



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Researching the World

September 2024

Tree Tips Newsletter

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September General Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Notice of Venue Change for the General Meeting



Due to a schedule conflict at our usual meeting location, September's meeting will be held at the
Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Ave, Goleta, CA 93117
Ample Free Parking

Finding Females in US Naturalization Records, 1790-1952

Featuring Guest Speaker Nancy Loe

Whether you're missing a naturalization record or finding an unexpected one, this session helps you discover how female ancestors — both foreign-born and birthright — gained, lost, or regained citizenship in the United States between 1790 and 1952.

US citizenship and attendant rights for women could be fragile, depending on marital status, prevailing laws, social norms, and other shifting factors. Examples of US naturalization and citizenship records, and search strategies for finding these records are featured in this presentation.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:



Archivist, librarian, and genealogist Nancy Loe has been helping researchers with their family trees since 1977. She specializes in US and European family history research, presenting at webinars and conferences in the US, Canada, and Australia, including NGS and Rootstech.

Nancy's genealogy e-books and free monthly newsletter are available at www.sassyjanegenalogy.com

HYBRID Event — Live presentation and broadcast on Zoom

In-person at the Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

Special Interest Groups meet in person at 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

Only Zoom attendees are required to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/vejyw7my>

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September Meetings

Use QR Code or URL to find links to these events

<https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/>



First Thursday Lunch and Learn
Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, 12:00 pm
Moderator Rosa Avolio

TOPIC: *How to find digital libraries and use them for genealogy research.*

Member Orientation
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, 10:00 AM
Sahyun Genealogical Library

Beginning/Intermediate Genealogy
Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, 11:00 AM
Moderator: Jean Foster

Jewish Genealogy SIG Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, 12 Noon
Presented by Harriette Hinderstein

Zoom Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 12 Noon
Host: Rosa Avolio

DNA Lunch & Learn
Zoom Only
Friday, Sept. 20, 2024; 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Presented by George LaPlante

Crowdsourced Brickwall Research
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 12:00 Noon
Moderator: Jean Foster

September General Meeting
HYBRID
Free and Open to the Public
Saturday, September 21, 2024; 10:30 am

President's Message

by Ted Tazer-Myers



Hello Members and Friends! I hope your summer was filled with fun and family, living and otherwise, while “researching the world.” Nancy and I are currently touring Ireland for our own heritage trip, but will return by the end of the month. I want to express my appreciation to Karen Ramsdell for covering for me during this busy month, and to leaders like Laurie Hannah, Kate Lima, Fred Marsh, Rhonda McFar-

lane, Mary Jacob, Mary Hancock, Diane Sylvester, Molly Gleason, Elizabeth Swanay-O’Neill, and Rick Closson for keeping things moving on our Society’s business and strategic initiatives during the busy holidays. And many thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes for making the Society and its Sahyun Library hub such a lively, inviting, and helpful place for genealogists, from beginners to advanced.

In many ways, September is the time when the Society gears up for Family History Month in October. According to Diane Sylvester, this year’s FHM will be chock full of intriguing and useful classes. Besides our signature Open House, classes on go-to resources such as FamilySearch, Reunion, Family Tree Maker, MyHeritage, and Ancestry.com will be offered, as well as special workshops on scanning, Jewish heritage, DNA, Civil War and military records, and so much more! Almost every committee is actively involved preparing for FHM and, excitingly, we expect to be supported by new educational display technology in the classroom, the Woodward Reading Room, and the computer lab with a hanging system for displays, a SMART board for lively interaction, and a new large screen television. Thanks to Holly Snyder, Rosa Avolio, Rick Closson, Lori Call and Mary Jacob for bringing these new tools to life!

Your board will also be holding a retreat at the end of the month to discuss a possible grant to fund a long-term strategic plan. As an educational nonprofit, the board will also be considering ways and means to grow our educational offerings, both for members and for the community. We have received a lot of valuable input from our stakeholders about the things we need to do to serve you, and I trust that you have been seeing the results via our cutting-edge website, general meetings, class offerings, on Zoom and at the library! There will be more to come, especially in educational outreach to school age children. Please contact me if you are interested in participating!

Warmest wishes for success in connecting the leaves and branches of your family tree. Our wonderful coaches and volunteers stand ready to assist.

Ted

Apprentice Webmaster Volunteer Opportunity

Dear Members,

We are excited to announce a unique volunteer opportunity. *Our esteemed Webmaster, Rosa Avolio, will be retiring soon, and she is offering a chance to learn directly from her through December.* This apprenticeship provides hands-on experience as Webmaster, with additional support from a contract web designer and Robin McCarthy, our specialist in content editing and records database management.

If you’re interested in stepping into this pivotal position and gaining valuable skills, please review the job description below and consider seizing this exceptional chance to contribute and grow. Contact Rosa Avolio at Webmaster@sbgen.org.

Best regards,
Ted Tazer-Myers, President

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 Monitor website performance and address issues or bugs.
- o Maintenance of plug-ins 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 which 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

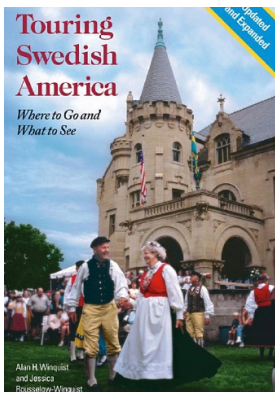
Books at the Sahyun

Chris Klukkert, Book Chair

I write this a few days after returning from a lovely summer trip to Minnesota to visit my older brother who recently relocated from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Duluth. My Swedish-born husband's August birthday wish was to visit the Swedish settlement towns in midcentral Minnesota, just north of Minneapolis. Neither one of us has any Swedish – let alone ANY Minnesota folks or ancestors, but it did not detract from our excitement and interest in this endeavor. I did my usual pre-trip research, both on-line and what else? BOOK research at the Sahyun, of course.



In our Minnesota book area, we have both volumes of Minnesota Swedes, and also Minnesota Cemetery Locations. Those helped guide my itinerary and I was able to zerox some pages of interest to take with us on our trip. A surprise help to me was Declarations of Intention, (1847 - 1852), of 262 Minnesota Pioneers. I was able to focus on some specific areas of Minnesota that felt rich with many Swedish immigrants of interest.



I keep the book, *Touring Swedish America* as a reference we use often at home, and with relevant pages scanned onto my iPad for the trip we were off fully prepared.

It was a fabulous trip. I can't remember how many times I have said to my husband on a trip, "I sure wish I had dead people HERE." (lol) as we passed yet another lovely cemetery. I love cemeteries and sometimes pull in and walk among the graves (oldest section and or pioneer cemeteries preferred) and peruse the names and surnames of a local area. There were some real beauties there in Minnesota.

Another wonderful reason I love to travel to new areas is to visit the local libraries, especially genealogy and historical libraries and museums. We found a wonderful such place in Lindström, Minnesota at the Chisago County Historical Society Museum and Research Room. They had a fabulous display of local Swedish immigrant artifacts and items, as well as a large research library of books, files and resources, including several books, to my husband's delight, that were written in Swedish! There I found three wonderful books for the Sahyun.

Lindströmsjö-Lindstrom on the Lake. Lindstrom, Minnesota 100 Years. Published in 2020 by the above-named Chisago County Historical Society, it is a chockfull history and photos of the town and its business development and history. Chronology, newspaper articles of relevance, and then my personal favorite of these heritage town books, the genealogy biography section that is contributed by the family members. Yes, there may be errors, but those personal recollections, family stories and photos are invaluable. Once these books go out of print and are not put on line – they are

gone. So, now we have it in our collection.

The WW book *Chisago County Minnesota in the World War* (sadly, not numbered WW1, since people thought this was the last war). Besides a full list of soldiers with their photographs and short bios, the book also includes a full range of other good genealogical resources such as nurses from that area, activities of the home relief organizations, American Legion Posts and a wonderful addition of copies of letters home from many of the veterans of the area. There are also obituaries and newspaper articles reprinted of the local servicemen. It's a very meaty book for those who have family in that county.

The last book, and I want to give the full title here since it says it all: *Non-Swedish Pioneers in Chisago County, Minnesota -Biographical Sketches of the Earliest Settlers in Chisago County, Many of Whom, in the Period, 1838-1851, Preceded the Swedish Pioneers.* It is a wonderful find. Some towns are lucky enough to have "that guy or woman", who revels in local history, and who recalls more than most of us forget, and is willing to do the work of compiling what they know into books. That is this book's author, the late Earl W. Leaf. They almost genuflect when they talk about him in that museum. This is the only book of his that is for sale,



but the research library in the museum holds the full collection of his many books of various pioneer records, Swedish immigrants, towns people etc.

I also bought for myself, *From The Ashes, The Story of the Hinkley Fire of 1894*. We had driven through Hinkley on our way to Duluth, and I had read the Historical Marker that told of the scattered blazes in the pine forests of Pine County, Minnesota in the two-month summer drought year of September 1894. The small fires united into a tornado firestorm that burned more than 250,000 acres, destroyed six towns and killed at least 418 people. It lasted only four hours but destroyed everything in its path. It is a fascinating and scary read. Perhaps it should find its way to our shelves as well.

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The Development Committee

Mary Jacob - Development Director

The Development Committee has had a busy and productive inaugural year. This fall, the Committee will focus its fundraising efforts on the following projects:

The Educational Display Systems project goals are set to improve our ability to display educational resources, improve the conference room's audio-visual performance for speakers and participants and enhance community member experience at outreach events.

The project includes the purchase and installation of an 85-inch smart television for the conference room, an interactive portable smart board, a wall rail hanging system, a mobile hotspot, and an all-in-one touchscreen computer. The cost for the project is \$20,676.

In May, the Society was awarded a \$10,000 foundation grant for the project and, to date, member donations total \$8,000. Please help us reach our final goal of \$2,676 by sending a check made out to "SBCGS" and noting on the memo line: "Ed. Display Systems" or donating online at <https://sbgen.org/donate/#!/form/Development>, by selecting "General Support of SBCGS" and email Mary Jacob at maryjjacob8@gmail.com that you would like your donation to be applied to the Educational Display Systems project.

Update on the Memorial Patio and Garden Project. Having achieved the Phase 1 fundraising goal, the conceptual design, engineering and survey work for the project is underway under the leadership of Fred Marsh. We are now in Phase 2 where we will focus on preliminary and final design, obtain a realistic cost estimate and engage in additional fundraising.

The Development Committee will soon begin its work for the end-of-the year **Annual Appeal Campaign**. We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing the mailing. The skill level is basic: ability to put a letter in an envelope! We are making this a "stuffing party" and invite you to volunteer a few hours while having fun to prepare the mailing. If you can help with this important endeavor, please contact Mary Jacob at maryjjacob8@gmail.com.

Website Records Database Update

by Robin McCarthy

More than 7400 entries have recently been added to the database. These include 27 volumes of Haider Mortuary records and Volume 16 of Naturalization Petitions covering October 1936 to June 1937. Record images can be purchased for any of these entries. This brings the total database count to more than 188,000.

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."

Books at the Sahyun, continued

As for other Sahyun Library news, late last month we had the pleasure of hosting some members of the Ventura Genealogical Society. It is always so rewarding to welcome other genealogy society member groups to our library, especially when we see them find new revelations and genealogy discoveries while here. They kept our volunteers that day busy re-shelving books, as well as guiding through the many of our wonderful computer programs.

Very soon the San Luis Obispo Genealogy Society will be doing a field trip to our library. We do have such a treasure in our very own library, and I welcome you to come and enjoy it for yourself.

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.

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

- *Non-Swedish Pioneers in Chisago County, Minnesota*
- *Chisago County Minnesota in the World War (1920)*
- *Lindströmsjö-Lindstrom on the Lake. Lindstrom, Minnesota 100 Years.*
- *German Imigrants in American Church Records, Vol 41 (Texas, Indiana, Nebraska & Wisconsin, con't)*
- *Condensed History of Amador County, California*
- *Parke County, Indiana: History and Families*
- *The Children of Carl and Caroline Knickrehm, Book #3*
- *History of LaSalle County, Illinois, 2 Volumes*

We want to thank the following generous donors:
Assistance League of Santa Barbara (Mareanne Corradi) .

Dorothy Oksner William S. Hull
Mel Sahyun Valerie Jackson
Kay Glenn
Mary Sheldon & Susan Robles

Speaking Engagements in the Community



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

Has your group already had a talk with Larry, but would be interested in a follow up talk or a workshop style activity? We can do that too!

Membership Spotlight

Kate Lima, Membership Chair



NEW MEMBERS IN July and August

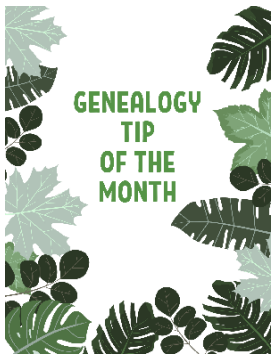
Dee Carter Brown
Claire Diane Flynn
Katherine Garley
Kat Gordon
Arleen Haywood
Susan Robles
Mary Stoddard
April Walstad

Returning Members

Jane Allingham
George Armstrong
Elizabeth Badart
Judith Savage
Terin Smith

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!

Also, we extend a big and enthusiastic thank you to our continuing members who have renewed!



Genealogy Tip of the Month

From *genealogytipofthemonth.com*,
October 23, 2021 (Michael John Neill)

Get out of the 21st Century

Remember that we do not live in the same times as our ancestors. If you are working on families from two hundred years ago, consider reading contemporary material from that era. Transcribed diaries, newspapers and other materials are a great

way to get a better “feel” for the times, in addition to reading non-fiction history covering the same time period.

Reading someone else’s diary from the time, even if a complete non-relative, may give you a fresh perspective on your ancestor life and times.



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 kajcreemen@gmail.com 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

HONORS LUNCHEON

Our popular **Honors Luncheon** is back! We will honor three of our long-time, hardworking volunteers: Chris Klukkert, Robin McCarthy and Karen Ramsdell. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2, 2024. The last Honors Lunch was in 2019, before the pandemic. Keep an eye out for an invitation.



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

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

Wow, how did it get to be September already?! Hope you all had a wonderful summer and took a fun vacation or two!

Outreach is knee-deep in busy season. Not only did we put up a display for the Goleta Library on September 1st, but we also are planning Family History Month Open House on October 6th, and Picnic in the Cemetery on October 26th; we are also partnering with Santa Barbara Public Library for a small exhibit in one of their side Faulkner galleries starting September 29th honoring Santa Barbara Hispanic families who lived in Santa Barbara between 1850-1950. This will be like a preview into our next big exhibit coming September 2025. We will also have a couple tabling opportunities this fall. See below for more details on all our happenings for September and October!



Goleta Library Display Case, September 1-29, 2024

Echoes of the Past: Stories from Santa Barbara's Cemeteries

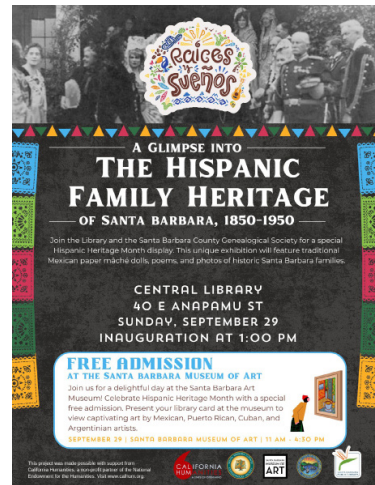
Visit our display at the Goleta Library throughout September! Discover the fascinating stories of eight historical figures from Santa Barbara County who will be brought to life at our upcoming "Picnic in the Cemetery" event this October.

Also featured is the Santa Barbara County Hospital Cemetery (aka Potter's Field Cemetery) with a little history and our connection to the cemetery.



June 1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake Centennial Exhibit

1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake Centennial Exhibit- June 2025 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.



Santa Barbara Public Library Exhibit, September 29 - October 30, 2024

View an engaging exhibit that showcases the rich heritage and contributions of historic Hispanic families through photographs, family trees, and personal stories told through descendants still living in the Santa Barbara area. This is a glimpse into a larger exhibit to will open in September 2025 at the Sahyun Library.

SBCGS is accepting Hispanic family submissions for our larger exhibit in September 2025 who lived in Santa Barbara County pre-1950s. Contact Outreach@sbgen.org if you are interested in participating.

This exhibit is in partnership with the Santa Barbara Public Library and an addition to their Hispanic heritage program. Join us for a short reception on September 29 from 1-3pm! Meet the descendants who played a key role in creating this exhibit and hear firsthand accounts of their family's history. Society volunteers will be on hand to do genealogy lookups!

Volunteer opportunity: Interested in doing genealogy lookups for guests at the opening? Contact Holly Snyder at Outreach@sbgen.org.



Family History Month Open House Family Tree Display, October 6

Read about the family tree display on next page

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



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 hand-written, color or black and white, a few generations or many generations- anything works! Size can range from 8 1/2 x 11" to 18x24". Please have it printed and ready to hang up on our classroom walls. If you inherited a family tree, please print a copy to display.

It is highly recommended to have your family tree be adhered to foamcore or foam board, lightweight frames are ok. Please no original family heirloom family trees.

Due date: September 24; drop off your family tree along with your full name, family tree title, and contact information to Sahyun Library during open hours.



**Picnic in the Cemetery:
A Live Historical Presentation 2024**

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 Check in at 10am, lunch will start around noon.

Locations: Event at Santa Barbara Cemetery, lunch at the LDS Church/ FamilySearch Center of Santa Barbara.

Price: \$25/SBCGS Members, \$32/ Non-members

Walk around the beautiful Santa Barbara Cemetery and listen to eight historical Santa Barbara County residents share their stories. **Tickets go on sale on October 1st:** <https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/#!event/register/2024/10/26/picnic-in-the-cemetery-a-live-historical-event>

Volunteer opportunity! We are in need of some help! **SB Cemetery:** Light setup and signs (9:15am), check in guests at the cemetery (9:30am-10:15am), Group leaders (10am-noon), take down signs/collect chairs (~11:45am).

LDS church: set up (8:30am), lunch check-in (11:45-12:15pm), and take down (2pm). Holly at Outreach@sbgen.org if you are able to help!

Volunteer Spotlight Jean Foster



Jean Foster was highlighted about 5 years ago in our Tree Tips newsletter, but I wanted to take this time to bring her back. She is an online presence, especially for new genealogists. She covers the New Member Special Interest Group online as well as the "Beyond Brick Walls" online class. These are informational and so helpful, especially for new members.

Jean is a reliable, capable, and very fun volunteer and I'm happy to share her story here.

From Jean:

My Dad's family moved from Nebraska to Carpinteria before I was a year old and I went to Carpinteria schools and graduated from Carpinteria High. I went to work after getting out of school with Bank of America and then with Security Pacific Bank. I was married in 1963 to Rick Foster, a career airman and we were stationed at Vandenberg AFB, CA. Two of his children come to live with us, Terry at age 5 and Ron at age 4. Our two daughters, Patricia and Kathleen were born at Vandenberg AFB. We were later stationed in Fort Worth, Texas; Soesterburg, The Netherlands and Wichita, Kansas, where Rick retired from the Air Force. We divorced in 1974 and the girls and I moved back to Carpinteria. Both girls are married and I have nine grandchildren plus their spouses: Tim & Niki; Michelle & Richard; Emily &

Oliver; Benjamin; Kristen & Erik; Tyler; twins, Andrew & Alyssa; Becca. I now have 2 great grandchildren, Atticus & Ava.

After returning to Carpinteria, I went to work for Santa Barbara Bank & Trust and then Security Pacific Bank, retiring in 1993 as branch manager. I then worked several part time jobs while caring for my parents and retired in 2005. I was active in the American Business Women's Association in Carpinteria, serving as secretary and treasurer and was Boss of the Year in 1984.

I got started in genealogy in early 1978, when a friend took me to the Sons of the Revolution Library in Glendale and the first book off the shelf I found my Loveless family. I was hooked from then on and started the old-fashioned way by going to libraries and writing letters. I have been able to trace my Richmond line to the Mayflower, Thomas Rogers; my Holloway line to early Quakers in New Jersey and then to Indiana; my Barber line just stopped for about 30 years with my 2nd great grandfather, Myron Hawley Barber, and then DNA from my aunt took the line to 1634 and Thomas Barber. In 1998, I wrote a book on my 2nd Great Grandfather, James Wilson McCoy and his descendants.

In 1985, I learned about the SB Genealogy Society and went to a meeting and joined that day and was a member until about 1996, when I sort of dropped out of everything to take care of my parents. I joined the society again in 2013, after taking Jan Cloud's classes at SBCC. I try to take part in the activities and educational opportunities our society offers. Co-hosting the New Members/ Beginners table with Norma Johnson at the meetings was fun and very rewarding, but now I do the SIG on Zoom once a month. I also moderate the Crowd Sourced zoom meeting. I volunteer at open house and am on the education committee. I also volunteer as a coach as I like helping other people with this fascinating hobby.

News from the SBCGS Librarian

Laurie Hannah



Welcome Back to the Sahyun Library!

We weren't closed in August, but it still feels like we are starting a new year with the beginning of school and the anticipation of fall. We are spiffing up the library this summer with new paint, upgraded furnishings, no more leaky roof, and a brand new display system. If you haven't visited lately, please come by. Don't forget to look at all the new books on display and try out our new subscription databases MyHeritage and NewspaperArchive.

If you are new to MyHeritage, you can watch for free many how-to webinars on all sorts of topics at Legacy Family Tree Webinars. For example:

- Find your Canadian ancestors <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/finding-your-canadian-ancestors-on-my-heritage/?category=myheritage&sortby=newest>
- Trace your French ancestry <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/how-to-trace-your-french-ancestors-with-my-heritage-resources/?category=myheritage&sortby=newest>
- Understand U.S. city directories <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/a-deep-dive-into-u-s-city-directories-at-myheritage/?category=myheritage&sortby=newest>

If you have wanted to use our database of Swedish records, Archi-vDigital, but didn't know how, there are several very informative videos online that show you step by step how to search for various record types in that database. Here is the introductory video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ovou5xjQE&list=PLMXaVrjWgcn4jg3azUdujxvMuDA8ECUxm&index=5>

Please also feel free to ask any of our library volunteers on duty for help in using these rich resources. We want you to leave the library with something new!

New Information Center in the Library

Speaking of new, look for the latest issue of Tree Tips posted on our new bulletin board in the library above the copy machine. We felt it would be helpful to have all the various bits of important news and information gathered in one place, so please take a look! This bulletin board will be reserved for information about our society events, members, and the library only. Please post other types of information such as business cards, clippings, and fliers about other organizations on the old bulletin board in the hallway near the restrooms.

--Laurie Hannah, Library Director

Ancestors West
Celebrating
50
Years
1974 - 2024

CELEBRATIONS, HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

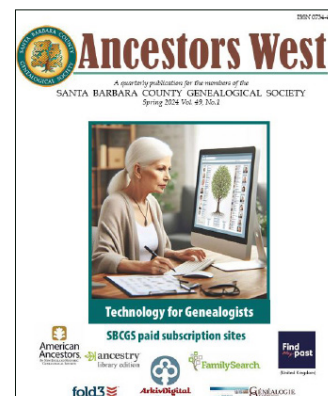
In December, we will be celebrating Ancestors West's 50th anniversary of publication. What else can we write about related to Celebrations? A memorable milestone in our family's history, a notable ancestor's anniversary, birthday, or wedding? How about Festivals like the one we celebrate in Santa Barbara, where stories of the early days of Fiesta are shared? Holidays celebrated by ancestors who came from other countries—what were their traditions? Do you recall tales told by an ancestor being part of such events?

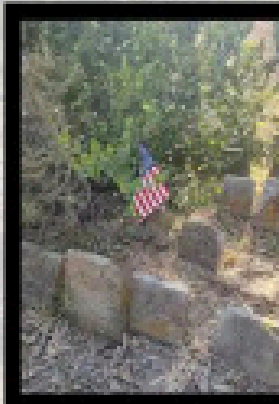
The deadline for stories is October 15, 2024. As usual, we welcome any family story about genealogy you wish to share. We also have ongoing columns about heirlooms and obsolete items. Sometimes, a photo and caption will do.

Thank you, and please keep on writing.

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 Charmien Carrier: charmien2940@gmail.com

Review the Spring 2024 issue of Ancestors West for tips and explanations of how to use each genealogical database in our library. Many questions are answered there, so please give it a read!





Santa Barbara County Hospital Cemetery aka "Potters Field"

This small cemetery holds 100 people, 95 male and 5 female aged 0 (stillborn) to 102. Burials occurred between 1892 and 1904 at its original site, the County Hospital grounds on South Salinas Street in Santa Barbara.

It moved locations twice, and in 1917 the stones and remains were moved to this spot where it lay unattended and forgotten. For a time the county leased the land to the S.B. Sportsmen's Club, and the headstones were damaged by stray bullets.



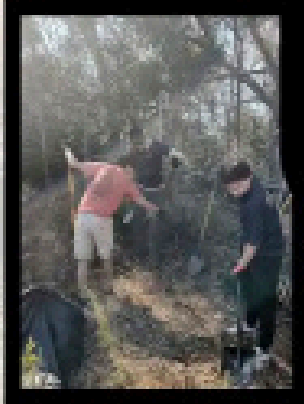
Since 1998, the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society has kept extensive records, and maintained this cemetery's enclosure.

To learn more, scan this QR Code



In 2024, Scouting Troop 37 of Santa Barbara conducted an extensive clean-up and introduced new materials to protect the cemetery, and installed signage to recognize those interred here.

Or visit:
<https://sbgen.org/santa-barbara-county-hospital-cemetery/>



**Thank you Tyler, Troop 37,
and everyone's support to
help make this happen!
Tyler will be presenting the
results of this project at the
September General Meeting!**

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SBPL Hispanic Heritage Exhibit

Opening- Sep 29, 1-3pm

- Genealogy lookups

FHM Open House- Oct 6

- Research Assistance
- Event set up/take down
- Check-in table, greeters
- Photographers
- Food
- Parking



SB Senior Expo- Oct 17, 9am-noon

- Genealogy Lookups, Answer questions about Society

Picnic in the Cemetery- Oct 26

- Event set up/take down
- Check-in table
- Group leaders



Contact Outreach if you are able to help out.

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