



Tree Tips

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Fall Line-up of Stimulating and Educational Programs and Activities

Summer vacations are over and students have returned to school. The brisk bite of autumn is in the air. Join your friends and fellow SB family historians at our monthly meetings for coffee & other refreshments, special discussion groups that can assist you in specific areas of genealogy, and Fall 2008's line-up of stimulating and educational programs. Mark these dates in your calendar!

September 20: Our September program may have a back-to-school feel. Or, it may offer insight into a particular ethnic group that invokes greater appreciation for their history and, as invariably happens, your own. Or, it may inspire us with a family historian's search for her adventurous ancestor. At press time details of September's program are still TBD, but it will nonetheless be a program you won't want to miss. Details of September's program, when available, can be found at: <http://www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs> or you can contact Mary E. Hall at mehall2@cox.net for the latest information.

At September's meeting we'll also present a variety of ways to connect with fellow SBCGS members who may share distant relations -- and the same brick walls -- as you, or who share an interest in a specific geographical area in maybe even the same era. Imagine the benefits of learning that someone else, right here in Santa Barbara, has done research in the same small, remote county in Kansas as your ancestor, or also has "Batchilders" in their line?

October 17: October's program will feature and honor Family History Month

November 15: November's program features a "twofer", an educational Census program presented by Joel Weintraub both before and after the society's general meeting:

- Searching the US Census By Geographical Means When Name Indexes Fail
- Census Utilities on the Morse 1-Step Website

Most of us have an ancestor who doesn't appear in a census where he or she should. Since retirement as a Biology professor at Cal State Fullerton, Dr. Weintraub has become an expert at developing utilities to extract Census data that help us find those elusive people. His contributions are featured for both the federal and New York State censuses for the Morse One Step website and he's highly regarded as an entertaining and engaging speaker.

December 20: Annual Holiday "Member Share." Along with our usual exchange of special family history stories, we'll again highlight the sharing of "our favorite things." Also, we encourage you to name that one genealogical tool, website, or gadget that you simply could not do without and share your enthusiasm with your fellow family historians...all in the spirit of the season.

Join us on September 20 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.

Events On September 20

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 meets before the regular meeting under the leadership of Merna McClenathen.

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

9:30 AM German Ancestry Group meets before the regular meeting. Call Cari Thomas, 965-

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

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 Scan. Foundation

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)

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, US Pension Office. This 2 volume set lists over 40,000 names of VA Militia using Muster & Pay rolls. Organized by company, columns give soldier's name, rank & time in service. This edition has a surname index. Cost: \$80; 1/2 cost: \$40. Needed: \$40.00.

History of St. Joseph Co., IN, Chapman & Co. 1880 Classic. Includes sketches & portraits of prominent persons & bios of many other citizens. Indexed. Cost: \$72; 1/2 cost: \$36. Needed: \$36.00.

Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess Co., NY- Vol 9. Mills to Page. By Doherty. Continuing series. An historical and genealogical study of all the 18th Century Settlers of the Patent. Extensive index. Cost: \$86; 1/2 cost: \$43. Needed: \$43.00.

Naturalized Jews of the Grand Duchy of Posen in 1834 & 1835, Revised Edition, by Luft. This is an alphabetical list of Jews naturalized in the Grand Duchy of Posen in 1834-35 as published by Isodor Hirschberg in Bromberg in 1836. Indexed and many helpful sources & translations. Cost: \$38; 1/2 cost: \$19. Needed: \$19.00.

Vital Records of Orrington, Penobscot Co., ME, Prior to 1892. By Swett. Located 6 miles south of Bangor, this area was variously known as New Worcester Plantation, China Plantation & No. 9 Plantation. Later at its incorporation it was named for Orangetown, MD. Indexed. Cost: \$18; 1/2 cost: \$9. Needed: \$9.00.

Pennsylvania Births, Chester Co., PA., 1682-1800, by Humphrey. Alphabetical surname list with given names of the children, DOB, or baptism, parents' names, with record identification. Cost: \$26; 1/2 cost: \$13. Needed: \$13.00.

Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Vols. 1-6. New listings! Over 207,000 people listed were born between 1856-1907. People born bef. 1914 had the opportunity to register their births beginning in 1942. Easily searched. 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,
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Suggestions welcomed!

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

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Carol Kosai

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

For nearly a year I have been looking forward this summer – three weeks in the mountains, three weeks with the family in Norway, two weeks of watching Olympics Games – and now it is over. Children have returned to school, the days are shortening noticeably, and the political conventions are nearly over. Now it is time to look forward to what is coming up this fall.

But first, we went to Norway and Iceland so that our daughters could show their children where they lived and went to school when we lived in Bergen 36 years ago. Once that was done, we drove east through the fjord country and across the mountains to Lillehammer and thence to Oslo where we've also lived for extended periods of time. Sure was too bad we lack Norwegian ancestry to research along the way! Still and all, it was a great experience for all of us, especially the warm, sunny days in Iceland. All of us want to return there.

Now, besides a hugely important national election, we have several Society events on tap. The Adult Ed genealogy classes, so ably taught by Jan Cloud and Louise Matz, start up in mid-September. Look for their times and places elsewhere in this issue of Tree Tips. On September 18 we honor Myrna McClenathan and Louise and Gary Matz for their contributions to the Society. I hope to see many of you there. Several social events related to the Society's Campaign are in the planning stages. Watch Tree Tips for further information.

Lastly, the City's Historic Landmarks Commission has reviewed the several different studies required of us before the Planning Department will allow us to think about construction of the extension to our Sahyun Library. As I write this letter, we need submit only one more paper, and then we should obtain the Commission's approval to proceed with the section of a contractor. Now that is an exciting event to look forward to!

Look for me in the Massachusetts and Connecticut sections of the stacks in the coming weeks as I look for relatives

who were in western Massachusetts in 1790.

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, President

Were Your Ancestors in Western Massachusetts in 1790?

The New England Historic and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) invites contributions to a new volume: Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 as a complement to previous successful volumes Maine Families in 1790, Vermont Families in 1791, and New Hampshire Families in 1790.

According to the announcement in the summer 2008 issue of New England Ancestors, western Massachusetts was a crossroad of migration in the 18th century, and because the populations were so transient, genealogical research is particularly difficult in that area. The goal is to provide a research resource pertaining to the heads of families listed in the 1790 census in the counties of Berkshire and Hampshire. In 1790, Berkshire County had 30,291 inhabitants and Hampshire had 59,681. The total is comparable to those of Vermont and Maine but much less than that of New Hampshire.

NEHGS requests genealogical sketches of families of interest for the series; each contributor will receive credit for their sketch, which should include the name of the head of household, the town, county, and page number on which it appears, and the household enumeration. The sketches should be prepared in Register format. See the Summer 2008 issue of New England Ancestors for additional information and requirements. (submitted by Art Sylvester)

Don't Forget the Honors Luncheon on September 18 honoring Merna McClenathan and Louise and Gary Matz for their many contributions to SBCGS

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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

Important Reminder: The library will be closed on September 18 so we can all attend the Honors Luncheon.

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

Calendar

Board Meeting

Friday, September 19, 8:30 AM, at the Sahyun Library

General Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 10:30 AM

Genealogy Adult Education Classes

Begin on September 15

Honors Luncheon

September 18, 2008

Adult Education Fall Genealogical Classes

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

PBS Series on Immigration

Destination America is organized around some of the driving forces that have compelled individuals to immigrate to America for centuries and have remained constant throughout history — economic opportunity, religious freedom and artistic expression. As well, the series looks at the particular forces that drive women to come to America in search of opportunity and the basic human rights they had been denied in their homelands. (<http://www.pbs.org/destinationamerica/program.html>)

The new series of four one-hour episodes debuts Wednesday, October 19 and 26 from 9 to 11 p.m. ET on PBS. Check your local stations for air dates and show times.

The society was saddened to learn of the deaths of members **Frances Menudier** and **Bill Konieczny**. We offer our condolences to their families and friends.

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