



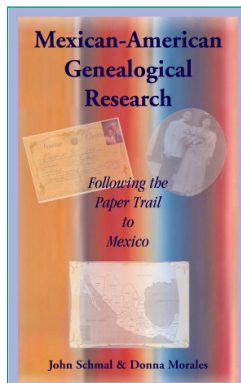
# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Researching the World



## “Finding Your Roots in Mexico”

**Speaker: John P. Schmal**  
**Saturday, 18 January 2020**



This presentation — *Finding Your Roots in Mexico* — will assist those who wish to learn how to trace their roots in Mexico. Veteran genealogist John Schmal will show attendees how to access the records of their Mexican ancestors online and give them pointers about how to use that information once you have located it.

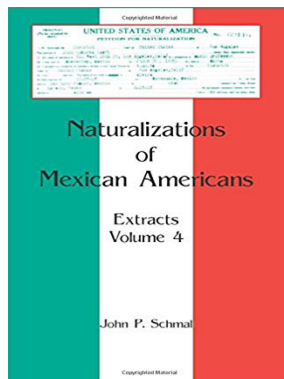
John P. Schmal is an historian, genealogist, and lecturer. He was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from high school, John attended Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he studied Geography, History and Earth Sciences and received two BA degrees.

John specializes in the genealogical research and Indigenous history of several Mexican states, especially Chihuahua, Nayarit, Zacatecas, Jalisco and Guanajuato. He is also the author of several books, including *Mexican-American Genealogical Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico* (Heritage Books, 2002) and *The Journey to Latino Political Representation* (Heritage Books, 2007). In addition to being a Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA) member, he serves on the board of the Society of Hispanic Historical Ancestral Research (SHHAR).

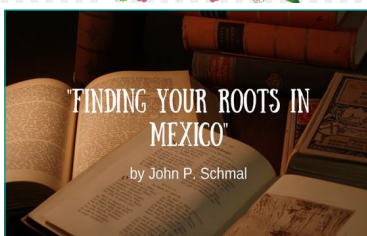
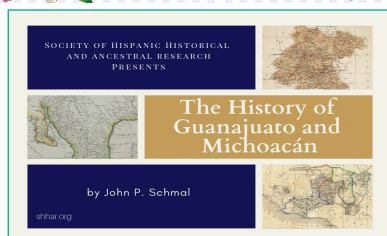
At the present time, John Schmal has published histories on the indigenous people of 27 Mexican states. The following links include several of his recent presentations and indigenous histories: <https://www.shhar.org/johnpschmal>  
<https://indigenousemexico.org/articles-by-state>

### Times and Schedule:

**Special Interest Groups** meet at 9:30 am for New Member & Beginning Genealogy, Civil War Genealogy, Writers' Support Group, German Ancestry, Italian Genealogy, Jewish Genealogy, French Canadian Genealogy, Scandinavian Genealogy, Discussion and Tips, and DNA. **The monthly meeting starts at 10:30** and the **featured speaker starts at 11:00 am**. Come join us. You do not need to be a member to enjoy this wonderful free presentation.



**The Sahyun Genealogical Library**  
**will be open following this general meeting from**  
**1:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**316 Castillo, Santa Barbara**



## Meeting Information

Date and Place

- Saturday, January 18, 2020, First Presbyterian Church, State and Constance
- There is ample free parking in the church's lot; the facility is handicapped accessible.

## Special Interest Groups

*SIGS meet prior to our general meetings. All are welcome.*

**9:30 AM Civil War Group - Blue or Gray.** Coordinator Alex Grzywacki

**9:30 AM Writers' Support Group.** Coordinator Alicia Watt

**9:30 AM Jewish Genealogy.** Come to share ideas on research resources. Coordinators: G. Rosenberg, J. Honikman, C. Daly and H. Hinderstein

**9:30 AM DNA Group** meets under the leadership of Mary Hall

**9:30 AM German Ancestry Group** meets under the leadership of Cari Thomas

**9:30 AM Genealogy Tips and Discussion** meets under the leadership of Merna McClenathen

**9:30 AM Italian Roots** meets under the leadership of Rosa Avolio

**9:30 AM French Canadian Genealogy** meets under the leadership of Charmien Carrier

**9:30 AM New Member and Beginning Genealogy SIG** meets under the leadership of Norma Johnson and Jean Foster.

**9:30 AM Scandinavian Roots** meets under the leadership of Larrie Wanberg.

**9:30 AM Early California and Hispanic Roots.** Please contact Molly Gleason if you can chair this group.

## President's Message, Karen Ramsdell



Happy New Year! My new year started off looking into the adorable, scrunched-up- face of my eight-day old grandson. It is such a wonder to look into the eyes of one of the world's newest citizens, wonder what will be in his future, and to tell him our family stories when I'm holding him. It also fills me with an urgency to write down those stories so he can read them if, and when, he is interest-

ed. I hope your 2020 is off to a good start!

On January 20 we honor the legacy and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which also serves to focus on the issue of Civil Rights, the use of nonviolence to promote change, and the call to public service. Officially, Martin Luther King's birthday was approved as a national holiday in 1983 but it took 32 years and a lot of intense campaigning before all 50 states recognized it in 2000 as a government holiday. For information Dr. King and local events planned in his honor, visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara website <https://www.mlksb.org/>.

### Annual Appeal

We achieved the Annual Appeal goal of \$17,000! On behalf of the board, thank you for your continued generosity and support. The donations will help fund operations such as the Library, education programs, records preservation, maintenance and administrative costs.

### Board News

On January 25th the board will hold its annual workshop to develop a vision for the next 5-10 years. The board discussion will focus on the most effective structure for the board to govern, enhance member services and programs, and address the long-term maintenance of our property. Fundraising, which is critical to support everything we do, will also be discussion topic.



Planning has begun for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. Committees will be putting together budget requests for next year. In March, the Finance Committee will begin its review of the proposed budget with a recommendation for board approval in May. The membership will approve the budget at the annual meeting in June. For reference, this year's bud-

get is \$145,000. Revenue sources are: 46% - rental income; 23% - donations/sponsorships; 15% - membership dues; 9% - events/seminars; 5% - sales/books; 2% - user fees.

The board invited Santa Barbara Police Department Beat Coordinator, Officer Craig Burleigh, to speak at the December board meeting about proactive and appropriate safety and security measures the Society may want to consider for its property. Many of Officer Burleigh's recommendations are practical, low cost measures we will implement.

He had two recommendations for individuals that can be useful in any situation: use the buddy system when going to/from your car in the evening; do not give money to strangers who approach you on the street, offer food instead. Officer Burleigh buys McDonald's gift cards and keeps them handy to offer a person in need of a meal.

Wishing you peace, love,  
health, and happiness  
in 2020.

Karen Stanton Ramsdell  
President



## Ancestors West



Oh, you busy bees.... I know you spent many hours this holiday season poring over old family stories --and finally picked which of your many ancestors you want to see in print in the next issue of Ancestors West.

Was there someone in your family who is remembered for his or her heroic deeds; who led a dedicated and altruistic life; who made sacrifices for others?

Perhaps it was someone whose life had a profound impact at the time they lived; or someone who overcame obstacles or handicaps in their life.

Is there an ancestor whose life serves as an inspiration to you? Super heroes are a new media invention, but I think they must have had their origins in some of the remarkable, yet unsung, lives of our ancestors.

We are waiting to hear their stories!

Kristin Ingalls, AW Chair  
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## Membership Corner by Molly Gleason



**Hello all and Happy New Year!** I wish you the best of luck with your family research in the coming year and I hope you find several missing pieces to your genealogy puzzle.

A Warm Welcome to our new members and

thank you continuing members for your renewals last year!

We have several new members since our last issue of Tree Tips. They are: **Ina Ettenberg, Greg Farrington, Maria Hemingway, Sacha Marini, Norm Scott, Patti Weber, and Diane Zonana.**

New members: If you do not have a "New Member Packet," please pick one up at the next monthly meeting you attend or at the Sahyun Library.

### New Year's Resolutions for Members

*I will...*

1. Request help from a Mentor if I am having trouble getting started with my research or if I run into a brick wall by going to the SBCGS website and clicking on the Members Area/Mentors for Members link in the sidebar of the home page. I know I can also contact the Mentor Coordinator, Kathy Cremeen, at [kajcremeen@gmail.com](mailto:kajcremeen@gmail.com).
2. Share an interesting genealogy discovery I have made by writing a blog for the SBCGS website and emailing it to the Webmaster at [webmaster@sbgen.org](mailto:webmaster@sbgen.org). A link to the blog will appear on the "Blogs by Society Members" page, reached by clicking on "Blogs by Members" in the sidebar of the home page.
3. Go to the website for information about upcoming meetings, seminars, classes, field trips, and a lot more!
4. Ask for help if I have trouble renewing my membership by sending an email to [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org). I will also take a look at the tear out sheet in this issue of Tree Tips with instructions for renewing online and resetting my password.
5. Volunteer (maybe).



I look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact me at [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org) with your questions, comments, and suggestions.

Cheers!  
Molly

## Recognizing Our Volunteers



This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks **Jane Honikman**. As most of you know, Jane hosts the Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Group table at the monthly meetings. Jane joined the Society in 1999 and is a Life Member. Thank you, Jane, for sharing your fascinating bio!

I was born in Palo Alto, CA in 1945, the third child and only girl. My parents had arrived in the small, middle class town next to the Stanford University campus in 1928. They owned a business selling tennis rackets

and typewriters. My brothers and I attended local schools, graduating from Palo Alto High School. Our maternal grandmother lived with us. In 1892, at 8 years old, she had arrived in Portland, Oregon, with her widowed mother and 8 siblings from Odessa, Russia. As a teen I began corresponding with her brother asking for family stories. My father's family had already documented the arrival in their family in the late 1690s from England. That Family Tree reveals that I descend from survivors of both the American Revolution and the Civil Wars. These stories fascinated me. I started scrapbooking and organizing photo albums as a child. I was hooked early and became a budding genealogist.

I married a month after graduating from Whittier College in 1967. My husband finished his graduate degree from Stanford and we moved to Santa Barbara in 1970. We still live in the same Goleta tract home where we raised our two children. I joined the American Association of University Women and co-founded Postpartum Education for Parents. I founded Postpartum Support International in 1987. My social activism has led to a career advocating for new families and their mental health.

In the 1990s I was motivated to interview my mother after taking a class on oral history through Adult Education. She was reluctant but eventually I created a voice over video with still photos of her life. I became a Life Member of the Santa Barbara County Genealogy Society in 2000. Michel Nellis was my first mentor and with her help I started to solve a family mystery on my mother's paternal side. I took Cari Thomas' class on German genealogy and that led me to a remarkable discovery.

Mother had a set of black and white photos from the 1930s of her father's family in Berlin. One was of James Levy, "Kantor u. Religionslehrer". He was my great uncle. What happened to him and his family? During a visit to Berlin in 2001, I learned that he and his wife had been transported from Berlin to the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in 1943. She died there in 1944 but Uncle James was liberated on May 2, 1945. My big break came in 2010 through the International Tracing Service based in Germany. I received a file of papers with a valuable immigration questionnaire written by James. I discovered his children and one

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## SBCGS Educational Events

### ***DNA Lunch & Learn***

***George LaPlante***

**Friday, January 17, 2020 (3rd Friday)**

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm**

**Location:** Sahyun Library, Community Room  
(feel free to bring your lunch)

See SBCGS website for Genetic Genealogy Resources:  
<http://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=91>

### ***Tuesday Lunch & Learn***

***Rosa Avolio***

**Tuesday Lunch and Learn**  
**January 14, 2020, 12:00 - 1:30 PM**

Bring your lunch and questions and  
let's talk genealogy and technology.

All levels beginner to advanced.

## Carpinteria Genealogy Workshops

### **Basic DNA**

**Saturday, Jan 11 @10am**

**Carpinteria Library- 5141 Carpinteria Ave**

Have you recently taken a DNA test, or are you interested in taking a test, and want to learn more? This class will cover what DNA is, why it is helpful for genealogists, explore different tests, plus discuss privacy concerns and DNA in the recent news.

## School of Extended Learning

### **School of Extended Learning**

#### **How to Research Your Family History: Level 2**

Have you reached a dead end in your genealogy research? Need a new strategy plan for tackling your 'brick wall'? Explore alternative and less known sources including using newspapers, directories, many types of military, land, probate, and other court records. You will create an action plan, compile a toolbox of resources, and explore creative ways to think outside the box to aid in your research. Class includes hands on practice in a computer lab as well as some demo/lecture.

Starts Monday, 1/27/19

Ends March 16, 2020,

Mondays 6:00 pm -7:30 pm

Course: 001413LE

Cost: \$63+ Materials: \$5

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/yj56ayco>

Instructor Norma Eggli, [egglin@sbcc.edu](mailto:egglin@sbcc.edu)

Wake Campus Rm. 4, 300 N. Turnpike Santa Barbara

## RootsMagic Software User Group

**The first meeting of the new RootsMagic Software User Group Meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 12:30.**

The new RootsMagic User Group meeting will cover topics and questions related to the RootsMagic genealogy software program for Mac and Windows. Bring your lunch and your questions and suggested topics for future discussions.

**Elizabeth O'Neal** has been using RootsMagic for more than 10 years and is the moderator of this group.

The group meets on the Thursday before the general meeting (usually the 3rd Thursday of the month) from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Recognizing Our Volunteers, continued

grandson were living in New York City. They welcomed him to the USA in 1947. The American Red Cross Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center sent a message to my 2nd cousin. He was shocked and delighted to learn of my existence. Great Uncle James died in 1961 at age 85. My genealogy search resulted in new relatives I never knew I had.

I know my experience is not unique. Ten years ago, I met Gayle Rosenberg after she had taken Jan Cloud's class. We formed the Jewish Special Interest Group that meets prior to SBCGS's monthly general meetings on the 3rd Saturday. We welcome anyone who wanders into our gatherings. In order to expand our reach into the local Jewish community we launched a Genealogy Club at Congregation B'nai B'rith in the Fall of 2018. Society volunteers have been very helpful in this outreach effort.

Besides my passion of family history, my activities include playing the flute, ice skating, gardening and socializing with family and friends. My husband and I are proud of our grown children, their spouses and our eight grandchildren.

~ Jane Israel Honikman

TIP: copy and paste this URL for more information.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-american-red-cross-holocaust-victims-tracing-center>

## Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center



Holocaust Tracing, Family Searches,  
and Wartime Documentation

## The Sahyun Genealogical Library



316 Castillo Street Phone: 805-884-9909  
sbgen.org

### SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours

Sunday: 1 - 4 PM  
Tuesday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
AFTER General Meeting: 1 - 4 PM

### Holidays and Special Hours

CLOSED: Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day  
Fiesta Parade, July 4th, Labor Day Weekend,  
Thanksgiving Weekend, Winter Holiday Dec. 22-Jan 1st

**LDS Library Hours** 2107 Santa Barbara St. Phone: 805-682-2092

Wednesday: 11 AM - 2 PM Saturday: 11 AM - 2 PM  
(May and June: 1st & 2nd Saturdays only)



### 2-Day Family History Classes – Using FamilySearch

**LIVE webinars from the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library**  
Open to the public – No Charge

Place: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Center  
2107 Santa Barbara St. (Use Family History Center entrance on Santa Barbara St.)

Attendance limited to 15 people.

Make reservations by emailing [ca\\_santabarbara@ldsmail.net](mailto:ca_santabarbara@ldsmail.net) You will receive a confirmation email.

\*Classes may be canceled if fewer than three people register.

#### Beginning Class Topics

Organization  
Overview of FamilySearch  
Attaching FamilySearch Records Using the Source Linker  
Attaching All Other Records  
Introduction to the FamilySearch Wikipedia  
Putting Photos, Documents & Stories in FamilySearch  
U.S. Census Records  
Searching for Vital Records  
Overview of Ancestry.com  
FamilySearch Indexing

#### 2020 Webinar Schedule

Jan. 21-22	2-Day Intermediate Family History Course
Feb. 4-5	2-Day Beginning Family History Course
March 17-18	2-Day Advanced Family History Course
April 7-8	2-Day Beginning Family History Course
May 19-20	2-Day Intermediate Family History Course
June 16-17	2-Day Advanced Family History Course

#### Intermediate Class Topics

Using Digital Tools for Capturing Images  
Various Church Records  
Finding Family Genealogies – Trees & Published Histories  
Finding Duplicates & Merging in FamilySearch  
Fixing Relationships in FamilySearch  
Death and Related Records  
FamilySearch Wiki  
Newspapers & Obituaries  
Searching Google  
What's New in FamilySearch

#### Advanced Class Topics

Using Research Tools, Time Lines, Research Logs, etc.  
Brick Walls  
Land & Property  
Website Resources-My Heritage and Find My Past  
Other Website Resources  
Finding Records Beyond FamilySearch & Ancestry  
Passenger Lists & Naturalization Records  
Probates and Wills

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## SBCGS All-Day Seminar

**Award Winner Speaker and Genealogist**

**Thomas W. Jones**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**



*Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys, and rewards of tracing his ancestors reliably and understanding their lives. Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks Mastering Genealogical Proof and Mastering Genealogical Documentation. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.*

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, State and Constance, Santa Barbara (Ample free parking in the church's lot; the facility is handicapped accessible.)

**Save the Date; More Information to Follow**



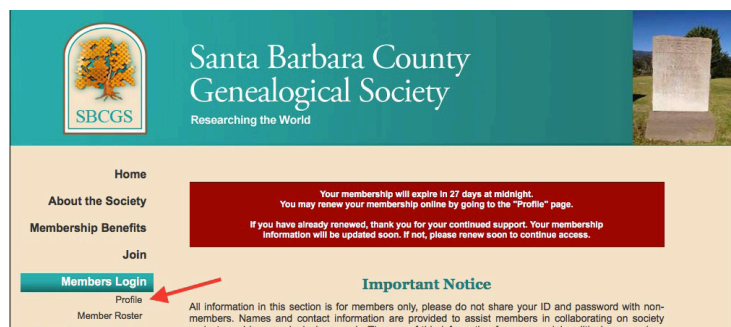
# Cheat Sheet for Renewing Membership in SBCGS

Here is your own *cheat sheet* for renewing your membership in SBCGS. Keep it handy!

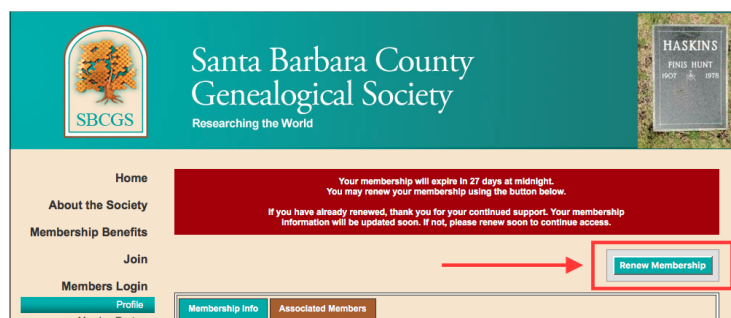
## Tips:

- The renew button does not show up until 30 days before renewal date.
- When you see the message to renew, click on profile.
- When you pay there is a checkbox for a security code before the pay with a credit card.
- You do not need a Paypal account; PayPal is only our credit card processing service.

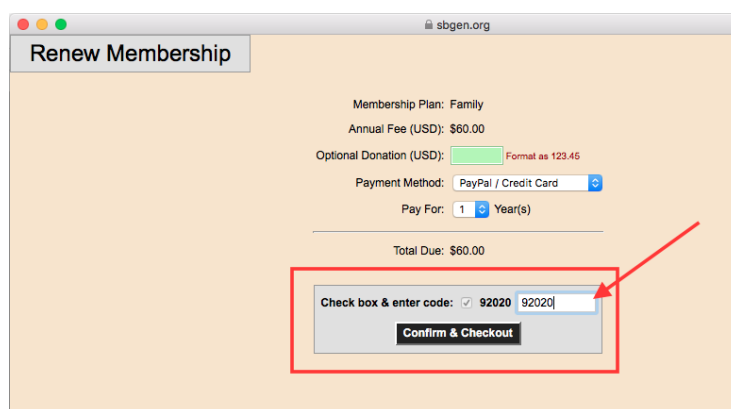
## STEP 1. Log in and click on Profile



## STEP 2. Click on Renew Membership

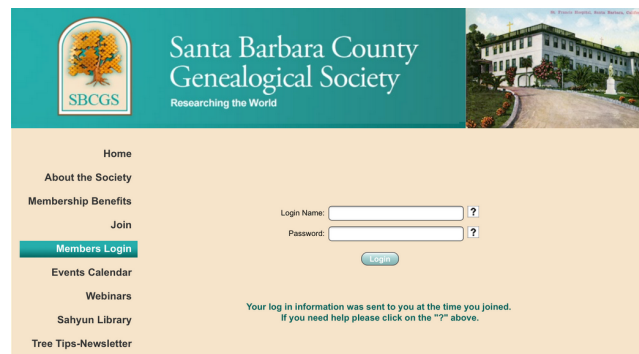


## STEP 3. Complete information; confirm and checkout

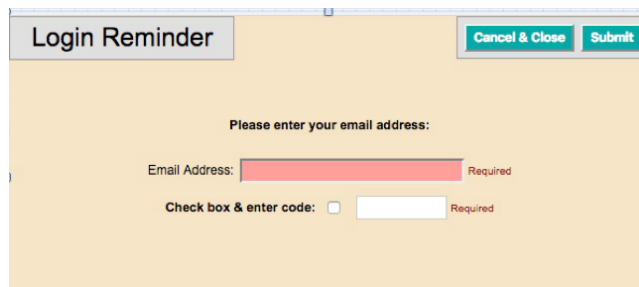


## How do I reset my login/password?

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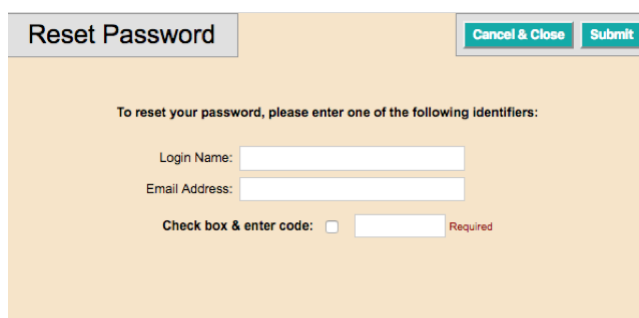


When you click on the ? next to Login name, you will see:



Fill in your email address, click in the check box, and enter the code displayed, then click the Submit button.

If you click the “?” next to Password, you will see the screen below.



Enter your login name, email address, click the box to get a code and enter, then enter the code and click the Submit button.