



Summer Evening Hours Begin May 23, 2013

Library Open 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday Evenings through August
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612



The California Genealogical Society offers summer extended research hours designed especially for our working members and patrons. Beginning May 23, 2013, and continuing every Thursday through August, the library will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. [Learn more.](#)

FamilySearch: What Is There for You - An Evening Class for Members

Thursday, May 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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FamilySearch.org continues to add record sets from locations all over the world. In addition to its vast collection of historical documents, the site has many other resources for genealogists. Join Jane Knowles Lindsey for an overview of the site with a focus on historical records, the online catalog and the Wiki. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

Visit Our Used Book Store on eBay

All Proceeds Benefit the California Genealogical Society



Are you interested in some great deals on used genealogical books? Members of the Library Committee have set up a virtual store on eBay. Because we are a non-profit registered with [eBay Giving Works](#), 100% of the sale price supports CGS. We have more than 100 titles currently for sale. Buy a book and support the California

Genealogical Society! Browse our titles at [CGSbooks4Sale](#).

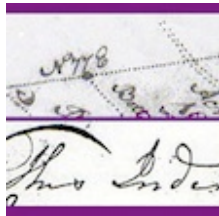
Encore! Two Popular Workshops Return

Saturday, May 25, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Both workshops will be held at the same time in different rooms in the library - choose only one. Don't delay! These are popular offerings with limited seating.

Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File Folders

After collecting digital images from online sources and manually scanning paper documents and photos for more than twenty years, Tim Cox found a management method that works for his digital files. Tim is back with this popular workshop to demonstrate his system. [Register online.](#)



Platting and Locating Lands from Metes and Bounds Deeds

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 to help you navigate this rich record set. She will simplify the "metes and bounds" terminology seen in early deeds. [Register online.](#)

Summer Intermediate Series

Classes Begin Thursday, May 30, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Registration is now open for an encore summer session of our popular Intermediate Genealogy Series, designed for the researcher who wants to go beyond the basics. Ten classes will be held Thursday evenings beginning May 30, 2013 through August 8, 2013. [Download the series flier](#) for full class descriptions.

[Register online.](#)

Join Us at the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree!

June 6-9, 2013, Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA



The California Genealogical Society will be exhibiting at a Saturday Society Row table at this year's Jamboree. We're looking for members to help us staff the table on June 8, 2013. We will also gather to take our traditional member conference photo so if you will be attending please [email Kathryn Doyle](#). Let me know if you can volunteer an hour to help us staff the table.

Using Online Library Catalogs

Saturday, June 8, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Join California Genealogical Society librarians Barbara Hill and Laura Spurrier for an informative class on using online public access catalogs (OPACs) and how they can aid your genealogy research. Libraries large and small ([including our own](#)) have these databases you can access from home. Barbara and Laura will share their expertise so you can search effectively and utilize these powerful tools. [Learn more.](#) [Register online.](#)

Demystifying Lineage Society Applications

Saturday, June 22, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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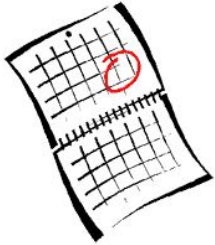
Are you eligible to join a lineage society? Does the process overwhelm you? Linda Longley's informative workshop will give you the tools to get started, help streamline the process, and answer your questions.

[Register online.](#)



Coming in July

Save These Dates!



- 7/6: First Saturday Free; Intro Class, Muriel Sonne
- 7/9: Book Repair Committee
- 7/10: Field Trip to San Francisco Public Library
- 7/13: Membership Meeting
- 7/16: RootsMagic Special Interest Group
- 7/20: San Francisco Special Interest Group
- 7/22: Book Signing Event with Gena Ortega and Jean Wilcox Hibben
- 7/27: Chinese Research Workshop

Visit our website, CaliforniaAncestors.org, for up-to-date event information on classes and events.

Announcing the Fort Wayne, Indiana Research Tour

August 11-18, 2013

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

Join President Jeff Vaillant for the sixth California Genealogical Society Research Tour to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-28, 2013. 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. [Download the tour flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

In Memoriam

Jane Annette Billings Steiner (1925-2013)



Jane Steiner died April 19, 2013, in Oakland, California. A member of the California Genealogical Society since 1981, Jane held many leadership positions including program chair, recording secretary and treasurer. Jane served as president of the society 1987-1988, co-editor of the CGS News 1988-1989, and spearheaded the years-long project to record and publish the 1890 Great Registers data which culminated in the 2002 publication of *San Francisco, California: 1890 Great Register of Voters*, edited by Jane Billings Steiner. Before retirement Jane was a high school business education teacher. There will be no public memorial service and no published obituary. Gifts to honor her memory may be sent to the [Salem Lutheran Home](#).

The Volunteer Corner

Members Step Up to Volunteer

by Linda Harms Okazaki

Of our more than 1,000 members, 170 individuals have at one time or another volunteered their time at the California Genealogical Society. Ninety-three members have signed up to volunteer in 2013 and eight of those have been members for twenty years or longer.

We are always looking for additional people to join our team. If you have a special skill to share or just want to meet some new people, come volunteer with us! All committees have positions available but we are in particular need of Desk Duty trainees. Please [email Linda Okazaki](#) if you can help

Editor's Picks

Suggested Links from the Blogosphere

[Did Your Ancestors Reboot?](#) by Kerry Scott

[Book: Raking The Ashes](#) by Judy G. Russell

[My Favorite Part of the Library? The Catalog!](#) by Madaleine J. Laird

[Express Your Gratitude to Genealogical Repository Staff](#) by Michael J. Leclerc

[Tuesday's Tip - Check out the Pennsylvania Collections on FamilySearch](#) by Randy Seaver

[Finding Ancestors in Fort Wayne: The Genealogist's Unofficial One-Stop Guide to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#) by Harold Henderson

[Keeping the Lights On: Are Genealogical Publishing Houses in Jeopardy? What about Societies and the Books They've Historically Published?](#) by Diane L Richard

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 paternal Chinese-American family of member Pamela Coville.



The LEE Sack Sam Family [standing] Oscar, age 16, Henry, 14, and May, 12; [seated] George, 22, LEE Sack Sam, 54, with Edward, 6, on his lap and CHAN Shee, 39, holding Paul, 2.

This photograph dates from the latter part of 1913, between September and December. My grandfather, LEE Sack Sam, wanted the family to sit for a formal portrait before he took his four young sons to China for their education. George, the eldest, had just returned to Fresno, California, from China. He had traveled there hoping to get a job with the new Nationalist Government of Sun Yat-Sen, but he came home disappointed.

On November 15, 1913, the family - LEE Sack Sam, his second wife, CHAN Shee, Oscar, Henry, my father Edward, and Paul - applied for a "Return Certificate" at the Fresno Immigration Service Office. However, because of the civil war occurring in China, the family cancelled their travel plans. This is the only known photograph of the whole nuclear family.

-Pamela Coville

Call for Submissions - Are you a member with a great family photo to share? 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 Genealogy Calendar: May 2013 Published](#)

[Obscure Records of U.S. Citizens and Nationality - a Free Lecture by Marian Smith](#)

[What You Missed: April 2013 Membership Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony](#)

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