



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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Tree Tips Newsletter

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“An Introduction to Forensic Genetic Genealogy”

Speaker: Dr. Penny Walters

SBCGS General Meeting

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:30 - 12 Noon



Investigative genetic genealogy is the emerging practice of using genetic information from direct-to-consumer DNA test results for identifying potential suspects or victims in criminal cases. The resultant method of super-sleuthing familial relationships and then apprehending a potential suspect seems to divide the genealogy community. How can we take advantage of new technologies while maintaining an ethical approach?

About the Speaker:

Dr. Penny Walters has been a University lecturer for 35 years, currently teaching Masters Business studies at Bath Spa

University, England; and previously undergraduate Psychology and Ethics. Penny's interest in genealogy started after having her first baby and then wondering about her biological parents, as she was adopted. Penny has six mixed-race children, who have all enjoyed discovering their roots through DNA ethnicity results. Penny lectures internationally in person, including throughout America, Australia, and Ireland. Penny is sought after for a wide range of conference and webinar topics. Penny has authored the books: *Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy* (2019) and *The Psychology of Searching* (2020), available on Amazon in paperback or on kindle. Visit her website at <https://www.searchmypast.co.uk>.

HYBRID Meeting!

This meeting is in person at the First Presbyterian Church (State and Constance, Santa Barbara), and on Zoom. Special Interest Groups will meet only in person.

9:30 - 10:25 am on April 15, 2023

Special Interest Groups will meet in person at the church.

10:30 - 11:00am

Business Meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

~11:00 - 12:00 Noon

Program will be in person and on Zoom

Only Zoom attendees are required to register.

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Problems with links? Go to Calendar at <https://sbgen.org/>

The library will be OPEN from 1-4:00 pm following this meeting.

* Important Reminder:

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It will re-open on Tuesday, April 11, 10 AM to 4:00 PM

April Zoom and Hybrid Meetings

Find links to all Zoom events here:

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Beginning Genealogy SIG Meeting - ZOOM ONLY

Presented by Jean Foster

Thursday, April 6, 2023

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Irish Genealogy SIG Meeting ZOOM ONLY

Presented by Sheila Benedict

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Lunch and Learn

HYBRID: Sahyun Library & Zoom

Presented by Rosa Avolio

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Society Monthly Meeting HYBRID

Saturday, April 15, 2023

10:30am - 12:00pm

DNA Lunch & Learn

ZOOM ONLY

Presented by George LaPlante

Friday, April 21, 2023

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Crowdsourced Brick Wall Research Assistance

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Presented by Rosa Avolio

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Class at the LDS FamilySearch Center.

Address: 2107 Santa Barbara St.

April 5, 10am to 11am - *Making A Research Plan for the FamilySearch Library*,

Presented by Larry Basham. (Please note this is not a SBCGS sponsored event)

President's Message

Ted Tazer-Myers



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Sunshine has returned to our beloved Santa Barbara county and the blooms are going to be incredible this spring after all that wonderful rain! Besides getting a bit soggy at times this past month during my daily constitutional with my wife, I have also continued to guzzle from the firehose of all the important activities that our Society is engaged in.

The following are just some of the things I've learned that I would like to share with you:

Membership

Like other nonprofit organizations, our Society's membership dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, thanks to the enthusiastic and skillful work of the Membership Committee, Education and Programs, and Communications Team members, we have steadily grown in membership to the point where we are 484 strong as of March 1, 2023. These figures can be broken out at the following membership levels: 57 Lifetime members, 12 Patrons, 29 Donors, 38 Friends, 116 Family Members (58 families), and 232 Individual members. Kudos to the leadership of Kate Lima, Elizabeth Swanay-O'Neill, Holly Snyder, Diane Sylvester, Kristin Ingalls, and Liz Smith for putting together such excellent publications, educational events, speaking engagements and supportive services for our new and continuing members. It takes a village to raise a genealogist!

Technology Team

As everyone knows, we live in an increasingly digital world—and sometimes that world can be both amazing and frustrating at the same time! Thankfully, we have a talented corps of tech-savvy volunteers who love to work on our computers, peripherals, and website. Molly Gleason, who was only recently appointed as our IT Committee chair, has gathered an outstanding team of IT professionals with great ideas for improving our technology capabilities to better serve the membership. One of those folks is Rosa Avolio, who has taken the baton from Dorothy Oksner as webmaster and continues to make our new website better than ever. I want to give a huge thank you on behalf of the Society to all of the people who have worked on the website over the last several years, especially Milt Hess, Robin McCarthy, Rosa and Dorothy. The Website 2.0 Development Steering Committee will meet one last time to wrap up the project. In the meantime, please continue to send your feedback about how the website looks and functions (or you would like to ideally function) to webmaster@sbgen.org.

Property

The Property Committee, led by Fred Marsh, has a lot of important responsibilities in its portfolio: landscape, building maintenance, property management, and capital improvements, among other things. Recently, security has been added to the list. We have had an incursion of homeless encampments on the Society's campus, though the vast majority have been located on the periphery. Al-

most a dozen camps have been removed in the past several weeks at some expense to our Society. The Santa Barbara police have responded to our calls, but none of the trespassers has yet been apprehended. We are actively partnering with the City's Homeless Outreach team (part of the Community Development Department). The Property Committee consulted with a security professional and, as a result of his recommendations, has embarked on a series of prioritized actions. Please be advised that there does not appear to be any threat to the safety of our members, which is our top concern. In addition, no material damage has been observed to the Library and other buildings on campus. However, trespassing and homeless encampments can escalate to more serious problems, so we are doing our best to "nip this in the bud." We will keep you apprised of our progress in future issues of Tree Tips.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next General Meeting on April 15, 2023, rain or shine!

Ted Tazer-Myers, President

Ancestors West by Kristin Ingalls, Editor

Do you have love stories about your family to share? Engagements? Heartbreaks? Huge elaborate weddings? Hasty elopements? Secret marriages? Polygamist marriages? Surprise marriages? Maybe-it-never-happened marriages? Arranged marriages? Marriages discouraged by family members? Happy-ever-after marriages? *With all that to chose from, I expect a deluge of fun, happy, sad, poignant stories to fill my inbox.*



After the presentation by the Model A Club at our general meeting, there was quite a lot of buzz going around with our own stories involving these (and similar) cars. I would like to invite you to submit a story and photos about your own family's story surrounding these beautiful cars. Whether your family had Model As, Ts, or another make during that time period, send in your stories and photos to be included in our next Ancestors.

I eagerly await what you have to share, so send me:

Between 500 - 2,500 words in a Word document. Send photos separately as high resolution (300+dpi) Jpeg files. Also, after writing the story, wait a few days to see if you want to edit it. If it involves other family members, get their input and then send me the FINAL version! Kristin at antkap@cox.net. **The deadline is May 1, 2023.**

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."

Membership by Kate Lima

Welcome
New Members

NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH:

Karl Burrelsman
Janet Cox
Teresa Newton-Terres
Cynthia Elizabeth Rhodes
Paul and Cheryl Wright

New member packets can be found on our website; after you sign in you'll see a link below "Welcome, Your Name."

Also, a big, happy thank you to our continuing members who renewed in March!

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! Or email Kathy Cremeen for information: kajcremeen@gmail.com.

Trip to Salt Lake City!

Our society will visit the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, May 17-24, and this might be the last opportunity to sign up. We have rooms at a discounted rate available at The Plaza Hotel; contact Rich Williams to secure a room, 801-521-0130. And don't forget to email me at membership@sbgcn.org so I can include you on our group emails. Please join us!

Genealogy Tip: Make A Plan!

Determine how many times each of your ancestors probably moved. For each move, include the following information—if known—with as much precision as possible:

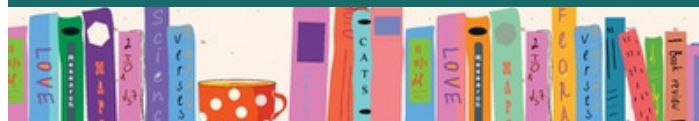
- Point of origin.
- Destination point.
- Date of move.
- Possible, probable, or known reason for moving.
- Distance travelled.
- Citation.

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All About Our Books at the Sahyun by Chris Klukkert



I am all about books. So that is why I was delighted to help a library patron last week pull some Butte County, California books off our shelves for her research. She said to me that although you can find the book on-line, there is "nothing like the feel of a real book in one's hand," and she was busy taking her notes before making a copy of the pages she found of relevance.

In Tuesday's Lunch and Learn, Rosa Avolio had pulled a book from our shelves that had been talked about as a book club selection for the Virtual Genealogical Association. It was *Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*.

We then talked about the 83 of Gregory Boyd's Family Maps series we hold in our collection from a variety of States and counties. Is your research area covered? I know I have used one, Family Maps of Madison County, Missouri: with homesteads, roads, waterways, towns, cemeteries, railroads several times.

Have you had trouble pinning down an ancestor to a place or can't determine relationships between people. How about our library's Using Land Records to Solve Research Problems?

We have so many fine books and we invite you to take your own tour through our stacks and find your own answers.

Here are the books from the *New In The Library Shelf*:

Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths
The Whiton Family in America
The History of Straford (Perth County, Ontario, Canada)
Scots-Irish Links (Two Volumes)
600+ Wills and Administrations of Belize 1750-1800's
History and Genealogy of the Families named SOULE,
SOWLE and SOULIS and Other Variations.
Echoes of Ellice Township (Ontario, Canada)

We look forward to your library visit and we encourage and welcome suggestions for other genealogy books for our collection.

We want to thank the following generous donors:

Ann Picker William Noack Cathy Jordan
John C. Shute Melody Schloss

Remember the Dates!

Santa Barbara Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Exhibit Exhibit: **May 7** from 12-pm, Sahyun Library

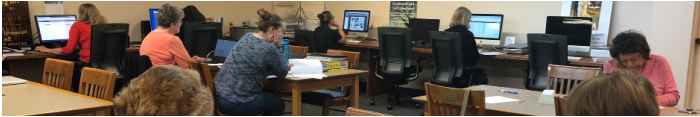
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Making A Research Plan for the FamilySearch Library, **April 5**, 10am at LDS FamilySearch Center, 2107 Santa Barbara St
Gardening Day at the Sahyun Library, **April 22**, 9 am. Contact: Cheryl at cfitzjen@cox.net

Volunteer Appreciation Day, Sahyun Library, **April 15**, 12:30

Sahyun Library News

by Laurie Hannah



REMINDER

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Regular Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00 — 4:00 pm

3rd Saturday following General Meeting: 1:00 - 4:00 pm



It's Gardening Day at SBCGS

Spring is here and our SBCGS garden could use your help. We'll be planting in several areas, weeding (lots of weeds after all the rain), spreading mulch, and some general clean up. We've scheduled Saturday, April 22, and will start at 9:00 am and stop about noon. **If you can help please email Cheryl Jensen, cfitzjen@cox.net.** We have some tools-shovels, rakes, clippers, and wheel barrow. Please bring gloves, and any of your gardening tools you want to use. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

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New Content on Our Website

by Robin McCarthy

Last month, the database team was very busy. Once more, many thanks to Milt Hess and Dan Segna for their assistance with structuring spreadsheets for database upload. Coroner's Inquests, Medical Certificates, Livestock Brand Registrations, Supported Aged Persons, Sheriff Arrest Records, Squirrel Liens, and numerous marriage records were among the 26,857 entries that were added to the database.

We would especially like to thank Alice Hoyt Veen, CG of Prairie Roots Research (<https://prairierootsresearch.com>) for helping us to correctly cite the sources used in our database records. Some of her webinars can be seen on Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

The Database Record Collection Descriptions page, which is available via the link on Search Our Database, now includes sample record images and background information.

TIPS:

- Enter AKA in the Keyword field to search for aliases and nicknames used by your ancestor.
- The How to Search article, which is positioned above the search form, offers extra advice on searching the database.

Outreach

by Holly Snyder

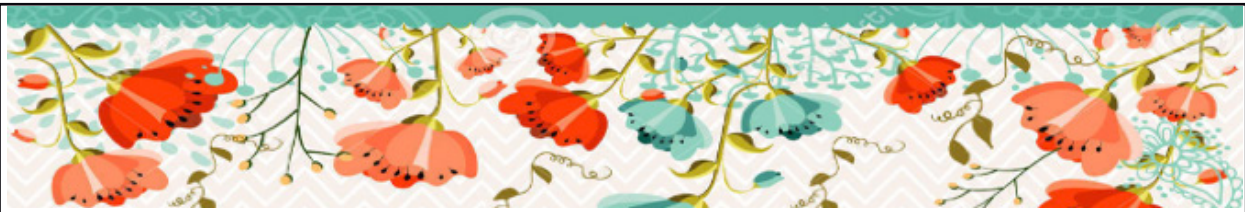


Santa Barbara Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Exhibit

Exhibit Opening Event: **May 7 from 12-4pm, Sahyun Genealogical Library**

Exhibit will run May 7th through the month of December. Additional activities will be scheduled in May and June to complement the exhibit.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are so grateful for all our volunteers - you are what make our society great.
If you have volunteered in the past two years
please come by the Sahyun
for a gathering!

Saturday, April 15
following the General Meeting
Any time between
12:30 and 3pm
We'd love to thank you in person.

We'll have food, drink and fun.
Please RSVP to kajcremeen@gmail.com before April 10.

Hope you can join us!



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