



A Night at the State Library Presents:
“San Francisco Lithographer: African American Artist Grafton Tyler Brown”
by Dr. Robert Chandler
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Sacramento, Calif. –Historian Dr. Robert Chandler will speak at February’s Night at the State Library on his latest book about African American artist and lithographer Grafton Tyler Brown. Brown was a lithographer and artist in 19th century San Francisco. A self-taught artist, Brown was able to pass as “white” in San Francisco society and eventually owned his own lithographic company. Although not appreciated in his lifetime, Brown’s work has since been recognized by collectors of western art for its important role in California and western history. The State Library has a large collection of Brown’s art which includes real-estate maps, billheads and labels for the Standard Soap Company. A number of items from the collection will be on display that evening.

- WHAT:** A Night at the State Library
- WHERE:** Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building
914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814
- WHEN:** Wednesday, February 10.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments.
Program runs from 6 - 7 p.m.



The event is free with [RSVP at Eventbrite](#).

About the Speaker: Dr. Robert Chandler was a public historian for Wells Fargo Bank for 32 years before retiring. Chandler has written many articles and several books on California history in the period from 1850-1880. His latest book on Grafton Tyler Brown was published by Oklahoma University press in 2014.

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