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and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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### July General Meeting Featuring Guest Speaker Neal Graffy Saturday, July 20, 2024



#### **History Under Your Nose!**

Neal Graffy is almost a Santa Barbara native, the result of a premature birth nine years too soon in Wichita, Kansas.

His love for Santa Barbara History began at age 13 when he started gardening and doing odd jobs for Mrs. Leontine Phelan, a descendant of the founder of the Santa Barbara Presidio, who lived in an adobe house built from the Presidio ruins.

Neal has served as a Board Member of the Historical Museum, member (and chairman) of the

Santa Barbara County Landmarks Commission, board member of the Mission Canyon Association, and president of the Santa Barbara Corral of Westerners. He is, also, a founding member of de la Guerra y Pacheco Chapter 1.5 of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus and an exNoble Grand Humbug of that esteemed organization.

#### HYBRID Event! — Live Presentation

On Zoom and in person at the First Presbyterian Church State and Constance, Santa Barbara Only Zoom attendees are required to register. https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd-spjkqHtImrPTdd-o-2YngL0pHO9LK#/registration More Information:

Special Interest Groups meet in person at the church: 9:30 - 10:25 Membership Meeting meets in person and on Zoom: 10:30 - 11:00 Featured Speaker live in person - and via Zoom: ~11:00 - 12:00 Noon

#### Saturday, July 20, 2024



#### The fall issue deadline for stories is August 1, 2024

As a reminder, AW writing and submission guidelines, including the preferred format for your stories and photos, are on the inside back cover of AW. Please send your stories to Editor Charmien Carrier: charmien2940@gmail.com

To see digital issues of AW, from1974 to the present, go to our website: https://sbgen.org/society-publications/#gsc.tab=0

#### **July Meetings**

Find links to all Zoom events here: https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/

**Zoom Lunch and Learn** Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 12:00 pm Moderator Rosa Avolio Let's talk about You Tube and genealogy and any other topic you'd like to discuss.

The Beginning/Intermediate SIG will be on Summer Vacation for, uly and August, but will return to Zoom in September with a new format.

Jewish Genealogy SIG Meeting On Vacation for July Presented by Harriette Hinderstein

DNA Lunch & Learn Zoom Only Presented by George LaPlante Friday, July 19, 2024; 12:00pm -1:30pm

**July General Meeting HYBRID** Free and Open to the Public Saturday, July 20, 2024; 10:30 am



Ancestors West

**Our suggested theme for our fall issue is "Settlements and Immigrant Trails."** Do you have a relative who helped establish a settlement or town? Do you know how your ancestors traveled? Were they part of a migration?

#### President's Message by Ted Tazer-Myers



"Cousins are connected heart to heart, distance and time can't break them apart." That is the message a cousin of mine presented me with at the conclusion of our visit in St. George, Utah. The message was hidden under polished beads and tawny-colored feathers layered on a burlap background. She also allowed me to scan family BMD records, antique photos, and more. I thought I had died and gone to family history

heaven!

Most people would not describe being on a Board of Directors as heaven, but at the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, we do try to have fun and do meaningful work, even within the constraints of Robert's Rules of Order. As such, we have played our annual game of musical chairs and a new board was elected for 2024-25 at the annual meeting last month. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Goeller for his many years of services on the Board in various capacities, including as Treasurer most recently. And, second, I want to welcome Rhonda McFarlane as our new Treasurer, Mary Hancock as Secretary, Mary Jacob as Development Director, and Patti Ottoboni as our newest Board "Member-at-Large." I look forward to your fresh perspectives and new ideas! I also want to thank our returning Board members: Kate Lima, Karen Ramsdell, Marilyn Compton, Chris Klukkert, Heather McDaniel McDevitt, Bob Muller, William Noack, Marie Sue Parsons, Liz Smith, John Woodward, Molly Gleason, Laurie Hannah, Fred Marsh, Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal and Diane Sylvester. Each of you has contributed mightily to the advancement of our mission through your leadership in front or behind the scenes-and for that, I am (we are) deeply grateful!

Summer time is for families and heritage trips. Some of you (like Chris Gallery and Molly Gleason) have already started their adventures! But for the rest of you, I hope to hear about your plans and experiences at our monthly meeting on the 20th — when we all look forward to Neal Graffy's talk *History Under Your Nose!* Ted Tazer-Myers



Be sure to check our **new blog**, and then subscribe so you can receive notification of our latest blog

posts related to genealogy in Santa Barbara County and beyond. Our goal is to provide valuable insights, resources, and support to help you in your genealogical journey. The blog is found here:

https://sbgen.org/start-your-search/sahyun-library-updates/

#### From Our Webmaster Seeking an Apprentice Webmaster

#### Dear SBCGS members,

Many of you know I have been involved with SBCGS for quite some time in several capacities, Board member, Programs/Education, IT Chair and now Webmaster. The time has come for me to retire from management positions but I will continue to host Lunch and Learn and maybe get to do some genealogy research. To be able to give up the Webmaster position I'm proposing an apprentice program for 6 months until the end of the year. I will work along with this person to teach and support them in taking over this important position. Below is the job description, as you can see we have a designer, no need to know WordPress just a desire to learn a basic understanding of how the website works. We also have Robin Mc-Carthy who does content editing and manages the record database. Robin is an excellent support member. I look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this position.

Regards, Rosa Avolio

#### Job Title: Webmaster

Overview: We are seeking an interested or experienced Webmaster to apprentice with our current webmaster and team to manage our organization's website. The ideal candidate could possess a strong understanding of web technologies or be interested in learning. Troubleshooting skills would be helpful. The Webmaster will be responsible for communicating with the contracted web designer and maintaining a task/trouble ticket system.

#### **Responsibilities:**

#### **1.Website Maintenance:**

- o Regularly monitor website performance and address any issues or bugs that arise.
- o Maintenance of pug-ins etc. is done by our contracted web designer

#### 2. Technical Support:

- o Provide basic technical support to users experiencing difficulties with the website.
- o Troubleshoot and create trouble ticket for any technical issues related to website functionality.
- o Collaborate with internal teams and external vendors to address complex technical problems.

#### **3.**Content Management:

- o Oversee the organization and presentation of website content.
- o Coordinate with content creators and contracted designer to develop new website content as needed.

#### 4.Performance Optimization:

o Monitor website traffic and performance metrics, could be another volunteer

#### Qualifications:

- Interest in managing the society's website.
- Problem-solving and troubleshooting skills are very helpful
- Ability to work independently and prioritize tasks effectively.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Experience or interest in website analytics tools (e.g., Google Analytics) and SEO best practices

#### Books at the Sahyun Chris Klukkert, Book Chair

When I was in England in September of 2019, I made sure to have a whole day at the Society of Genealogists – the large genealogy library there in London.



They advertise having over 11 million on-line records available, and they had a full three floors of books in their library, interspersed with some computer spaces, and (at that time) a space devoted to computer access to UK newspaper archives. It is a genealogist researchers dream to find a large resource like this in one's country of research.

I had a productive full day there and on my way out, I went to the Society bookstore and loaded up on some books that I knew would further my research when I got home. (oh, how the suitcase and carry-on bags get HEAVY on these out-of-town trips!). Look at some of the gems I came home with and will in the near future be a part of our Sahyun collection:



I was reminded of these books loitering on my home bookshelves when I saw a book Library Director, Laurie Hannah had pulled and displayed on our "Staff Choices" shelf. It is *1886 Professional Criminals of America*.



The book is a "rousing gallery" of America's late-nineteenth century's foremost murderers, bank robbers, conmen, forgers, rogues, embezzlers, and pickpockets. It has loads of wonderful photographs.

I guess you can see a pattern in my research these days. However I assure you it is more out of curiosity rather than relativity. However, as my latest Ancestor's West submission about my Dad's Aunt shows, we can ALL be surprised what we find when we reach deep into our trees. In that vein, we have some very helpful books within our bookshelves at the Sahyun you can use for your own reasearch, such as: *Wanted!* U.S. Criminal Records: Sources & Research Methodology, and to again include England, Criminal Ancestors: A Guide to Historical Criminal Records in England and Wales.

There were evidently so many bad guys in the southwest — they published the book, *A Directory of New Mexico Desperados!* We all know about the Salem Witch Trials but the former director of the New England Genealogical Society wrote *Witches, Rakes, and Rogues: True Stories of Scam, Scandal, Murder, and Mayhem in Boston, 1630 – 1775.* It is described by the publisher as "the stuff of National Enquirer headlines-colonial style-meticulously researched and delightfully told." Come on! You know it would be fabulous to find an ancestor in that book!



You saw in my book collection the book *My* (British) *Ancestor was a Lunatic*, and I guess I could have saved myself some British pounds, because the Sahyun collection has on it's shelves, *Basic Facts about Lunatics in England and Wales for Fami ly Historians.* ("So many lunatics, so little time." Tee-hee)

Oh sure, we have the more standard informational books on crime and punishment

and the how-to's of researching legal and criminal relatives such as: Law and Society: An Introduction to Sources for Criminal and Legal History from 1800. I am sure one of our wonderful volunteer librarians can help you find prison records and maybe even photos on one of our in-library subscription sites too, but doesn't it sound more fun to pull one of the books off the shelf and walk through the contents. Like one of Joseph Boyce's series, White New Jersey Runawaways, 1767-smooth tongued and deceitful." that is described as a "compilation are runaway servants, but quite a number of runaway apprentices, both men and women, military deserters, with horse thieves, burglars, jail breakers, an occasional murderer, enemy spy, a pirate and other lowlife are represented."

Lastly, there is a book I am going to pull off the shelf next week to have a look through myself. It is *The Georgia Black Book: Morbid, Macabre & Sometimes Disgusting Records of Genealogical Value*. "Disgusting records"?? I have to take a closer look at that book!

What books on your family awaits your search? Come into the Sahyun and see for yourself. We look forward to your library visit and we encourage and welcome suggestions for other genealogy books for our collection..

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#### Membership Kate Lima, Membership Chair

#### Welcome to our newest members

Judy Smith Tracy Larson Rosalind Robertson Frances Davis Timothy B. Smith Thomas E. Mendoza

And our returning members Roland and Susan Orfila Robert Vance Melinda Romero

## Also, a big thank you to our continuing members who renewed in June.

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, we have packets at the library, stop by and pick one up!



#### Genealogy Tip of the Month

From genealogytipofthemonth.com, February 27, 2018 (Michael John Neill)

#### Mapmaker Mapmaker– Make me a Map

Custom create your own maps to help you visualize how close (or not) your ancestral villages are. This one was helpful for me in

analyzing my DNA results. Each name is an ancestor with ancestry from the village listed before their name. Having all the places on the same map made visualization easier. Genealogy Tip of the Day book is here. Learn more about it. If you'd like to get Michael's genealogy tip daily in your email for free, go to: genealogytipofthemonth.com



#### Need help? Work with a Coach!

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 <u>kajcreemen@gmail.</u> <u>com</u> if you need a coach OR wish to become a coach. You can also look at the list from our website, sbgen.org. Log in and look for "Find a Genealogy Coach" on the list to the left.

#### SAVE THESE DATES

- We've started planning our **Honors Lunch for Saturday, November 2, 2024**. The last Honors Lunch was in 2019, before the pandemic. More information will follow.
- Our Society will be heading back to Salt Lake City next year, and we've reserved our week already. Please save the dates: April 27 May 4, 2025. Currently the rooms are discounted at \$105 for a standard room and \$115 for a deluxe room. Let me know if you're interested in coming; I can send more information and put you on the list. Send email to Membership@ sbgen.org.

#### SBCC Fall 2024 Genealogy Classes

#### How to Research Your Family History Level 1

Who are you and where did you come from? You will find the answers to these questions on the exciting adventure of climbing your family tree. Explore the history of your family! Unleash your inner detective and develop the skills and knowledge to do genealogical research. Explore various sources for records, including the census, vital records, and military records. You will compile and organize information about your family, sharpen your internet research skills, and practice using new genealogical tools.

#### Instructor: Norma Eggli, egglin@sbcc.edu

#### First Class (Wednesday mornings)

Course/Class Number: 001412LE/ Section 01—25658 in person in Wake Room 4 Section 02—25659 on online via Zoom Dates of Class: 08/28/2024—10/9/2024 Time: 9 AM- 11 AM Cost: \$100.00

#### Second Class (Thursday Evenings)

Course/Class Number: 001412LE/ Section 3—25677 in person in Wake Room 4 Section 4—25678 on online via Zoom Dates of Class: 10/24/2024-12/5/2024 Time: 4:00 PM - 6:15 PM Cost: \$100.00

> Genealogy (Tuition Based Class): registration online: http://sbcc.augusoft.net/



## **Outreach** by Holly Snyder, Chair

Happy summer! We had another fun time at the Stow House Old-Fashioned 4th of July! Check out our page of photos. Outreach is gearing up for a busy few months ahead. Not only are we planning a display for the Goleta Library in September, Family History Month Open House the first Sunday of October, and Picnic in the Cemetery in October; we are venturing into a new partnership with Santa Barbara Public Library for a small exhibit in one of their side Faulkner galleries at the end of September honoring Santa Barbara Hispanic families who lived in Santa Barbara between 1850-1950.

#### Goleta Library Display Case, September 2024



Check out our display at the Goleta Library during the month of September! We will have a cemetery theme highlighting our Picnic in the Cemetery event at the Santa Barbara Cemetery and the Santa Barbara County Hospital Cemetery (aka Pauper's Cemetery). We will also provide information on Family History Month and the Open House, plus general information about the Society.



#### Montecito Bank & Trust Table Display, September 2024

Check out our display table during the month of September as Montecito Bank & Trust's Business of the Month! This will be the Goleta location. (*Photo by Gary Schumaker*, 2023)

#### Santa Barbara Public Library Display, September 29, 2024

We have been invited to partner with the Santa Barbara Public Library to show a preview or introduction to our larger exhibit coming in September 2025. We will highlight a few Santa Barbara Hispanic families who lived in Santa Barbara between 1850-1950, as well as show some family trees and images of their life and culture during the time frame. The exhibit will be in one of the Faulkner side galleries. Stay tuned for more details.

## Family History Month Open House Family Tree Display, October 6



Do you have a family tree/pedigree chart you would like to share in a display at this year's Open House? We are looking for a wide range of pedigree charts. They can be decorative or plain, include pictures of your ancestors or just text, in any language, typed or handwritten, color or black and white, a few generations or many generations- anything works! Size can range from  $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11^{\circ}$  to  $18x24^{\circ}$ . Please have it printed and ready to hang up on our classroom walls. If you inherited a family tree, please scan it at 600 dpi and print a copy to display. It is highly recommended to have your family tree be adhered to foamcore or foam board, no frames or original family heirloom family trees please.

**Due date**: September 15; drop off your family tree along with your full name, family tree title, contact information to Sahyun Library during open hours.

#### Picnic in the Cemetery 2024



Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 @ 10am, lunch will start around 12:30pm

**Locations**: Santa Barbara Cemetery and then lunch at the LDS Church/ FamilySearch Center of Santa Barbara.

**Cemetery residents and actors**: Otto Hopkins [Wilbur Hopkins Tate], Julia Frances Williams [Betsy Green], Charles John Valde [Mel Sahyun], Lillian Bailey Beale Child [Helen Wong], Mary and Ethel Richardson [Heather McDaniel McDevitt and Chloe Wilcox], Crimora Coiner Whitcher [Cathy Sahm Garley], and Edwin "EJ" Hayward [Jonathan Smith].

Registration will begin in early September.

#### Volunteer Spotlight On Mary Hancock

#### **Mary Hancock's Bio**



I was brought up in rural southeastern Massachusetts and attended Smith College, graduating with a major in Anthropology. I later pursued graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania and conducted several extended research trips to south India for my doctoral research on how Hindu religious practices shaped women's social and political concerns. Later, I studied how popular ideas about history and

heritage – as presented in museums and commemorative sites – were transformed during India's 19th and 20th century anti-colonial movements. I had met my future husband, Toby Lazarowitz, also an anthropologist, early in my graduate career and, after we married (1985), he joined me during some of my research trips, becoming a super-fan of cricket and an expert decoder of India's parliamentary politics!

Following graduate study, I taught at the University of Texas (Austin), and conducted further research at the University of Chicago and the School for Advanced Study (Santa Fe), before joining the faculty at UC Santa Barbara in 1994. After a rewarding career - highlighted by the terrific students I worked with and capped by a stint as Interim Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts - I retired in 2022. Retirement gave me the chance to finally pursue personal interests in my own family history, with its roots in the Azores (Portugal), Ireland, and Canada. And, as luck would have it, I joined the Society just as the Outreach Committee was gearing up for the exhibit on Santa Barbara's Asian American and Pacific Islander family histories. I was thrilled to join the dedicated group of volunteers, led by Holly Snyder and Melinda Yamane Crawford, who were researching these important stories. Since then, I've worked with the Outreach Committee on its projects and events, with much of my attention trained now on next year's exhibit on Santa Barbara's Hispanic family histories. I'll also be stepping in to take over the final year of the inimitable Mary Jacob's term as Board secretary and look forward to helping advance the Board's goals in that role.

Volunteering with SBCSG has been fun and enriching in so many ways. As much as the Society supports members' pursuits of their own family histories, I believe that it contributes to a greater good – by making its resources and facilities available to those in Santa Barbara and beyond. Although there are many things that divide our community and our nation, many people can find common ground in their shared interests in genealogy– in understanding their familial, cultural and ethnic roots. I encourage other new members to reach out, as I did, to the groups and committees whose work piques your curiosity and with whom you can share your own skills and knowledge. You'll soon discover

that one of the best things about the Society is the generosity, expertise, commitment, and camaraderie of its volunteers!

#### Outreach, con't.

#### 1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake Centennial Exhibit-June 2025

(Gledhill Library Photo, SB Historical Museum)



Keep the stories and photos coming! Did your family live in Santa Barbara during the 1925 earthquake, or maybe you know of a family who lived here during this time? If so, we would like to hear from you! Maybe you have a diary with written accounts or remember stories your parents or other family members told. We would like to share these recollections during the centennial commemoration in 2025. Please contact Outreach@sbgen.org if you have anything to contribute or can put us in touch with someone whose family lived in Santa Barbara in 1925.

#### Speaking Engagements in the Community



Outside groups can request a visit and/or tour here:<u>https://sbgen.org/in-the-community/res-</u> <u>ervation-request/</u> Please share the link to anyone who may be interested.

Did your group already have a talk with Larry but would be interested in a follow up talk or a

workshop-style activity? We can do that too!

#### Website Records Database Update by Robin McCarthy

The Records Database now includes Volume 14 and Volume 15 of the Naturalization Petitions from the Santa Barbara County Superior Court Archives, which covers the months of June 1935 through January 1936. Members can request images for \$5 each, while non-members can order images for \$10 each.

#### 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."

#### News from the SBCGS Librarian Laurie Hannah



#### **NEW MEMBER BENEFITS!**

Starting July 1, members gained access to MyHeritage and NewspaperArchive, two services that complemented our other suite of subscription databases and provide users with complete access from home. You will be able to log into these databases from behind our member wall, so you will need to be a member to use them.

The Society will trial these remote services for a year and see how often they are used. Based on user feedback and use statistics, we will evaluate at the end of the fiscal year whether we will continue. As always, we welcome your feedback about library services and what you want from your genealogy society.

Remember, this is an exclusive member benefit!



**Review the latest issue** of Ancestors West for tips and explanations of how to use each genealogical database in our library. Many of your questions are answered there, so please give it a read!



#### Library Volunteer Opportunity

Are you ready to spend some extra time at the library? Would you be able to step in as a volunteer for a one-time gig or an ongoing one? The library is looking for some people!

**One-time:** Tuesday, July 30, 10am-1pm (1 person needed)

**On-going**: We also need permanent volunteers for the following shifts:

Every 2nd Thursday10-1Every 4th Thursday10-1

Thank you for considering this.

#### Books at the Sahyun, continued

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

- Spartanburg County, South Carolina: Minutes of the County Court 1785-1799
- Thomas Kent (1748-1835) and His Descendants
- History of the Early Settlement of Highland County, Ohio
- Early PA Reformation Church & Cemetery Records, Bucks County, PA
- Union County South Carolina Will Abstracts 1787-1849
- The Bitter Divide A Civil War History of St. Charles, Missouri
- Some Fox Trails in Old Virginia (John Fox of King William County, Ancestors, Descendants, near Kin.
- Portrait and Biographical Record of St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties, Missouri

Greene County, Arkansas, probate records, July 1876 to July 1898

History of Mecklenberg County, North Carolina 1740- 1900 (2 volumes)

History of St. Charles County, Missouri (1765 - 1885)

History and Genealogy of the BYRD family, From the Early Part of 1700 A.D. When

They first Settled at Muddy Creek, Accomack County, Virginia, Down to A.D. 1907.

#### We want to thank the following generous donors:

Edward Tazer-Myers Bernice Joseph Kendrick Family Tim Daly

#### Books, Books, and More Books Kristin Ingalls, BookNook

Immigration tales of our families – that is the theme of the upcoming issue of Ancestors West. When you think about it, this urge to move, settle, resettle, remove and explore is the motivating force that shapes our world. Since time before time, all our ancestors have migrated. I am having a hard time making this huge endeavor into a readable story—you, too? I thought it might help to suggest some of the books we have on our library shelves on the subject  $\sim\sim$ 



*From the Old Country : An Oral History of European Migration to America* by Stave, Bruce M. Call Number: 973 W2 STA



*American Settlements and Migrations: A Primer for Genealogists and Family Historians* by Bockstruck, Lloyd Call Number: 973 W2 BOC

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*Germanic genealogy: a guide to worldwide sources and migration patterns* by Brandt, Edward R. [et al.]. Call Number: 943 D27 BRA



*The Harvey Girls, Women Who Opened the West.* by Poling-Kempes, Lesley Call Number: 979 H2 POL



Sea routes to the Gold Fields, The Migration by Water to California in 1849-1852 by Lewis, Oscar Call Number: 979.4 H2 LEW



*Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815* by Dollarhide, William Call Number: R 929 E7 DOL

#### Here are a few more:

*Early American Highways - Midwest Migration: Oregon, California and Mormon Trails* Call Number: 973 W2 KEP

*Shifting Centres: Woman and Migration in New Zealand History.* Fraser, Lyndon Call Number: 993.1 W2 FRA

*The Uprooted. The Epic Story of the Great Migrations that Made the American People* by Handlin, Oscar Call Number: 304.8 H2 HAN

*Migration by Railroads* by Hensen, Donald D. Call Number: 304.8 D27 HEN

And, OF COURSE, I have books to sell from the Book-Nook shelves. A small sampling:







There are plenty of resources at our Library – time for a visit????











# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



# STOW HOUSE OLD-FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY 2024





