue to be sought after by collectors today. CGS member Glenn Koch combines his passion for postcards with his interest in genealogy and has agreed to share his expertise at the May membership meeting. Want to learn how postcards can enhance your family tree or genealogy project? Join us!

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Writing and Publishing Your Family History with Nora Profit

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Everyone has a story to tell, what about you? You've done the research, gathered the facts, and now you're ready to write your family history. Join journalist Nora Profit for an afternoon and learn how to categorize your experiences, memories and family traditions and present them in a cohesive structure. The world is waiting for your one-of-a-kind story. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Heading To the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree?

June 10-12, 2011, Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank



It's that time of year again! Members are making plans to head south for the best West coast genealogy event of the year.

The California Genealogical Society will be part of a special new **Society Row** at this year's Jamboree. The fine folks at SCGS have made it possible for us to have a table for one day *at no cost!*

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Digital Photography: A Tool for Your Genealogical Research

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Let Mary Beth Frederick teach you how to use your digital camera to take photographs of books, original documents, microfilm, and computer screens.

[Register online.](#)

Civil War Research: It's More than Compiled Service and Pension Records

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

If you haven't heard Susan Goss Johnston speak about military records, you are in for a treat! In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Johnston is presenting two talks: *Recreating the Life of the Civil War Soldier* and *It Becomes My Painful Duty: Uncovering the Stories behind Letters of Condolence*.

[Register online.](#)

Fort Wayne, Indiana Research Tour August 21-28, 2011

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center



Join Director Jeff Vaillant for the fifth CGS Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-28, 2011. Whether you have visited before or this is your first time, you will enjoy your week at the best public genealogy library in the United States. For more information, [download the registration flier.](#)

[Register online.](#)

In Memoriam

The society received word of the deaths of two members.

Richard Brooks Hovey (1924 - 2010)

Lt. Colonel (RET) Richard Brooks Hovey died at his Vacaville home on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010. A native of Massachusetts, Hovey had been a member of the California Genealogical Society since 1993. Private burial services were held in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, Mass. His [obituary](#) appeared in the *Vacaville Reporter*.

Helen Frances Sheahan (1922 - 2011)

San Francisco native Helen Frances Sheahan died Monday, January 24, 2011. Helen worked for the city of San Francisco for forty-two years before retiring to Sacramento. She had been a member of the California Genealogical Society since 1991. Helen's [obituary](#) was published in the *Sacramento Bee* on February 5-6, 2011.

Can You Help?

Volunteers Needed to Staff the Desk

Do you have a few spare hours a month? The reception desk needs additional volunteers. This is a great job for members who like to help people and who are interested in learning more about the library and its resources.

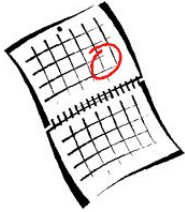
Qualifications: No special expertise is required - we will teach you the basics.

Time Commitment: One shift per month: 9-4 Thursday or Friday, 10-4 Saturday.

Please [email Lorna Wallace](#) if you can help. Note in subject line: "Desk."

Coming in July

Save the Dates!



7/8 *A Few of My Favorite Things and Research Logs*, Virginia Kysh

7/9 July Membership Meeting: *So Many Books, So Little Time! Demystifying the California Genealogical Society Library*, Barbara Hill & Laura Spurrier

7/16 *Mapping Madness*, Ron Arons

7/23 *Introduction to Latino/Hispanic Genealogy*, Sheila Prader & Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

7/30 *Chinese Research*, Doug Joe

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[Tips on Abstracting a Record](#) by John D. Beatty

[Finding U.S. Naturalization Records](#) by Philip Trauring

[25 Great Books on the Civil War Era -- Free!](#) by Craig Manson

[Patent \(Invention\) Research on the Internet](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Did the U.S. Federal Government Register Births?](#) by Linda McCauley

[Bringing Genealogy Societies into the 21st Century: Recap](#) by Amy Crow

[Breaking News: Scientists Pinpoint the Origins of Piles of Genea-Crap](#) by Kerry Scott

California Ancestors

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to **Valmah "Val" Sherman White**, uncle of Stephen Glenn White.



Valmah Sherman

WHITE, my father's older brother, was born 16 Jun 1894 in Elkader, Boardman Township, Clayton County, Iowa. He enlisted in the French army [Réserve Malle](#), in 1916, as a volunteer ambulance driver. As far as I know this event was never mentioned throughout my entire childhood.

Just last year the widow of his son made many snapshots, studio photos of my uncle, and other related material available to me. This tiny print was among them. He is on the far left, placing a call in the donkey's ear to his buddy at the tail!

He was able to return from Europe, marry, and establish a law practice in a small town near Elkader. During the 1930s, he also served in elected offices in Chickasaw County, Iowa. He died in 1945.

-Stephen Glenn White

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?

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

[Society Row at Jamboree - Can You Help?](#)

[Summer Evening Hours Start Thursday, June 2, 2011](#)

[What Bay Area Genealogy Events Will You Attend in May?](#)

[Elizabeth O'Neal and Kathy Watson at the DAR State Conference](#)

[Talking California Genealogical Society Initiatives on Blog Talk Radio](#)



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