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*Grilling Around the World*

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## California's Knight on a Golden Horse: Dwight Murphy, Santa Barbara's Renaissance Man

Our April 19<sup>th</sup> program uncovers the contributions of an unsung hero and shines a light back at transformative era in our local history — the reconstruction period after Santa Barbara's 1925 earthquake, the renaissance that led to the prevalence of Spanish architecture through the city, preservation of the waterfront, growth of city parks, and even the reformation of California's horse racing industry — all greatly influenced by the wealthy, but publicity adverse, Dwight Murphy.

In 2001 Edward A Hartfeld, a retired executive, began researching the life and work of his late father, John H Hartfeld, a Dutch immigrant who had a talent for managing the grounds of large estates, and served as superintendent of the Santa Barbara's Park Department. He quickly found himself immersed in uncovering and discovering the contributions of Dwight Murphy, who headed the Park Department during Hartfeld's tenure. He knew he had to document Dwight Murphy's story, although he had never written anything of this nature before.

Over a period of six years, Mr. Hartfeld researched city and county documents, interviewed people who knew Murphy, and began "connecting the dots" of the numerous and far-reaching influence of Murphy. Remarkably, little is known of Murphy's contributions. Not only was he "almost phobic" about publicity, Murphy burned his personal papers before his death in 1968....making Hartfeld's efforts to uncover this story all the more challenging.

Fortunately, Hartfeld persevered and not only wrote (and funded its publishing) of his book, "California's Knight on a Golden Horse: Dwight Murphy Santa Barbara's

Renaissance Man, but is leading an effort to further memorialize Dwight Murphy ([www.dwightmurphy.com](http://www.dwightmurphy.com)). His presentation at our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will include photos of historic Santa Barbara during this transformational period, and will leave us all with a greater appreciation of how we came to live in this internationally admired city. You will be inspired by Mr. Hartfeld's discipline in uncovering and rescuing Murphy's contributions from oblivion, and may even come away with a whole new view of Santa Barbara's Ol' Spanish Days!

*Join us on April 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street. Please park in the upper lot off of Constance. The meeting begins at 10:30 AM. Special interest groups start at 9:30 AM and are a great way to begin your morning. Coffee and refreshments will start at 10:00.*

## Events On April 19

You are welcome to the open specialty groups that meet at 9:30 AM, prior to the general meeting.

**9:30 AM Computer Genealogy Interest Group** will meet before the January meeting. For further information, call **Merna McClen-athen, 964-3005.**

**9:30 AM German Ancestry Group** meets before the regular meeting. Call **Cari Thomas, 965-5523**, for further details.

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

**10:00 AM Coffee and Refreshments** will be served at 10:00 AM. Check out the publications and creative gift ideas.

**10:30 AM Meeting and Program** at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance

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## ***Half and Half Book Buy Program***

**Indiana Civil War Veterans, GAR 1882-1948**, Northcott. Taken from Dept. of Indiana GAR proceedings, this book contains death records of more than 22,000 CW members who served from 31 states & territories. Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

**Alabama 1860 Agricultural & Manufacturing Census**, 2 Vols. By Green. If a farming ancestor was "missed" in the regular census, check the "Ag" census. This book gives owner's name, plus acres of land, cash value of farm, value of implements & machinery. Cost: \$52; 1/2 cost: \$26. Needed: \$26.00.

**History of Morris Co., NJ**, Munsell 1882 Reprint. Contains illustrations & biographical sketches of citizens & pioneers. Index to names. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

**Marion Co., MS, Miscellaneous Records**, by Williams. Contains Orphans Ct. Records, Wills & estates 1812-1859; deeds 1812-40; some census records & mortality schedules, old road books, 1813 Lawrence Co. tax lists. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

**Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers 1850-1950**, Vol. 5. by Ferrell. Many people from Seattle, Portland and San Francisco went to AK. Primary sources used here were newspaper obits & magazine articles. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

**Finding Your Slovak Ancestors**, by Alzo. Over 650,000 Slovaks came to North America between 1875-1914! This book will help you find those roots. Uses many techniques to overcome brick walls. Cost: \$24; 1/2 cost: \$12. Needed: \$12.00.

**Swiss Surnames Prior to 1862**, CD by Picton. Based on the newer edition of *Familiennamen-verzeichnis der schweizer Bürger bis 1861*, the surnames are organized by *heimatort* which makes it easier to cross-reference other surnames. This is a must for Swiss researchers! Cost: \$46; 1/2 cost: \$23. Needed: \$23.00.

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! Support your  
favorite State(s)!

**SPECIAL THANKS  
TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CON-  
TRIBUTIONS TO THE HALF &  
HALF BOOK BUY PROGRAM!**

**Mary Marsh**

Spring cleaning your bookshelves?  
Bring your gently used *genealogy*  
books to the library in April & May,  
for resale to support the Library  
Book-Buy program! Thanks!

## ***Membership***

Below is the information on our newest  
members.

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**Note: All the individual & family  
memberships are now 1/2 price.**

## **Index to Russians/German/ Italians to America Now Online**

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration has placed on the Internet three important immigration indexes previously available only in book and CD form. They are "Germans to America (1850-1897)," "Italians to America (1855-1900)" and "Russians to America (1834-1897)." These lists are also more comprehensive.

For "Russians to America," the database consists of records of 527,394 passengers who arrived in the United States between 1834 through 1897 and identified their country of origin or nationality as Armenia, Finland, Galicia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Russian Poland or Ukraine. There are records of passengers who were U.S. citizens or non-U.S. citizens planning to continue their travels, returning to the U.S., or staying in the U.S. There are records of passengers arriving at the following ports: Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia; the bulk of the records are for passengers arriving at the Port of New York. Each of the passenger records may include name, age, town of last residence, destination, and codes for passenger's sex, occupation, literacy, country of origin, transit and/or travel compartment, and the identification number for the ship manifest.

For "Germans to America," the series consists of records of 4,048,907 passengers who arrived at the United States between 1850 through 1897; about 90 percent identified their country of origin or nationality as Germany or a "German" state, city, or region. In about 10 percent of the records, passengers identified their country of origin or nationality as France, Luxemburg, Switzerland, United States, and other places.

The database should be accessed through the Stephen P. Morse One-Step site at <http://stevemorse.org>. It is a superior portal to the NARA site.

**Nu? What's New?**  
The E-zine of Jewish Genealogy From  
Avotaynu  
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## From the President's Desk

### The Yellow Signs

Have you noticed? Have you seen that we have two yellow signs at the Sahyun Library entrance gate? The old one that tells us to watch for pedestrians when exiting onto Castillo, and a new one, a very official one that proclaims the time and place of a Historic Landmarks Commission hearing for the Society's initial application to build the extension onto the Library.

Yes, friends, we have finally and formally entered the process to establish our Library for the future. You will recall that I convened an ad hoc committee under the direction of Past President Michol Colgan to review the premise for expanding the Library. The committee concluded that future changes and challenges facing the Sahyun Library offer a unique opportunity for the Society to expand its library space and computer facilities in order to serve its members and the community more efficiently and effectively.

Now we must submit the architect's plans through several City commissions. The first was the Historic Landmarks Commission whose job it is to review our concept and to determine if our plans are compatible with the present building's history as well as that of the neighborhood. That review was favorable, and after some minor modifications of the report and the plans, and after we obtain consultant's archeological study, then we may look forward to formal acceptance by that Commission.

Next the plans go through a Preliminary Review. We have several such hurdles to jump, but we are on our way to establishing one of the finest research libraries and education centers of its kind and size anywhere. Imagine having ample room to hold classes and meetings, with plenty of computers and space where members may study the library's many and varied databases that are otherwise costly or not readily available on the web.

We are moving in a positive direction and can look forward to a stepwise progression of processes leading to the day when we see construction underway.

It will take time, some more patience, and continued focus. In the meantime, the plans are posted in the Library for your review, and I shall keep you updated.

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester  
President

### Library Note

#### • **SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours** **316 Castillo Street**

Phone: 805-884-9909

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–8 PM

Thursday: 10 AM–6 PM

Friday: 9 AM–3 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–12 Noon

*Consider signing up to be a librarian or a substitute. Training is available. Contact Jim Friestad, ronjim@cox.net.*

### 1940 Census — Countdown to 2012

There are 1460 days remaining until Sunday, April 1, 2012. The official date for the 1940 Census was April 1st, but since that day will fall on a Sunday in 2012, it is unclear whether researchers will have weekend access to film at the National Archives or will instead need to wait until Monday, April 2nd to satisfy their genealogical curiosity. (No — this isn't an April Fools joke, you can check your calendar)

#### Getting Ready for 1940 Research

1940 Calendar Since you've got so much time, there may be no urgency to this right now, but don't wait until the night before to start getting ready for one of the biggest genealogical events since, well — since April 2002 when the 1930 Census was released.

The Bureau of the Census (Department of Commerce) provided standardized forms in 1940 for all Enumerators as in previous years. The standard Population Schedule had 34 questions and more than a dozen Supplemental Questions asked only for those persons who were enumerated on specified lines. This was the means used to ensure a random nature in obtaining supplemental information.

## Society Interest Groups

### *Illinois Interest Group*

The May Meeting of the Illinois Interest Group has been CANCELLED. The next meeting will be November 3, 2008. If you have questions, please call Joan Jacobs (682-9524) or e-mail her at rsjacobs3@cox.net.

### *Civil War Research*

For help with Civil War Ancestor research, contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

### *Cornish Interest Group*

For information on the California Cornish Cousins, call 687-8257 or 687-5403. New members always welcomed.

### *American Scandinavian Foundation*

SBCGS members are invited to contact Evelyne Houdek if they have Scandinavian heritage or are interested in Scandinavia. (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)

We express our gratitude to Ruth Morrow for her recent bequest to the Society.

### April First Obituary

Family and friends of Diane Stubblefield Sylvester, 106 years old, gathered at the National Archives at Zyrardow, Poland, as search and rescue workers recovered her body—trapped for days amongst the books which collapsed around her when she yelled "Bingo" with such force that it set off the alarm system which triggered the vibration of the shelves and their eventual collapse. Sylvester was on what she said was her last trip to Poland to discover the heritage of her elusive great-great grandfather. Her husband, Dr. Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, accompanied her on the trip to Poland, but he was at the local Zyrardow library where he was busy reading newly discovered books on his Maine family and adding numerous new ancestors to his family tree. Witnesses said that the last words they heard Diane utter were, "YES! He DID come from Austria. Now who will take over the project of finding him in the entire Austrian-Hungarian empire?"

Diane was a member of SBCGS for 71 years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the RCCM Syndrome Foundation (Rotator Cuff Crankitis Microfilmus). (Submitted April 1, 2008)

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## RootsWeb Gets New URL

RootsWeb, the world's oldest and largest free genealogy website, is a popular American genealogy site owned by the parent company of Ancestry.com. Until now, it has enjoyed its own web address: rootsweb.com. Shortly, it will be changed to a new address: rootsweb.ancestry.com. All old RootsWeb URLs will continue to work; there are no immediate plan to eliminate them. The decision to host RootsWeb on Ancestry.com is being made, according to the company, "to introduce more Ancestry.com users to RootsWeb and vice versa."

### Nu? What's New?

The E-zine of Jewish Genealogy From Avotaynu

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## Leave a Legacy!

*Please keep the Society in mind when considering planned gifts. Planned giving can take many forms, including providing life income and tax advantages to the benefactor. Board member and attorney John Woodward has offered to consult on a confidential, free-of-charge basis with any Society member who would like to explore the options. Call John at 805-963-2330.*

## June 21<sup>st</sup> Program: Scoundrels, Saints & Spice!

We're adding a little balance to our June "Scoundrel" program by also highlighting "saints" you've uncovered in your family tree. If you've discovered an unsung saint, a charming scoundrel, or a little family spice, please share your story with the society. The techniques you used to lure them out of anonymity will be as interesting as the characters and their deeds themselves, and you'll undoubtedly find your research becomes much more "focused" when you the opportunity to present to our membership. Contact Programs Chair, Mary E. Hall at [mehall2@cox.net](mailto:mehall2@cox.net) for more information and to arrange to present your saint or scoundrel or spice in our June program.

## Calendar

### Board Meeting

Friday, April 18, 8:30 AM, at the Sahyun

### General Meeting

Saturday, April 19, 10:30 AM

## Call for Programs!

Do you have a genealogical or family research & history topic you'd like to see as a program? Have you seen a speaker at another conference or seminar that would provide a stimulating spark for the SBCGS membership? Would you like to informally gather and toss around monthly program topics and ideas? If so, please contact our Programs Chair, Mary E. Hall at [mehall2@cox.net](mailto:mehall2@cox.net) to help schedule stimulating and meaningful SBCGS programs.

## April Fools' Day April 1, 2008

April Fools' Day is widely marked by the mass media in Poland, which does its best to trick their readers and viewers.

The custom of hoaxes and practical jokes played on the 1st of April became popular in Poland in the 17th century and its form was similar to what can be observed today. One hundred years ago, newspapers joined the game and began to compete in inventing the funniest and most sensational jokes and hoaxes.



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