



## The Orphan Train Movement: History, Genealogy, Legacy

From 1854 to 1929, over two hundred thousand children were transported from New York to the Midwest and beyond as part of the orphan train movement. Michael Brophy explores the origins and intentions of the orphan train movement as part of the larger immigrant experience. He describes how children were “placed out,” shares stories of orphan train riders, and provides tips on researching ancestry of orphan train children.



Michael Brophy is a nationally known professional genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area. He has served as a Board Member on the Massachusetts Genealogical Council and the New England Association of Professional Genealogists. Mike was featured on *Who Do You Think You Are?* and conducted research for Ancestry.com, book authors, and hundreds of private clients.

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

[You must register for this meeting.](#)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class.*

**10:30 - 11:00am**

Business Meeting with President and Committee Reports

**11:00 - 12:00 Noon**

Elizabeth O’Neal, VP, Introduction of Speakers

**You must register for all meetings and classes including the General Meeting:**

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.
2. After you register, you will receive a your link to SBCGS General Meeting.
3. You will be sent to our waiting room. Our Zoom host, will admit you. This process insures the security of our Zoom meeting.

**American Ancestors - New England Historic Genealogical Society** - is allowing SBCGS to provide access to our members during the time our library is closed due to the current COVID situation. Log in to **members only** section of our website and click on **Access from Home** to view log-in information. To learn about the NEHGS and how to search their database [click here](#). Please do not share login information with non-members.

**SBCGS members also have access to:**

- AncestryLibraryEdition
- Genealogy Bank

**The Center for American War Letters (CAWL)** is a unique and extensive manuscript collection of war letters from every American conflict, beginning with handwritten missives composed during the Revolutionary War and continuing up to emails sent from Iraq and Afghanistan. CAWL is associated with Chapman University in Orange County. If you want to research digital records or or might have letters to contribute, [click here](#).

*Thanks to Julie Moore for this tip.*

## EVENTS, MEETINGS & GATHERINGS



**REGISTER HERE** You must register for these classes. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class.

**Tuesday, January 5, 12 Noon - 1:30**  
**Lunch & Learn**

**Friday, January 8, 1:30-2:45**  
**Tracing Your 20th Century English Ancestors**

**Tuesday, January 12, 12 Noon - 1:30**  
**Managing Your Genealogy Media**

**Friday, January 15, 12 Noon - 1:30**  
**DNA Lunch & Learn**

**Saturday, January 16, 10:30 AM**  
**General Meeting, “The Orphan Train Movement: History, Genealogy, Legacy”**

**Wednesday, January 20, 10:00 - 11:30**  
**Tracing My Maternal Line with DNA and FANs**

**Friday, January 22, 11:00 - 12: Noon**  
**RootsMagic (Windows & Mac) User Group Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 26, 12 Noon - 1:30**  
**Lunch and Learn Tuesdays**

**Friday, January 29, 11:00 - 12:30 pm**  
**What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?**

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## President's Message Marie Sue Parsons, President

Welcome to January 2021! am, and I believe that you are, so happy to be in a new year, that promises to be much better than the Year of the Pandemic!

2021 marks the 49th year of our society. Next year we will celebrate both our 50th anniversary, as well as our 10th year following the completion of our remodeling project. We have some party planning to do!

For now, we are all anxious to again visit our wonderful Sahyun library and return to in-person meetings and classes. Fortunately we have continued to be able as members to use the library subscription to Ancestry, to search American Ancestors, and newspapers at Genealogy Bank from our homes. We have "zoomed" many classes, meetings, events, and webinars during the past ten months. The society has needed to maintain the library facility even though it has been empty, as our thousands of books and other materials need the protection of a constant temperature, insurance, maintenance of our rental units and more.

*Your donations to support our organization so that you can take advantage of your continued membership are much appreciated. Of our total annual operating budget, our budgeted Annual Appeal goal of \$17,000, which we exceeded in 2019, is far from reached this year. Please take this opportunity to send in your contribution, or if possible, to add an additional amount if you have already donated. Our membership of \$40 covers but a small part of the costs to maintain our society and our library for our members.*

While you are making your financial offering, please also consider how you can offer your time as well. Managing and running an all-volunteer library the size and scale of ours takes lots of people contributing a small amount each, and some putting in tremendous numbers of hours all by themselves. Which are you? Each and every one is important to our success. I invite you to think about what part you can play--no matter how small--in our continuing efforts to provide members and others the opportunity to discover those wonderful people who came before us and made us who we are. *As a reminder, we still need a Volunteer Coordinator, and chairmen for the Development, Social, and Publicity committees, and most importantly, a President to finish out Connie Burns' term. Do you have an interest and desire to volunteer to help out? Let me know.*

And with that, I offer you my warmest wishes for a wonderful 2021, and I look forward to seeing you in person as soon as possible!

I have enjoyed serving as your interim president over the past few months and I send you a Happy New Year!  
Marie Sue

## Outreach Committee Holly Snyder, Chair



Happy New Year! We are hopeful we will get to bring back our Picnic at the Cemetery event in October this year. We will continue to create virtual exhibits for us all to learn and enjoy.

### In the works for 2021:

- Virtual exhibit: Santa Barbara African American Life, Culture, and Contributions, 1890-1990 (bulk of exhibit will focus prior to 1950)- March/April
- Goleta Library Display- June 2021 (if the library opens in time)
- Picnic at the Cemetery- Oct. 23, 2021 (See past cemetery events at Outreach->Picnic in the Cemetery or <https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=333>)

We would love your feedback on the exhibits and suggestions for future genealogical exhibits! We are accepting virtual exhibit proposals from members and SBCGS's special interest groups. We are also available for virtual genealogy speaking engagements for any interested organization or group anywhere! Contact Holly Snyder at [Outreach@Sbgen.org](mailto:Outreach@Sbgen.org) for more info.

## Information to Join Virtual Meetings for Non-Members

All Society events are open to the public and free unless noted otherwise. However, registration is required for both members and non-members to attend these events. The registration links can be found below each event. Ordinarily, these events are a benefit of membership in the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. If you like what you see and you are not a member, please consider joining the Society or making a donation. By registering for any of our events, you agree to receive emails from Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## How to Research Your Family History: Level 2

Class includes hands-on practice in a computer lab as well as some demo/lecture. Due to Covid the class will be meeting via Zoom.

**Course:** 001413LE/23770 **Cost:** \$63+ **Materials:** \$5

7 classes **Jan. 20 – Mar 3, 2021**

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 11:15 am

**To register go to:** <http://sbcc.augusoft.net/>

Questions or need help registering, contact **Norma Egli**, instructor, at [egglin@sbcc.edu](mailto:egglin@sbcc.edu)



## Membership Corner by Molly Gleason

Happy 2021, everyone! (I think we all need a little “Snoopy” in our lives right now.) I hope you all had a safe holiday and are happy and healthy!

**A Warm Welcome** to our newest members: **Ellen Moore and Glen Weber.**

And Thank You, continuing members, for your renewals last year!

New members: The SBCGS New Member Packet is available for viewing on our website. Click on Members Area then New Member Packet.

The packet includes helpful information about the library and instructions for renewing as well as adding or changing information in your individual profiles. In addition, it includes “how to get started in genealogy” tips, forms, and references to several genealogy sources including free websites and Santa Barbara County facilities for local and worldwide family history research. Paper copies of the New Member Packet will also be available at the Sahyun Library and the monthly General Meetings once we resume normal operations.

### *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 Members Area then Mentors for Members from 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 Useful Links then Blogs by Members from the sidebar of the home page.
- 3. Go to the website for information** about upcoming meetings, webinars, and classes. Members and non-members will need to register for all virtual events shown on the website Events Calendar – including the Monthly Meeting – unless otherwise noted.
- 4. Ask for help** if I have trouble renewing my membership by sending an email to [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org)
- 5. VOLUNTEER!!**

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



## Tech Tips Milt Hess, IT Chair

The company that hosts the Society’s website and email server and supports our website software is EasyNetSites (ENS), located in Tampa, Florida. ENS has notified its clients that it will cease operation on 30 June 2021. We have used this company’s software and services for our website for about ten years, and most of our membership, education, outreach, library, and research activities depend on the website.

About 200 genealogical and historical societies are currently using ENS, so it is possible that a computer technology firm may acquire ENS and continue to support its client base. Because we can’t assume that this will happen, the Tech Team is taking advantage of this opportunity to do some much-needed work on our digital infrastructure.

There are several ways to approach this project, including using a commercially available solution and developing a custom website using a modern toolset such as WordPress. The Tech Team is meeting with committee chairs to get their input on the functions and features to be included in the new website. If you have suggestions, please do let us know. You can email me at [ITchair@sbgen.org](mailto:ITchair@sbgen.org).

Once we have defined the requirements, we will be able to evaluate alternative approaches, select one, and move forward with implementation.

Milt Hess  
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## Volunteer Corner Featuring Robin McCarthy

This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks Robin McCarthy. Robin needs no introduction. Most every member of our society who has ever attended a class, field trip or virtual event knows her. Robin joined the society in 2012 and has contributed in so many ways. In addition to class instructor and Zoom Co-

ordinator, Robin has served on several committees including Records Preservation, Education, and Technology. Thank you, Robin and thank you for sharing your most interesting bio!

“My family relocated to Goleta from my birthplace in Great Falls, Montana, shortly after my 10th birthday. I have lived within a one-mile radius of the Fairview Shopping Center ever since. I attended Fairview School, now the Jack Kramer Administration office for Goleta Union School District, Goleta Valley Junior High and Dos Pueblos High School. Throughout those years I was an active member in Camp Fire Girls, doing several speaking engagements and an interview on KEYT with then weatherman Gene Forsell.

During my high school years I took organ lessons from Louise McDermott, whose husband was one of the owners of the McDermott-Crockett Mortuary. After high school I attended SBCC and UCSB majoring in math but later switching to computer science. I also worked weekends at a local costume rental shop.

My first “real” job was working in the Proof and Accounting departments of Santa Barbara National Bank (later becoming Santa Barbara Bank & Trust). After a brief stint working at Sambo’s corporate office in Carpinteria, I began working in the Payroll department at Applied Magnetics. It was there where I was able to fulfill my high school dream of becoming a computer programmer, after being the night shift computer operator for three years. During this time I also worked part-time in the Data Processing departments of St. Francis Hospital and Jostens school ring company (later to become the home of my future employer, QAD) and had my own part-time business setting up computer accounting systems for small businesses.

I left Applied Magnetics after 15 years to work for QAD, a local company near Summerland that produces enterprise resource planning software for manufacturing companies. During my 18 years as a software engineer there, I was privileged to travel to their offices in Belgium, Ireland and Shanghai to train other software engineers.

When I retired from QAD in 2012 I decided to investigate genealogy, having heard from one of my mother’s cousins that she was a fifth cousin of John Glenn, the astronaut and Ohio senator. I had no idea how he would have determined this information because I knew nothing about genealogy research. So, I enrolled in an Adult Ed genealogy class taught by Louise Matz. I was amazed at the amount of old records that have been kept and digitized. By the end of the term, it was Family History Month so I joined our society to take advantage of those class offerings.

It wasn’t long afterward that Connie Burns tapped me to be a volunteer librarian. Before COVID, I was working two shifts a month as a librarian. When Rosa Avolio learned of my passion with Excel, she enlisted my help with Records Preservation. I have been working with Dorothy Oksner and a host of other volunteers ever since on Records Preservation. I create spreadsheet templates for transcribing the images Dorothy obtains for obituaries, mortuaries, cemeteries, court



## Ancestors West by Kristin Ingalls

Time Marches On....  
It is hard to believe that we closed the library in March thinking we would reopen in a few weeks. Am I the only one who

feels a little like Rip Van Winkle these days?

While the theme for our next issue will be **Cousins**, we love ANY good story. Do you do have a special story about a cousin you may have met through DNA testing or who you found on an online Family Tree? What new discoveries did you make with the help of your newly-found cousin (or aunt or uncle or nephew or niece or ?)

December is one of our favorite monthly meetings for that is when our members share their own genealogy stories. Happily, we will still be able to see them - thanks to today’s technology and our own very dedicated team of Zoom experts.

*This is an invitation to those among us who know we have great stories to share but are a little shy, or perhaps terrified, to do a presentation to a big audience. Friends, you are in luck. It is Ancestors West to the rescue!*

1. Select which of the many fascinating stories about your family you would like to share, to brag about, to wow us with.
2. Write it down. Embellish with family photos or documents.
3. Send it to me by February 1st, 2021.

If you need a little help, let me know and one of our editors will be happy to assist. Get started soon... February 1st, ... you know you can do it... won’t your kids be proud?

Kristin Ingalls, Editor [antkap@cox.net](mailto:antkap@cox.net)

### Volunteer Corner, continued

records, naturalization records and many others. I keep track of the indexing task assignments and upload the completed work to the Local Records database on our website.

In 2019 I organized society bus trips to research at the LA Public Library and the Los Angeles Family History Center in addition to moderating monthly classes for Family Tree Maker and Legacy Family Tree software users. I have attended the RootsTech Genealogy Conference in Salt Lake City three times as well as joining the society’s annual trip there last year. I’ve also attended Southern California Genealogical Society’s Jamboree Conference twice. This year I’ve been busy on Zoom, teaching classes, and moderating others. I enjoy teaching and learning. We have such a great group of people in our society with which I’ve made many friends.

When I’m not “working” for the society or watching genealogy webinars, I also volunteer with a local dog rescue group, serve as treasurer on our homeowners’ association board of directors, spend time in Phoenix with my sister, enjoy plays and musicals with friends and former co-workers and am an avid Dodgers fan.

~Robin McCarthy



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Researching the World



## Virtual Classes and Meetings — January 2021

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Advance registration is required.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class.

If the links embedded in this document don't work on your device, copy and paste this URL: <https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216> to access the Events Calendar. Ordinarily these events are a benefit of SBCGS membership.

If you like what you see and you are not a member, please consider joining here.

Saturday, January 2, 2021

San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society featuring Thomas MacEntee  
10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Learn more about Tom's talks here: <https://www.slocgs.org/>. This event is NOT sponsored by Santa Barbara Genealogical Society. If you wish to attend you must [register here by email!](mailto:slocgscontact@gmail.com) ([slocgscontact@gmail.com](mailto:slocgscontact@gmail.com))

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Virtual Lunch and Learn Tuesdays  
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host: Rosa Avolio

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/j0kf-GgqD8pHND3qPSVvM3SRxx5kDPHR2kZ) <https://zoom.us/join/j0kf-GgqD8pHND3qPSVvM3SRxx5kDPHR2kZ>  
Rosa will talk about using the American Ancestors website and record collections. Come join us and bring your lunch and questions.

Friday, January 8, 2021

Tracing Your 20th Century English Ancestors (Webinar Showing)  
1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy  
Presented by: Else Churchill

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/tJYoceuppj4sGtUjerHkUiDsRmnfy8UncPKm) <https://zoom.us/join/tJYoceuppj4sGtUjerHkUiDsRmnfy8UncPKm> This is a pre-recorded presentation. Researching in the early 20th century can be quite challenging. Death certificates aren't complete, census information is missing, finding marriage information is difficult, and the devastating effect of two world wars, can make finding an ancestor challenging. This talk will look at the sources and techniques that might help overcome those challenges.

Saturday, January 9, 2021

San Diego Genealogical Society  
Presenter: Diahna Southard  
10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Diahna Southard is giving two presentations at this event: Session 1: Organizing Your DNA Results and Session 2: Ask the Wife! A DNA Analysis Strategy). This event is NOT sponsored by Santa Barbara Genealogical Society. If you wish to attend you must [Register here!](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tJUuce-gqTIqE9UFxquWR1pF4z1ZcczJLN19) <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tJUuce-gqTIqE9UFxquWR1pF4z1ZcczJLN19>

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Managing Your Genealogy Media  
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host: Rosa Avolio

Instructor: Milt Hess

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/tJwrdOyrtqTsjHN1LIQZnhT9d7rprlPuyLwga) <https://zoom.us/join/tJwrdOyrtqTsjHN1LIQZnhT9d7rprlPuyLwga> Milt Hess will expand on his December monthly meeting presentation with tips for organizing and managing your genealogy media files. He will demonstrate merging media items from Ancestry; adding media items from another folder; linking people; naming/renaming; adding a category; cropping & straightening; genealogy software (FTM) media workspace – using it to keep things straight; and troubleshooting

Friday, January 15, 2021

DNA Lunch and Learn  
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy

Moderator: George LaPlante

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/tJAsd-iprj0tGtxmOxYaSGVj2kmjMBfYBk7m) <https://zoom.us/join/tJAsd-iprj0tGtxmOxYaSGVj2kmjMBfYBk7m>

George will talk about managing your DNA matches and recent changes in some of the tools that are available for analyzing your DNA results.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Tracing My Maternal Line with DNA and FANs

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Zoom Host: Diane Sylvester

Speaker: Debbie Kaska

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/tJYldO6srTMuHNVfpbeEOKEY0FrYSwNR-J2-) <https://zoom.us/join/tJYldO6srTMuHNVfpbeEOKEY0FrYSwNR-J2->

Friday, January 29, 2021

What Did You Do in the War Daddy?  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Zoom Host: Diane Sylvester

Presenter: Art Sylvester

[Register here!](https://zoom.us/join/tJUuce-gqTIqE9UFxquWR1pF4z1ZcczJLN19) <https://zoom.us/join/tJUuce-gqTIqE9UFxquWR1pF4z1ZcczJLN19>

Saturday, 16 January, 10:30am

Virtual Monthly Meeting  
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

*"The Orphan Train Movement: History, Genealogy, Legacy"*

From 1854 and 1929, over 200,000 children were transported from New York to the Midwest and beyond. The history, genealogy, and legacy of the movement are explored.



Speaker: Michael Brophy

Zoom Host: Elizabeth O'Neal

[Advance registration is required HERE!](#)

After registering, you will receive the link. <https://tinyurl.com/yb53rzqa>

Friday, January 22, 2021

RootsMagic (Windows & Mac) User Group Meeting (Software User Groups)  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Zoom Host & Moderator: Elizabeth O'Neal

[Register here!](https://tinyurl.com/y8d8pmea) <https://tinyurl.com/y8d8pmea>

RootsMagic Software is called by Smart Computing Magazine "the best genealogy program we've seen." Bring your questions about this popular genealogy software program.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Virtual Lunch and Learn Tuesdays  
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

[Register here!](https://tinyurl.com/ybbnpw19) <https://tinyurl.com/ybbnpw19>

Come join us for our Tuesday Lunch & Learn. All levels beginner to advanced. Bring your lunch and let's talk genealogy!

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Genealogy Escape Room with Thomas MacEntee  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm This event is NOT sponsored by Santa Barbara Genealogical Society. If you wish to attend you must [REGISTER HERE](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1869802397798581518) and attend on your own. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1869802397798581518>





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**WHEN?**

February 2021 Date to be Determined

Monthly

12 Noon-1:15

**LOCATION**

On Zoom



# Brickwall Sleuthing

(This class is appropriate for those with some experience in genealogical research.)

What's the next step in your research? Have you moved beyond the beginning stages of researching your family history but are frustrated by major stumbling blocks? **Brickwall Sleuthing** might be helpful.

**Brickwall Sleuthing** is an interactive class, and the expectation is that each participant will present a brickwall case study of his/her own. The class will then discuss records, historical context and events, cluster genealogy, and other topics that might help find a solution to the brickwall.

Genealogical case studies explore a research problem and how it has been solved. A **brickwall case study** does the same thing but the solution to the problem hasn't been revealed yet. The problem can be as simple as an explanation of a discovery, or the analysis of a record; more complex problems might involve a search for parents of an ancestor or locating records pertaining to the problem.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please be prepared to contribute to the discussions on our various brickwall cases, and please plan on making at a presentation on your brickwall.

**We look forward to working with you on your brickwalls!**

**Debbie and Diane**

**EMAIL NOW to sign up:**

[sbcgs-education@sbgen.org](mailto:sbcgs-education@sbgen.org)

Include a few sentences about the brickwall that you would like to present.

**Zoom Hosts:**

Debbie Kaska, Diane Sylvester

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Include a few sentences about the brickwall that you would like to present.

**Below is one way to tackle a brickwall case study. Do Steps 5-6 when you find your answer!**

- 1. Present the Problem.** Open your case study by creating a picture of the problem — the who, what, where, and why of the problem you are trying to solve.
- 2. Show the research** you already conducted and the records you located.
- 3. Describe any of your research plan/s.**
- 4. Identify limitations** if there are any.
- 5. Show the new research** you conducted and the records you located. Add full source citations.
- 6. Reveal the Results.** Did you solve your genealogical research problem? State it!