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Using Facial Recognition Technology in Genealogy

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 Noon

Location: Goleta Presbyterian Church, Shirrell Way (behind Fairview Shopping Center), Goleta

Speaker: Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy and Translation Manager for MyHeritage.com

Special Interest Groups WILL meet on the 17th

Please note that the July meeting will be held at Goleta Presbyterian Church behind Fairview Shopping Center rather than at our regular meeting location. The date and time remain the same.

Our July speaker was well received when he spoke at the recent SCGS Jamboree in Burbank. We are delighted to have him visit with us this month and present us with information on cutting edge technology.



Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy and Translation Manager for MyHeritage.com, was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela, and holds a BS degree in computer engineering. He was a founding member and lecturer of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Venezuela from

2001-2005. Currently he lives in Israel and holds the position of webmaster of the Israel Genealogy Society and the Horowitz Families Society. He has served on the board of directors of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) since 2008. He is responsible for the database generation and maintenance of the MyHeritage Research Genealogy Search Engine.

Face Recognition technology for genealogy is now publicly available. The same technology used to catch terrorists is now an excellent tool for genealogy research. This state-of-the-art technology organizes photos using facial-recognition to compare faces in all your photos. Upload photos

and MyHeritage will automatically find the faces. Tag each person only once and export the tags. The engine is likely to find relatives of those people, due to relatives' genetic facial similarities. Thus, users may find previously unknown people. Learn how this remarkable technology can help bust your research, identify and tag people and discover people related to you that you didn't know.

Come early for the 9:30 a.m. special interest groups on Beginning Genealogy, Germanic Genealogy, Computer Genealogy and DNA Interest Group.

Please join us on July 17 for a fun and informative monthly meeting. We meet this month only at the Goleta Presbyterian Church, Shirrell Way, Goleta, for this program, business meeting, and refreshments. There is ample free parking in the church's lot and the facility is handicapped accessible.

At the Meeting: Special Interest Groups

You are welcome to the open specialty groups that meet prior to the general meeting.

9:30 AM **Computer Genealogy Interest Group** meets under the leadership of Merna McClenathen.

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

9:30 AM **DNA Group** is for those interested in DNA as a genealogical tool. Look for the DNA sign.

9:30 AM **German Ancestry Group** meets under the leadership of Cari Thomas. Call Cari, 965-5523, for details.

Calendar

Board Meeting

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

June General Meeting

Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Goleta Presbyterian Church

9:00 Special Interest Groups

10:15 Refreshments

10:30 General Meeting

11:00 Program

The SBCGS 2009-2010 Membership ends in July. Please send in your renewals if you have not already done so.

Half and Half Book Buy Program

They Become Citizens-Finding Naturalization Records & Ethnic Origins, by Szucs. A straight forward discussion of the complexities of the citizenship process. Many illustrations and sample documents highlight the text! Indexed. Cost: \$22; 1/2 cost: \$11. Needed: \$11.00.

Finding Your Italian Ancestors, by Russo-Adams. Exciting new source for finding Italian records and sources. Advice for deciphering documents, with maps and many glossaries. Cost: \$20; 1/2 cost: \$10. Needed: \$10.00.

Surnames of North West Ireland, by Mitchell. With emphasis on the Cos. of Derry, Donegal & Tyrone, concise histories of the major surnames of Gaelic & Planter Origin are given here. Other northern (Ulster) province areas are also referenced. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish Documents, by Shea. Being able to read or translate Polish documents is often necessary to find the "home place" of your ancestors! Shea goes above and beyond the basics! Many examples given. Maps. Cost: \$38; 1/2 cost: \$19. Needed: \$19.00.

Russian America: A Biographical Dictionary, by Pierce. An unusual source for early Alaskan (c.1867) settlers of Russian, American, Aleut & Tlingit backgrounds. Over 650 bios & some photos. Cost: \$42; 1/2 cost: \$21. Needed: \$21.00.

Atlantic Bridge to Germany, Series by Herrick. Locate towns & villages using scaled maps of 1:100,000 showing small

farms! Useful research techniques given. Also FHL film numbers. Pomerania: Cost: \$24; Needed: \$12.00. Baden: Cost: \$22; Needed \$11.

Picton's Cemetery Inscriptions, CD's for Waldo, Somerset & Knox Counties, ME. Published by ME Old Cemetery Assoc. Easily searchable and you can make copies of the pages. Find those "lost Mainers" at their last place of rest! (3 CD's) Cost: \$76; 1/2 cost: \$38. Needed: \$38.00. This completes the Series!

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!

Dinah Mason Yvonne Neumann

Charlie Walworth

From the President's Desk

As the incoming President of an amazing, dedicated group known as the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society (SBCGS), and a committee member of the SBCGS's October 2nd Legacy Recognition Brunch, I'm very aware of the adage: "Do not fix what isn't broken"!

A review of over 38 years of SBCGS history reveals a heritage filled with wonderful people who have offered their time and talents to make our genealogical societies one of the largest and most active in the nation. I fully appreciate what an honor it is to lightly hold the tiller for 2 years.

So while the hunt is on for a catchy tag line for monthly missives, worthy of this esteemed legacy (ideas are welcome!), the theme for this newsletter message is "Join the Journey"... and there are so many Genealogical Journeys to Join!

It's renewal time for the SBCGS' annual membership which runs from July 1 through June 30th. If you have already renewed your SBCGS membership, a heartfelt "Thank You"! If you haven't yet slipped your check in the convenient pre-addressed envelop that arrived with May's Tree Tips, the SBCGS address is: P.O. Box 1303, Goleta, CA 93116-1303. Or, you can renew on-line at the SBCGS website: http://www.sbgen.org/Membership_App.php.

We want every one of you to Join the Journey for another year of monthly meetings, outstanding programs, work-

shops, informative genealogical tips, thought provoking articles and the magic that often happens during a trip to the SBCGS's Sahyun Library. Being a member of the Santa Barbara Genealogical Society assures you of finding someone who will listen to your genealogical breakthroughs, cemetery tales and family histories. You may even find a cousin!

Speaking of our gem of a genealogical library, if you haven't yet contributed to our building fund drive, consider a donation and Join the Journey to update & expand our Sahyun Library. It's hard to imagine now what an outstanding research facility we will have in one short year, once construction commences. You will definitely be proud to have been a part of this historical "trip".

As Interim Volunteer Coordinator for the SBCGS, I encourage you to Join the Journey by contributing your talents and a little time towards one of the many projects and programs that the SBCGS provides its members, and the Santa Barbara genealogical community. Opportunities are abundant and almost all of them are fun & rewarding (contact me at mehall2@cox.net and I'll let you know which ones are the most fun!).

Now, for genealogical Join the Journeys...consider picking up a family line you haven't worked on in awhile. I don't

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Membership

Below are our newest members:

Individuals:

Anna M. Hawner
Santa Barbara, CA

Jeffrey Krause
Goleta, CA

Sheridan Force
Solvang, CA

Joanne Bouslough
Santa Barbara, CA

Laurie Potter
Santa Barbara, CA

Marilyn E. Hayes
Santa Barbara, CA

Nancy Loe
San Luis Obispo, CA

Fran Edwards
San Luis Obispo, CA

David Pettitt
Santa Barbara, CA

Jerry Post
Solvang, CA

Ken Wolf
Claremont, CA

Family:

Tom & Betty Sahn
Pasadena, CA

Renewing at higher levels are:

Friend (\$50)

Linda Hicks
Charles Huber
James Lind
Debby Pash
Barbara Warner

Donor (\$75)

Mary Hall
James Favor
Peggy Turrill
Ken Wolf

Patron (\$150)

Dorothy Oksner
Judy Sahn
Charles Walworth

Added Donation:

Nancy Cole
Judy Sahn

From the President's Desk, con't.

know about you, but returning with a fresh look to a family that I have "let sit for a bit" often offers startling results. Things just pop out that were not there before. Use new software to develop a timeline that identifies where they were, when; look for newly accessible county and state records that may now be online; pick up a collateral line trail to follow that might yield some fresh clues; apply new online websites & databases to your problem; or scour the message boards (or leave new queries) to harvest treasures.

Maybe you are done with your family history research or are just eager to compile your family's place in history. Join the Journey to document "for the ages" your years of blood, sweat & toil. Your family will one day appreciate your efforts, and SBCGS members will be inspired to see where all this research may lead, one day.

Encourage others to Join the Journey. We all have friends or "cousins" whom we suspect might be budding family historians, waiting for just a gentle push to embark down the path of finding their families' place in history. We know what a rewarding past-time genealogy is and, self-servingly, the more of us there are, the greater the willing audience for our stories!

So wherever it may lead, just Join the Journey!

Mary E Hall
President, Santa Barbara County
Genealogical Society

Where were you in '82?

Think back to the year 1982. Where were you, in your genealogical endeavors?

Were you:

- Eagerly perusing the just released 1910 U.S. Federal Census?
- Creating Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets by hand?
- A member of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, celebrating its 10 Year Anniversary in the fall of 1982?

For family historians, so much has changed in the (past?) 28 years, driven by the growth of the Internet, and online & digital genealogical resources. But what hasn't changed for Santa Barbara area genealogists is the continued strong presence of one of the most active genealogical societies in the country, an organization with a focused emphasis on maintaining and growing a comprehensive research library with resources and expertise available to assist both SBCGS members and the family research community at large.

SBCGS exists today because of the passion and commitment of a dedicated group of volunteers who laid a firm foundation -- a Legacy -- from which we all benefit.

On Saturday, October 2nd we'll acknowledge these pioneers who formed and nurtured the SBGS. Save the Date!

Do you have SBCGS "First 10 Years" memories, recollections and/or photos? Contact Emily Aasted at eaasted@cox.net or Lily Rossi at lilyrossi@aol.com so that they can be included in SBCGS's Legacy recognition event on October 2nd, 2010.

Outstanding DNA Workshops

4th Friday Lunch & Learn

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

Friday, July 23, Sahyun Library

Bring your lunch & DNA test related questions, including new autosomal/Family Finder test

4th Saturday: DNA One-on-One Help

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 24th, Sahyun Library

New to DNA testing and one-on-one assistance

Must RSVP at: events@sbgen.org for July 24th One-on-One assistance. Or call Mary E Hall at (805) 687-7403

Got Talent? And a Little Time?

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society NEEDS you!

Consider the society's many additional volunteer opportunities below and contact Mary E Hall, Interim Volunteer Coordinator, at mehall2@cox.net and let her know how you can help:

- Publicity – Help get the word out about the Society and Sahyun Library!
- Library staffing (training available) – Learn the insides of the Sahyun Library!
- Education and Outreach – Consider speaking to groups in the community about genealogy, and the society
- Editorial Board of Ancestors West – Help maintain our excellent genealogical publication
- Finance Overview Committee – Assures our finance practices are tip-top!
- Projects Committee – Complete & make available SB genealogy-related projects
- Meeting Greeters & New Member Advisors – Spread the warmth of genealogical mentorship & camaraderie

For Information, Call:

President: Mary Hall, 687-7403
Head Librarian: Kathie Morgan, 682-4456
Librarian Scheduling: Marsha Martin, 967-1146
Newsletter Address Corrections: Diane Nelson, 964-4181
Book Buy: Louise Matz, 967-7353
Vice President, Membership: Susan Ramsey, 967-1670
Ancestors West: Dorothy Oksner, 684-3048, ox@silcom.com
Adult Ed Genealogy Classes:
Jan Cloud, 965-7423
Louise Matz, 967-7353
Cari Thomas, 964-5523
Sales Table: Kristin Ingalls, 682-3499
Vice President, Programs: Marie Sue Parsons, 964-9176
Tree Tips: fjordhest@cox.net; Deadline: 3rd Sat. of the month

Keep in Touch

SB County Genealogical Society Web Page:

www.sbgen.org

SBCGS Blog: <http://sbcs.blogspot.com/>

Library e-mail address:
info@sbgen.org

Library Hours

The Library will be closed on Friday, August 6 for Fiesta

- 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

Special Interest Groups

The Santa Barbara Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Contact George Franks (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 information (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)



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