



The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors

Speaker: C. Ann Staley, CG®, CGL
Saturday, March 19, 2022



Our ancestors led lives, just like us - only different. Using our life as an example, how can we parallel it to theirs? They ate and drank, married and had families, dressed, had trades and occupations, practiced a religion, dabbled in the arts and sciences, participated in politics and economics, etc. This lecture will examine the various aspects of life and provide resources to discover the historical context and personal details of our ancestors' lives. A case study will be provided.

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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 PDT

Business Meeting with President Art Sylvester and Committee Reports

~11:00 - 12:00 Noon PDT

Program

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

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAocEisqjwpE9UZA0ISaN5tfDP2Dp4pBp1M>

Ancestors West
Kristin Ingalls, AW Editor



This year, many of us will find ourselves listed on the United States Census for the first time. The release of the 1950 Census is just a few weeks away, and at the library people are remembering what the 1950s was like for them. How many of us wore poodle skirts and saddle oxfords? How many young boys were dreaming of their first car or hoping to get away from the family farm?

What was your family's life like 72 years ago? Did you live with extended family – grandparents, aunts and uncles? Did you have a large or small family network where you lived? Did your family farm or live in a city? What was school like for you? When did your family first see a television? What surprises did you discover from the census?

If you are worried about the May 1 deadline, we will continue accepting census stories into the next two issues of Ancestors West.



NO CENSUS STORIES?

Many of us who have wondered why our ancestors moved from state to state have found the answer in homestead records or land grant records. The lure of free or almost free land helped to expand and populate our country. What have you discovered? Watch the calendar for upcoming Lunch and Learn discussions on how to find your ancestor in land records.

Send your discoveries to me at antkap@cox.net for publication in our next Ancestors West. I think this issue will be one of our best – we are counting on you! Our deadline is May 1, 2022.

Send those stories to Kristin Ingalls at
antkap@cox.net

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."

Presidents' Message



It is astonishing, scary, and sad- dening how the world has shifted so dramatically on its axis over the past two weeks. On the one hand are the tragic events that cannot be ignored in Ukraine and the help- lessness many Americans feel in not being able to do anything aside from giving money and demonstrating at the City Hall. I earnestly hope Society members of Ukrainian descent and who may still have relatives in Ukraine may be comforted and safe.

On the other hand, it seems as though we are approaching a final phase of the COVID pandemic, where Society members may look forward to unrestricted reopening of our Sahyun Library. To be on the safe side, however, the Society's Board of Directors wants to keep the status quo until the first of April and hope by then all mandates and restrictions will have been removed. Even so, the Library is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 4pm. But alas, we won't be able to open more frequently unless more members step forward to be librarians.

Similarly, as I have related previously, the Board has been dis- cussing what can be done to fill officer vacancies and commit- tee positions. A nominating committee worked hard about a year ago without success. Now a complicating factor has arisen where President-elect (but co-President pro tem in fact) Bob Bason has requested and been granted an indefinite medical leave of absence.

Other recent matters considered by the Board include the security of the Library property perimeter with attention to the fencing and lighting. We discussed building a concrete block wall between us and the railroad, but upon reception of a bid of \$100,000 to build it, the Board decided that the Society doesn't have a \$100,000 problem, and concluded that some barbed wire selectively placed every now and then would fix the occasional trespass problems.

Plans for celebration of the impending release of the 1950 census elicited considerable excitement and discussion at the February Board meeting. The plans are in place, but I'm sure the organizing committee will welcome more help. Contact Kate Lima if you can join the fun and be the first on your block to find yourself in the census and where you lived in 1950. Watch for more information in Tree Tips and Constant Contact.

We also want more new members. How about inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to join the next Zoom of a committee or the monthly meeting? Even this month's Board meeting will be all Zoom, and anyone is welcome to attend.

One of the Society's greatest needs is a junior varsity that can fill the shoes of termed out or retiring varsity members. Perhaps you want to help but are chary of getting fully involved at this time. Join the committee of your choice, try it out, and learn the ropes. You might enjoy working with others now that the COVID is easing. You may find that you have the talent and time to take on more responsibility that will certainly benefit the Society and take your mind off some of the bigger problems of the planet for a little while.

See you at the 1950s theme party on April 24 - ALL are welcome!
Art Sylvester

Letters

Dear Members,

This is a wonderful genealogy society, but it needs your help to continue as such. I fear we are at risk of losing this valuable genealogical resource. There seems to be little to no interest in carrying on the day-to-day work of running the Society. Our library shifts are understaffed and prevent the library from opening additional days. Many of the current Board positions are up for replacement beginning in July. We need candidates for President, 1st Vice-President, Library Director, IT Director to name a few and no one is stepping up to volunteer their services.

We cannot continue to rely on the same people to do these jobs. People are burned out, want and need to spend more time with their families, and are traveling more. If you value what the Society offers to you and the community, and are physically able to do so, please reach out to any of the Board members and let them know how you can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

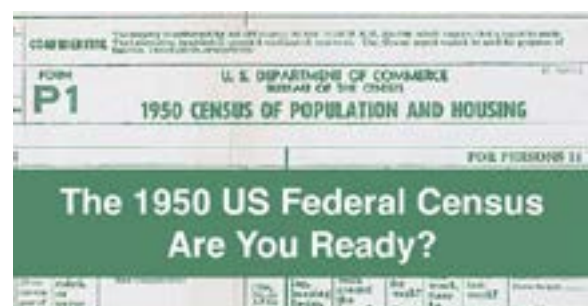
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Membership Spotlight

by Kate Lima, 2nd VP Membership



NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY:

Kathy Giles
Scott Orlosky
Bruce Phillips
Mary Watkins

New member packets can be found under the Members Area after you sign in. Also, a big, happy thank you to our continuing members who renewed in February!

Need help? Work with a Coach! We have many people you can contact, check out the list of Coaches after you sign in. You'll see a list under "Members Area" called "Coaches for Members." This kind of research will take off to a whole new level!



COUNTDOWN TO THE 1950 CENSUS!

We have less than a month, and we'll have access to the 1950 Census. I hope you were able to listen to Steve Morse at our General Meeting, and also go to the Lunch and Learn with Rosa Avolio to learn how to look up Enumeration Districts. If not, we'll be able to help! Contact me with questions.

We Need Your 1950 Memorabilia! Let's fill the Education room with things from the 1950s. Thank you to those who have brought something already. We have enough to fill one table, and we have many more tables to fill! We can store them at the Sahyun, please contact me at membership@sbgen.org or bring them to the Sahyun.



March 16, Wednesday, 1pm. Let's Chat! We have another opportunity to talk with each other about some great memories you might have. Come ready to share some thoughts and memories of the 1950s, and to hear others' memories as well. It's a Zoom Party! <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludu2grTsvG-tO62OFifRoa7n4ve5DonRZh>

APRIL 24, Sunday, 10am-4pm. 1950s theme party at the Sahyun! We can help find ancestors or family, we'll have food from the 1950s, and we'll celebrate the good ol' days. Please save the date.

New Books

by Chris Klukkert



Book Angels

According to Wikipedia an Angel is a supernatural being or spirit often depicted as benevolent who acts as a guardian spirit or a guiding influence. Book angels seem to fit this description as they help provide us with the resources to fill our library shelves with the books that will help guide and further our genealogical quests.

Please be an angel and help us make these important acquisitions. These books have been approved and/or purchased by the SBCGS Book Acquisition Committee. The price listed here is half of what it cost SBCGS to purchase it.

To be an Angel and make a donation, click here:

<https://sbgen.org/store.php?sid=1>

- Choose the book you would like to support and click Add to Cart, you may add more than one book. **SCROLL DOWN. There are many books from which to choose.**
- When you're ready click Checkout and choose payment method, credit card or send a check.
- A bookplate with your name will be placed inside the front cover of the book you support.

LET'S CHAT ABOUT THE 1950S! ...

SHARE YOUR STORIES

LET'S CHAT ABOUT THE 1950S!

Join us as we share our memories of the 1950s!
We will write down many of the stories
for the next Ancestors West!

DATES: Wed, March 16 @ 1pm

Outreach

by Holly Snyder, Chair

1950s Photo Exhibit- Submit your photo(s) now!



Submit your photo(s) and a little description or memory of the photo for our 1950s photo exhibit that will be displayed at our 1950s party at Sahyun Library in April. Deadline March 12. Email a digital copy of your photo(s) and description to info@sbgen.org attn Mary Jacob.

50 Anniversary-Themed Library Display and Open House



Help us plan for the display at Goleta Library in October and the Family History Month 50th anniversary-themed Open House! If you would like to help plan and prep for the display and/or Open House email outreach@sbgen.org

The Society needs your help! Would you like to help plan other 50th Anniversary events? Contact Art Sylvester at sylvester@ucsb.edu.



Other Calendar Events

March 12, Saturday. Deadline for memorabilia and photos.

March 16, Wednesday, 1pm. Let's Chit Chat! Come ready to share some thoughts and memories of the 1950s, and to hear others' memories as well. It's a Zoom Party!

Tuesday, March 15, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Freemasonry Trilogy - Part 1. Presenter: Norman Bambridge

Zoom Host: Robin McCarthy

Part 1 covers the philosophy attached to Freemasonry of today, from its beginnings before Christ. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUof-mspjwEtWiiEt-tYZEeWvePC-mrydy>

Friday, March 18, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

DNA Lunch and Learn

Zoom Host & Moderator: George LaPlante

George will discuss recent DNA news and answer your DNA questions.

Register here https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqceig-pz4iE9BirelyKGGC-LPW4_n8BJ_i

Tuesday, March 22, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Crowdsourced Research Assistance for Brick Walls

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

Rosa Avolio and attendees will offer research suggestions for pre-submitted brick wall research questions. Mail form (https://www.sbgen.org/upload/events/files/1645053312_ResearchAssistanceForm.pdf) to Rosa if you have a research question.

Register here <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUIf-qrrTt-GNWIXDOurGvogpiXLCmuRJWY>

1950s PHOTO EXHIBIT

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS NOW!

Submit a 1950s photo (or two) from your family collection along with information or memory about the photo.

LINE THIS



Submit:

1. Printed copy of photo (if you live out of town please email photo and info)
2. Typed and printed memory of photo
3. Include your name & contact info
4. Bring to Sahyun library in person, by mail, or arrange for pick up

This exhibit will be displayed during the 1950s census party at Sahyun Library!

Sahyun Library: 316 Castillo St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Open hours: Tue & Thu 10-4pm
Email: Outreach@sbgen.org

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