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What You Don't Know About The US Census

Saturday, September 18, 2021



Think you know everything about the US Census? Most researchers know some of the ins and outs of researching the decennial census, but they don't know about some of the other gems the US census provides, including non-population schedules, census bureau reports, and more. Learn more about the census so you can use it to create a more in-depth analysis of your ancestor's life.

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

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

9:30 - 10:25 am PDT

Virtual Special Interest Groups will meet prior to the general meeting using the same Zoom link.

10:30 - 11:00am

Business Meeting with President Art Sylvester and Committee Reports

11:00 - 12:00 Noon

Elizabeth O'Neal, VP, Introduction of Speaker

September Hours for the Sahyun Library and Covid Information

The Sahyun Library will be open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm for the month of September 2021. We will continue to monitor the level of Covid-19 cases in the county and will add additional days as the infection rates begin to slow and we have adequate numbers of volunteers to staff the Library additional shifts.

If you are feeling reluctant to come inside the Library to do research, even though you are vaccinated and everyone is wearing a mask, there is an alternative available. If you have your own laptop or mobile device, you can sit in the patio at the front of the Library entrance and access our WiFi to visit Familysearch.org, Newspapers.com, World edition and or Fold3 during the open hours. You must have your own device and know how to access your WiFi connection. You can then sit outside at one of the tables in the fresh air and do some research! The volunteers at the front desk will have instructions on how to access these three sites. This can only be done in range of our WiFi on the days the Library is open! Please call before you come to the library to be sure there is outside space available, we don't want to be too crowded!

And don't forget all members can still access AncestryLibrary.org, AmericanAncestors and GenealogyBank.com from your own home until the end of the year.

Everyone stay safe and healthy,

Your Library Volunteers



Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester, President
Robert Bason, President-Elect



After being closed for almost a year and a half, Sahyun Library Director Kathie Morgan and her committee opened the library for research two days a week on August 3, just in time to run headlong into a County-wide increase in the spread of the Delta variety of the COVID virus. To mitigate the exposure of library patrons to the virus, three main measures are in effect: face coverings for everyone, even for vaccinated folks, social distancing, and two new air cleaning devices.



These air cleaners are magical in the way that they emit ions that combine with, and eradicate, all manner of things in the air, including dust, pollen, but especially viruses, and even odors. Kathie Morgan thoroughly researched

air cleaners, the company rep performed a demonstration for about 15 of us Society members, and John Woodward was so impressed that he pledged funds to purchase of two units right away to assure the library could reopen on schedule. Thank you John!!

The Society has found that Zoom meetings have their advantages and will continue to conduct much of its business in that mode, including the monthly meeting normally held at the Presbyterian Church at State and Constance, while the church undergoes some remodeling.

Bob and I were thrilled upon entering the library property to see the beautiful new paint job on the Victorian house. After our absences from such matters for a few years, we were also pleased to find that the Society's finances and grounds are in such good shape, thanks particularly to the stewardship of Michel Nellis, Mary Hall, Jim Wilson and Bob Goeller, Fred Marsh and Cheryl Jensen, and their committees. The only thing we seem to lack is some rain!

Let us all look forward to the fall and its many scheduled activities to bring us together again, with COVID protocols, of course. The activities include an Open House on October 3rd together with the "Opening" of our annual Student Art Exhibit, featuring a meet and greet session with Disney animator Floyd Norman, who was born and raised in Santa Barbara, and is one of the African American families in the Society's African American exhibit. Then just before Hallowe'en, we'll have a "Picnic in the Cemetery" at Goleta Cemetery where groups of people rotate from grave site to grave site to hear actors' presentations about the noteworthy person interred at that site. Watch the September and October "Tree Tips" for how you can be one of only 60 people to attend this popular social event and luncheon.

And let us see you at the Sahyun!
Art Sylvester, President pro tem
Bob Bason, President Elect

SBCGS Extends Deepest Sympathy to the Friends and Family of Joan Jacobs (Deceased July 8, 2021)

Joan Jacobs died Thursday afternoon, July 8, 2021. She spent her last days at Serenity House and fought valiantly against pancreatic cancer.

Joan was born in Chicago, Illinois, and attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Her brother, Jack, introduced her to his friend Bob Jacobs. Bob and Joan hit it off and married in 1957. They had one daughter, Rebecca.

In 1974, the Jacobs moved to Santa Barbara when Bob was hired as an assistant professor. Joan held several positions at UCSB working with the Marine Science Institute and the Institute for Polymers and Organic Solids.

In 1993, Joan became a member of SBCGS. She served as a volunteer library assistant for 12 years beginning at the Covarrubias Adobe. Joan started the Illinois Special Interest group which sustained a membership of 50 people for several years. Joan served on the Society's Board of Directors for 13 years between 1997 and 2017. She served on the Finance and Investment Committees and as Secretary for the latter. She also served as chair of the Aesthetics Committee. In 2000, she initiated the Honors Luncheon and chaired it for every luncheon since its inception. Joan was a Lifetime Member of SBCGS

New Books by Chris Klukkert

It's been lovely to have the library open again and see so many (masked) faces that we have not seen in the last year. I know the New In the Library books have already had a good perusal by many folks. There are more coming in weekly. Seems lots of authors took advantage of quarantine and did a lot more writing and publishing. Make sure to recheck some of your areas of research or states or locations in case new books have arrived that can assist you with your genealogy. As always, we take suggestions for book purchases and also welcome your donations.

New additions in the Library (this month):

- Biographical Dictionary of Harford County, Maryland
- In The Shadow of the Mountain: A Pioneer History of Enumclaw, Washington.
- Lower Fairforest Baptist Church, Union County, South Carolina Minutes 1809-1875, Membership lists through 1906. Vol 1.
- People of Color: Black Genealogical Records and Abstracts from Missouri Sources, Volume One.
- German Immigrants in American Church Records, Vol 34: Louisville, Kentucky by Dr. Roger Minert.
- Family Maps of Keokuk County, Iowa
- "He is a Person of very ill fame": New England Runaways, 1775 - 1768.
- Map Guide to German Parish Records: City of Strasbourg
- Map Guide to German Parish Records: Cities: Hanover & Magdeburg
- The Battle of Glorieta Pass: A Gettysburg in the West, March 26 -28, 1862. {New Mexico}

Volunteer Corner featuring Ann Dwelley



This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks Ann Dwelley. Ann joined the Society in 2016 and has become an integral member of the Library Committee. Ann has taken over the task of scheduling and coordinating the library volunteers. This is no small feat, and Ann has taken it on with great courage and gusto. She can now be found behind the front desk of the Sahyun, still working on the volunteer schedule and offering a warm

smile to all who enter. Thank you, Ann, for all you do. And thank you for sharing your most interesting story!

I was born in Manhattan, as was my father, and grew up in Pelham, New York, attending the public schools. At Wellesley College I studied economics and political science, and against all advice, married right after graduation. Dave and I have raised four children and now enjoy our nine grandchildren.

We moved from Newton, Massachusetts, to Goleta for Dave's job at Raytheon in late 1978, just after an earthquake. Family members told me to look up Great-Aunt Lulu, my paternal grandmother's sister, who lived in Santa Barbara. I didn't know she had a sister! After settling four kids in school and unpacking the household, I finally subscribed to the local paper and the first one delivered to our house had the obituary of Louise Powel Brown MD (January 29, 1979), with a photo that looked exactly like my grandmother. This became Genealogy Tweak #1.

Tweak #2 came when the bookkeeper for the doctor setting my son's arm after a skateboarding accident recognized the Dwelley name as her grandmother's maiden name and brought in a family history for us. We didn't know there were Dwelleys on the west coast as well as State of Maine, and family stories hold that they are all related.

Tweak #3 came with a school assignment for our daughter to create a family history. By then we lived in Wichita, Kansas. Laura wrote to all the relatives and created an extensive book from their responses that I still consult.

I have been an active volunteer and held part time jobs as we moved for Dave's work. Currently I serve as a walking tour docent and treasurer with the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara, and board president for the Santa Barbara Quire of Voyces. Previously, I served two years on the Santa Barbara Grand Jury, was executive director of an agency in London serving the expatriate community, and earned a Master of Public Administration at Harvard. However, I found that music was a more portable skill than non-profit management. I have been a chorister and soloist with the London Symphony, Boston Symphony, Santa Barbara Symphony, and recently, the Santa Barbara Quire of Voyces, Master Chorale, and various church choirs.

We moved back to Santa Barbara in 2000 when Dave retired, and as we inherited family treasures, photos, and stories, the time came to make sense of all the loose ends. Inspired by stories from Patty Volner and Edie Wells [SBCGS members] of finding distant cousins,

The 1950 Census by Kate Lima, Chair



Will you be ready when April 1, 2022 arrives? The 1950 Census Records will be released – YAY! – but we won't be able to look up our ancestors by their names – BOO. We will all need to know about Enumeration Districts (EDs). The 1950 census is divided

into EDs; within each state the EDs are numbered uniquely. That number consists of two parts. The first part specifies a region within the state. The region is usually a county, but it could be a large city. The second part specifies a district within the region. Once you have the ED number, you will be able to successfully research the 1950 census pages when they become public. It sounds overwhelming already, but Steve Morse and Joel Weintraub have put together numerous YouTube Videos and websites to help. It might be helpful to start by taking their 1950 Census Quiz, found here. (<https://stevemorse.org/census/quiz1950.php>.)

Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting release of the 1950 census. Imagine all the new information that will become available!

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ins, I came to a monthly SBCGS meeting and decided to join in 2016. Some of the stories: Dave's grandfather delivered the mail to the original L.L. Bean by horse and buggy in Freeport, Maine; we have photos of him on his route. My grandmother McLean and her sister Louise Brown both earned MD degrees in the early 1900s in New York City and told fascinating stories about the experience. Through Ancestry DNA I've been corresponding with Great Aunt Lulu's granddaughter Carolyn Brown Marr, who grew up in Santa Barbara. If I'd known this forty years ago, we might have met! There's plenty more family lore to check, and I greatly enjoy the Society resources for this journey.

Membership Corner by Kate Lima

Hello and Happy September to all!



A Warm Welcome to new members as of the last Tree Tips Newsletter: Summers Case, Rod Durham, Rosa Markolf, Tom Modugno, Ric Rew, and Jeanne Thomsen. How exciting, we hope to see you in person very soon.

For now, please check out the **New Member Packet** online. 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.

A big **Thank You** to all returning members! Thank you for your continued support.

Need help? Work with a Coach. The Society has over thirty volunteer coaches who are ready to share their extensive expertise in several areas of genealogical research with our members. Are you ready for some alliteration? Contact our Coach Coordinator, Kathy Cremeen, kajcremeen@gmail.com, if you would like help. To view a list of our coaches and contact information on our website, click on Members Area, then Coaches for Members. You may also contact the volunteers directly.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at membership@sbgen.org with your questions, comments, and suggestions.

SBCGS Display Case at Santa Barbara Public Library

The Outreach Committee put up a display of our October events in the Santa Barbara Public Library. The display runs through the month of September. Check it out!!

The display has four new student art pieces representing the student art exhibit, the open house, our amazing cemetery event, Speaker's Bureau information, Society information and Cathy Jordan's pieces about researching around the world



September Classes

Tuesday, September 14

Virtual Lunch and Learn Tuesdays

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

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

[Register here!](#)

Friday, September 24

Virtual DNA Lunch and Learn

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy

Moderator: George LaPlante

George will discuss recent DNA news and answer your DNA questions. Bring your lunch!

Note the date! It is the 4th Friday for September only!

Register here!

Crowdsourced Research Assistance

Tuesday, September 28

12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm (PDT)

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

Rosa Avolio and attendees will offer research suggestions for [pre-submitted brick wall research questions](#). If no submissions are received in advance, it will be the usual L&L questions, ideas, and suggestions. Download, complete, and [email the form to Rosa](#) if you have a research question you'd like to have crowdsourced at an upcoming session. [Register here!](#)



ACROSS THE POND



You are invited to share the story of your ancestors who “crossed the pond”
from their homeland to this country.

Why did they come? Did they travel alone or with family?

Did they write about their voyage? Where did they land?

Did they already have family here?

Did they continue migrating once they arrived?

Did they ever return to their native country?

Did they help bring other family members here?

Have you ever visited their homeland?

Their villages, towns, churches, homes?

Did you meet distant cousins?

Did you find more stories or secrets or an unexpected inheritance?

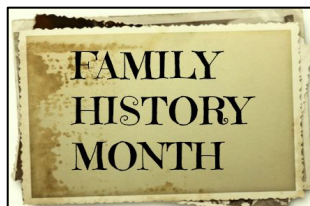
So many stories waiting to be told....

Our deadline is October 15
and remember, any good story will be welcomed, pond or not.

Outreach
Holly Snyder, Chair

Upcoming Events- Volunteer Opportunities!

Family History Month Open House/Student Art Exhibit- Oct. 3, 1-4pm @ Sahyun Library



October is only a month away and it will be here before we know it! We are very excited to have our Open House this year! Most activities will be outside and we will need to wear a mask. We are planning to show our African American and student art exhibits, map and Society cousins activity, craft your family tree station, print your family tree from FamilySearch, research help, and more!

Volunteers needed! We have volunteer opportunities for various activities such as parking, greeters, food, set up, clean up, craft table, research help, and more. Interested in volunteering? [Sign up here!](#)

(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wnIC5WnXqDWFtsTHHThFfsnlxYAOxrVvmWx8feKdwWk/edit?usp=sharing>)

Picnic at the Cemetery- Oct. 23, 10:30am @ the Goleta Cemetery (See past [cemetery events](#))



We are so excited to bring back our Picnic in the Cemetery fundraising event! Listen to six historical figures from our community at the Goleta Cemetery and then join us for lunch afterward at Grace Gathering Church across Hollister on Puente Rd. This event will be entirely outdoors. Registration to attend will begin by October 1.

Volunteers needed! Would you be interested in being a group leader, help with set up or clean up, or help with check-in? Please add your name and contact info on our volunteer [signup sheet here!](#)

(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FP1NsQcsl197QDSml-JCeDKTgu21du39I7DsrCg8n_A/edit?usp=sharing)

Having trouble signing up? Email Holly Snyder at Outreach@sbgen.org with what you'd like to help with.

Celebrate Family History Month

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 3, 2021

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The Sahyun Genealogical Library
316 Castillo St., Santa Barbara



FREE ADMISSION

- **Tours** of the Sahyun Genealogical Library
- **Free Use** of computers and subscription sites
- **Family Tree craft station**
- **FamilySearch activities**
- **Connect** with Special Interest Groups: DNA, Jewish, Italian, New Member and Beginning Genealogy, Civil War, and more!
- **Help to Get Started** on your family history
- **Enjoy** refreshments

****This event will mostly be outside. Please wear a mask indoors.**

"Family Matters" Student Art Exhibit

Grand Opening to the Public
Sunday, October 3, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM The Sahyun Genealogical Library.

Exhibit will be displayed until the end of November.

Santa Barbara African American Life, Culture, & Contributions Exhibit

As part of the celebration of Family History Month, the SBCGS will display their popular Santa Barbara African American exhibit at the Open House. The exhibit celebrates the heritage of our local African Americans and their contributions to our community. View the original virtual exhibit on the Society's website, sbgen.org-> Outreach-> Exhibits



SBCGS formed in 1972 to foster an interest in the study of family history through education, operation of a genealogy research library, and preservation of local genealogical records to enhance understanding of ourselves and our heritage. The Society offers genealogy education programs, and its genealogical research library collection includes over 19,000 volumes and a computer lab with access to 9 subscription websites. SBCGS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Student Art Exhibit "Family Matters"

Do you have a grandchild or know families with children between preschool and high school ages? We are planning our 4th annual student art exhibit and need student participants! This exhibit will be in person as well as online! The theme this year centers on family members during Covid— draw and write a couple of sentences about someone in your family who made a big difference during Covid or a family member you were unable to visit with due to Covid. All student participants will have a chance to meet Floyd Norman, Santa Barbara native and Disney animator, as well as one of our African American exhibit featured participants! If he is unable to attend our art show opening on October 3 due to the pandemic we will reschedule with him. Turn in artwork at Sahyun Library, Santa Barbara Public Library, or email art and contact information to Outreach@sbgen.org. View the flyer for more details!

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"FAMILY MATTERS" STUDENT ART SHOW

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENT ARTISTS!

Submit an art piece highlighting a special family member you were unable to see during the pandemic or who made a difference in your life during the pandemic. Tell us why they are special to you in a short paragraph or two.



Please write on the back of artwork:

- Student name, age, school
- Title of the artwork, medium used

Written portion can be on a separate paper- please include name of student and title of work on paper



DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Ways to submit:

1. Drop off at Santa Barbara Central Library
2. Arrange for pickup, or drop off at Sahyun Library, 316 Castillo St.

All student participants will be able to meet Floyd Norman, Disney animator and Santa Barbara native, at the art show opening on October 3.

"LA FAMILIA IMPORTA" EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE ESTUDIANTEL

ESTAMOS BUSCANDO ARTISTAS ESTUDIANTES!

Envíe su obra de arte que destaque a un familiar especial que no pudo ver durante la pandemia o que marcó una diferencia en su vida durante la pandemia, díganos por qué son especiales para usted en un breve párrafo o dos



Por favor escriba en el reverso de la obra de arte,:

- nombre del estudiante, edad, escuela
- Título de la obra de arte, material utilizado

La parte escrita puede estar en un papel separado, Incluya el nombre del estudiante y el título del trabajo en papel.



**PLAZO: 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE
DEL 2021**

Maneras de enviar:

1. Lo dejen en la biblioteca central de Santa Bárbara
2. Haga arreglos para que lo recojan o lo dejen en la biblioteca de Sahyun, 316 Castillo St.

Todos los estudiantes que participen podrán reunirse con Floyd Norman, animador de Disney y oriundo de Santa Bárbara en la inauguración de la exposición de arte el 3 de octubre.

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