



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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Tree Tips Newsletter

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“Finding Your Ancestors in England: Overview of Genealogical Research”

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:30 am to 12:00 Noon

**Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
909 N. La Cumbre Road, Santa Barbara**



The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society invites you and the public to its free monthly meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2026, featuring David Flint, a British Isles research specialist. This program covers the three key record groups for English genealogy research—Census records, Civil Registration records, and Church parish records—spanning 1538 to the present. The speaker will compare what each offer, with illustrations of record content, historical context, and websites for accessing them online.

About the Speaker:



David Flint has researched English genealogy for nearly 20 years. Born in England, he moved to Canada at age ten and later to the United States; he and his wife now live in Irvine, California. David is active in genealogy through lectures, seminars, teaching, and speaking engagements. A lifetime member of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society (SOCCGS), he has served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, remains on the executive board, and leads SOCCGS's monthly England special interest group. He retired as Assistant Director of the Los Angeles County Public Library. His interest in genealogy began at a 2002 library conference in Phoenix, where he met two FamilySearch British Isles research specialists—as he puts it, genealogy found him.

**The speaker, David Flint, will be in person
at Trinity Lutheran Church.**

**Virtual attendance via Zoom is available with
advance registration at
www.sbgen.org**

Schedule:

- *Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and informal discussions with the Society's Special Interest Group topics from beginning genealogy to writing family histories*
- *Brief business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.*
- *The presentation is at 11:00 a.m.*

Upcoming Monthly Program Speakers

November 21: *Chasing Art History at the Genealogy Library: A 1930s Case Study* **Presented by Richard Closson**

December 19: *Member Share: Short Presentations by Members*

SBCGS Leadership Board & Operations Updates

Your Society's leadership is committed to advancing our mission and serving our members. The Board of Directors provides strategic direction, while the Operations Leadership Team oversees programming, services, and daily operations.

To stay informed, visit the **Members Section** at sbgen.org. Once logged in, navigate to **Member Resources** to access the latest **Board Minutes** and **Operations Leadership Notes**.

President's Message

by Kate Lima



If it weren't for the the extreme heat we're experiencing, I'd say Happy Autumn! I'm starting to see leaves changing color ever so slightly; stores are filled with pumpkins and candy corn; neighborhoods are festooned with ghosts, witches and grave stones in the yards. Yet it's in the high 80s. Whoever said we can't wear white

after Labor Day never lived in Southern California.

October is Family History month! I've already enjoyed a "First Thursday" event with Rosa Avolio, learning about podcasts, blogs and YouTube videos to help with my genealogical research. (Are we moving to Substack?) I saw Judy Sahm and Matt Grul at the library, offering one-on-one help for scanning your photos, negatives, etc. What a great service to us all.

And this Sunday, October 4, we had our annual Open House! This event is always so much fun. I don't know if you're reading this after the event, if so do not fear. Our calendar is chock full of events the entire month.

This year we're once again bringing you "Picnic in the Cemetery" at the end of the month (Saturday, October 24). Holly's Outreach group is hard at work with this popular event. Check out her article in these pages. Speaking of the Outreach committee, the group brought our Hispanic exhibit, "Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories: 1850-1950," to the Santa Barbara Public Library. They hosted an event at First Thursday (October 1st) and greeted many enthusiastic people who gave many smiles and high praise. A big shout out to this group for showcasing our society in the community. (You can view this exhibit online at our website. Do a search on "Hispanic" and you'll find it!)

Finally, in the weeks to come we will publish our Annual Year-In-Review. I know we volunteers do a lot, but seeing each committee's work, all in one handout, I was blown away. I can't wait to share this with you all; I think you'll be equally amazed.

And I hope you take advantage of the many Society offerings this month. Commit to the work and you'll reap the rewards. We hope to work with you all on your journey. Come share.

See you at the Sahyun!

Kate Lima, President

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."

Family History Month

October 2026

Drop-ins at the Sahyun are encouraged with a small caveat. If you are going to attend a class, please let us know by registering. It helps with handouts and parking. Thank you!

~~Swedish Research~~ POSTPONED

~~Thu Oct 8 2026, 12:00pm PDT - 1:30pm PDT~~

~~Find your Swedish ancestors using records from both Sweden and the United States.~~

Webinar Watch Party

Tue Oct 13 2026, 1:30pm PDT - 3:30pm PDT

Join us to explore the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)—the foundation for conducting accurate, credible, and well-documented family history research.

Introduction to the Sutro Library (Hybrid)

Thu Oct 15 2026, 11:00am PDT - 12:30pm PDT

Learn about the resources at the Sutro, get a peek at some of the most unique materials, and find out how to plan your next visit to the Sutro Library.

Researching with AI Workshop (CLOSED)

Thu Oct 15 2026, 1:30pm PDT - 3:00pm PDT

Got DNA Results? Now What?

Fri Oct 16 2026, 1:00pm PDT - 2:30pm PDT

This informal, hands-on workshop, is designed to help you better understand your DNA results and decide what to do next.

Monthly Meeting - Finding Your Ancestors in England:

Sat Oct 17 2026, 10:30am PDT - 12:00pm PDT

Finding Your Civil War Soldier

Mon Oct 19 2026, 10:00am PDT - 11:30am PDT

Learn how to find your Civil War soldier through service records, muster rolls, databases and archives.

Why You Should Use FamilySearch

Tue Oct 20 2026, 11:00am PDT - 12:00pm PDT

Learn tips for accessing more than 14.3 billion searchable names and images from around the world. Learn about AI Full Page search, Research Wiki, personal help from a consultant, and much more!

Hands-on Family Tree Maker Workshop

Tue Oct 20 2026, 1:30pm PDT - 3:30pm PDT

Are you using Family Tree Maker (FTM) or just getting started? This hands-on workshop designed to help you get the most out of FTM.

Writers' Group Meeting

Wed Oct 21 2026, 10:00am PDT - 11:30am PDT

The purpose of this class is to provide an hour where participants can get a boost for their family history writing by learning tips, ideas, and feedback.

Scanning Workshop

Wed Oct 21 2026, 10:00am PDT - 12:00pm PDT

Learn about the library's equipment and see how each can help preserve your family memories, including photographs, documents, slides and negatives, and more.

Essential Skills for New Genealogists - Part 5

Fri Oct 23 2026, 11:00am PDT - 12:30pm PDT

Picnic in the Cemetery: A Live Historical Event

Sat Oct 24 2026, 10:00am PDT - 2:00pm PDT

Reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/2vnm8nx6>

More Than Just Books

by Chris Klukkert, Book Chair



October is here—and so is Family History Month!

The Sahyun Library factors large in many of our celebrations, classes, and meetings this month, so I'd urge you to take advantage of everything going on and come on in. And while you're there, when was the last time you wandered over to the bookshelves and took another

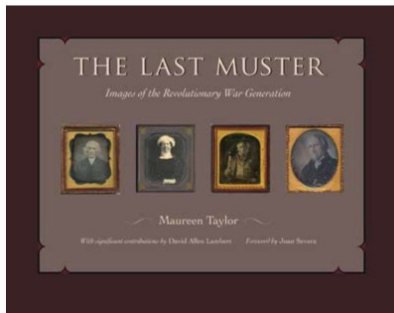
look at our locality, country, surname, or history books? They are waiting for you!

I hate to remind you—or perhaps you don't want to hear it yet—but Christmas is not that far away!

This year, I intend to put together small family pedigree books for my nephew and nieces as Christmas gifts. I already have most of the pedigrees and timelines completed, but I found they were a little too "dry." Then it occurred to me: add pictures!

That sent me exploring the library shelves for photographs, maps, illustrations, and other images that could help bring my family's history to life.

For my Revolutionary War ancestors, there is **The Last Muster: Images of the Revolutionary War Generation** by Maureen Taylor—no less!



My family traveled the Oregon Trail in 1851, so I found illustrations of the journeys showing the trail they followed in **Maps of the Oregon Trail**.



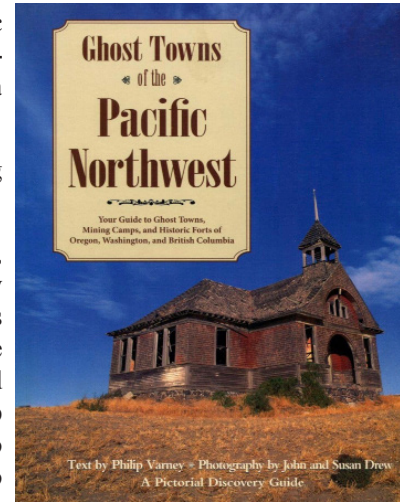
Civil War ancestors? We have the **Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War**, along with our fabulous, illustration-rich **Time-Life series, The Civil War—28 volumes in all**.

I also have a grandfather who was both a mining investor and a mining journalist while living in Spokane, Washington. Imagine my delight when I came across **Ghost Towns**

ing Camps, and Historic Forts of Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia right on our shelves.

So, you see where I'm going with this.

My hope is to have a fun, illustrated family history ready to give as Christmas gifts. Now I just need the help of Sharon Summer and our Writing Support group to figure out the best way to pull everything together into an actual book!



And that is one of the great things about our Society: there is so much knowledge, support, and expertise available, all in one place—or another.

I hope you'll take advantage of it, especially during Family History Month. And while you're at the library, take another stroll through those bookshelves. You never know what you'll find that might add some color, context, or life to your own family story.

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

German Immigrants in American Church Records (Vol 48)-Pennsylvania

The Day They Hung Frank, and other Stories by E. Roscoe Masonheimer)

We want to thank the following generous donors:

Janet Lunt

Ellen Foster

Database & Class Updates

by Robin McCarthy

Class Changes

- The Genealogy Do-Over Workshop now meets twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. The next class will be on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30 pm PDT.
- The Researching with AI Workshop has moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month, with the exception of October when it will be on the 3rd Thursday. The next class will be on Thursday, October 15th at 2:30 pm PDT.

Database News

The Local Records Database has been updated with 103 new Naturalization entries. The database now contains 204,158 entries.

of the Pacific Northwest: Your Guide to Ghost Towns, Min-

Ancestors West

Charmien Carrier, Editor



Ancestors West stories due October 15

Suggested
Theme

Then and Now

*Compare the lives of ancestors with those
of current generations.*

- Communication
- Travel
- Food
- Child-rearing
- Education
- Courtship & marriage
- Work
- Money
- Medicine
- Entertainment
- Holidays
- Home life



**We are happy to accept any stories
related to genealogy!**

*Please send to Charmien Carrier, editor
charmien2940@gmail.com*

“Loose Paper, Special Binding”

A FHM Addition!

Announcing a special service to help with organizing your genealogical research. During the month of October you will be able to participate in a special session to help you organize many of your special papers that you want to save, but you don't want to put in binders.

On the **First and Third Tuesday of October, Tuesday October 6 and Tuesday October 20**, between 10:30 am -1:30 pm, a Library volunteer will be available to help you put these items in a hardbound cover for safe keeping. We are asking a fee of \$5.00 per cover defer cost of supplies.



The items you bring must be 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size (or approximately). The items must be organized into the specific order that you want to bind them. (We will not be offering help to organize your materials!) The minimum number for good binding is around 30 pages and we can bind up to several hundred pages. We have various sizes of covers

available.

These bindings do allow for re-opening and adding or removing materials up to three times. They are considered to be permanent. You can label each item however you wish. At the library we use labeling tape like from a P-touch machine, or you can print your own labels and cover with clear tape. We can help you decide what will work.

You can also call the library at 805-884-9909 and arrange a specific time to meet with a librarian trained to do these bindings. If questions please contact Kathie Morgan at the Library.



Membership Spotlight

Kathryn Field, Membership Chair

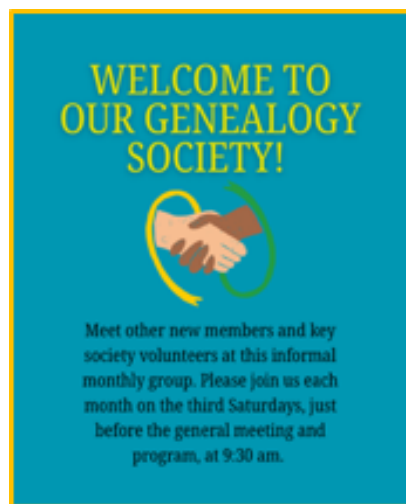
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

NEW MEMBERS in September:

Jody Elgan Thomas
David Mote
Marion Phillips
Terry Schrivner
Dona Moxon
Leslie Donovan
Carol Louise Fritz
James Semick
Teresa Romero
Michelle Flores
Nila Hastings

Please help me in welcoming our newest members. As always, new members may find information packets under the Members' Area of our SBCGS website. After signing in, find Membership Packet on the Member Resources page. There are also packets at the library to pick up.

Thanks, also, to the longtime members who have upgraded their memberships to the Lifetime, Patron, Donor, or Friend level.



Between 9:30-10:30 am at each General Meeting -- before the business meeting begins -- new members can get to know each other and meet key volunteers in the Society. Those who've been in the society for less than a year are encouraged to stop by this table and learn from other members.

Name Badges: If you haven't already, please take your name badge home after each meeting, and wear it the next month. If you forget to bring it to the meeting, please make a temporary one so we can all get to know each other better. If you need a new badge, please email membership@sbgen.org.

Contact updates: Please log in to your Membership Account in the Members section of our website, and check your address, email and phone numbers. Some accounts have invalid email addresses, or land line phone numbers now obsolete. To stay informed, please keep these current.

MEMBER ORIENTATION



Member orientation is scheduled for 1-3 pm on Sunday, November 8, at Sahyun Library. This is a chance for our new, returning, and current SBCGS members to become familiar with the resources of the Sahyun Genealogical Library, as well as the advantages of membership. We invite all members to join us.

We'll have a presentation, take a tour of the library, and review the member-only subscription websites. Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration opens on October 7; please register soon!

Volunteers: As well as coordinating the helpful coaches, Kathy Cremeen is now our Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Kathy at kajcremeen@gmail.com if you need a coach, wish to become a coach, or wish to volunteer. A recently-updated list of coaches is available.

There are volunteer opportunities in all areas of our genealogy society. At this time, we are in particular need of people with financial, A/V and technology experience. And if anyone would like to organize a benefit yard sale, please contact me.



by Michael John Neill
on October 21, 2021

Genealogy Tip of the Month

Proofreading your transcriptions of records and your research conclusions is always advised. Don't proofread right after you finished something. Let it sit for a day or so if possible and go back to it. You'll be surprised how many things you'll catch when the material is cold...and that will help you with some of those research challenges that we sometimes create ourselves.

Outreach

by Holly Snyder, Chair

September and October are our busiest months. We hope you can join us at the various events happening in the community whether it's to attend as a guest or as a volunteer!

Picnic in the Cemetery Carpinteria Cemetery October 24, 2026



Registration is open! Actors are set and cemetery residents have been chosen! This highly attended event will be held at the Carpinteria Cemetery with lunch following in the gazebo at the cemetery. It will be a true Picnic in the Cemetery!

Register here: <https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/#!/event/2026/10/24/picnic-in-the-cemetery-a-live-historical-event>

*If you are meeting friends/family and want to be in the same group, please provide the group name in the registration form. This is not guaranteed but we will make every effort to group you together.

Volunteers needed! We will need help with:

- Set up and take down: signs, chairs at visiting tour site locations (few at each location)
- Check-in table at the cemetery (1 more person)

If you would like to volunteer at this fun and highly attended event let us know! Email Holly at Outreach@SBGen.org

Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories, 1850-1970 Exhibit Santa Barbara Public Library



Visit our Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories exhibit at the Santa Barbara Public Library now through October 30th.

View our exhibit online at <https://sbgen.org/santa-barbara-hispanic-family-history-exhibit/>! It is available in English and Spanish.

Join our new Hispanic Genealogy Special Interest Group! Anyone who is researching Hispanic ancestry or who wishes to learn more about this topic is welcome to participate. Next meeting will be at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 17 at 9:30 AM (before the general meeting). Please contact Yolanda Pérez (3yper-ez@gmail.com) for further information.



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Speaking Engagements in the Community



The Outreach Committee is looking for more opportunities to spread the word about SBCGS. If you belong to a club, organization, or retirement community who have program speakers, please suggest us! They can request a speaker thru our website under "In the Community" (direct link: <https://sbgen.org/in-the-community/reservation-request/>), or email Outreach@SBGen.org and we will send an introductory description of the program and how to request a talk. All talks can be tailored to the group's interests and skill level!

2026 Family History Month Open House

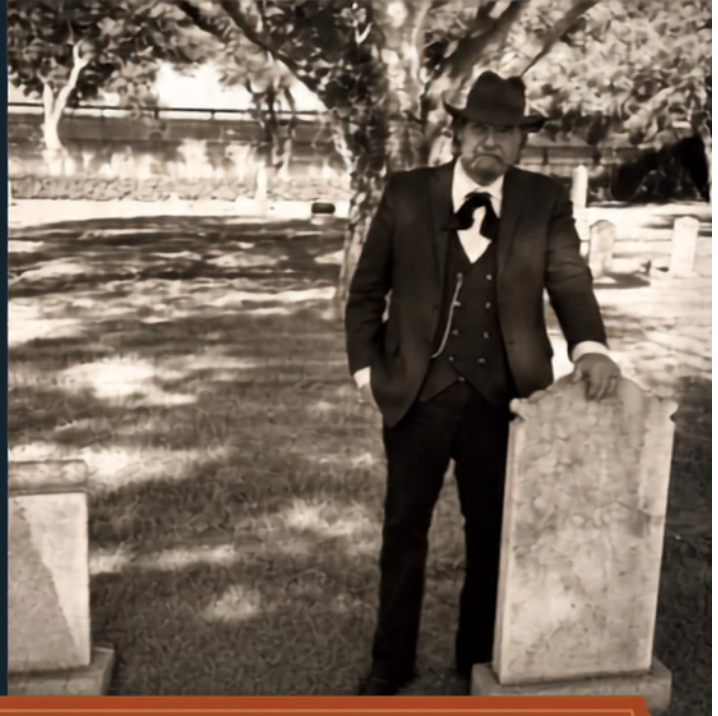
October 4, 2026

Thank you, volunteers! You helped make a great experience for all our new visitors. They all left with smiles and enthusiasm to start their genealogy journey. You are all appreciated so much!! We also gained a few members!



Picnic — in the — Cemetery

A Live Historical Presentation



**Saturday,
October 24, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

**Carpinteria Cemetery District
1501 Cravens Lane, Carpinteria**

Step into Carpinteria's past as real historical figures return to share their stories at the cemetery where they were laid to rest.

Afterward, join us for a picnic lunch provided by Country Meat Market & Catering. Your lunch is included with the tour.



Cemetery Presentations and Lunch:

**\$30
\$40**

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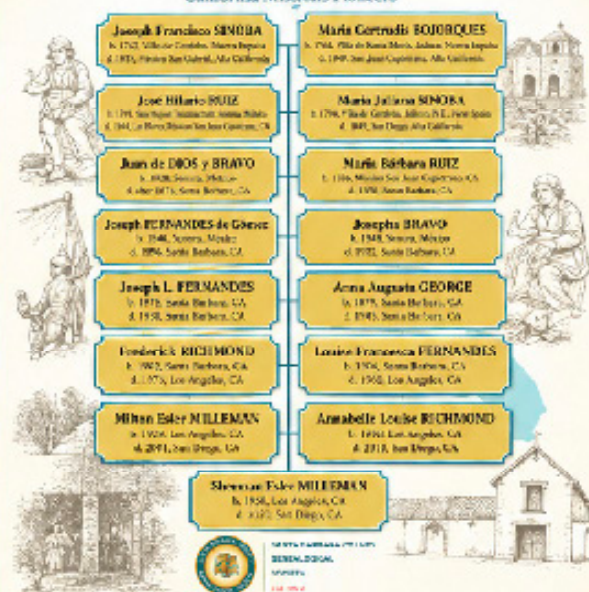
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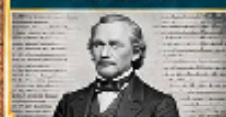
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1850 PIONEERS



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CALIFORNIA MISSIONS PIONEERS



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1775-1842



US Census 1850-1860



Spanish Land Grants



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