



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

## Tree Tips

*Researching the World*

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## *Unearthing Helpful Data Using Unique Clues*

**When:** Saturday, April 17, 2010

**Time:** 9:15 - 12:00 Noon

**Speaker:** Jean Wilcox Hibben

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church, State & Constance

**Special Interest Groups will NOT meet on the 17th**

It's another fully-packed meeting on April 17th! Jean Wilcox Hibben, board-certified genealogist, will be doing two presentations: at 9:15 the topic will be **Deliveries at the Rear!** or how to get family history information through the back door! Sometimes the most valuable information is acquired by researching correlating families to one's direct line ancestry. This presentation is designed to acquaint folks with the value of using "the back door" in their genealogical research. By using the family information of cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. one can piece together the lives of the entire family unit. Even using information about neighbors and historical events can unearth helpful data in one's roots pursuits. This will be valuable to both beginning and intermediate researchers.

At 11 AM, Jean will continue with **Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time and Miles.** Using various clues, this presentation shows how to move from one piece of information to the next to piece together the life of an ancestral family. The steps that are used are illustrated and can be followed by beginners or by the most seasoned researchers.

According to Randy Seaver in his blog *Genea-Musings*, "Jean wondered 'who's the woman in that picture?' It had no name on the back, only the words 'our sainted mother.'"

### *Calendar*

#### **Board Meeting**

Friday, April 16, 8:30 a.m., at the Sahyun Library

#### **April General Meeting**

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 9:15 - Noon

#### **Sahyun Library Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Sunday, April 11; information in this newsletter

Jean's father and aunt had no idea about her identity, but the photo was in the Wilcox family papers and photographs." What followed was a step-by-step project of excellent detective work which will leave you spellbound.

Jean Wilcox Hibben has been involved in family research for over 30 years. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Corona Genealogical Society. Jean maintains a website with information about her presentations, CDs, projects, etc: [www.circlemending.org](http://www.circlemending.org).

Jean is a native of the Chicago suburbs and moved to southern California in 1973 where she obtained her bachelor and master degrees in Speech Communication. She worked as a professor in the field for 13 years before leaving academia to pursue her passions, family history and folklore; she holds a doctorate in the latter. Jean is known for her entertaining, as well as informative, presentations. She is a bi-monthly contributor to the on-line magazine, *GenWeekly*, and a frequent writer for other genealogy publications.

*Please join us on April 17th for a fun and informative monthly meeting. We meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street for this program, business meeting, and refreshments. There is ample free parking in the church's lot and the facility is handicapped accessible.*

### *Outstanding DNA Workshops*

#### **4th Friday Lunch & Learn**

12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Apr 23rd

Sahyun Library

Bring your lunch & DNA test related questions

#### **4th Saturday SNPs & STRs**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Apr 24th

Sahyun Library

New to DNA testing and one-on-one assistance

Contact Mary E Hall: [mehall2@cox.net](mailto:mehall2@cox.net) for more information. Register at [events@sbgen.org](http://events@sbgen.org) so we make sure we have enough chairs for all.

## Half and Half Book Buy Program

**Searching for Flemish (Belgian) Ancestors**, by Goethals. A "must have" for Flemish research! Civil, church and many other records explained in the USA and over-seas. Glossary of Flemish, French and Latin terms. You will soon be able to read the records. Cost: \$22; 1/2 cost: \$11. Needed: \$11.00.

**Indiana Miscellany**, by Smith, (orig 1867) This book consists of sketches of Indian life, & early settlements; customs & hardships of the people. Biographical notes of the pioneer Methodist preachers of the state. Indexed. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

**Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Sachsen I & III, and Hanover I**, by Hansen. Historical background of provinces & political rulers with dates. Lutheran, Catholic & other religious parishes identified. When available, FHL film #'s given. Each @ \$34(\$17) or Cost: \$102; 1/2 cost: \$51. Needed: \$51.00.

**New York City Court (General Sessions) Records, 2 Vols 1797-1804**, by Scott. Genealogical "info" abstracted which includes: criminal matters, larceny, drunkenness, assault & battery, perjury, forgery, dueling, & many others! Fines, whippings, and imprisonment could be the outcome. Indexed. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

**Dorchester Town Records, 1880 reprint**. Genealogical information that came before the town council, such as: land transactions & disputes; appointments for tax collectors & juries, teachers, town work, (roads & fences) etc. Cost: \$18; 1/2 cost:

\$9. Needed: \$9.00.

**The Southern Argus Obits, Death Notices and Implied Deaths June 1869-June 1874**, by Kelsey. Tho' published in Selma, AL this paper carried more TX news outside of Texas than other papers! Over 10,000 entries for more than 3850 surnames! Indexed. Cost: \$38; 1/2 cost: \$19. Needed: \$19.00.

**Northern NH and its Leading Business Men**, by Bacon. Brief historical sketches, but in depth bios of the Men. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

Members pay 1/2 – Book Fund pays 1/2.



Please send contributions to:  
SBCGS, c/o Louise Matz,  
P.O. Box 6103, SB 93160



Suggestions welcomed!  
Email: Lmgen2@cox.net

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1/2 & 1/2 BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

John Shute

Dinah Mason

Gloria Autry

Laura Jackson

Mel & Irene Sahyun

Jim & Marje Friestad

## From the President's Desk

We pride ourselves on having an all-volunteer organization, a fact that was noted and emphasized by The Genealogy Guys in their blog concerning their visit to Santa Barbara and the Society for our recent "How to Do Genealogy" seminar. These volunteers make the Society and its Sahyun Library function, thrive, and excel. Almost all of the planning, work, and oversight are done through standing and ad hoc committees.

The Society has a myriad of committees, staffed entirely by volunteers, as most of you know, because many of you serve on one or more of these committees. And these myriad committees have a plethora of meetings, so many that some of the committees step on each other in vying for meeting space in the Sahyun Library. Finding a time to hold a meeting is about like trying to find a place to swim in a bait tank. The new addition to the library cannot come too soon to alleviate this lack of meeting space.

In previous letters I have listed a few of the standing committees as well as some of the ad hoc ones to give you some insight into the business of the Society. In previous notices of meetings I have emphasized that members are always welcome, that we do not hold meetings in secret.

A member emphasized to me recently, however, that open meetings may become de facto secret meetings if committee members do not show up, if resigned or termed members are not promptly replaced, if the committee is driven by a persis-

tent clique, or if the composition of the committee does not represent the Society's diverse membership.

Eventually we manage to corral willing and able members to keep those committees fully staffed, but it is often difficult to identify people with the time, interest, and ability for some of the committees. Many committees just need people with a latent interest. We make announcements, we pass clipboards at the General Meeting, and we buttonhole people that impress us in one way or another.

Our job would be easier and no one could accuse us of holding meetings in secret if members would come forward and ask how and where they can serve. Boy golly we'll find some thing for you to do that you'll find fun, interesting, and rewarding. We always need librarians. We're gratified that people help with refreshments for the General Meetings. We certainly appreciate the help of 43 ad hoc volunteers at the Seminar with The Genealogy Guys this month. All honor and roses to our volunteers!

Soon we'll be putting out calls for members on the Investments, Membership, Building, Publications, and Publicity committees among others. Interested? Watch and listen for calls. Let me know of your interest. Let President-Elect Mary Hall know. Let Library Director Kathie Morgan or Library Staffing manager Marsha Martin know. Please don't wait for us to put the squeeze on you. We are looking for volunteers, not indentured servants!

**Arthur Gibbs Sylvester**

## Membership

Below are our newest members:

### Individuals:

Ted Applebaum  
Santa Barbara, CA

Julie Bramlage  
Santa Barbara, CA

Melinda Crawford  
Goleta, CA

Christina Eliason  
Santa Barbara, CA

Lesley Torgeson Farmer  
Goleta, CA

James Kahan  
Santa Barbara, CA

Paula Kelly  
Santa Barbara, CA

Janice Lynch  
Santa Barbara, CA

Maureen M. Masson  
Santa Barbara, CA

Wreta Mondok  
Goleta, CA

Robert Muller  
Santa Barbara, CA

Frank Newton  
Santa Barbara, CA

Gwen Patterson  
Santa Barbara, CA

David Petry  
Summerland, CA

Sue Stevens  
Goleta, CA

Richard Tiff  
Santa Barbara, CA

Janaki Wilkinson  
Santa Barbara, CA

Robert Wright  
Goleta, CA

### Family:

John & Nancy Richards  
Santa Barbara, CA

**Correction:** Willard Thompson is our new member - not Rincon Publishing.

## "HOW-TO Genealogy Seminar" Update

Our March 6 Seminar was a wonderful success, attended by over 165 enthusiastic SBCGS members, guests from other genealogical societies, and the community at large. We even had walk-ins join us for the radio podcast, as well as people who wandered by just to shop and see what a Genealogy seminar is all about. Over 40 volunteers contributed time, goodies, talents, photos and energy to make this a very special event.

Our speakers, The Genealogy Guys, aka George G Morgan and Drew Smith, were very impressed with the Sahyun Research Library and our army of volunteers (see <http://www.genealogyguys.com/> podcast #198 at ~ 39.45 minute mark (or listen to the entire episode). Also, if you were unable to attend the seminar, visit you can listen to Podcast #199 to hear our questions and "The Guys'" answers.

Over 15 attendees were lucky enough to win a door-prize, including:  
Ancestry.com World Deluxe Annual Subscription – **Claudia Carlson**  
Godfrey Library Annual Subscription – **Mary Forsell**  
World Vital Records Annual Subscription – **Pat Johnson**  
Family Tree DNA \$30 off coupon (2) – **Chris Klukkert & Susanne Mori**

**Check out our blog <http://sbcgs.blogspot.com/> for more info and images of the day.**

## Want to help elicit a "Wow" from a budding family historian?!

The two recent television programs – PBS's "Faces of America" & NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" – have resulted in a new wave of interest in ancestral searching and roots digging.

Popular media is opening doors to the fascination, intrigue, and fun of tracing family history, and we have an unparalleled opportunity to share with others what we do, why and how.

We will be hosting at least 1 "brainstorm" session to gather ideas on how to make use of the bounty of free publicity coming our way.

Some ideas already offered include:

- Develop our own "Who Do You Think You Are" profiles of noted & notable Santa Barbara area residents
- Hold Open House events at the Sahyun Library on Saturday(s) open to the community
- Develop "Making Connections" with our Surname cards project to see how we're related to others in the society & community
- Write a regular column in a local publication, featuring the line of a local notable

The first meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 21st, 10:00 to noon** at the Sahyun Library. If you are interested, have an idea you want to send, or want to help, please send an e-mail to [events@sbgen.org](mailto:events@sbgen.org) with "IDEAS" in the

subject line. Or contact Mary E Hall at [mehall2@cox.net](mailto:mehall2@cox.net) if you have questions.

This is a great time to be involved in genealogy and, as a member of the Santa Barbara Genealogical Society, we are at the ground floor of a major resurgence of interest in family history. Just think of all the relations & colleagues you are likely to discover, and all the beginners you can help learn from your experience, not to mention the enjoyment of helping to elicit an excited "WOW!"

## For Information, Call:

**President:** Arthur Sylvester, 967-1742

**President-Elect:** Mary Hall, 687-7403

**Head Librarian:** Kathie Morgan, 682-4456

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3rd Sat. of the month

*You are invited to our ground breaking ceremony!*



*The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society*

*invites all members to attend  
the ground breaking ceremony*

*for the  
Sahyun Family Research Library  
316 Castillo Street*

*Sunday, April 11, 2010*

*2:00 PM*

*Program begins at 2:15*

*Convenient parking at the Winchester-Trussel Adobe,  
414 W. Montecito Street;  
or at the public lot, Pershing Park.  
Limited parking on site.  
Assistance available.*

*Light refreshments following*

*R.S.V.P., if possible, to  
sylvester.diane@gmail.com*

## *Library Hours*

- SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours  
316 Castillo Street  
Phone: 805-884-9909  
Sunday: 1-4 PM  
Tuesday: 10 AM-3 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM-3 PM  
Friday: 10 AM-3 PM
- LDS Library Hours  
2107 Santa Barbara St.  
Phone: 805-682-2092  
Wednesday: 10 AM-6 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM-6 PM  
Friday: 9 AM-3 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM-12 Noon

## *Special Interest Groups*

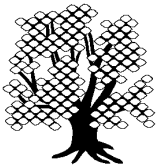
*The Santa Barbara Chapter of Sons of the  
American Revolution* Contact George  
Frankes (964-6688) for information.

### *Civil War Research*

Contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or  
nacnud34@cox.net.

### *American Scandinavian Foundation*

Contact Evelyne Houdek for more infor-  
mation (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or  
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