



Holiday Hours

Library Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend



The California Genealogical Society Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25, 2012. The library will re-open Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Happy Turkey Day!

French-Canadian Special Interest Group

Saturday, November 3, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA

An organizing meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November to determine if there is interest in resurrecting the French-Canadian Special Interest Group. Noted French-Canadian researcher Dick Boucher will be attending the session. RSVP by [email to Jane Lindsey](#).

November Membership Meeting: Fun Tools for Genealogists to Help You Work Smarter

Saturday, November 10, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA



Genealogists are always looking for ways to be more productive while researching, especially when digitally storing the information collected. But with technology constantly changing, how do we keep up with the new software, websites, tools and devices?

Join Tim Cox for a discussion about using smart phones, tablets, and other tools to help you work smarter, be more productive, and allow you to easily share your information with others. Tim's talk will begin after a short membership meeting which starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Platting and Locating Lands from Metes and Bounds Deeds

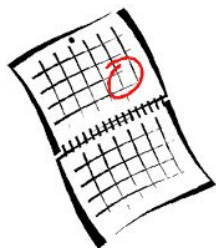
Saturday, December 8, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Using deeds and other land records to assist with researching family history can help us gain a better understanding of the family, the land, and the community. Pam Miller is back with a new workshop to help you navigate this rich record set. She will simplify the "metes and bounds" terminology seen in early deeds. [Learn more.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Coming in January 2013

Save These Dates!



- 1/5: First Saturday Free; Intro Class, Lisa Gorrell
- 1/12: Annual Meeting Luncheon, Andy Anderson, Chief Historian, Wells Fargo Bank
- 1/15: RootsMagic Special Interest Group
- 1/19: San Francisco Special Interest Group
- 1/26: Using Microsoft Excel and Word to Further Your Genealogy, Tim Cox

The Volunteer Corner

Exciting Changes in the Library!

by *Linda Harms Okazaki*

Henry Snyder and the illustrious library committee did a fantastic job arranging for the delivery and installation of our new shelving. The shift of our entire library collection, also known as "The Great Book Migration," was a monumental task, made possible only by our dedicated team of volunteers. Thank you all for making this so successful.

Thank you also to our volunteers who worked before, during, and after the NEHGS event. Under the tutelage of Jane Lindsey, more than 200 attendees were registered and guided through a fantastic educational experience.

I'd like to introduce our newest volunteer, Allan Jones. A member since 1990, Allan lives in Melbourne, Australia. Over the years, he has utilized our research services with great satisfaction and success. He is now offering to do look-ups in his locale. Please contact our research committee for further information.

The California Genealogical Society is always looking for new volunteers. We have large and small jobs. We can use your help for one-time events or for long-term projects. Some members, like Allan, have specific opportunities in mind.

Everyone is welcome, just let us know how you'd like to help. If you have a skill to share, please email Linda Okazaki at volunteers@californiaancestors.org.

Editor's Picks: Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[Cruel and Unusual Punishment](#) by Judy G. Russell

[Giant Grasshopper Mystery Photo-Solved!](#) by Maureen A. Taylor

[Did Your Ancestor Travel the Trail of Tears?](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley

[The Library of Congress - A New and Free Magazine!](#) by Diane L Richard

[1852 California State Census Asks Previous Residence](#) by Michael John Neill

California Ancestors: They Came from Everywhere

Photo Tributes to the CGS Family

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we honor **Thad Tracy**, ancestor of board member and Correspondence Secretary Karen Lemelin.



Thad Tracy (1865-1902)

My paternal great-grandfather, Thad Tracy, was born 8 September 1865 on a farm in Keokuk, Iowa. He was the ninth child of his father, Culvin S. Tracy, the fourth from Culvin's marriage to Margaret Cook. Thad was the great-grandson of Revolutionary War patriot Nathaniel Tracy.

Thad met his future wife, Nevada Jane Trowbridge, at Rich Hill, Missouri, "the town that coal built." They married 15 November 1891 and had their only child, Arthur Weaver Tracy, on 25 August 1892. They followed Thad's half-brother, Irvin Tracy, westward and by 1896 were living in Trinity County, California. My great-grandfather provided caring support in his home for Irvin and for his nephew Fay during their final days as they succumbed to tuberculosis.

Thad's kindhearted and caring personality was exhibited in the letters he left for his family during his final days. In them, he shared his guiding principles for life and his love for his son and wife. Thad died at the age of thirty-six in 1902 from tuberculosis. He and Nevada are buried in Redding, California.

-Karen Lemelin

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](#)

[An Idea You Should Steal](#)

[A Colonial Dames Treasure Returns Home](#)

[Workshop You Missed: Create Your Own Document Box](#)

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



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