



Holiday Hours

Library Closed for Memorial Day Weekend

The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed on Saturday, May 26, 2012, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Bounty Land and the War of 1812 Soldier

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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



Military records expert Susan Goss Johnston thinks genealogists should make more frequent use of the many records created by the War of 1812 soldiers' quest for bounty land. Come and learn more about the treasures that can be found by courageous researchers. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Ancestral Homelands: A Monthly Spotlight Series for Beginners

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA



There are still a few openings in this fifth and final class - *Beginning Research in Germany*. Robert Jackson will present an introduction to the great wave of German immigration from 1840 to 1900. The class fee is \$10.00.

[Register online.](#)

Early Bird Price Ends Soon - Register Today!

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549



Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, is bringing her blend of photo curation, genealogy, and history back to the Bay Area. She will present four new lectures at [A Day with the Photo Detective](#). Register by May 6, 2012 for the early bird price - just \$48 to attend this all-day event, including lunch. The price will increase to \$58 on May 7, 2012.

Please help us spread the word - [download the event flier](#) and share it with a friend.

Visit our [event site](#) for full information and registration.

Join Us at Jamboree!

June 8-10, 2012, Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA



The California Genealogical Society will have a table in Society Row again this year on **Saturday, June 9, 2012**, at Jamboree. We will be selling [Raking the Ashes](#) and the [Insider's Guide to California Genealogy](#) so we're looking for member volunteers to help us staff the table.

If you are attending and can volunteer us an hour or two of your time, please [email Kathryn Doyle](#).

Summer Evening Hours Begin June 14, 2012

Library Open From 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays through August



For the third year in a row, the California Genealogical Society will offer summer extended research hours, designed especially for our working members and patrons.

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

Coming in July - Two Summer Genealogy Courses!

Watch the Blog and Website for Details and Registration



Writing Your Family History: Start Now! - Monthly sessions beginning Saturday, July 7, 2012

Best Genealogy Websites - Thursday Evenings beginning July 19, 2012

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere

[We Paid in Blood](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Mission San Jose, Fremont, California](#) by Chris Pattillo

[The Biggest Myth in American History](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[It's a Grave Matter - Cemetery Resources](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[Citations Explained - A Don't Miss Resource For All Genealogists](#) by Kimberly Powell

[Death Records: A Check List of Ten Documents Every Genealogist Should Acquire](#) by Bill Dollarhide

[The Poetry of Provenance, or, Where Did That Clipping Come From?](#) by San Francisco History Center Archivist

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

In May, as we celebrate [Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month](#), we honor the Japanese immigrant ancestors of Ted Okazaki, husband of CGS member and Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Okazaki.



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橫濱市朝日座前

Ichimaru Okazaki & Hamako Maibara marriage photo, 1921

Seventeen-year-old Ichimaru Okazaki left his tiny village of Tabara, Okayama, Japan, on August 1, 1912. After a 21-day voyage, he arrived at Angel Island where he was detained for two days. On August 25, 1912, he took a streetcar to meet his father who had arrived in San Francisco many years earlier. During the days, father and son worked in a laundry; at night, Ichimaru studied English. His brothers, Namita and Hifumi, as well as their sister, followed the same path to America. Namita and Hifumi contracted Spanish flu and were sent back to Japan. Hifumi died aboard ship; Namita recovered but never returned to California.

Ichimaru and his father, Sasanji, eventually became farmers. In 1920, Ichimaru briefly traveled to Japan, returning in 1921 with his young bride, Hamako Maibara. Their three children were born in Oakland, automatically becoming American citizens.

Ichimaru farmed in Santa Maria until the outbreak of World War II. He and other farmers were rounded up by the FBI and sent to jail. His wife and children were sent to an internment camp, with thousands of other Japanese and Japanese-Americans. Eventually the family was reunited in Crystal City, Texas, at an internment camp run by the INS. There were detainees of various nationalities, including Germans, Italians and Japanese-Latin Americans. Following the war, Ichimaru, Hamako and two of their children returned to Japan. Despite the hardships endured by Ichimaru and Hamako, all of their direct descendants are current residents of California.

Call For Submissions - Are you a 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?

[Celebrating Our Volunteers](#)

[1940 Census Indexing - April 2012 Update](#)

[A Call for Volunteers from Our New Coordinator](#)

[The California Genealogical Society on Pinterest](#)

[Historical Portuguese Newspapers of California Digitized](#)

[CGS at the Aging & Disability Technology Summit - May 15, 2012](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: May 2012 Published](#)

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