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Scoundrels, Saints, and Spice!

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- Deadline:** 3rd Sat. of the month

The reasons those interested in family history join a local genealogical society are as numerous and as varied as there are members. One of the benefits is the opportunity to meet, in person, with those similarly passionate about the pursuit of our ancestors.

Member share programs are a special opportunity to remind ourselves why we gather every month with like minded Santa Barbara county family historians who share our common passion for a good ancestral story or the satisfaction that comes from solving a particularly tricky problem.

After all, who better than our fellow members to join in our elation when we knock down those brick walls, and who offer genuine encouragement, helpful hints, and heartfelt admiration for our efforts as we attempt to keep our ancestors stories alive for future generations?

On Saturday, June 21st, **Bonnie Raskin** will take us on an amazing research & discovery journey that began when 3 children appeared out of nowhere on a 1930 Sheridan Wyoming Census: **"A Tale of Three Orphans."**

Mel Sahyun will provide an illustrated tale of **"Dick Dowell, Santa Barbara's Frontier Lawman."**

There are likely to be other delightful surprises in store for attendees this June 21st. Please join us, bring a friend, and share your stories....

Join us on June 21, at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street. Please park in the upper lot off of Constance. The meeting begins at 10:30 AM. Special interest groups start at 9:30 AM and are a great way to begin your morning. Coffee and refreshments will start at 10:00.



The Excitement Begins

After 4 years of planning, the campaign for the expansion of our library has begun. The Capital Campaign co-chairs have been chosen, and we are seeking members to assist them. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact Jan Cloud (965-7423) or Michol Colgan (684-9989).

Also, watch your mail box for a large white envelope containing the "draft" of our "case for support." Please return the "case" in the SASE with your comments as they are very important to us.

Thanks,
Michol and Jan
Campaign Co-chairs



Presenting the plans for the Capital Campaign are co-chairs Michol Colgan (l) and Jan Cloud (r)

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Early Anderson Co., SC, Newspapers, Marriages & Obits 1841-1882, by Wilkinson. At least four newspapers were abstracted for this book. Some marriages have a few lines of data; some obituaries have paragraphs! Indexed. Cost: \$36; 1/2 cost: \$18. Needed: \$18.00.

Death & Marriage Notices from Autauga Co., AL Newspapers 1853-1889, by Caver. These transcriptions may include persons who lived in surrounding present-day counties of Elmore & Chilton. Indexed. Cost: \$24; 1/2 cost: \$12. Needed: \$12.00.

Macon Co., NC. Marriages 1829-1939, by Wooley. Alphabetical arrangement of grooms by dates of marriage. Witnesses, JP's or minister's names are given. Brides are indexed. Cost: \$26; 1/2 cost: \$13. Needed: \$13.00.

Marriage Records of Monroe Co., MI 1903-1905. Over 1400 marriages fully transcribed from court records. Includes maiden names, parents' names, witnesses, residences, occupations! Separate bride/groom indexes. Date & place of marriage. Map. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

Marriage Records-US Dist. Court, So. McAlester, Indian Territory, OK, 2 Vols: Mar 1900-Jan 1902, & Aug 1905-Nov 1907. Names of bride & groom, ages, residences & name of person performing the marriage. Document page in original book. Complete name index. Cost: \$44; 1/2 cost: \$22. Needed: \$22.00.

Finding Your Ancestors in English Quebec, by Douglas. This book will help your understanding of the Catholic vs Non-Catholic divisions of Quebec. Learn where to find the records & methods that work in this bi-lingual province. Bibliography and maps. Cost: \$18; 1/2 cost: \$9. Needed: \$9.00.

NY Births & Baptisms: Southeast Region 1660-1916, Ancestry-CD — not on the internet! An exclusive data CD that has over 75,000 records from Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster & Westchester counties! Name of child, parents & sponsors, with dates & notes. Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

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!

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HALF & HALF BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

**Bernice Crooks Bonnie Gaines
Ruth Scollin Judith Cardinal
Charles Walworth**

Events On June 21

You are welcome to the open specialty groups that meet at 9:30 AM, prior to the general meeting.

9:30 AM Computer Genealogy Interest Group The Computer Genealogy Interest Group will meet in June. For further information, call Merna McClenathen, 964-3005

9:30 AM German Ancestry Group meets before the regular meeting. Call **Cari Thomas**, 965-5523, for further details.

9:30 AM Beginning Genealogy Group meets before the regular meeting under the leadership of **Arlene Doty**.

10:00 AM Coffee and Refreshments will be served at 10:00 AM. Check out the publications and creative gift ideas.

10:30 AM Meeting and Program at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance

Calendar

Board Meeting

Friday, June 20, 8:30 AM, at the Sahyun

General Meeting

Saturday, June 21, 10:30 AM

Genealogy Adult Education Classes

Begin on September 15

Honors Luncheon

September 18, 2008

Another Advantage of Membership

The SBCGS computers now have three new genealogy sites available for research by members. They are: **GenCircles** (a new site for family trees); **Footnote** (genealogists, historians, Civil War re-enactors, Revolutionary War re-enactors, historical society members, railroad buffs, teachers, professors, students, and many more should find this collection of documents to be an excellent resource); and **Northern New York Newspapers** (the online collection currently consists of more than 1,082,000 pages from thirty-one newspapers in the counties of Oswego, Lewis, Jefferson, Essex, St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton). To access any of these sites just click on FAVORITES & then GENEALOGY.

More information on **Footnote** from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*.

Recently released on Footnote:

- The Times - London 1788-1820 Historical newspaper documenting the major events and daily activities in 18th & 19th century England.
- WWII JAG Case Files, Pacific Army - Trial documents relating to Japanese prisoners of war and crimes
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- Naval Press Clippings - Newspaper clippings from World War II through 1960
- Japanese Air Target Analyses - World War II Japanese air target analyses, objectives, and aerial photographs)
- WWI Military Cablegrams 1917-1919 - Cablegrams exchanged between General Headquarters and the War Department
- American Colonization Society: 1792-1964 - Documents relating to the organization best known for its role in founding Liberia
- Admiralty Records, Key West: 1829-1911 Records covering ransom and salvage cases and maritime contracts
- Utah Territorial Case Files - Judicial records prior to Utah statehood

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

About 10 years ago, the Society had a desperate need to find a home for its burgeoning collection of genealogical books and diverse related research materials. Our collections and research space were in two tiny rooms belonging to the Santa Barbara Historical Society. We were grateful enough for the space, but it was like working in a clothes closet. I had to duck my head to get through the doors and knocked my knees against the table when I sat in a very uncomfortable chair. We didn't have a computer for search or organizing. It was primitive.

A space search committee formulated a dream that included not only space for the collection, but also a place with adequate and comfortable research and meeting space, as well as space for a photocopy machine, a microfilm reader or two (!), and desk space for a librarian.

Would you believe that just when we were about to burst our britches, the Society's dream was realized when, in 1998, Dr. Melville and Irene Sahyun donated their family's pharmaceutical research lab to us for a genealogical library? We filled it fast, beautifully, thoughtfully. Members were generous with their time, talents, donations, and moral support to create a unique facility of its kind in California. Membership increased, books continued to arrive and be shelved. The Society's programs and classes thrived, too, but off campus. Library space could accommodate meetings limited to only 15 people – the size of the Board of Directors.

Enter the computer. At first, big ones. The only place to put them was in a tiny room reminiscent of the claustrophobic space at the Historical Society. Then add printers, scanners, storage for disks, wireless transmitters, and the closet hardly has room for people to sit at the computers. And then try to hold a class in that closet about how to work those computers!

So now we pursue a new dream, one that still has classroom and meeting room space, greatly expanded computer space, and some additional shelf space.

As I have reported previously, various committees have been planning and building the foundation for the realization of that dream, and as Past Presidents Micol Colgan and Jan Cloud reported at the last meeting, all has come together and we are now moving forward.

Michol and Jan Cloud are the Co-Chairs of a Capital Campaign committee that has had several meetings to establish the organization and timetable to raise funds to construct a 2800 square foot addition, provide furnishings and computers for it, and add to our endowment to maintain it. Part of the plan requires reconfiguration of the existing space to provide a classroom/meeting room sufficient to hold classes and meetings of upwards of 50 people.

But there is so much more to know. By now you have received, or shortly you will receive, a draft document that provides details and makes the case for the addition and for the funds needed for it. I ask you to read through it very carefully, please add your critical comments on it in red ink (pen provided), and send it back to me by the date indicated in the packet.

Even though we have many hurdles ahead of us, we're happy to be taking the first steps toward a library that will attract and serve all members with its expanded services and educational facilities. Your input on the draft document is crucial to us at this early stage. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, President

Save the Date
September 18, 2008
for a luncheon
to honor
Merna McClenathan
and
Louise and Gary Matz
for their many
contributions to SBCGS

Society Interest Groups

Illinois Interest Group

The Illinois Interest Group will meet November 3, 2008, at the Sahyun Library, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. For further information, please call Joan Jacobs (682-9524) or e-mail her at rsjacobs3@cox.net.

Civil War Research

For help with Civil War Ancestor research, contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

Cornish Interest Group

For information on the California Cornish Cousins, call 687-8257 or 687-5403. New members always welcomed.

American Scandinavian Foundation

SBCGS members are invited to contact Evelyne Houdek if they have Scandinavian heritage or are interested in Scandinavia. (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)

Library Note

• **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

Consider signing up to be a librarian or a substitute. Training is available. Contact Jim Friestad, ronjim@cox.net.

SB Co. Genealogical Society Web Page:
www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs/
Library e-mail address:
sbcgs@msn.com

Adult Education Fall Genealogical Classes

English Research Class

This fall, Jan Cloud will again teach an Adult Ed class on "Researching Your English Family Roots." Many new sources are now available on the Internet, adding to, but not replacing the vast collection of English records available on loan from the LDS Family History Library in SLC. Learn about vital records (nation-wide indexes from 1837 to the present), church records, the censuses, probate and much more.

Fall Genealogy Classes

Adult Ed classes for the Fall Quarter begin the week of September 15th and each of the classes below runs for 10 weeks. So, mark your September calendar now!

- **Researching Your English Family Roots**

Monday, Sept. 15
Sahyun Library, 316 Castillo St.
10 a.m.-noon
Instructor: Jan Cloud

- **Beginning/Intermediate Genealogical Research**

Tuesday, Sept. 16
Wake Center, Room 26
5:15-7:15 p.m.
Instructor: Louise Matz

- **Intermediate/Advanced Family History Research**

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Wake Center, Room 26
10 a.m.- noon
Instructor: Jan Cloud

Call for Programs!

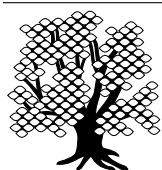
Do you have a genealogical or family research & history topic you'd like to see as a program? Have you seen a speaker at another conference or seminar that would provide a stimulating spark for the SBCGS membership? Would you like to informally gather and toss around monthly program topics and ideas? If so, please contact our Programs Chair, Mary E. Hall at mehall2@cox.net to help schedule stimulating and meaningful SBCGS programs.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter: Follow-up: I Have a Complaint Concerning Many Genealogists

On the evening of May 22, I read one too many comments complaining about "the high cost of online genealogy services." I wrote a knee-jerk reaction article that pointed out what a bargain these services are. I posted that article online in this newsletter's web site and went to bed.

I guess I struck a sensitive chord: I awoke the next morning to find dozens of newsreaders' comments posted at the end of my article. I watched in amazement throughout the day and evening as still more and more comments were posted. As I now write this new article 4 days later, 210 readers' comments have been posted, more than quadruple the number ever posted to any other article in this newsletter over the past twelve years!

If you haven't yet seen those comments, you might like to see what everyone is writing at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/05/i-have-a-compla.html.



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