



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

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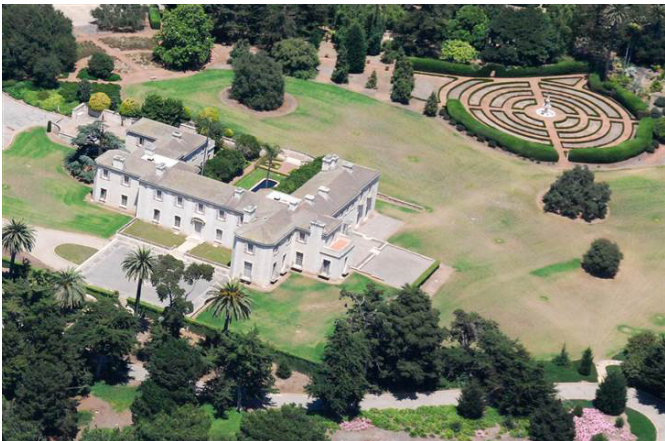
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The Hidden Jewel of Santa Barbara— the Clark Estate

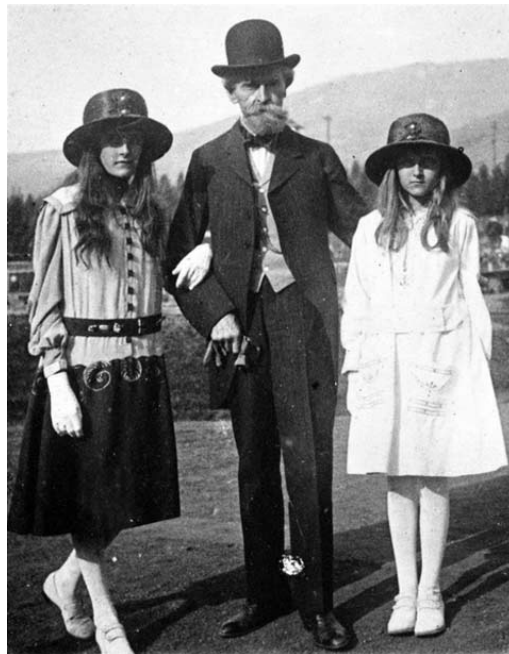
Did you ever drive down Cabrillo Boulevard and wonder at the beautifully kept property behind those walls? Have you visited the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge and spied a glimpse of a well-manicured lawn through the trees? Yet the gate is always closed. No one ever visits. The house has been vacant for over 50 years. This is Bellosguardo, ("beautiful view" in Italian) or the Clark Estate as it is locally known. A 23 acre site purchased in 1923 by William Clark and his wife Anna, the property was willed to the city of Santa Barbara with the recent death of their daughter Huguette Clark. This bluff-top, ocean view property will be opened to the public in coming years as an art museum to showcase her extensive collection of paintings, rare books and musical instruments.



Local historian Joy Ellen Podger, has lived in Santa Barbara since 1934. She is a retired elementary school teacher and principal. In her words, now she just "pokes around and talks a lot." She is a docent at the Presidio, the Courthouse, the Casa de la Guerra, and the Mission. She

works for Elder Hostel, now called the Roads Scholars, as a guide for their semi-monthly visitors to Santa Barbara, leading them on Red Tile Tours and giving them talks and tours of the Mission and the Courthouse. She is a wealth of information not only about these sites, but also about local history and homes in Santa Barbara and Montecito. You will totally enjoy her engaging and energetic presentation on the hidden jewel of Santa Barbara. Join us this month for a view into this rarely seen slice of Santa Barbara history.

Photo: Butte. Huguette Clark (right) c. 1917 (age approx. 11) with her sister Andrée (left) and her father William A. Clark (center)



- Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting
- Saturday, July 16
- 9:30 A.M. — Noon;
Program at 10:30 A.M.
- First Presbyterian Church at 21 E. Constance at State Street

There is ample free parking in the church's lot and the facility is handicapped accessible

Special Interest Groups

You are welcome to the open specialty groups (SIGS) that meet prior to the general meeting:

9:30 AM **Beginning Genealogy Group** meets under the leadership of Arlene Doty.

9:30 AM **DNA Group** is for those interested in DNA as a genealogical tool. Look for the DNA sign.

9:30 AM **German Ancestry Group** will meet this month under the leadership of Cari Thomas.

9:30 AM **Computer Genealogy Interest Group** meets under the leadership of Merna McClenathen.

9:30 AM **JewishGen Special Interest Group** will meet to discuss topics of interest to members. Please contact Jane Honikman if you have questions (967-9757).



10:00 AM **Coffee and Refreshments** will be served. Check out the Book-Nook with new publications and creative gift ideas.

Announcement: The Sahyun Library is now closed for final stages of construction. Go to <http://sbcgsconstruction.blogspot.com/> for updates.

From the President's Desk: Mary Hall

The SBCGS is growing!

If you haven't visited the SBCGS Library Expansion Update recently, masterfully prepared by Arthur G Sylvester, be sure to take a look:

<http://sbcgsconstruction.blogspot.com/>

The physical expansion of SBCGS Sahyun Research Library is tremendously exciting. As the new wing is nearly complete and freshly built stacks are being assembled and filled with books from the "old" stacks -- almost entirely by SBCGS member volunteer efforts -- a forward-looking vision from almost 13 years ago is finally being realized.

The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society is already one of the most active family history organizations in California, if not the entire nation. Our greatly expanded, state-of-the-art library -- soon with a sizable room for classes and workshops and more! -- holds wide-open promise for local family history historians and researchers from all over.

The fundraising for the Library Expansion continues its successful ascent, now reaching very close to \$1 million. This achievement is nothing short of amazing, given our economic climate of the last few years.

And our membership has continued to grow, too, with new members bringing fresh research ideas, family history experiences, and genealogical "needs and haves."

As we enter a transitional year, the SBCGS offers lots of "opportunities for growth." This year (Jul 1, 2011 -- Jun 30, 2012) we need your involvement more than ever. Perhaps you could:

- Fill a SBCGS position that's 'Open' or participate in one of the many committees that convene to help manage SBCGS and library operations. If you are unaware of these volunteer opportunities, stay tuned. Your curiosity will soon be satisfied!
- Renew your membership! Also, consider upgrading to a "supporting" membership of Friend, Donor, Patron or even "Life!"

- Add a little extra \$ when you renew your membership for the Library Expansion Campaign, the Library Operating Fund (expenses are expected to grow over 12% this year), or the SBCGS Library Endowment (or all 3!).

Most importantly, do yourself and me a favor and come to SBCGS Saturday General Meetings, the expanded Sahyun library (when it re-opens), workshops, seminars, social events, and all the other opportunities the SBCGS offers you. We need the active participation of all of you.

Nothing makes me happier than to see so many of you partaking in SBCGS activities and resources (except maybe you and a prospective new member!).

Above all, remember, the SBCGS is your organization!

Membership

Below are our newest members:

Larry Foster
Solvang, CA

Ethel Scar
Santa Barbara, CA

Gordon Stoppel
Santa Barbara, CA

Renewing at higher levels are:

Friend (\$50)
Marianne Corradi
Margery Davies
Bettie Day
Peggy Hall
Barbara Hickok
James Lind
Zanita Marvin
Nick Nichols
John Paden
Rosslyn Ray
Shirley Roby
William Root
Fred Schaeffer
Gerald Shepherd
Eddie Wells
Marjorie Wilser

Donor (\$75)
Bob Bason
Millie Brombal
Judith Cardinal
Michol Colgan
Jim Favor
Barbara Ford
Mary Forsell

Membership, con't

Alice Henry
Linda Hicks
Charles Huber
Patricia Johnson
Clarence Levan
Mary Mamalakis
Jean Marvin
Sherwood Milleman
Juliette Moore
Julie Raffety
James Robertson
Jeanette Sainz
Susan Stone
Grace Thomas
Margaret Turrill
Mae Ware
Howard Winsauer

Patron (\$150):

Judy Sahn
JoAnne Treloar
Kathleen Brewster
Karen Ramsdell
Geraldine Shepherd
Peter Schuyler
Charles Walworth
Michelle Woodhouse

Life Membership (\$1000)

David Pettitt

ANNOUNCEMENT: The series **German Immigrants in American Church Records** has, to date, featured the following states:

Indiana (Vol. 1)
Wisconsin (Vols. 2-5)
Nebraska (Vol. 6)
Iowa (Vols. 7-9)

These volumes are being completed:
Illinois North (Vol. 10 fall 2011)
Illinois South (Vol. 12 spring 2012)
Illinois Chicago and Cook County (Vol. 11 winter 2012)

Michigan will be the focus for successive volumes. You can view details on the project at: www.germanimmigrants.org.

This will represent an important opportunity for researchers to have their ancestors from specific Michigan churches included in this series of books. Consider contacting the pastor or church committee of your favorite Michigan Protestant church(es) to recommend that they make available to copies of their oldest records. Photocopies and postage to deliver the copies to Prof. Minert is paid. Please contact Prof. Roger P. Minert for more information. (Prof. Roger P. Minert, Provo, UT 84602-5569 Email: rpm@byu.edu). **OR contact SBCGS member Cari Thomas, western37@cox.net for more information.**

Library Hours

• SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours
316 Castillo Street
Phone: 805-884-0000
Sunday: 1-4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM-3 PM
Thursday: 10 AM-3 PM
Friday: 10 AM-3 PM

• LDS Library Hours
2107 Santa Barbara St.
Phone: 805-682-2092
Wednesday: 10 AM-6 PM
Thursday: 10 AM-6 PM
Friday: 9 AM-3 PM
Saturday: 9 AM-12 Noon

Ventura County Fair Fair Grounds, Ventura, CA

The Ventura County Fair offers opportunities for SBCGS members to submit a genealogy exhibit or to volunteer to help at the booth for Ventura and SB county genealogy societies and the Ventura Family History Center. Volunteers should contact Kristin Stiles at 701-9114, kstiles222@yahoo.com. They will have four computers available for free to help the public discover online family history. Volunteers for the booth receive a free entry pass the day they volunteer. Entries for exhibits are accepted Friday, July 29-Sunday, July 31. Categories include family pedigree charts in various media, photography 75 years or older, historical photograph or document, family heirloom, and family history story. The fair runs Aug. 3-14.

MEMBERSHIP - RENEWAL TIME

For the majority of our members, it's renewal time. This is a very exciting time for the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. Our library expansion project is nearing completion and plans are underway for improved education & resources for our members. You won't want to miss a minute of it!! **Please renew today.**
Sue Ramsey, VP - Membership

Duplicate Books

The Book Committee is hoping that you are saving those "gently used" duplicate genealogy books. We will have a place in the Library to recycle them! Soon you'll be able to bring your books to the Library. Thanks!

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Revolutionary War Pensions, by Bockstruck. Over 16,500 pensioners are identified in the work! This book enumerates those pensions awarded by State Govts 1775-1874, the Federal Govt prior to 1814 and by Private Acts of Congress before 1905. Cost: \$85; 1/2 cost: \$42.50. Needed: \$42.50.

The Last Muster-Images of the Revolutionary War Generation, by Taylor. Over eight years of research have brought Maureen Taylor to publish this book of images. These "last men" & a few women were alive between 1755 & 1855 & later. They had their photos taken! The stories are great too! Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

Manuscripts at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Avery Special Collections, by Salls. Bible records letters, genealogies, town, cemetery, & military records; photos & other hand written materials from many sources, made available to you by request. Cost: \$36; 1/2 cost: \$18. Needed: \$18.00.

Constables & Tobacco Planters in Orange Co., VA 1735-1769, by Papageorgiou. In the day, constables were appointed to inspect the tobacco plantations. This is a list of the constables for Orange, Culpeper, Frederick, Augusta & Madison for thirty-four years! Cost: \$28; 1/2 cost: \$14. Needed: \$14.00.

Canadians at War 1914-1919, by Wright. Over 500,000 Canadians volunteered or were conscripted to serve in WWI. They fought on land, sea & air. Many volunteered at home, too. This book is a research guide to Canadian WWI service records. Comprehensive. Photos & examples. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

Guide to Swiss Genealogical Research, by Rohrbach. This book is designed to help Americans research the Swiss ancestry if their ancestors didn't come to America. Resources mentioned are easily accessed. German, French & Latin glossaries. Cost: \$32; 1/2 cost: \$16. Needed: \$16.00.

History of Nemaha Co., Kansas, by Tennial. Follows the usual format for Co. histories. Most of the book is biographical, and includes many photos. Cost: \$46; 1/2 cost: \$23. Needed: \$23.00.

British Military Medals-A Guide for the Collector & Family Historian, by Duckers. Understand British military history through medals & gallantry awards from the Elizabethan era through recent times. Many color photos. Cost: \$24; 1/2 cost: \$12. Needed: \$12.00.

Bloomington's Illustrated 1886 Catalog, Fashions, Dry Goods & Housewares, by Bloomington. Excellent resource to help you identify photos or illustrate your stories around this time period! Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

Members pay 1/2 – Book Fund pays 1/2.

Please send contributions to:



SBCGS, c/o Louise Matz,
P.O. Box 6103, SB 93160



Suggestions welcomed!
Email: Lmgen2@cox.net

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1/2 & 1/2 BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

Dinah Mason Gerry Shepherd
Chris Klukkert Cathy Jordan
Gloria Clements Mary Forsell

Cool websites to help in your research:

Greenville County, South Carolina Library system has a great site. It also offers an obituary index from 1911 to 1993. www.greenvillelibrary.org/index.php/Newspaper-Index-Vital-Record-Information.html

Cyndi's List has been redone and has a whole new look!!! One of the best genealogy websites. Take a new look. www.cyndislist.com



This is one of the top **online genealogy magazines**. It also offers a free email newsletter. <http://genealogyintime.com>

Ohio Genealogy Society--Cuyahoga West Chapter
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs/

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections: digital resources that support the teaching and research needs of the UW

community, uniquely document the university and State of Wisconsin, and provide access to rare or fragile items of broad research value. <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/about>

What the Census Said About Us...in 1870

<http://tinyurl.com/ybbq8uk>

Association for Gravestone Studies

<http://www.gravestonestudies.org/>

Enjoy!! Please remember to send your favorite websites to Sharon Wilson at swilsons@cox.net. We need your input to keep this column interesting. Thanks!!

Keep in Touch

SB County Genealogical Society Web Page: www.sbgen.org

SBCGS Blog: <http://sbcgs.blogspot.com/>

Library e-mail address: info@sbgen.org

Updates on Library Expansion: <http://sbcgsconstruction.blogspot.com/>

Calendar

Board Meeting: open to members

Friday, July 15, 8:30 a.m., location TBD

General Meeting Saturday, July 16, 9:30 - Noon, First Presbyterian Church, Constance at State

For Information, Call:

President: Mary Hall, 687-7403

Library Director: Kathie Morgan, 682-4456

Librarian Scheduling: Marsha Martin, 967-1146

Newsletter Address Corrections: Sue Ramsey, 967-1670

Book Buy: Louise Matz, 967-7353

Vice President, Membership: Sue Ramsey, 967-1670

Ancestors West: Dorothy Oksner, 684-3048,
ox@silcom.com

Adult Ed Genealogy Classes: Jan Cloud, 965-7423, Louise Matz, 967-7353, Cari Thomas, 964-5523

Sales Table: Kristin Ingalls, 682-3499

Vice President, Programs: Marie Sue Parsons, 964-9176

Tree Tips: fjordhest@cox.net; Deadline: 3rd Sat. of month

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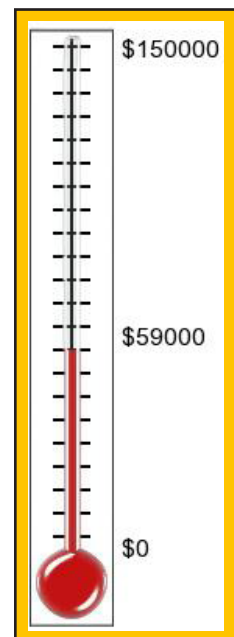


Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Campaign

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The book shelves are up, the books are in and aren't they BEAUTIFUL! It won't be long before our refurbished Map Case (thanks to Chris Klukkert) will be in and the first of our oversize Atlas cases will have arrived. Before you know it we're going to look like a real library and not just another empty room! But we still have a long way to go to furnish the rest. Won't you help? You don't have to step up and name a specific item, you can simply donate to the Phase II – Furnishing Our Dream. This way items or materials that are needed can be purchased and our able bodied volun-

teers can keep on working. Right now we are at \$59,000 toward our goal of \$150,000 and we need your help.



There are many ways to help by giving to the Campaign. Some of these include: Gifts of cash or pledges over a two-year campaign period; Gifts of stocks and bonds. Planned

gifts of Charitable IRAs can also be used to help with tax savings and Charitable Gift Annuities and Gifts of personal property such as life insurance or bequests can benefit the Society as well. If you would like to consider any of these possibilities but aren't sure how, we can suggest individuals to help you.

It won't be long before the biggest undertaking is complete and you don't want to come

into our beautiful new library and think to yourself "Gosh, if only I had helped out with a donation or gift, I would feel that I am truly a part of this!" Now is your chance to make sure that doesn't happen. Join us today and give a gift to "Furnish Our Dream!"

Last month I listed items that have been named by our generous members and here are this month's gifts: United Daughters of the Confederacy – Phoebe Yates Pember Chapter 2532 and Sons of the American Revolution – Santa Barbara Chapter each have donated money for library research tables. And thanks also go to Kathi Morgan for subsidizing the moving of the Office Furniture so generously donated by James Munroe (a non-member but early supporter). Looking good! Also last month I erroneously mentioned that Virginia Paddock donated money for a class/meeting room table when, in fact, she had given for one of the chairs. Thanks Virginia for your continued support and generosity.

Thanks also to the following people for their generous (use as needed) donations to the Furnishings Campaign for the month of June! They were: William Kenefick (non-member from Camarillo), Carol Boyce, Sheridan Force, Gayle Rosenberg and Barbara Fuller. (If you have given and your name is not on this list, it just means that I haven't processed your gift yet, but check next month's Tree Tips, it will surely be there then!). Michol Colgan, Campaign Chair

Photo: Kathie Morgan, Marj and Jim Friestad relax in front of the new bookcases already loaded with books from the old stack room.

