



Editor's Note

Summer Membership Meeting

Forget the lazy days of summer, we've got all kinds of activities lined up for you! There are Saturday classes, Thursday evening discussion groups, local field trips (and some farther afield), and more.

And make sure you plan to attend next Saturday's Membership Meeting. These gatherings are always a great time to visit with friends, to meet new like-minded people, and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

So join us this coming **Saturday, July 12, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the library for an informal BYO lunch, followed by what promises to be a lively discussion. This meeting's theme is "Sharing DNA Projects and Experiences with DNA Results." Come prepared to talk about your discoveries and bring your questions.

See you at the library!

Summer Thursday Evening Discussions

California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Our extended Thursday summer hours are in effect! Continuing through August, the library will be open 10:00 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. Informal discussions will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on a variety of topics. **Our July topics:**



July 10: Get Help Finding Information Online for Your Genealogical Research

July 17: What to Do Before Beginning Your Foreign Research

July 24: New England Research Questions, facilitated by Jane Lindsey

July 31: Got Questions? Bring Them to Discuss with Our Research Team

There's no need to RSVP or register -- just come to take advantage of the many resources in the library. Non-members are welcome, and the library charges a \$5.00 user fee for non-members. The user fee will be waived for those who arrive after 5:00 p.m. for the discussion sessions.

Check our blog post for a [preview of the August schedule](#).

Family History/Reunion Day at Angel Island

Angel Island Immigration Station San Francisco Bay



Experience a history- and story-filled day on **July 19, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** This event includes a one-woman show about Tye Leung Schulze, who served as an interpreter on Angel Island and was the first Chinese American to join the U.S. Civil Service as well as the first Chinese American woman to vote in the U.S. In addition, family historians Eugina Bailey, Linda Harms Okazaki, Kay Speaks, Sam Louie, Grant Din and others will talk about their Russian, Japanese, and Chinese families' experiences on Angel Island and other ports of entry.

[Learn more about this Family History/Reunion Day](#), how to get there by ferry, and download your free tickets to visit the historic Immigration Station barracks.

July and August Classes

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- Saturday, July 26** [Record Sets: Immigration, Passenger Lists, Naturalization & Passports](#), with Janice Sellers, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 2** [Beginning Genealogy](#), with Linda Okazaki, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9** [Data Tsunami: I Thought It Was a Small Family!](#), with Jane Hufft, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 23** [Directories: City, School, Professional, & More](#), with Stephen Harris, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 30** [Advanced Genealogy Series](#) (5-part series)*, with Susan Goss Johnston, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



* Our regular classes are free to CGS members. The exception is our Advanced Genealogy Series, which has an \$80 fee for members and \$100 fee for non-members.

For more July events, check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#).

Special Interest Group Meetings and More

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Tuesday, July 8: Book Repair Committee, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 12 and Friday, July 18: Stephen Harris City Directory Library, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 19: San Francisco Special Interest Group, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The RootsMagic Special Interest Group will be on hiatus until the fall.

Ethnic Discussion Group: Nikkei Ancestry

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The California Genealogical Society will be hosting a series of ethnic discussion groups that are free and open to the public.

The first in this series will focus on Japanese research. If you're interested in learning how to research Japanese ancestry and you're interested in meeting others who are doing similar work, then this is the group for you!

Join CGS volunteer Linda Okazaki as she leads this brand-new discussion group on **Saturday, August 2, 2014**, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you wish, bring a bag lunch. [Register now](#).

Boston Trip, November 2014

Explore the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Resources



California Genealogical Society's **Tour to Boston** will take place November 2-9, 2014. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the rich resource holdings that can be found at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Who knows what buried treasure you'll find! You may learn more about known ancestors, and you may even discover some new ones.

The trip package includes: seven nights with continental breakfast, orientation at NEHGS, two group meals, and pre-trip consultation and planning with past president of CGS, Jane Lindsey.

This trip requires a minimum of ten attendees. If ten registrations are not received by August 1, 2014, full refunds will be issued. [Learn more and register now.](#)

Berkeley Seminar with the New England Historic Genealogical Society

An Opportunity to Learn about New England Resources



The **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Comes West to Berkeley** event will take place Saturday, September 13, 2014. This one-day seminar will focus on navigating New England and New York records. NEHGS genealogists Chris Child and Alice Kane will present resources and tips, with a special emphasis on resources available online.

[Learn more about the day's schedule and activities -- register soon!](#) **Early bird pricing ends July 31st.**

If you'd like to contribute item(s) for our fundraising silent auction, please contact [Jane Lindsey](#).

Did You Miss These Posts?

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

The California Ancestors Blog has a number of new posts! Check out these items, if you haven't yet seen them highlighted on our Facebook page.

- [Introducing Our New Volunteer Coordinator, Kathleen O'Donnell Beitiks](#)
- [We're Back... Announcing Summer Hours and Discussion Schedule](#)

There are several ways to stay up to date with our blog posts. [Visit our blog](#) and scroll down the right side of the page. You'll see several free subscription options: email, RSS feed, Twitter, Facebook, and more!

Three Upcoming Conferences Outside of California

Take Your Summer Vacation at a Genealogy Conference

34th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, July 27-August 1, 2014

If you're researching Jewish roots, this conference is tailored for you. Choose from 100+ classes during this event in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also available: Film screenings and special interest group meetings. Co-hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the Utah Jewish Genealogical Society. [Learn more.](#)

Celtic Connections Conference, August 15-16, 2014

Family history researchers interested in Celtic roots are invited to attend "The Leaving of Home: Migration, Motivation and Myth" at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts. This event includes 20+ lectures and presentations by well-known experts. Co-hosted by The Irish Ancestral Research Association and The Irish Genealogical Society International. [Learn more.](#)



Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, August 27-30, 2014

Join fellow genealogists in historic San Antonio for "Gone to Texas." Local hosts are the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society. Leading U.S. genealogists will present 160+ educational sessions on records, strategies, and tools for genealogists of all levels. [Learn more.](#)

A Hard-Working Widow Provides for Her Family

By Carter Cummings



My great-grandmother, Hanna Fagernas (née Ida Johanna Andersdotter Bäck), was born in the village of Bäck, in Purmo Parish, Finland in 1872. She came to the United States in 1891. She lived in Washington state for a year and then made her way to Humboldt County, California. On December 23, 1894, she married my great-grandfather, Leander Fagernas in Eureka. They had a total of five children, including my grandmother. Four of them -- Elsa, Irene, Esther, and Ernest -- survived to adulthood.

Leander died in November 1902 of typhoid fever, leaving the family destitute. In 1905 my great-grandmother purchased a house on Garland Street in Eureka for the sum of \$10. She took in boarders, worked as a cook at a sheep ranch, kept a cow in the backyard (hence the photo) and did anything to provide for the family. She died in March 1957 at the age of 84, in the same home where she had lived for over 50 years.

We enjoy honoring members' ancestors. Please email a photo to [Lorna Wallace](#), along with a short summary about why the ancestor featured is important to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

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