



## **Genealogy 101: Getting Started - Free Class in San Francisco**

**Saturday, September 8, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**The Society of California Pioneers, 300 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA 94107**



The California Genealogical Society is partnering with The Society of California Pioneers to present a special class at their beautiful facility in San Francisco. The lecture by Lavinia Schwarz is free and open to members of both the California Genealogical Society and the Society of California Pioneers. Seating is limited. Preregistration is required.

[Learn more at the blog.](#) [Register online.](#)

## **Last Chance to Register! Classes Begin September 18, 2012**

**Fall Beginning Genealogy Series: Tuesday Mornings 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602**



In celebration of Family History Month in October, the Oakland FamilySearch Library will host the California Genealogical Society's fifth annual Fall Beginning Genealogy Research Series. Seven ninety-minute sessions will cover the basics. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

For the full class schedule and information, [download the course flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

## **Announcing the San Francisco Special Interest Group**

**Organizing Meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2012, 10:00 a.m.**

**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**

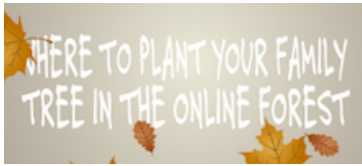
The California Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the formation of the **San Francisco Special Interest Group**. This new SIG is open to all who have an interest in San Francisco research, pre- and post-1906. Our core research guide will be Nancy Peterson's book, *Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research*. RSVP via [email to Sandra Britt-Huber](#).

[Learn more at the blog.](#)

## **Where to Plant Your Family Tree in the Online Forest**

**Saturday, September 29, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**



Sharing your genealogical research online enables you to connect with others who share your ancestry. Sheri Fenley and Doug Joe will explore four websites in the forest of online trees, discuss the pros and cons of using online webtrees and give a demonstration. [Learn more at the blog.](#) [Register online.](#)

### **Build a Book and Learn Book Repair Techniques**

**Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**



The California Genealogical Society is taking reservations for the popular Book Repair Workshop, taught by Book Repair Committee Chairman Bill O'Neil. Learn book repair techniques by building your own book. The workshop is limited to ten enrollees. [Learn more at the blog.](#) [Register online.](#)

### **Family History Day at the California State Archives**

**Saturday, October 13, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**California State Archives, 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

The California Genealogical Society is pleased to be an exhibitor at the 14th Annual Family History Day at the California State Archives. President Jeffrey Vaillant will be heading up our delegation. Please join us for this free event. [Learn more.](#)

### **New Workshop Offering! Create Your Own Document Box**

**Thursday, October 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**



Book Repair Committee Chairman Bill O'Neil has a new workshop presentation. Learn how to create your own book box or document box. Workshop attendees will make a custom-sized box for a personal item or items. The workshop is limited to ten participants. [Learn more at the blog.](#)

[Register online.](#)

### **Legacy Planning: What Happens to Your Research After You're Gone?**

**Saturday, October 20, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612**



Legacy Planning usually refers to your will, trusts and medical directives. Have you thought about what is going to happen to your family history research? Patricia Burrow is back for an encore presentation of her talk. She'll share some of the things we can do to ensure our family history research is preserved for future generations.

[Register online.](#)

### **NEHGS Comes West 2012 - Register now! Early Bird Price Ends 9/23**

**Full Day Seminar and Lunch, Friday October 26, 2012, 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

## **Hs Lordships Restaurant at the Marina, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710**

Don't miss a weekend of top-notch genealogy when the New England Historic Genealogical Society comes to town in October. This year we are offering two lecture tracks. You choose the talks you want to attend. Topics include vital records, immigration, online searching, New York state, and, of course, New England. Stay for an optional dinner Friday evening. A limited number of private consultations will be available at the CGS Library on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

[Download the information flier](#) for full schedule of events. [Register online](#) by September 23, 2012 for the discounted price!

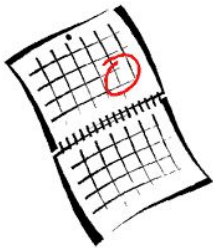
### **Can You Help? Items Needed for October Silent Auction**

The silent auctions held at past California Genealogical Society events have been very successful fund-raisers. 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 needed for our October 26, 2012 seminar with NEHGS. Can you help? [Learn how.](#)

### **Coming in November**

#### **Save These Dates!**



11/3: First Saturday Free; Intro Class with Kim Cotton

11/10: Fun Tools and Gadgets for Genealogists, Tim Cox

### **The Volunteer Corner**

#### **Welcome Our Newest Volunteers!**

*by Linda Harms Okazaki*

Four new volunteers have joined our team: Catherine Shepard-Haier and Barbara Coster are our most recent additions to the Book Repair Committee. Anna Junglas will be working with the Publications and Marketing Committee. Ja'Nice Hoobler is assisting Henry Snyder on the Library Committee. Additionally, current volunteer Sandra Britt-Huber has joined Tom Gesner on the Strategic Planning Committee. I know you will all join me in a warm welcome of these dedicated individuals.

If you would like to volunteer for the California Genealogical Society, please [email Linda Okazaki](mailto:volunteers@californiaancestors.org) at [volunteers@californiaancestors.org](mailto:volunteers@californiaancestors.org).

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

All of this month's picks come from CGS member blogs!

[The Tuskegee Syphilis Study](#) by Craig Manson

[Beginning Genealogy Advice](#) by Amy Coffin, MLIS

[Daddy's Girl - Google in Peace, Dad](#) by Debbie Mascot

[Women of the DAR Come in All Shapes and Sizes](#) by Sheri Fenley

[My Greatest Discovery \(Carnival of Genealogy #121\)](#) by Leah Allen

[How to Archive Family Keepsakes Now Available](#) by Denise Levenick

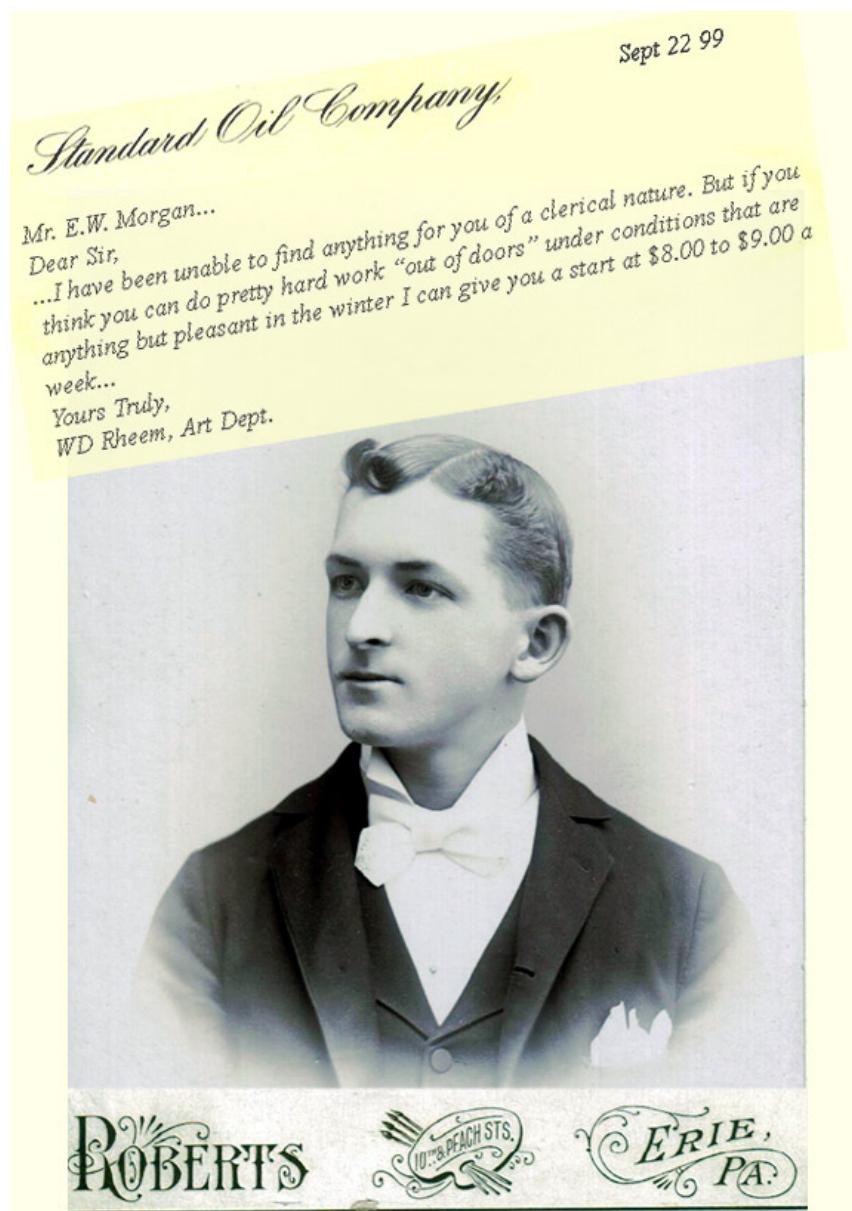
## California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

### Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This Labor Day, we honor Earl Warren Wright, grandfather of California Genealogical Society board member Jim Sorenson, and his work for the Standard Oil Company

## It's a Job!



Excerpt of the 1899 letter to Earl Wright Morgan (1879-1953)

*My maternal grandfather, Earl Wright Morgan, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1879, the son of Fabuis Wright*

*Morgan (1845-1888) and Julia Lillian Sweney (1850-1915). A month before his tenth birthday, Earl became "the man of the family" when his father died suddenly. At age twelve, he took a job sweeping floors in a drug store for \$.50 per week to help support his mother and two elder sisters. Six years later he was helping fill prescriptions and making \$5.00 per week. Working cut into school time so he was twenty when he finally graduated from high school.*

*Earl searched for a clerical position and in September 1899, received the following letter from Standard Oil Company in Whiting, Indiana on the shore of Lake Michigan.*

"Dear Sir.

Your letter under date of Sept. 12 addressed to Mr. Chas. Dudley was handed to me a few days ago. I have been unable to find anything for you of a clerical nature. But if you think you are able to do pretty hard work "out doors" under conditions that are anything but pleasant in the winter, I can give you a start at from \$8.00 to \$9.00 a week. Your future will depend on your abilities and efforts.

Yours Truly

W. D. Rheem Asst. Supr."

*My grandfather moved to Whiting and took a job steam cleaning oil tank cars, inside and out. When he left Standard Oil in September 1907, to pursue an electrical engineering course, he possessed two letters of employment reference. The first, from Standard Oil, described two years in the refinery pipe shop and the last "six years as the Chief Draftsman head of the Drafting Department." The second letter was from the City of Whiting, Indiana stated he had been "employed by this city as Civil Engineer for several years" and was leaving the "City Engineer" position voluntarily.*

*Grandfather Earl rejoined Standard Oil in 1910, this time in Richmond, California. He attained a fairly high rank in their Engineering Department before leaving in the early 1920s to be manager of their office building in Los Angeles. By 1930, he was making \$115 per week. Earl Wright Morgan retired in 1943. He died 26 January 1953, in Los Angeles.*

*The 1899 photograph of my grandfather was taken the same year he went to work for Standard Oil.*

-Jim Sorenson

**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?**

[Wordless Wednesday](#)

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

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