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Nancy Loe, Speaker *Think Like an Archivist:* **Finding Genealogy Records in Archives** **Saturday, October 16, 2021**



Think Like an Archivist: Finding Genealogy Records in Archives helps researchers find original records in U.S. and international archives. Whether you had famous ancestors or not, a rich variety of genealogical primary sources in archives are waiting to be found for your family history research. Discover and use online archival portals and finding aids, essential tools to locate hidden genealogical gems in archives.

After a long professional career in academic archives and genealogy libraries, **Nancy Loe, MA, MLS**, launched her website, SassyJaneGenealogy.com, featuring a monthly newsletter, blog, and genealogy ebooks on U.S. and European research. Nancy also provides expert guidance on information management to help genealogists search smart and find more primary sources.

Saturday, October 16, 2021

[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

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

Program

Elizabeth O'Neal, VP, Introduction of Speaker and Zoom Host

Land Acknowledgment Statement

Following the example of many institutions and societies, the Board of Directors adopted the following Land Acknowledgment statement:

"The land on which many of us live and where our library is located is part of the ancient homeland and traditional territory of the Chumash people. We recognize and respect the Chumash Peoples past, present, and future and their continuing presence in their homeland as we join in stewarding this land which we all cherish."

A land acknowledgment is a "formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories," according to the American College Personnel Association. The Society's statement will appear on its website, a Library plaque, and in *Ancestors West*. It will also be read at the Society's annual meeting.

Important October Deadlines

- *Ancestors West* Deadline for Articles is October 15th. (WE NEED MORE ARTICLES FOR THIS ISSUE OF ANCESTORS WEST !!! If we do not have enough articles, we will not be able publish the Winter issue. We hope you can help!)
- The deadline for ordering lunch for Picnic in the Cemetery is October 16th. Payment should be received by October 16th, too.
- * The deadline for signing up for Picnic in the Cemetery is October 23rd - but don't wait - space is limited.

- **REGISTRATION** for Picnic in the Cemetery **HERE**:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=xdhbr9cab&oeid=k=a07eilgjx9va23cf731>

IT Team: Web Project Leader **Milt Hess**

A lot has happened since we last updated you on the project to replace our website. We evaluated the database engine developed by OurRoots.org and confirmed that it will provide a superior search experience for our local records database. We worked with the OurRoots demo website to determine how we can provide improved management of membership data. And we conducted a competitive procurement to select a firm to create our new website.

Based on the proposals we received and the meetings we conducted with each of the bidders, we selected GreenixMedia of Marietta, Georgia, to design and develop the new site. Their proposal was responsive to our RFP, and we felt that we would have a good working relationship during the project.

In addition, the Society has contracted with Julia McHugh, a public relations consultant, to help us improve our messaging. This will have a direct influence on membership recruiting, development, and, of course, the website.

The Society's Board approved both contracts at its September meeting.

Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester, President
Robert Bason, President-Elect



In its September 2021 meeting, the Society's Board of Directors took note of the current risk the COVID-19 Delta variant poses to Society members, and with greatest reluctance voted to continue holding any and all of its larger meetings virtually via Zoom through at least March 2022. Bummer, you say, but at least one of our members died of the virus – we don't need to expose others unnecessarily. Small groups may continue to meet in-person or both in-person and virtually, and the Sahyun Library will be open two days per week and on the third Saturday of the month – BUT only if some volunteers step forward to be librarians.



In spite of the virus, Robin McCarthy, Holly Snyder, and Diane Sylvester put together an ambitious program for October's Family History Month, including a scaled back Open House and Picnic in the Cemetery.

The Society's website has become desperately obsolete. The IT committee studied the problem extensively and possible solutions for months, and finally recommended a contractor to upgrade and redesign the system we've been using for years. The Board approved the one-time expenditure not to exceed \$30,000 for a complete makeover. The fee includes funding a second contractor to publicize the website. The Society will pay for the work from excess funds that have accumulated in its Operations Reserve Account, which non-profit organizations like ours are required to maintain equal to one half its annual budget. The Board noted that one benefit of the COVID-19 virus is that the Society isn't spending a lot of money, and the stock market has been good to our investments, so we can well afford the expenditure to improve its website. Look forward to it coming soon.

To finish on a sad note, we received word that Charlie Walworth and Sheila Block passed away a few days before writing this letter. They were two of our foremost members. We shall miss them dearly among us.

Art Sylvester and Bob Bason

Shop Clean Up



It was a veritable rat's nest: a flock of nearly empty paint cans, rags, miscellaneous tools strewn about, a big extension cord lying over everything like a big snake, cobwebs, dust, dirt, and just plain junk. Bob Muller backed a trailer up to the door, and a team of Property Com-

mittee volunteers that included Fred Marsh, Cheryl and Gary Jensen pitched out the junk and cleaned up the spacious room so that you can get in the door and use the shop. At the same time, Rick Crossen was busy clearing out stumps and their roots from the garden-to-be alongside the handicap parking area. Great work everyone!

Charles Walworth

Santa Barbara, California

December 30, 1931 - September 13, 2021

Charles Arthur Walworth of Santa Barbara, California passed away on September 13, 2021. He was 89 years old. Charlie was born in Charleston, West Virginia to Blanch Malvina Dye and Chester Alexander Walworth on December 30, 1931. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York in 1953, he entered the service as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Finance Corps. He was assigned to First Army Headquarters, Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York. Once released after 21 months he attended Harvard Business School, graduating in 1957. Charlie then joined the Public Accounting firm Haskins & Sells in San Francisco. He was transferred to New York City in 1974 and to Nashville, Tennessee in 1989. He retired from the firm, now known as Deloitte, in 1994, he and his wife moved to Santa Barbara in 2005. Charlie is survived by his wife of 49 years Patricia Ann McDonald Walworth, two sons, three daughters and 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Charlie enjoyed genealogy. He traced his ancestry to Miles Standish of the Mayflower and discovered that his parents, unbeknownst to them, were eighth cousins. Upon moving to Santa Barbara he became active in the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and was its chief investments officer and was perhaps best known for his skill in preparing the Society's five year plans.

Sheila MacAvoy Block

Santa Barbara, California

March 31, 1931 - September 22, 2021

Sheila was born Sheila Marie MacAvoy in Queens County, a borough of New York, on March 31, 1931. Her parents were Joseph V. MacAvoy and Edna Marie MacAvoy (née McCarthy). Sheila graduated from Queens College of the City University of New York in 1952, majoring in Studio Art. During this time, she painted and wrote, winning several awards for her abstract expressionist paintings. In 1976 Sheila graduated from St. John's School of Law and was admitted to practice in New York and later California, after moving to the West Coast. She was ultimately promoted to the post of Sr. Vice President & Corporate Secretary.

Retirement in 1995 led to relocation to Santa Barbara where she lived with her husband of 20 years, Robert Block. Sheila pursued several interests during this time, serving as President of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, volunteer docent at the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens and later named to the Casa Serena Board of Directors. An avid traveler and sailor, she adventured with Robert until his death in 2013. Throughout this time Sheila also wrote several short stories and memoirs, some selected for publication in collections.

A memorial will be held at the Santa Barbara Woman's Club, 670 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA at 3 PM on October 28, 2021.

Volunteer Corner



This month we celebrate all of the volunteers that have made it possible to visit the library once again. Library Director Kathie Morgan has taken care to ensure the space is clean and air filtration is top quality. Under her guidance, expertise and unflappable energy, Kathie has the library open and humming like a well-oiled machine. Walking into the library is like walking into the Pre-Covid world (but with masks!).

Thanks to Ann Dwelley who has the task of organizing the volunteers which is a monumental feat. The library aims to have three volunteers in the morning shift, and three in the afternoon. Finding volunteers, juggling substitutes, and maintaining the calendar is an ongoing puzzle.

Here's a list of the members who have returned to volunteer at the library, enabling us to open our doors:

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| Barbara Bartolome | Theresa Calvin |
| Charmien Carrier | Paul Cochet |
| Ann Dwelley | Jim Friestad |
| Marj Friestad | Chris Gallery |
| Kathy Greene | Laurie Hannah |
| Kristin Ingalls | Mary Jacob |
| Cheryl Jensen | Cathy Jordan |
| Debbie Kaska | Chris Klukkert |
| Kate Lima | Mary Marsh |
| Marsha Martin | Kathie Morgan |
| Suzanne Mori | William Noack |
| Dorothy Oksner | Patti Ottoboni |
| Marie Sue Parsons | Barbara Shaffer |
| Kathy Stark | Joanne Treloar |
| Lorraine West | |

Thanks to all of you for making our library available to all members! We have more volunteers who will be joining us, too!



New Books by Chris Klukkert



Our library had our Family History Month Open House just recently at the Sahyun and it was a wonderful success from the comments I heard from those that attended. Kudos to the wonderful volunteers who set up the beautiful displays in our classroom as well as the tables and booths outside and all about. We are so blessed with a wonderful bunch of folks that are members of and volunteers for our society. Lucky us!

Below are some of the new book titles you will find on our New in the Library shelf:

- The Royal Irish Constabulary
- Royal Irish Constabulary Officers
- The Irish Revenue Police

Map Guide to German Parish Records for:

- Cities of Frankfurt am Main and Stuttgart
- Cities of Danzig and Königsberg
- Cities of Cologne and Düsseldorf
- Cities of Breslau and Stettin
- Abstracts of the Minutes in Rowan County, North Carolina for Wills, Pleas and Tax Lists (4 volumes)
- Oneida County, New York Historical Collections of
- History of Beverly (Essex County) Massachusetts
- The Great Register of Kern County, California 1890
- Surname Index for Peoria, Illinois Genealogy Society, Vol 1 & 2

AND MORE!!!

- Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry
- Names on the Map - History and biographies of the First Official Map of Santa Cruz County (1899)
- The Marriage License Bonds of Accomack County, Virginia From 1774 to 1806.
- A Short History of Fort Reading, Its officers, and Units. (Shasta County, California)

We want to thank the following generous donors:

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| William P. MacKinnon | Cathy Jordan |
| Diane Sidon | Kathy Stark |
| John Wurzel | Mary Jacob |
| Kathy Greene | Cherie Bonazzola |

Membership Corner by Kate Lima

Hello and Happy October to all!



A Warm Welcome to new members as of the last Tree Tips Newsletter:

- Dennis Bales
- Norman Bambridge
- Mieke Hawner
- Lisa McGuirk
- Jeanette Miller-Wynne

We have a New Member Orientation next month, until then new members can pick up New Member Packets at the library on Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-4pm, or you can find them online. Click on Members Area, then New Member Packet. The packet includes helpful information about the library. 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.

A big Thank You to all returning members! Our society is built with your contributions, both your membership dues and your volunteer time. 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. And I hope you enjoy the beginning of the Fall!

New Member Orientation

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society's
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
Saturday, November 13, 2021



We have scheduled the New Member Orientation! The orientation will be held virtually, via Zoom. **Please save the date! Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10am.** We invite all new members to attend, and we also welcome anyone who wants to learn more about the library and society.

We wish that we could meet in person, there's nothing like a walk through the library for the first time (or second or third time, for that matter!). However if you're in town, please come to the library on Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 4pm. We have a number of dedicated volunteers who would love to show you around.

We will have registration available soon, so please keep your email open and your eyes tuned in!

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ACROSS THE POND

WE NEED MORE ARTICLES FOR THIS ISSUE OF ANCESTORS WEST !!!

If we do not have enough articles, we will not be able to publish the Winter issue.
We hope you can help!



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

Family History Month Open House/Student Art Exhibit



A huge shout out to all of our volunteers who put so much effort into making our Open House a success! We could not have done it without you! I also like to thank our members who attended. It was wonderful to see everyone talk about family history in person again! Some of our visitors included the Green Brothers who were featured in the SB African American exhibit, a couple student artists, and one of our cemetery actors, Alfred Smith, came as local historical figure Joseph Sexton himself! Fun fact, in the 1920s the Sexton family owned the property where Sahyun Library is located today for their nursery business. In 1926, Mrs. Lucy Sexton transferred the land to their son, Horace A. Sexton. Come see Joseph Sexton at the Goleta Cemetery on October 23rd!



We made the front page of the Santa Barbara News-Press!

<https://newspress.com/genealogical-society-celebrates-family-history-month/>

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



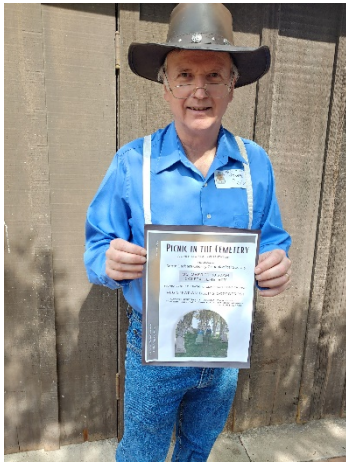
Our Picnic in the Cemetery fundraising event is only a few weeks away! Listen to six historical figures from our community at the Goleta Cemetery and then join us for lunch afterward at Grace Gathering Church across Hollister on Puente Rd. This event will be entirely outdoors. Registration has begun! Register before October 16 to guarantee your lunch. We also have limited spots so register now! Can't attend the event? Donations will be much appreciated and can be made on the event registration page.

Register here: <https://conta.cc/3uHVOJ2>

Volunteers needed! We need one more group leader, a few people to help with setting up tables and chairs at Grace Gathering Church the afternoon before the event, and help with putting away the table and chairs after the lunch. Can you help us? We have a cemetery event volunteer rate of \$16 that would include lunch. If interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Snyder at Outreach@sbgene.org with what you'd like to help with.



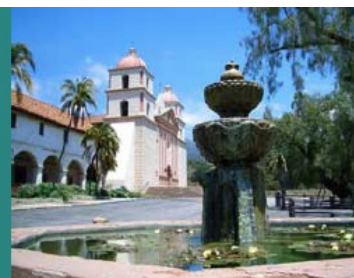
Pictures from the Open House





Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

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Family History Month — October 2021!

SBCGS Presents Classes and Meetings Throughout the Month of October

All events during Family History Month are free and open to the public. Advance registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class. The registration links can be found below each event. Or go to our Events Page at <https://www.sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>. Ordinarily these events are a benefit of SBCGS membership. If you like what you see and you are not a member, please consider joining: <https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=38>

Friday, Oct. 1, 10-11:30 am PDT Genealogy Escape Room

Imagine you are trapped in an archive and the only way out is to solve a series of genealogy research puzzles. Are you ready for Genealogy Escape Room? Each registrant will receive a Case Review File used to solve a series of online research tasks BEFORE the live webinar takes place. The webinar is the “reveal” where a step-by-step review of each puzzle, task, and clue all the way to the final “key” to open the door.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Sunday, Oct. 3, 1 - 4:00pm PDT FHM Open House Holly Snyder, Chair

Family History Month Open House is back! Most activities will be outside and masks are required. We are planning to show our African American and student art exhibits, map and Society cousins' activity, family tree station, print your family tree from FamilySearch, research help, and more! **NO registration required!**

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 10 - 12 Noon PDT What's New in Family Tree Maker Q & A Discussion

**Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy
Presenter: Mark Olsen**

Join us for a virtual live discussion with a Q and A session to answer all your general questions about Family Tree Maker, the latest version, updates, features, and more. This is an interactive session. We love to see you and discuss all your Family Tree Maker questions. We will also talk about Family Tree Maker partner products – Charting Companion and Family Book Creator.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 11am PDT Finding Irish Ancestors Researching American Records First Sheila Benedict, Instructor

For Irish research, without knowledge and information from every available document for that family, finding ancestors

in Ireland is usually unsuccessful. Many make the trip to Dublin or Shannon with no knowledge of what they are facing. Naturalizations, passenger lists, vital records, legal records, newspapers, Irish and American, are but some of the sources needed for success.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Friday, Oct 8, 11:00am PDT Using Macs and iPads for Genealogy Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy Presenter: Nancy Loe

This class is filled with links, screenshots, and tips that will help you make the most of your Apple devices. Discover research and productivity apps, Mac-only photo editing apps, backups, and choosing Mac family tree software. Mastering the great features and apps for Macs and iPads translates to less time managing your computer(s) and more time researching your ancestors.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 12 Noon PDT Lunch and Learn

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, Oct. 15, 12 Noon - 1:30 pm DNA Lunch and Learn

George LaPlante, Instructor

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Saturday, October 16, 9:30am PDT General Meeting & SIG meetings

Monday, October 18, 1:00 pm PDT Animals that Served in the First World War

Presenter: Norman Bambridge

Norman Bambridge from Canvey Island, England will give this acclaimed presentation. The service of animals during

times of military conflict often goes unmentioned. Whether providing comfort, inspiration, or indispensable service, animals have played a crucial role in militaries and armed conflicts for centuries. This presentation will focus on the over 16 million animals that served in the First World War.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 12 Noon PDT Italian Special Interest Group Rosa Avolio, Moderator

Join Rosa Avolio to explore all things Italian. Learn where and how to research your Italian ancestors. Questions are welcome.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Thursday, Oct. 21, 11:00 am PDT Jewish Gravestones and Funeral Practices

Milt Hess, Instructor

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy

This talk will introduce you to Jewish gravestones and, as a bonus, an overview of Jewish customs for when someone dies. These customs have two goals – before the burial, to respect the dignity of the deceased; and after the burial, to comfort the mourners. Burial practices will be described, followed by the customs observed by the mourners.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Saturday, Oct. 23, 10:30am PDT Picnic in the Cemetery

Holly Snyder, Chair

Flyer attached

Registration begins Oct. 1st

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 12 Noon - 1:30 pm Crowdsourced Research Assistance Rosa Avolio, Host

[Download ResearchAssistanceForm](#)

Send Form to [Rosa](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

PICNIC IN THE CEMETERY

A LIVE HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Presented by the

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

OCTOBER 23, 10:30AM
GOLETA CEMETERY

PICNIC" LUNCH ON PATIO AT GRACE GATHERING CHURCH

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED – WWW.SBGEN.ORG
CEMETERY PRESENTATIONS AND LUNCH: \$25 SBCGS MEMBERS
\$32 NON-MEMBERS

