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## From the President

When I first became interested in my family's history, my brother teased me.

"You won't find a Prime Minister among them," he said.

That has certainly been true. However, I have confirmed that most of those early ancestors, the ones who reached Manhattan during the 1840s and 1850s, were men and women who risked all and hoped hard.

Tolstoi said it like this. "All happy families are alike. Each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." Herb Caen, who had another slant, said, "I live in the past because most of my life is there."

For the cautious genealogist, there is this gem, the Chinese Proverb, "Family scandal should not be raised outside." For frustrated headstone hunters, there is the admonition of Cato the Elder, "After I am dead I would rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one."

All of these homilies suggest that the search for family is many things to many people. My own family will serve as an example.

On my father's side, I knew his grandmother was born in County Waterford, Ireland about 1834. Her name was Mary English. (Try entering the surname English into a search engine.) Fortunately, on a yellow legal pad, my father wrote the names of Mary's siblings and what little he knew of their spouses. Again, fortunately, two of the brothers had unusual names—Denis and Andrew. There was also the common assortment—Michael, John, Ellen, Brigid, Catherine.

I consulted the Waterford Family Research Project. Bull's eye! Only one early 19<sup>th</sup> Century family in Waterford had the requisite combination. I discovered that Mary's mother's name was Mary Sullivan, her mother Mary Coleman. I discovered they were from Tallow Parish on the Cork border. Later I would discover they had a small property, a house and garden, in Glencairn. They were tenants of one Jervis P. Bushe, Esq., owner of 460 Irish acres.

Between 1840 and 1851, they came over, one after the other until all of the children were safe in New York. Then, in 1853, Michael English, age 59, my great-great-grandfather, and Mary Sullivan English, age 53, my great-great-grandmother, boarded the ship *Marmion* and left for America. When the children greeted their father in New York, he was

alone. Mary had succumbed to cholera and had been buried at sea.

Among the surviving children and grandchildren, there were those who died in childbirth, as paupers in the Alms House, of tuberculosis in a hotel basement. There were those who were heroes at Fredericksburg and later deserters. There were those who learned a skilled trade, the tanners and plumbers, and finally the first white collar worker, a tax collector!

There is no monument on the ancestral English grave in Calvary Cemetery. They were a cursed and blessed family with little of fame or fortune. They fit all of the admonitions quoted above. All the more reason to go deeper.

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*Sheila MacAvoy Block*, President

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## From the Editor

Recently I received 22 Santa Barbara High School senior photos from the class of 1930 that were purchased at an estate sale in Laguna Beach, California a few months ago. The photos had been given to classmate Ruth Elizabeth Rizer who, in checking with the SSDI, died in Santa Barbara on October 5, 2001.

Using the Olive & Gold yearbooks for 1929 and 1930, I was able to identify most of the photographs. Here is the list of seniors' photos from 1930:

Gladys Sarah Hinds, Donald Brian Sykes, Mildred Mary Sykes, Elbert Lee Cochran, Jr., Richard Warren Cooper, Howard Eldridge Gilbert, Charles Frederick Kingsley, Kenneth Louis Pollard, Robert Williams Hathaway, Clara Julia Wade, Elizabeth Barbara Brock, Catherine Elizabeth Conkey, John James Hughes, Audrey Kathleen Moore, Helen Marie Jensen, Loren Munson Meigs, Alice Evelyn Reily, and from 1929, Virginia "Ginger" Elizabeth Afford.

If still living, these people would be 90 years old. I have an aunt who was in the class of 1930 at Santa Barbara High School, and I plan on visiting her soon to see if she can identify the remaining four photographs. So, if anyone can show a relationship to anyone in the photographs, I'll gladly hand them over. Meanwhile, I'll be looking for their descendants.

*Dorothy Jones Oksner*, Editor

## ALSACE: STRANGE NAMING CUSTOMS

*From Francis Busser, Strasbourg*

Dear American Researchers (and friends):

Please forget all you know about first, last, and middle names as you deal with our Alsatian, Swiss, German, or French names. The 'American' concept of naming makes no sense here.

Let me tell you a little about our "Strange Naming Customs" here in Europe. We all have a 'family name' corresponding with your 'surname' or 'last name', but don't use the word 'surname' when referring to the 'family name' because if you do, we Frenchies understand 'surnom'. Although the French word 'surnom' is indeed the origin of the English word 'surname', today it means 'nickname', pseudonym, or an assumed name.

We also have one or several given names and the order in which they are listed in official documents has nothing to do with our usage of them. We speak of 'prénoms' (French) or 'Vornamen' (German). 'Given names' is an acceptable translation, but don't refer to them as 'first' or 'middle' names. In the list of our given names, we (or our families) choose one as a 'call name'; French: 'prénom usuel', German: 'Rufname'. Its place in the birth certificate varies but is often underlined. Often we don't use the same 'call name' at work and in our family. So my wife is known as 'Claude' at work and as 'Marie-Claude' in a part of the family. Her father was 'Antoine' at home and 'François' outside.

Furthermore, here in Alsace, we also use, in speaking of a person, the 'Hofname' ('farm name') in place of the family name. One of my parents was known as the 'MAPSe Franz' although his name was 'Franz HEINRICH', but his mother's 'farm name' was 'MAPS' (from the MAPSe Hof).

Sometimes the 'farm name', 'nickname' and 'family name' are confused in the documents. Often one of the given names is the 'call name' of the godfather or the godmother, or of a grandfather or a grandmother.

The order in which given names and family names

are used depends on the context and the social situation. In French, 'Pierre François Michel Anton WAGNER' may be known by everyone as 'WAGNER Michel', although his wife may call him 'François' and not 'Michel.'

In very pious Catholic families, you can find all of the children with 'Marie' and/or 'Joseph' (or 'Maria' and 'Josef' in German) in the list of their Christian names. In one of my families, I find 'Maria Josef Karl Anton' called 'Karl', 'Maria Josef Anna' called 'Anna', 'Maria Josef Anna Luisa' called 'Luisa' or 'Lüwiss', 'Maria Josef Emil Anton' called 'Emil', 'Maria Anna Josef' called 'Maria', 'Maria Josef Doris Eva' called 'Doris' or 'Butzi' and 'Maria Josef Anton' called 'Anton' or 'Dony.' Sometimes (in Austria and in Swabia) I have found 'Franz-Joseph' as the common factor of a family.

Some Protestant families have followed the same tradition, often with other names such as 'Johan(n)', 'Mattias', 'Karl' and many more ('Jean', 'Matthieu', 'Charles', etc. in French). Until the beginning of the 19th century, an analogous tradition was followed for Jewish families, in which most of the boys were named Suesslein/Suessel or Hirsch, often both.

If the common given name is not 'Maria' or 'Joseph', it is often the name of an elder family member, mostly a grandfather or a grandmother, and for boys, sometimes the name of the father. It is also common to re-use the names of a child who died. These traditions are valid in many countries of Europe.

I find they apply in large parts of Germany, France (not only in Alsace), Switzerland, Austria, and Italy.

We also like to tack nicknames onto people, sometimes to distinguish them from others with the same name, but often just for fun. Thus in a village near Colmar, there is a Meyer family, a very common surname in Alsace, but the only one in this village. As this Meyer has built annexes to his farmhouse several times, he is known as the 'Sewe Dächle Meyer' (German: 'Sieben Dächlein Meyer'; English: 'Meyer with seven roofs'.) Another Meyer was many years ago an innkeeper 'Zum Ochsen' and became the 'Rot Staub' (the 'Red Staub'). If you find in documents indication such as 'genannt' (German); 'dit' (French); or 'dictus' (Latin) ['known as'] you

have examples of officialized nicknames.

This is an old tradition and perhaps the source of our 'family names'. In an old document (Aargauer kunden, Bd IV, No 57) about one of my ancestors, I found a 700 year-old example (1288) of a nickname: "Rudolf von Bus, den man Sprichet 'usser Walde'."); (modern German: "Rudolf Von Bus, genannt 'ausdem Wald'."); (French: "Rudolf de Bus, dit 'des bols'"); (English: "Rudolf from Bus, called 'from the woods'."). In this document 'von Bus' and 'usser Walde' are used as synonyms.

As you see, it is better to forget all you know about first, last, and middle names in dealing with our Alsatian, Swiss, German or French names. And if you don't want to increase the confusion, don't ever translate the Christian names or the geographical names. Each time you translate such names, you change mist to fog. In order to do serious genealogy and not historical fiction, you must try to be as accurate as possible. It is absolutely necessary to note and verify all the smallest details, to never alter or translate names, to strictly respect the variant spellings, accents and umlauts. Don't forget that very few of our ancestors could read fluently and not all could write, so spelling often varied or was phonetic, and could be subject to the creativity of the registrars!

Orthography is a relatively new science and in earlier times spelling was mostly a free phonetic transcription. Many registrars and other pen-pushers knew only Latin and were only half literate in German or French. So it is common to find at the same time, and occasionally in the same text, several spellings for the same word. Indeed the spelling of many words or expressions was not fixed in German and weak in French.

This is also true of geographical names. So, for the town of 'Molsheim' in Alsace, you might find at the same time (17th century) the spellings: 'Mosle', 'Molsen', 'Molze', 'Motzen', 'Moltse', 'Moltsen', 'Moltze', 'Moltzen', 'Molsheim', 'Molzheim', 'Moltsheim', and 'Moltzheim'; and in our Alsatian dialect we now use 'Moltse'! The same 'creativity' can be found more or less for Swiss and French names, especially if written by Alsations.

Always try to prove with documents the corre-

lations you are tempted to make between several spelling variations of a family name or a locality. When interpreting your documents, please remember that in Europe we note the dates in a regular order, from the less important to the most important. So we say: 'Lundi, le 20 juillet 1998' or 'Montag, den 21 Juli 1998' for Monday, the 20th of July 1998. Your American order: 'month, day, year' is irregular for us and very confusing. If you find a European date, for example 9.10.1998 or 9.10.98, you must always read '9th October 1998' and not '10th September 1998'. Be aware that, in some French and Latin documents, you can find abbreviations such as 7bre (7bris) for septembre (September), 8bre (8bris) for octobre (October), 9bre (9bris) for novembre (November), Xbre (Xbris) for decembre (December).

Another source of confusion can be the many variants a given Christian name can take within one geographic region. I have found in 'Allemannisch'-speaking countries such as Baden-Württemberg, parts of Bavaria, German-speaking Switzerland and Alsace, many dialectal forms for the Christian name 'Christina' (and more-or-less near equivalents); so, for a girl Kristianne, Krista, Kristina, Krestel, Kristel, Stina, Stine, Stini, Stineli, Stinze, Stüdi, Stüdeli; and for a boy: Christian, Christe, Christi, Christeli, Christli, Chrlick, Chrigl, Chrigel, Chrigeli, Criste, Crestel, Kristian, Kriste, Kristi, Kristell, Kristli, Krick, Krigi, Krigel, Krigeli, Kristel, Krestel, Hischi, Stöffi, but Stoffel, Stöffel, Stoffeli, Stoffeli, Stöffi, Stöffil, Steeffi, Hette, Hetto, Hettel are for 'Christoff' (Latin = 'Chrisophorus').

The very common given name 'James' has many forms and translations in our many European languages: in French, I know Jacques, Jacob, Jacquet, Jacquy, Jacqui, but also Jacquin, Jacquemin, Jacquelot, Jacquenet, Jacquelard, Jacquemot, Jacqueninot, Jacquemier, Jamet, and Cottin. Many of these forms are no longer in use, or have become surnames. For girls we have Jacquotte and Jacqueline.

In German, you find Jacob, Jakob, Jacobus, Jakobus or Kobus, and in Alsatian and in the Swiss German dialects far more many forms: Bappi, Beppi, Peppi, Boobba, Boppi, Jagsch, Jageli, Jaggili, Joggi,

Jöggel, Jockel, Joggel, Joggeli, Jögeli, Jäppi, Jaggeler, Jagschi, Köbel, Kobi, Köbi, Zagge, and Hanogg are only the most popular.

In Spanish or Portugese we have Iacobo, Jaime, Santiago, Jacome, Diego, Dias or Diaz; in Flemish: Jacob, Jaak, Jaap or Kobus; in Italian: Giacomo, Giacobi, Giacomini and more.

'Henry' is also very common as a given name or as a surname and has many declentions in European languages. Although I don't know them all, here is a small list. In French: Heni, Henric, Henrat, Henrich, Henriet, Henrion, Henriot, Henraux, Henrot, Henrotte, Henroutet, Herry, Enrico; in Spanish: Enric, Enrique; in Italian: Enrico. In Alsatian and other Allemanic dialects spoken in German Switzerland, Baden, Württemberg, Bayern (Bavaria) and parts of Österreich (Austria): Henrich, Hareich, Heinz, Heinzl, Heich, Heichel, Heichi, Heini, Heinel, Heineli, Heiri, Heiesh, Heireli, Heirechli, Helz and more. In High German: Heinrich, Heinz; in Flemish: Hendrick, Hendrichs, Hendrickx; in English: Henry, Harry, Harris, Hal, and Hank; in Finnish: Heikki; in Hungarian: Imre. I repeat, translation of names is a major contribution to chaos!

The number of given names is extremely variable and changes from generation to generation. It is generally between one (seldom) and six or more (also seldom). Sometimes, we can also find someone called by a name that is not one of his given names. I know a François Augustin METZGER that everybody calls 'Lucas'. You understand now why I don't do genealogical research myself!

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## THE MAYFLOWER WEB PAGES

*By George G. Morgan, from [www.emazing.com/genealogy.jsp](http://www.emazing.com/genealogy.jsp)*

If you had ancestors who arrived in North America on the Mayflower, you will find Caleb Johnson's "Mayflower Web Pages" fascinating. The site contains the passenger list from the famed 1620 voyage, as well documents concerning the ship, known wills and estate inventories of the original Pilgrims, full texts of Pilgrim writings, many historical documentaries, genealogical and social resources, links to museums and archives covering Plymouth/Plimoth, and a list of professional researchers for hire. An excellent compendium of materials will be found here, despite the use of the Frames page format. Visit the site:

<http://members.aol.com/calebj/mayflower.html>

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES WEB SITE

The venerable National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has completely redesigned its Web site. The new Web address is <http://www.archives.gov>. The index on the left side of the page can be helpful, but the "Where Is...? How Do I ..." drop-down box on the upper right is terrific too. The information has been reorganized a bit and is more logically grouped, but the same excellent NARA materials are there to support your research on-site or remotely.

Another excellent improvement is the availability of printer friendly pages. Bravo to NARA!

<http://www.archives.gov>

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH – OVERCOMING NEGLECT, FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE

*By Michael Redmon <mredmon@sbhistorical.org>*

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is the oldest Catholic parish in Santa Barbara with a lineage that stretches back to the very founding of the community. On April 21, 1782, the Royal Presidio, the fourth and last Spanish presidio founded in Alta California, was established here with a celebratory mass conducted by Fr. Junípero Serra. This marked the beginnings of the presidio chapel; its descendant is Our Lady of Sorrows.

For almost the next 75 years, the presidio chapel was the center of religious life in Santa Barbara, being the lone site of Catholic worship in an overwhelmingly Catholic pueblo. The Old Mission, founded in 1786, was a mile from the center of town and was outside the city limits. Members of the Franciscan order staffed both the chapel and the mission.

The permanent adobe chapel was completed in 1797. Nature and neglect took its toll on the building during the ensuing decades. A painting executed by James Alden in June 1855 shows a building that has seen better days. The church was by now in a state of disrepair, surrounded by the ruins of what had once represented Spanish royal authority from the Santa Maria River to Los Angeles. Nonetheless, the chapel continued to serve the citizenry in matters of faith; records show 1,852 baptisms took place from 1782 to 1848. By the 1850s, it was apparent the small chapel was barely adequate to meet the needs of the growing population of what was now an American city.

A joyous celebration took place on July 29, 1855. A procession of parishioners, led by the church pastor, Fr. José María González, carried parish records and artifacts to their new home, a wooden church on the southeast corner of State and Figueroa streets. Band music, gun salutes, and the pealing of bells punctuated the dedication of the new church, soon christened Our Lady of Sorrows. The abandoned presidio chapel fell further into ruin, its fate hastened by a severe earthquake in 1857.

The next decade saw Our Lady of Sorrows pass through a true baptism of fire. Twice, in 1863 and in 1865, the wooden church burned to the ground. In 1868, a new church was dedicated at the northeast corner of State and Figueroa streets. This new church, of adobe and brick, remained home to the faithful for the next 57 years.

There were changes in parish administration as well. In 1856, the Franciscan order relinquished pastoral care of the parish to the secular clergy. Soon after, Rev. Jaime Vila became pastor of the church and guided its affairs for some 40 years. Under his leadership, the adobe/brick church was built. His successor as pastor was the energetic Rev. P. J. Stockman. Stockman oversaw an ambitious building program, which included a gymnasium, a parish hall, an enlarged church, and a school, administered by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

In 1908, Rev. Stockman retired and the parish passed into the care of the Jesuit order, which greatly expanded the social programs of the church. The best known of these were the bands organized by Fr. Octavius Villa—the St. Stanislaus Band for boys age ten to 15 and the St. Aloysius Band for boys from 15 to 18. The latter performed at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

Disaster then again struck the parish. The massive earthquake of June 1925 destroyed the church, rectory, and parochial school. The church sold the Figueroa Street property for \$590,000 and bought a site at the northwest corner of Anacapa and Sola streets. A new school was erected, then a new rectory and, on April 21, 1929, some 1200 celebrants gathered to dedicate the new church, a Romanesque structure graced with beautiful stained glass.

Today Our Lady of Sorrows serves over 3,000 parishioners, while Notre Dame School welcomes some 250 students every fall. The parish has been a part of Santa Barbara history since that first, founding day in 1782.

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## THE JAPANESE IN GUADALUPE

By Shirley Contreras <shirley2@lightspeed.net>

The first Japanese to settle in the Santa Maria Valley came to Betteravia around the turn of the 20th century to work in the sugar beet fields in the Betteravia area. By 1909 their numbers had increased to about 500.

When the Japanese people became concerned about their not having a religious group of their own, letters were written to both Christian and Buddhist churches, inviting them to establish a church within the Guadalupe Japanese community. Since the people had already decided to affiliate with the first religious group to respond, when a reply came from the resident minister of the Los Angeles Buddhist church, the decision was unanimous that a Buddhist Church would be established in their community. Ironically, a letter from a Christian group was received the next day.

In 1909, a small residence was rented for use as a place of worship and Reverend Izumida was appointed from the San Francisco headquarters as resident minister. Two months later Reverend Gyodo Haguri became the second resident minister and served the members until November of 1911. Since his territory included the surrounding towns and cities, the Reverend Haguri was kept busy, not only in meeting the religious needs of those Buddhists living in Guadalupe, but of those living in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo and Templeton.

In the autumn of 1914, the church's first building was completed at 209 Main Street, (now known as Guadalupe Street) in Guadalupe, and the church became formally incorporated as the Guadalupe Buddhist Mission in August of 1913.

When it became apparent that a place was needed in which to house school-age children whose parents worked in the local fields from morning to night, the church stepped in to help. In June of 1919 an old house was moved on the church grounds to serve as a dormitory for those children who attended the towns' public schools during the day. Rev. Issei Matsuura, the resident minister at that time, took charge of this dorm, which later became officially

known as the "Japanese Children's Home of Guadalupe." The school was soon filled with children from San Luis Obispo, Lompoc, Morro Bay, Los Osos and the Huasna Valley.

Because the building wasn't large enough to board the many children who were enrolled in the school, an additional building was moved onto the church grounds in April of 1920 and officially became known as "Gakuen" ("school"). However, when the State Board of Charities and Corrections determined that these dormitories were inadequate, the buildings were closed. While a new two-story wooden dormitory was being built, some of the children were temporarily boarded with private families while others were housed in a Guadalupe hotel.

On November 21, 1921, the new dormitory was recognized and approved by the State Board. In addition to providing these children with a school and a place to live, with Reverend Matsuura serving as superintendent and Mrs. Matsuura as teacher, the school provided religious and cultural training to children from ages six to 15, for a monthly fee of \$25 per child. The Reverend and Mrs. Matsuura thus became loving foster parents to every child enrolled in the school.

When the children were all healthy, life was fairly comfortable at the home, but the usual childhood diseases made the place an infirmary, leaving the Matsuuras with the added responsibility of caring for the sick children 24 hours a day, throughout the quarantine period. When Akiko Tanaka came down with scarlet fever during one particular Christmas season, the school was quarantined for a month with no one being allowed to leave or enter the premises. Fortunately, no one else came down with the disease.

Paul Kurokawa, whose parents had come to San Luis Obispo in 1902, remembered the quarantine period as being quite pleasant. With toys and gifts coming through the door and every day being spent in programmed activities, athletics, religious studies and playing with his brothers and sisters at the home, he couldn't have been happier. Paul never forgot the warm sense of family and community at this special home.

In August of 1971, when the Matsuura family held a memorial service at the Guadalupe Cemetery



gravesite of the Reverend Matsuura, about 20 former students of the Japanese Children's Home gathered to greet their former teacher, Mrs. Matsuura, and to pay tribute to the couple who had given them such unparalleled loving guidance so many years before. Mrs. Matsuura passed away in 1984.

By March of 1942, after the outbreak of World War II, almost all of the Issei and Nisei families in California were interned in various relocation centers. The Guadalupe Church buildings were closed and left in the care of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fisk. Mr. Fisk worked for Puritan Ice Company and Mrs. Fisk, a piano teacher, had been the director of the Buddhist Church choir, a group that she had organized in 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Regalado, who lived in the rear of the church, served as watchmen.

After the war, when the Japanese people returned to Guadalupe, they were grateful to find that the church building had been one of the town's few Japanese-owned buildings that had not been burglarized or vandalized during their absence. The Reverend Matsuura and his family returned to the Guadalupe church where the much-revered minister died in August of 1947.

On February 11, 1960 a groundbreaking ceremony was held at 1072 Olivera Street, and six months later, on the first of October, dedication of the new church was held, with Bishop Shinsho Hanayama officiating. Thus began another chapter in the Guadalupe Buddhist Church.

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## ANSWERS TO QUERIES ABOUT CALIFORNIA INDIAN ANCESTRY

Query:

I wonder if you have information regarding my great-grandparents of Chumash Indian descent. My great-grandfather's name is Stanley Saul Romero (b. 1896 in Montecito, Santa Barbara County) d. 1973 in Orange County. One of his siblings was John Bruno Romero (b. 1886 d. 1974), who wrote the book, *Botanical Lore of the California Indians*. Their parents were Martin Salvador Romero (b. 1866 Santa Barbara) and Dorotea ("Mary") Maria Romero (b. 1870 Santa Barbara), married 29 January 1888 Santa Barbara. Martin Salvador Romero's parents were Apolinario Salvador Romero (b. 1842 Santa Barbara) and Francesca Dominguez. Any more info is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Ricky

Reply:

On and off for more than a decade, I have had the opportunity to conduct family genealogical research for various relatives of yours. Here is the story on your Chumash ancestry inherited from your great-grandfather Stanley Saul Romero.

The Chumash line that I can successfully identify in your family tree comes through Stanley Saul Romero's father. His great-great-great-grandmother was an Indian woman at Mission San Luis Obispo. She was baptized on November 9, 1790 when she was about twenty years of age and was given the name Irene (SLO Baptism No. 465). Unfortunately, her Indian name was not also listed. The native town she was from was Tipu. Twenty-one people were baptized from this Northern Chumash settlement between 1784 and 1803. It seems to have been located somewhere north of Santa Margarita (based on family relationships with nearby towns), but we do not know its exact location.

Irene married a Monterey Presidio soldier named Julian Rios on March 31, 1783 (SLO Marriage No. 131). He was stationed as a guard at Mission San Luis Obispo and that is how they met. He had been born at Cosala in Sonora, Mexico and his parents'

names were Jose Rios and Magdalena Diaz. Julian Rios and Irene were the parents of Maria Hermenegilda Rios, Stanley Saul Romero's great-great-grandmother, who was born at Mission San Luis Obispo and baptized on April 14, 1792 (SLO Baptism No. 1109).

Maria Hermenegilda Rios grew up to marry Jose Maria Salazar, who had been born about 1785 at San Luis Potosi, Mexico. I found them listed in an 1845 census of the Villa de Branciforte near Mission Santa Cruz. Their daughter, Maria Concepcion Salazar, Stanley Saul Romero's great-grandmother, was born about 1822 and probably was baptized at Mission Santa Cruz.

Maria Concepcion Salazar married twice. Her first husband, was Ygnacio Fulgencio Robles, whom she married in 1841. Robles died within a few years, and Maria Concepcion then wed Jose Maria Dominguez at Mission San Fernando on July 10, 1843 (SF Marriage No. 899). The couple then moved to the Villa de Branciforte for a time where they are listed in the household next to Maria Concepcion's parents in the 1845 census. At least four of their children were born in the Santa Cruz area between 1847 and 1852. Stanley Saul Romero's grandmother, Maria Francisca Dominguez (your great-great-great grandmother), was one of these. She was born on May 4, 1852 and baptized at Mission Santa Cruz on July 16 (SC Baptism No. 2853).

In June, 1860 Jose Maria Dominguez and Maria Concepcion Salazar and their children were listed in the U.S. Census living in Santa Barbara County.

They presumably moved to be near Jose Maria Dominguez's relatives in Montecito. Martin Salvador Romero, the eldest son of your great-great-great-grandmother Maria Francisca Dominguez, was baptized on November 19, 1866 in Santa Barbara (SB Baptism Bk. 3, p. 82, No. 2764).

His father was Apolinario Romero, the son of Jose Romero and Maria Manuela Cota, hispanic residents of the Santa Barbara Presidio. Martin Romero grew up to marry Dorotea Romero on January 29, 1888 at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Santa Barbara (Marriage No. 46). They were the parents of your great-grandfather Stanley Saul Romero.

Dorotea Romero's ancestry is entirely descended

from the families of soldiers affiliated with the early colonization of California. She was baptized on January 4, 1871 when she was three days old (SB Baptism Bk. 3, p. 149, No. 3217). Her parents were Jose Antonio Zacarias Romero and Maria Magdalena Lugo, who had been married on February 27, 1854 in Santa Barbara (SB Presidio Marriage No. 427).

Jose Antonio Zacarias Romero was born in 1833 in Santa Barbara, the son of Jose Antonio Romero from Loreto, Baja California, and Maria Dorotea Alanis. This couple had married on August 4, 1801 at Mission San Gabriel. Maria Dorotea Alanis had been born in 1787 at Mission San Juan Capistrano to Maximo Alanis, a soldier of the San Diego Presidio, and his wife Juana Alvarez (also known as Juana Miranda). Maximo Alanis was from Chametla, Sinaloa, and Juana Alvarez/Miranda was from Alamos, Sonora.

Maria Magdalena Lugo was born in 1834 in Santa Barbara, the daughter of Jose Trinidad Lugo and Maria del Rosario Dominguez. This couple had married on June 21, 1825 in Santa Barbara. Jose Trinidad Lugo was born in 1805 in Santa Barbara, the son of Jose Miguel Lugo and his wife Maria Isabel Fernandez. Both Jose Miguel Lugo and Maria Isabel Fernandez were children of presidio soldiers and their wives who had come from towns in Sonora and Sinaloa in northwestern Mexico. Maria Magdalena's mother, Maria Rosario Dominguez, had been born in Santa Barbara in 1802. She was the daughter of Jose Maria Dominguez, a presidio soldier from Sinaloa, and his wife Maria Marcelina Feliz, also from Sinaloa.

For further information regarding your ancestors who were presidio soldiers see Spanish-Mexican Families of Early California, compiled by Marie Northrop (2 vols.), and The Census of 1790: A Demographic History of Colonial California, by William Marvin Mason. Please let me know if you have questions on any of this.

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## SELECTED HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT COUNTY ADOBES

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2002. Dates under the address refer to the date first built.)

### Hill Adobe

35 La Patera, off Hollister in Goleta, currently houses the Pacific Materials Lab.

Built in 1845, this building is a wood-sided, gable-roofed adobe with a shed-roofed porch running along one side. Mild Greek Revival detail can be seen on the windows and doors. It was the last home of Daniel A. Hill who also owned the Hill-Carrillo Adobe in downtown Santa Barbara. The last Mexican California Governor, Pio Pico, granted him the Rancho La Goleta where he built this adobe. The rancho was bounded on the west by what is today Fairview Avenue and on the east by Hope Ranch. Hill was born in Massachusetts in 1797 and became a merchant mariner at an early age. In 1822 he arrived at the Ortega family's coastal Rancho Refugio, west of Santa Barbara, and met the 13-year-old daughter of Jose Vicente Ortega, Rafaela. Hill married Rafaela in 1825, and opened a mercantile business in Santa Barbara after learning Spanish and converting to Catholicism. As Rafaela proceeded to bear fifteen children, Daniel became a successful rancher and helped to rescue the Santa Barbara Mission as it was secularized by the Mexican government in 1834. He died in this Goleta adobe in 1865. This adobe is a designated County Landmark.

### Ballard Adobes

2411 Santa Barbara Avenue at intersection with Alamo Pintado Road, Los Olivos  
1860

Lakeport, New York native George W. Lewis established the Alamo Pintado Ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley in 1856 where his property manager was William N. Ballard. Ballard was a superintendent for the Santa Barbara stagecoach line of the Overland Mail Company and set up a stagecoach stop on

Lewis's ranch. He built an adobe with a dining room and two horse barns to serve as the Alamo Pintado Station. In 1866 another adobe joined the group and by 1870, Lewis returned to manage the ranch. Ballard died the same year and Lewis married his widow, but by 1880 the stagecoach route was altered and bypassed the adobe station. Lewis founded the community of Ballard in 1881 to honor his old friend. The two adobe buildings remain today as a private residential complex cared for by owners who formerly chaired the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society. The adobes are a designated County Landmark.

### Cota Adobe, aka Santa Rosa Adobe

415 Mail Road, Lompoc  
c. 1848

Located about eleven miles east of Lompoc, this adobe became part of the 1839 Santa Rosa Rancho grant of 17,000 acres to Francisco Cota who used the land to graze his herds of cattle and sheep. The adobe was constructed by Don Maria de Jesus Olivera de Cota on the crown of a prominent knoll overlooking the ranch. The adobe residence was built with an L-shaped floor plan, a veranda, and surrounding shade trees. The milled lumber on the adobe's wood trim and shutters came from an early Santa Barbara planing mill. In 1913 the rancho was subdivided into 20-acre parcels. In 1938, the adobe was offered as a gift to the County contingent on authentic restoration, but the County declined. Hollywood film director John Ford owned this adobe for a time in the 1960s. Through subsequent ownership changes, the adobe remains in private hands in an agricultural setting, although it is severely altered and now stands with a U-shaped floor plan. This adobe is a designated County Landmark.

### Juarez-Hosmer Adobe

461 San Ysidro Road, Montecito. Located between Schoolhouse Road and East Valley Road.  
1830

Built by the Juarez family, this adobe was purchased by prominent Montecito pioneer, Colonel Bradbury Dinsmore, in 1872. His daughter, Frances, married Thomas Hosmer, and they moved into the adobe. Their surrounding farm propelled Thomas's

career as a local politician. The adobe originally had an earthen floor tamped with tar from the natural seep in Carpinteria. The adobe gained a wooden addition in 1907 and a fireplace in 1925. The windows are small and few because of a former county policy which required owners to pay taxes on them. Hosmer family descendants still retain ownership of this residential property. This adobe is a designated County Landmark.

### **Masini Adobe**

129 Sheffield Drive, two stories  
c. 1825

Pedro Masini obtained the land grant for this property in 1868, after this two-story adobe residence was already well-known at the corner of Ortega Hill Road and Sheffield Drive. A murder occurred in this adobe in 1881 when thieves broke into the home and killed owner Giovanni Trabucco for his gold hidden on the property. In Helen Hunt Jackson's famous romantic novel about Hispanic California, *Ramona* (1884), the title character spent her wedding night at the Masini Adobe. The corner lot setting of this property remains surrounded with a picturesque, romantic garden shielding it from view from the street. The architecture of this adobe features a second floor balcony characteristic of the Monterey Revival style of architecture. The Thomas Oliver Larkin adobe in Monterey, California was considered to be the earliest example of this style in the 1920s when this look became popular. Subsequent research by Santa Barbara's own noted architectural historian, Prof. David Gebhard, proved that the Alpheus Thompson adobe which stood at 801 State Street from c. 1815 to 1913 was the oldest "Monterey Revival" style adobe in the west. The Masini Adobe is a designated County Landmark.

### **Orella Adobes**

12000 Calle Real, Goleta. In Corral Canyon between El Capitan and Refugio State Parks. Contained within a secured ExxonMobil natural gas and petroleum facility and not available for public access.  
1840

These two adobes were built by Jose Dolores

Ortega and his son Ygnacio after they received the land as a grant from the Mexican government in 1841. Bruno F. Orella, a Basque from Viscaya, Spain, and his wife Mercedes Gonzales y Guervara acquired the Rancho Canada del Corral with the adobes in 1866. The larger adobe was their residence and the smaller adobe was used as a schoolhouse for their 13 children. Their daughter had inherited the property when the El Capitan Oil Field was discovered at the site. Humble Oil, now ExxonMobil, acquired the site in 1968 because there is enough natural gas in the canyon and its off-shore deposits to supply 125,000 Santa Barbara homes for 100 years. The adobes are a designated County Landmark and are owned and maintained by ExxonMobil.

### **San Ysidro Adobe, aka Olivera Adobe**

900 San Ysidro Lane, Montecito  
c. 1830

Currently maintained as part of the San Ysidro Ranch hotel and restaurant complex in Montecito, this property was originally used as a way station for traveling Franciscan padres in the late 1700s. Tomas Olivera, son of a Presidio sergeant, constructed an adobe building here in 1825 as a ranch house, which is now known as the San Ysidro Adobe. Only one room of the original adobe remains. In 1868, Montecito pioneer Bradley Dinsmore purchased the ranch and planted the first citrus grove in the community. In 1882, John Harleigh Johnston of Gloucester, Massachusetts and Taylor Goodrich of San Francisco purchased the San Ysidro Ranch property and planted more groves of citrus trees. Johnston opened a hotel for forty people in 1892 at the site and it began to attract affluent guests from eastern states. The sandstone citrus packing shed became the Stonehouse Restaurant for the hotel property. In 1935, the Johnston family sold the ranch to Hollywood film star Ronald Coleman and his partner Alvin Weingand. They turned the hotel into an exclusive hideaway for friends and celebrated guests. Bing Crosby, Jack Benny, Audrey Hepburn, Groucho Marx and Gloria Swanson were among those escaping the glare of Hollywood at the ranch. Vivian Leigh and Lawrence Olivier married at San Ysidro Ranch and John and Jacqueline Kennedy honeymooned there.

## **Other Adobe Structures and Ruins in Santa Barbara County**

### **Las Cruces Adobe**

9476 San Julian Road, southwest of intersection of Highway 101 and Route 1.  
Built 1833

Miguel Cordero received 8,152 acres at this site inland from Gaviota as a land grant in 1837 when he retired as a Santa Barbara Presidio soldier. His father had been a member of the Portola expedition through California in 1769. Miguel's heirs continued to develop the property and constructed this adobe in the 1860s to serve as a stagecoach stop on the route from Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo. The adobe prospered with its services to travelers and became even more popular with the construction of Gaviota Wharf in 1875 as farmers brought their goods for shipment. The community of Las Cruces grew up around it and the adobe continued to function as a stagecoach stop until the Southern Pacific Railroad completed its coastal route in 1901. The adobe's use converted through the decades into a café and tavern, gas station, store, and inn as three shingle roofs were placed over each other to protect the adobe walls. As the route of Highway 101 altered away from the adobe, the site fell into ruin and is protected today as part of Gaviota State Park. State Parks staff have recently obtained a grant to develop and interpret the adobe ruins.

### **Boeseke Adobe, aka Ennisbrook Adobe, aka Nemecio Dominguez Adobe**

Remodeled in the 1920s by Elmer Boeseke  
Built c. 1850

Nemecio Dominguez first obtained title to this property in 1845 and constructed an adobe residence on a knoll east of San Ysidro Creek. It featured an olive-tree lined entry celebrated in an 1887 article in a local newspaper. In 1916, a restoration was conducted by owner Herbert Cox and the olive trees were abandoned for an asphalt pavement along the creek. By 1926, Elmer J. Boeseke Jr. owned the land and remodeled the building into an L-shaped single-story structure with a cantilevered extension on the north, west and south elevations. Both reconstruc-

tions reflected romanticized ideal rather than historically authentic restorations.

### **William Dover Adobe**

721 E. Yanonali Street between Nopal and Quarantina. Built c. 1860, nonextant

### **Joe Dover Adobe**

East Yanonali Street between Salsipuedes and Nopal Streets  
Built c. 1865, nonextant

This adobe was the family home of noted local stonemason Joe Dover (born 1861). It had a 12-by-18-foot floor plan and was described in "Fifty Years and More in Santa Barbara," as told to Michael Phillips, August 5, 1922.

### **Mono Adobe**

Los Padres National Forest  
Pendola-Camuesa Road  
Built 1908

Located three miles from Gibraltar Dam, beside Mono Creek in the Mono Campground, this adobe formerly served as one of the Ranger Stations on the Los Padres National Forest. The site was an ancient trail intersection from Santa Barbara to the Cuyama Valley, and from the Santa Ynez River to the Caliente and Blue Canyon areas. Used as a ranger station since it was constructed, the adobe received a telephone line in 1911, the first phone line placed in the Santa Barbara backcountry. Ranger Tom Dinsmore's family lived with him at the station, and since 1908 was a dry year, draft animals and wagons could easily ford the river to bring in the roofing, windows, frames, doors, and hardware for the adobe. The Forest Service stopped using the adobe as a Ranger Station in 1933 and the property suffered from neglect for the next thirty years. In the 1960s, the Native Sons of the Golden West worked with a Dinsmore descendant to restore the adobe with a Forest Service permit.

### **Remaining City Adobes on 1963 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map**

624 Alameda Padre Serra  
830 Alberta Avenue  
801 Anacapa Street

810 Anacapa Street (within Presidio Office Building)  
 723 W. Arrellaga Street  
 1023 Bath Street  
 1011 Cacique (two structures)  
 17-21 E. Carrillo Street (rear)  
 2209 Chapala Street  
 2215 Chapala Street  
 1729 Chino Street  
 1446 Cliff Drive  
 1500 Cliff Drive  
 1517 Cliff Drive  
 1518 Cliff Drive  
 1525 Cliff Drive  
 1542 Cliff Drive  
 525-527 E. De la Guerra Street  
 611 W. Junipero Street (three structures)  
 917 Laguna Street (rear)  
 240 Las Alturas (two structures)  
 2620 Las Encinas Road  
 725 Lawrence Street  
 727 Lawrence Street  
 3525 Madrona Drive  
 530 E. Mason Street  
 805 E. Mason Street  
 809 E. Mason Street  
 713 W. Micheltorena Street (rear)  
 717 W. Micheltorena Street (rear)  
 1001 W. Micheltorena Street  
 27 N. Nopal Street  
 108-110 N. Nopal Street  
 725 Olive Street (rear)  
 827-829 Olive Street  
 3011 Paseo Del Refugio  
 7901 Paseo Del Refugio (rear)  
 2901 Paseo Tranquillo  
 22 Pine Drive  
 2607 Puesta del Sol  
 2636 Puesta del Sol (rear)  
 124 Quarantina Street  
 200-202 Quarantina Street  
 22 St. Francis Way  
 1423 San Andreas Street  
 1601-1603 San Andreas Street  
 1700-1702 San Andreas Street  
 1006 San Diego Road (two structures)

1129 San Pascual Street (two stories)  
 826 Santa Barbara Street (behind Rochin Adobe)  
 1440 Santa Rosa Street  
 451-453 Scenic Drive  
 1520 Shoreline Drive  
 323 E. Sola Street  
 105 S. Soledad Street (two structures)  
 3022 State Street (rear)  
 714 Union Street  
 812 W. Valerio Street (two structures)  
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## ADOBE ERRATA AND UPDATE

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Although my draft research was reviewed and edited by two local professional historians before submittal to *Ancestors West*, I am indebted to my history colleague Kathi Brewster for the following corrections to my work published as "The Old Adobe Buildings of Santa Barbara" in the Summer 2001, and Fall/Winter 2001-2002 issues. Please include these changes, with my gratitude to Kathi, as errata and a selected update to my article:

**Caneda-Wittaker Adobe**, 123 E. Canon Perdido Street. Based on recent research conducted by the staff and volunteers at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, the correct surname is Cañedo,

not Caneda.

**Hill-Carrillo Adobe** 11-15 E. Carrillo Street. The Daniel Hill family sold this adobe to Capt. John D. Wilson and his wife, Ramona, widow of Romualdo Pacheco. Guillermo Carrillo did not purchase this house, but rather it was willed to his wife Manuela Ortega. My article refers to the "...subsequent owner Mrs. Gardiner Hammond," who was a divorcee at the time she purchased the adobe. Consequently, she was legally Mrs. Esther Fiske Hammond. On April 16, 1928, the *Santa Barbara Daily News* announced that Max Fleischmann purchased the Hill-Carrillo Adobe. In 1930, he gave it to the Santa Barbara Foundation.

**Casa de la Guerra**, 11-19 E. De la Guerra Street. Recent archaeological evidence found by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation revealed that the *altito* was not constructed "after 1842." Instead, it was part of the original adobe at the time of construction and contained three stories. Regarding Richard Henry Dana's years along the California coast, it is obvious from his account that he was an observer at the marriage of Don José De la Guerra's daughter to Alfred Robinson in January, 1836. However, there is no evidence that Dana was ever inside the De la Guerra adobe residence.

**Lugo Adobe**, 114 E. de la Guerra Street. Architect Carleton M. Winslow's office was not in the Lugo Adobe until 1925. During 1923-1924, he practiced at 29 East de la Guerra Street. He is first listed at 114 East de la Guerra in the 1925-1926 City Directory.

**Cordero Adobe**, 906 Garden Street. The popular Tea House Restaurant was never located in the Cordero Adobe, although researchers will find this opinion in multiple published accounts of this site. In the 1970s, the restaurant was located nearby at 301 E. Canon Perdido Street. During the 1960s, the Cordero Adobe housed multiple construction-related businesses, as well as the Ernest Watson architectural office.

**Covarrubias Adobe and Historic Adobe**, 715 Santa Barbara Street. The late historical journalist Stella Haverland Rouse wrote in the *Santa Barbara*

*News-Press* on July 30, 1989, “confusion reigns regarding several aspects of the historic adobe at 715 Santa Barbara Street,” and she was correct.

Rouse found that Clarence Cullimore’s book, *Santa Barbara Adobes*, stated the structure was built about 1836 near the Hill-Carrillo adobe. In his publication on adobes, John R. Southworth wrote that it was “General Frémont’s campaign headquarters.” In the March 20, 1921 *Santa Barbara Morning Press*, Katherine Den Bell, said the Fremont connection to this adobe was “an error for which there is not the slightest ground.”

A January 9, 1904 *Morning Press* article stated “after resting on its foundation at the corner of State and Carrillo streets for nigh onto 100 years, the old adobe...started its journey to the new site provided by the Historical Society [the Natural History Society], where it is to be restored and preserved.” Rouse’s research found that relocating the Historic Adobe was disastrous and that the original contractor gave up. In July, 1910, she said it was reported with regret that a heavy rain melted original elements and that the structure was lost.

On August 6, 1913 the Natural History Society sold its lot at the southeast corner of Carrillo and Anacapa streets and the Recreation Center was built at the site. The September 22, 1921 *Daily News* indicated that the adobe on Anacapa Street was being demolished, but antiquarian John R. Southworth had obtained the structure and successfully moved it to 715 Santa Barbara Street. Rouse confirmed the building known today as the Historic Adobe had been relocated by Southworth and that it was actually the museum portion of the Natural History Society’s building. This was the adobe built in 1836 by Juan Malo.

In a 1936 article regarding an auction of both the Covarrubias and Historic adobe buildings, the Historic Adobe is described as having a tiled veranda about 75 feet long. “The building is a characteristic example of Spanish-California architecture, the roof being covered with original, hand-made Mission tiles.” The interior rooms are described and dimensions of each room given. “Floors of all the rooms,

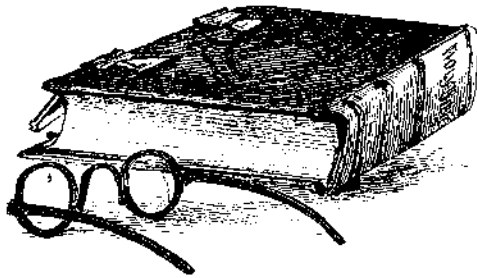
except the kitchen, are of hardwood and the roof is raftered.” Rouse quoted a September 22, 1921 *Daily News* article in which Southworth stated he did not know if he would be successful, but “if I am, it will be the first time in Santa Barbara history such a building has been transferred from one site to another.”

The Covarrubias Adobe takes its name from José Maria Covarrubias who married Maria del Espiritu Santo Carrillo in 1838 (another source lists 1836 for this marriage). The Covarrubias was previously occupied by Los Rancheros Visitadores. Since 1964, however, their headquarters have been in the Historic Adobe across the courtyard at 715 Santa Barbara Street. It is the Covarrubias Adobe which the Historical Society makes available for temporary rental, not the Historic Adobe.

The post card image accompanying the section on the Historic Adobe is actually a depiction of the Hill-Carrillo Adobe. The Hill-Carrillo Adobe’s veranda was formerly closer to street level with pepper trees growing on Carrillo Street in front of it. The message on the card perpetuates the notion that this was General Frémont’s headquarters. Katherine Den Bell and Ramona Burke Trussell both disputed this fact. Bell frequently penned letters to the editor of the newspaper and Trussell mentioned it in a January 17, 1922 interview with Michael J. Phillips. There is a plaque in Paseo Nuevo, stating that Frémont made his headquarters in the A.B. Thompson Adobe, which stood at the corner of State at de la Guerra Street until c. 1915.

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## *Strangers in the Box*

*Come, look with me, inside this drawer  
In this box I've often seen  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still, serene.  
I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories  
Are lost among my socks.  
I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.  
If only someone had taken the time  
To tell who, what, where, or when,  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.  
Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be passed away?  
Make time to save your stories  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The strangers in the box.*

Anonymous

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## NEW YORK CITY WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS

Volunteers at the New York regional branch of the National Archives have discovered a collection of World War II draft registrations from the fourth draft call in 1942. It was known as the Old Men's draft registration because it applied to men who were born in 1877-1897 (ages 45-65). The purpose of the draft call was to identify men who might have occupations vital to the war effort. The area covered by the records at the branch archives includes all boroughs of New York City, state of New Jersey and Puerto Rico. This age group is significant to Jewish genealogists because many of the registrants were immigrants who came to the U.S. in the early part of the 20th century and settled in New York.

The records for Manhattan are in alphabetical order; those for the other boroughs are in alphabetical order by draft board. The New Jersey records are alphabetical by county. There is now a volunteer effort to consolidate each borough into one alphabetical list.

Information to be found on the registration includes the person's birth date and place, potentially valuable for immigrant ancestors. It also includes address, next of kin and address, name and address of employer, and physical description. An example of the document may be found at

<http://www.avotaynu.com/WWIIdraft.htm>.

The LDS (Mormon) Family History Library is filming WWII draft registrations at the National Archive branches in Chicago for the mid-western states and in Philadelphia for East-Atlantic states. They have obtained permission to film the registrations in Boston for the New England states and are awaiting approval for filming the New York branch records.

*By Lucile Gudis, "Nu? What's New?," reprinted in the Spring 2002 issue of Roots-Key Newsletter of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles.*

## EARLY ARRIVALS RECORDS SEARCH DATABASE (EARS)

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The University of California at Berkeley and the National Archives and Records Administration have teamed up to create EARS – the Early Arrivals Records Search database. This new online resource should be a boon for anyone researching ancestors who passed through the immigration stations in San Francisco and Honolulu between 1882 and 1955. Those listed in the database include arrivals from China, Japan, Korea, Burma, Hong Kong, Macao, and numerous other places.

The Early Arrivals Records Search database contains references to the investigation case files of people who entered the United States through the ports of San Francisco and Honolulu during the period of the Chinese Exclusion Acts, 1882-1943. During the early 1900s, the exclusion provisions and investigative case files were extended to cover other Asian groups. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) created these case files to document investigations of people arriving or departing through the ports of San Francisco between 1882 and 1955 and Honolulu between 1903 and 1955. While there are files on many non-Asians, most of the files concern Asians and, of that, the overwhelming majority are Chinese.

You won't find the actual, physical case files on this website. What you will see is a reference to a record that exists on paper. For instance, here is one such reference from the database:

REC: 59/100  
BOX NO: 00353  
NAME: CHIN, CHEE  
OTHER NAME:  
SERIES:  
CASE NO; 10345/255  
AFILE NO:  
SHIP: MANCHURIA  
DATE OF ARRIVAL: 1909/08/28  
BIRTH PLACE: CHINA



DATE OF BIRTH:  
AGE: 36  
GENDER: M  
ST BORN:  
HOUSE NO:  
TYPE: SF (a record from San Francisco)

As you can see, this new online database will tell you whether NARA has a case file for a particular person, the case file number, and a bit of information about that person. Once you find a case number, you will have to travel to the NARA office in San Bruno to see the actual records. A typical investigation case file contains the individual's name, place and date of birth, physical appearance, occupation, names and relationships of other family members, and family history. Specific INS proceedings are also documented. Because of the nature of INS investigations, case files also provide links to file numbers for related cases, including those of other family members.

The case files may contain certificates of identity and residency; correspondence; coaching materials used by "paper sons"; INS findings, recommendations, and decisions; maps of immigrant family residences and villages in China; original marriage certificates; individual and family photographs; verbatim transcripts of INS interrogations and boards of special inquiry; and witnesses' statements and affidavits. In short, these files can provide genealogical information that is difficult or impossible to find elsewhere.

I used the new Early Arrivals Records Search database for a while and found it to be very intuitive. You can view up to 1,000 records at a time on the screen, or you can even download the search results to your computer as an Excel file. If you have Chinese ancestry and believe that family members may have arrived in San Francisco or Honolulu between 1882 and 1955, you need to check this out.

The University of California at Berkeley and the National Archives and Records Administration Early Arrivals Records Search database is free of charge and is available now at:

<http://groups.haas.berkeley.edu/iber/casefiles>.

*Submitted by Cari Thomas*

## **OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN DAY 2002**

This society's 2002 Open Day will take place on Saturday 19 October 2002, commencing at 10.00 A.M. and finishing at 4.00 P.M. This year's Open Day will be at our usual society meeting venue:

Exeter Hall  
Oxford Road  
Kidlington  
Oxford  
OX5 1AB

The Open Day will feature:

- well known guest lecturer Audrey Collins giving two or three presentations on topics of interest to family historians.
- a demonstration and workshop on the scanning of old photographs by Kevin Tomes of the well-known Oxford printing firm "Parchment".
- an assortment of visiting societies, dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers and the like.
- the society's library and search services.
- a beginners' helpdesk.
- computing demonstrations giving advice on such things as which genealogical software package to choose, and the use of the internet in family history.

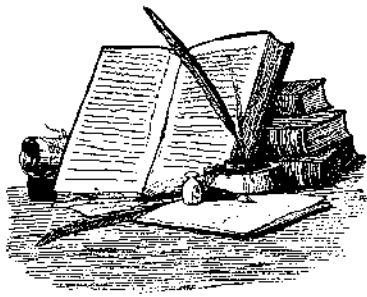
As the arrangements for the day begin to take shape, updates will be placed on the society's website at: [www.ofhs.org.uk](http://www.ofhs.org.uk).

Admission to the Open Day is free, whilst light refreshment will be on sale at reasonable prices. The venue is situated on a frequent bus route, and is easily reached by public transport. Those travelling by car will find Kidlington close to the main A34 and A40 trunk roads. There is limited free car parking on site.

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# Book Reviews

*Ted Denniston, Editor*

***Your Guide to the Family History Library.* By Paula Stuart Warren and James W. Warren. 2002. Softcover, 272 pp., indexed. \$19.99 from Betterway Books, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

Visiting the Family History Library (FHL) on West Temple Street in Salt Lake City can be both an overwhelming and a frustrating experience. There is probably nothing worse than the frustration you feel on the way back from Salt Lake City when you say to yourself, "I didn't find anything that improves my knowledge of my family history." While success is never guaranteed, a little preparation before your trip may let you look back at your visit with pleasure.

The Warrens have provided a tool to help you prepare for your research at the FHL. Their book is the tool. They describe in depth what they have learned about the FHL and its adjunct a block from the library, the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Visits to both of these facilities are recommended for anyone who comes to use the library. *Your Guide* tells us how to make the best use of the resources of both: 2.5 million microfilm rolls, 750,000 microfiche, 300,000 books, and 4,500 periodicals.

The Family Search Internet site <<http://www.familysearch.org>> is explained in Part Three, FamilySearch Internet Service. The authors tell how to use the internet services provided by this site such as the FHL catalog, databases, Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File, Vital Records Indexes, International Genealogical Index, and U.S. Social Security Death Index. Examples of what users see on their computer monitors are illustrated. Items that are viewable only at the FHL (such as the U.S. 1880 census) are listed.

The Warrens tell us how to access the vast library collections, tell us what those collections are, tell us how to best do our library work, and how to

use a professional researcher. They also tell us something about Salt Lake City, where we can stay while there, where to eat. Many appropriate illustrations and charts are included to support the text, including a floor map of each of the four research floors in the Family History Library.

There is little about this publication to criticize. Much needed material has been included to reflect the many changes to the Family History Library and its collections. An earlier book, first published in 1989 and now out of print, did explain the version of the Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme used by LDS. This old librarian/reviewer believes the Warrens might consider including in a future edition a review of how the largest genealogical library in the world catalogs its books.

*Reviewed by Ted Denniston*

**Benefits of Membership Book Reports.** As a member of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), SBCGS receives their publications, all of which were recently added to our growing FFHS collection at the library. We list here the latest booklets (all measuring a diminutive 5 1/2" x 8.25") received, published by Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd., Units 15-16 Chesham Industrial Estate, Oram Street, Bury Lancs BL9 6EN United Kingdom, and offer a comment about each:

***Illuminating Your Family History with Picture Postcards.* By Phillip J. Chapman. 2000. Softcover, 16 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

This 16-page monograph lets us know how picture postcards can illuminate our family histories, and tells us where to find them and how to reproduce

them using a camera. The author does not mention scanner technology that would allow copying picture postcards for use in genealogy software programs.

***Tracing Your German Ancestors.* By Peter Towey. Second Edition, 2002. Softcover, 60 pages. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

Peter Towey makes good use of the 68 pages in this booklet. He writes from a British perspective; the book is designed for British citizen's German ancestors in England or Wales. The second half of Towey's book is also applicable to a citizen of the United States who is interested in finding ancestors in the German-speaking parts of Europe.

***Scottish Family History on the Web, A Directory.* By Stuart A. Raymond. 2002. Softcover, 63 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

Except for a short introduction and scattered comments, its 62 pages are a long list—a directory—of web sites having to do with Scottish family history. Mr. Raymond breaks down the list of sites into a sensible 13 categories: Gateways, Search Engines, etc., General Introductions to Genealogy, Libraries, Record Offices and Books, Family History Societies, Discussion Groups Mailing Lists & Newsgroups, Message/Query Boards, County Pages, Surnames, Sources, Occupational Records, Miscellaneous Sites, Gazetteers and Maps, and Professional Services, Booksellers, etc. Three indexes (subject, institution, and place) add to the usefulness of this book. This directory should be helpful to anyone who is connected to the Internet and is interested in Scottish family history.

***Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills.* By Jeremy Gibson and Else Churchill. Fifth Edition, 2002. 71 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

So you want to know what “Commissary Court,” “Consistory Court,” “Archdeaconry,” “Perogative Court,” and all those other baffling (to Americans) English legal terms mean. Gibson and

Churchill get these little problems out of the way in the glossary at the beginning of their compact book. The remainder of this important work tells where to find probate information in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. All places are listed: country, county, city, and institution. The text is well supplemented with maps.

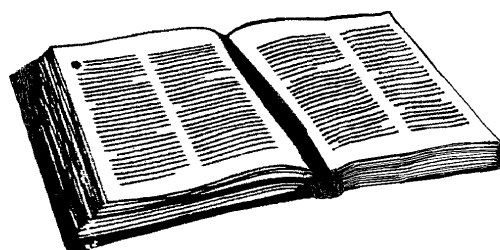
***British Civil Registration.* By Tom Wood. Second Edition, 2000. 83 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

Mr. Wood points out that civil registration of births, deaths and marriages began at different times in Great Britain: England and Wales in 1837, Scotland in 1855, Ireland in 1864 (non-Catholic marriages from 1845). Independent systems of civil registration for the Isle of Man began in 1858 and for the Channel Islands from the 1840s. The author unravels some of the complications of this system and where to find birth, death and marriage information and how to obtain certificates of these vital statistics. He also offers a chart showing the fees involved and lists all of the LDS Family History Centres in the United Kingdom.

***Record Offices: How to Find Them.* By Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Peskett. Ninth Edition, 2002. 65 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.**

To show exact locations of record offices in England, Wales, Isle of Man, and Scotland, 100 maps are included with record offices identified. The address, telephone, fax, email, and web site address are given for each office as applicable. Special instructions for traveling to the office, whether an appointment is needed, etc. are noted. An index is included.

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**Yorkshire: The Genealogists Library Guides 1, 3, & 4.** (The SBCGS collection already includes *The Genealogists Library Guides 2, 5, & 6*. Recent acquisition of Guides 1, 3, & 4 completes this set of six Guides.)

**Guide 1. Information Sources for Yorkshire Genealogists.** By Stuart A. Raymond. 2000. 63 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.

In the author's words, "My aim has been to list everything relating to Yorkshire that has been published and is likely to be of use to genealogists." The author's aim "to list everything..." of course is not possible, but his intent "to point you in the right direction" is quite successful. Mr. Raymond's bibliography lists the libraries containing Yorkshire collections, and then lists (given in the Contents) the actual bibliographical resources under the headings The History of Yorkshire, Parish and Local Histories, Bibliography and Archives, Periodicals & Newspapers, Place-Names & Maps, and Migration. He also includes Author, Family Name and Place Name indexes.

**Guide 3. Yorkshire Lists of Names.** By Stuart A. Raymond. 2000. 62 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.

Author Raymond has compiled a bibliography of lists of names (given in Contents): Tax Records, Oaths of Allegiance..., Poll Books & Electoral Registers, The Census, Return of Owners of Land, and Directories. His guide also contains Author, Family Name, and Place Name indexes. Usefulness of the Family Name Index is questionable; it contains but three names.

**Guide 4. Administrative Records for Yorkshire Genealogists.** By Stuart A. Raymond. 2000. 91 pp. Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.

Raymond's *Administrative Records* is a bibliography arranged (listed in Contents) according to the headings Records of National and County Government, Records of Parochial and Local Government, Ecclesiastical Records, and Estate Records.

Author, Family Name and Place Name indexes are included.

*Reviewed by Ted Denniston*

**Federal Land Series, Volumes 1-4. A Calendar of Archival Materials on the Land Patents Issued by the United States Government, with Subject, Tract, and Name Indexes.** By Clifford Neal Smith.

In the words of author Smith in his introduction to Volume I, "The purpose of the Federal Land Series is to calendar and index part of the great mass of archival material on the early land grants of the United States, thus making the material available to historians, genealogical researchers, and land-title guarantors." Following is a short paragraph describing each of the four volumes; they constitute a valuable and impressive accomplishment in the publication of land record data.

**Volume 1, 1788-1810. 1972. Softcover, 338 pp. Name, subject, and tract indexes. Clearfield Company, Inc. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1999.**

Volume 1 lists land parcels assigned from 1788 to 1810 and recorded by federal land offices. These records do not include land distributed as the result of war bounties or land company sales. In addition to a calendar of archival material Volume 1 includes a name index, subject index and a tract index. This volume covers the land offices and tracts of Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Town of Cincinnati, Town of Dayton, East Pearl River, Jeffersonville, Marietta, U.S. Military District of Ohio, Canadian and Nova Scotian Refugee Tract, Seven Ranges, Steubenville, "Unidentified," Vincennes, West Pearl River, and Zanesville.

**Volume 2, 1799-1835. 1973. Softcover, 391 pp. Name and tract indexes. Clearfield Company, Inc. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1999.**

Author Smith says in his introduction to Volume 2, "this volume includes only those federal bounty-land warrants used in the patenting of land

in the United States Military District of Ohio, plus warrant later exchanged for scrip." A careful reading of the Introduction will aid in understanding the contents of this volume. An ancestor's name in the 10,000-name list in this volume is evidence that he served in the Revolutionary War. Volume 2 includes a name index and a tract index.

**Volume 3, 1810–1814. 1980. Softcover, 380 pp. Name, subject, and tract indexes. Clearfield Company, Inc. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1999.**

Volume 3 is really a continuation of Volume 1, covering (from 1810 to 1814) the land offices and tracts of Canton, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Town of Dayton, East Pearl River, Huntsville (Alabama), Jeffersonville (Indiana), Madison County, Marietta, Military Service, Nashville (Tennessee), Canadian and Nova Scotian Refugee Tract, Steubenville, "Unknown," Vincennes (Indiana), West Pearl River, Washington (Mississippi Territory), and Zanesville. This volume contains a name index, subject index, and a tract index.

**Volume 4, Grants in the Military District of Ohio. Part 1, 1982; Part 2, 1986. Softcover, 734 pp. Name, subject, and tract indexes. Clearfield Company, Inc. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1999.**

Volume 4, divided into two sub-volumes (Part 1, 415 pages) and (Part 2, 319 pages) under one cover, "summarizes and indexes the land grants in the Virginia military district of Ohio made to Virginia veterans of the American Revolution." Both Parts include an introduction, summaries of land grant entries, index by county and township, and index to watercourses. An appendix of other primary source materials of value to genealogical researchers appears in Part 1.

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*Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Library Catalog 2nd Edition, 1999.* Over 6000 Library shelf holdings as of July 30, 1999. Louise Matz, Editor; 316 pp. \$12.00 closeout price includes shipping. Indexed by Title, Locality and Subject, includes Books, Periodicals, CD-ROMs and Fiche titles. Three-hole punched, can be ordered with or without white 3-ring binder. Contact Louise Matz at [lmgen2@cox.net](mailto:lmgen2@cox.net) or by mail to Louise Matz, c/o SBCGS, P.O. Box 1303, Goleta, CA 93116-1303 to order.

Order publications listed below from the Society's Sahyun Library, SBCGS, P.O. Box 1303, Goleta, CA 93116-1303, attention: Emily Aasted.

- *The Great Register 1890 - Santa Barbara County, California.* Male Surnames in the Santa Barbara County Election District, 68 pp., \$10.00 p&h \$3.20
- *The Great Register 1890 - Mono County, California.* Male Surnames in the Mono County Election District, 18 pp., \$5.00 p&h \$3.20
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- *Roots, Recipes, & Recollections,* a collection of recipes and stories presented by The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, pub. 1999, 187 pp., spiral bound. \$16.95 p&h \$3.20

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2002

September 21, Saturday, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State, Santa Barbara, CA. Help groups begin at 9:30; general meeting begins at 10:30. Park in upper lot off Constance. Guest Speaker: Norma Keating — “Putting the Gene Back in Genealogy.”

September 26, Saturday, Antelope Valley Genealogical Society Seminar, “Genealogy is a Thing of the Past.” Antelope Valley Inn, 44055 N. Sierra Hwy., Lancaster, CA. Speakers: Bill Doty, NARA Archivist, Military Records in the National Archives; Wendy Elliot, Migration Patterns in the U.S.; Don Ray, Squeezing More Information out of Public Documents; Tom Underhill, Scanning & Photo Retouching. Call for more information and reservations: Helen Mendler (661)270-9642, or email <helemendler@earthlink.net>.

## OCTOBER 2002

October 19, Saturday, Ventura County Genealogical Society Seminar. Program: Speaker, Karen Clifford—Finding Your Immigrant Origins in the 20th Century; Immigrant Research on Both Sides of the Atlantic; Probate Records for Beginners; Enhancing Family History with Technology; Evaluating Conflicting Pedigrees. First Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura, CA. For more information, call Bonnie Lucking (805)664-5678, or email bluck66496@aol.com.

October 26, Saturday, Immigrant Genealogical Society Seminar, “I Got Stuck—What Clue Did I Miss?” First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood, Glendale, CA. For information call Marilyn (818)348-6444 or Lura (818)896-9685.

October 30, Wednesday, SBCGS Sponsored Bus Trip to LDS and LA Public Library. See more about times and pickup locations inside. Contact Sam Mendenhall, 964-9123 eves. for reservations.

## NOVEMBER 2002

November 3, Sunday, 1 P.M. - Pommern Special Interest Group - IGS Library, 1310 W. Magnolia, Burbank, CA. Jean Nepsund will provide an orientation to the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library and Gwen Christensen will provide an overview of the common resource available in the library. This will be followed by a workshop on using the library resources for genealogical research.

## JANUARY 2003

January 17 to 18, Phoenix, Arizona GENTECH, Inc. presents its two day conference “Digital Technology - The Ancestral Frontier.” To be held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information go to the GENTECH Web site at <http://www.gentech.org/>.

January 29, Wednesday, SBCGS Sponsored Bus Trip to Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank. Contact Sam Mendenhall, 964-9123 evenings for reservations.

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