



Stump Craig!

Speaker: Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA
Saturday, April 16, 2022



For years, Craig Scott stands in front of crowds of people and invites their questions about genealogy. He's guided hundreds of people through the process of overcoming their brick walls and genealogical problems. Take this opportunity to ask him a question. See if his genealogical and historical knowledge can help you solve that brick wall problem. This will be a Q & A session with Craig, not a formal lecture, and there is no handout.

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA is the author of *The 'Lost Pensions': Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838 (Revised)* and *Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)*. His most recent work is *Understanding Revolutionary War and Invalid Pension Ledgers, 1818 – 1872*, and *the Payment Vouchers They Represent*. He has authored seventeen books and several articles in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, and other genealogical publications. He is the President and CEO of *Heritage Books, Inc.*, a genealogical publishing firm with over 9,500 titles in print.

A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than thirty-five years, he specializes in military records, problem-solving, Quakers, and publishing. He is a member of the *Company of Military Historians* and on the editorial board of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. He is a former Treasurer and Director of the *Association of Professional Genealogists*. He has been a faculty member or coordinator of research tracks in the *Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University* and the *Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy*, and the *Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh*. He is currently the Coordinator of the *SLIG Guided Research and Consultation Track*, helping students solve their brick wall problems. He has coordinated many *Heritage Books Genealogical Conference and Cruises*. He is a recipient of the *Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award* and *UGA Silver Tray Award*. He became a Fellow, *Utah Genealogical Association* in 2014.

9:30 - 10:25 am PDT on April 16, 2022

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/j/8445122060)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=8445122060>

Ancestors West
Kristin Ingalls, AW Editor



Last call for stories - the deadline is May 1!

This year, many of us will find ourselves listed on the United States Census for the first time. 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 have a large or small family network where you lived? Did your family farm or live in a city? 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. What have you discovered?

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

SAVE THE DATE: 1950s THEME PARTY

APRIL 24, Sunday, 11am-4pm at the Sahyun. We can help find ancestors or family in the newly released 1950 census; we'll have food from the 1950s and we'll celebrate the good ol' days. We hope to see you there! Flyer attached.

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

Arthur Sylvester



Preparation of an **annual budget** is a wondrous process to witness. I sat in on that meeting a few days ago wherein the Society's Finance committee should balance a draft budget that could be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval, and then presented to the membership for its approval at the Society's June meeting.

A draft budget was prepared by Marilyn Compton from budget proposals submitted to her from Chairs of each of the Society's standing committees, including Education, Outreach, Property, and Library.

Marilyn's draft budget had a substantial deficit of \$14,000. Where should cuts be made? and where could more revenue be found? Watching the Finance committee work methodically through those two questions was an amazing process to witness. The committee concluded with two substantive proposals: 1) We need to bring the membership up to a pre-COVID-19 of about 550 – that's about 50 new members in line with the Society's 50th anniversary, and 2) We need to cut the costs of publishing and distributing *Ancestors West*. Expecting 50 new members to show up on our doorstep is unrealistic, so to achieve the first goal, I challenge each member to bring a prospective member to the next monthly meeting and get that person signed up. Can it be done? Sure!

To achieve the second, the Board has already approved the proposal to offer a printed hard copy of *Ancestors West* to those members who request it. The Finance committee believes there ought to be a charge for hard copies of about \$20/year to cover printing and mailing, but the amount and implementation details must be still be worked out and approved by the Board. In any case, a free digital copy will be provided to all members.

I have been sitting in on another committee – the **ad hoc committee to produce a cookbook that commemorates and celebrates the Society's 50th anniversary**. There is plenty of enthusiasm and energy among the committee members to produce such a book, so see the flyer or instructions here in Tree Tips for how be part of the fun, and submit your recipe(s) digitally to remote@sbgen.org, or handwritten to me via the President's mail box in the Sahyun Library before June 1. Look forward to my recipe for what to do with overripe bananas besides making banana bread!

Lastly, we are looking forward to resumption of in-person monthly meetings, following CDC guidelines, although we're being extra cautious by taking a wait-and-see approach; we'll shoot for our first in-person meeting in May. Many places and organizations are open now, or soon will be later this month. The Sahyun Library is fully open now on Tuesdays and Thursdays with appropriate protocols and amazing air purifiers. It would be open also on Wednesday and Friday if more members would volunteer to be librarians. Come on back all you former librarians, we need you!

Art Sylvester, President

Watch for New Website Coming Soon



Professional photographer Jay Farbman recently took photos at the Sahyun Library to be used on the new Society website and for publicity. Thank you to our models, who were enthusiastic, generous with their time, and especially photogenic: Onja Brown Lawson, Rick Closson, Chris Gallery, Kathy Greene, Alex Grzywacki, Kristin Ingalls, Kate Lima, Susan Lundt, Merna McClennathan, William Noack, Dorothy Oksner, and Judy Sahm. Thanks also to Kathie Morgan for recruiting them.

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*BOARD MEMBERS

Membership Spotlight

by Kate Lima, 2nd VP Membership

NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH:

Paul Meisel
Michelle Seagraves
Mona Taylor

New member packets can be found under the Members Area. Once you sign in, a list appears below the words "Members Area," and the packet is third from the top of that list. Also, a big and enthusiastic thank you to our continuing members who renewed in March!

Coaches: This wonderful membership benefit is available to all our members. We have people who can assist in many areas of genealogical research - whether it is translation or research assistance or simply another pair of eyes! Please contact Kathy Cremeen at if you need a mentor OR wish to become a mentor. Thank you!



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Volunteers needed! A sign-up sheet will arrive in your email inbox soon, hope you can join others in making our event really special.

APRIL... What a month!

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in 'Seventy-five;
Hardly a man is now alive...



Yes, in April 1775 Paul Revere rode through the countryside; this became a symbol of the Revolutionary War. What other exciting things have happened in April in American history? Too many to list, but here are a few:

- On April 19, 1775, The Shot Heard 'Round the world in Lexington
- On April 30, 1789, George Washington became the 1st President of the United States
- On April 3, 1860, the first Pony Express ride took place.
- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began when Confederates fired on Fort Sumter
- On April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to Grant, ending the Civil War (at least on paper)

With so much history to study, there aren't enough hours in the day nor days in a year. Where does your family fit into this? How exciting for all of us that a new story in history lies around our next research corner. What will you uncover? **Happy Hunting!**

Outreach

by Holly Snyder, Chair



1950s Photos Exhibit

Thank you to those of you who contributed photos and memories for our 1950s photo display! We will also be showing photos in Santa Barbara, ads from 1950s businesses, and newspaper clippings. We can't wait to share the exhibit with everyone at Sahyun Library and our website starting April 24th!

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon You're invited!



We will be partnering with the Santa Barbara Public Library and Wikipedia in May! Society members are invited to meet at the downtown SBPL to research and write about Santa Barbara historical figures and upload the information onto Wikipedia. Dates: Saturday, May 7 in the morning and Monday, May 23 in the early afternoon. Here is an example of a

Wikipedia page: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francesco_Franceschi_\(horticulturist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francesco_Franceschi_(horticulturist)). Registration and more specific details to come!



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@sbgten.org

Help Commemorate SBCGS's 50th Anniversary

Would you like to share your favorite recipes?



Message from Art Sylvester, SBCGS President: It is such a family secret that not one of the two or three family members who possesses my grandfather's peach ice cream will share it with me. Maybe his secret was that he only used peaches from his own trees; maybe it was something about the cream he procured from the local dairy; maybe he added some secret ingredient. Whatever it was, I would love to get that recipe to try out on my ice cream loving grandchildren.

Do you have family recipes that are very special to you? Unlike my secretive family, would you like to share them? Maybe you have one or two that are not necessarily family recipes but are your pet or favorite standbys.

First Call for Your Favorite Family Recipes

To commemorate the Society's 50th anniversary, a SBCGS committee will produce a **spiralbound cookbook of member recipes**. It would be wonderful to include one or two of your recipes together with a short account of their ancestral source and significance to your family. For example, I will submit my father's entrée for red beans in red wine that he learned from a French family while he was stationed there during WWII. I will add a brief note about him and his role in the war.



Photos Welcome!

You can also submit a color photo of the dish to go along with your recipe, too. We may not be able to use the photos, but imagine how a picture of a wondrous cake made from your recipe will tempt the appetite, or one of a carefully crafted and beautifully presented entrée, or of a big slice of peach pie topped with a generous dollop of ice cream.

Send Your Recipes via Email or Post

Send your recipes and photos via email **before June 1** to remote@sbcgen.org. Or type them nicely on recipe cards, or scribble them on a scrap of paper, or on the back of an envelope, and mail them to Art Sylvester c/o the Sahyun Library, 316 Castillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 before June 1.

Call for Recipe Submissions by June 1

The year is going quickly, June 1 is fast approaching, so please submit your recipe(s) soon. My mouth is watering already at the thought of your submission.

- Art Sylvester

Questions? [Click Here](#)



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**1950s
CENSUS
PARTY**



State (or foreign
country) was his birth-
place

If No in item 17—
Even though he
has not worked
last week does
he have a job
or business
now

If Wk in item 16
or Yes in
item 16—
How
many
hours



Sunday, April 24

11-4pm

Sahyun Library

Free to Attend



- 1950 Census help
- Photo exhibit
- Memorabilia display
- Games
- Photo booth
- 1950s-style food