



Researching World War II & Korean War Military and Casualty Records

William L. Beigel, who professionally researches WWII and Korean War military records for clients around the world, will give a presentation on his research of World War II and Korean War military and casualty records — which include those killed, wounded, or made prisoners of war.

Beigel, who is currently working on over 200 cases for clients, relates that one of the most reward-



ing things about his work is that he brings a sense of closure to people who have wondered, often for decades, whatever happened to their loved ones. There is also an element of surprise. In 2005, when he was speaking at the Richard Bong World War II Heritage Center in Superior, Wisconsin, he was giving an example of the type of work that he does by discussing a mostly forgotten attack on Hong Kong by American carrier pilots that took place in January of 1945. He noticed a gentleman in the front row

who seemed very interested in this story. In talking with him after the presentation, it turned out that his brother had been shot down in this battle, and that Beigel had actually researched him, along with the 25 other naval aviators, who had been killed.

USAToday (6/1/2004) called Beigel a World War II-obsessed sleuth who enlightens the living by resurrecting the dead and granting them hearts, minds and courage. He is a graduate of UCLA with a BA in History and MA in Geography, and speaks at numerous genealogical and historical societies. Join us for an interesting presentation — and perhaps learn more about some of your more recent ancestors.

- *Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting*
- *Saturday, March 19*
- *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

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SB County Genealogical Society Web

Page:
www.sbgen.org

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

Library e-mail address: info@sbgen.org

Updates on Our Library's New Wing
<http://sbcgsconstruction.blogspot.com/>

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 not meet this month.

9:30 AM **Scan Your Photos and Documents—For FREE!** Bring your photos and we'll scan them for you and discuss scanning tips and tricks; bring a flash drive to take your scans home with you. Thanks to Rosa Avolio, Kathie Morgan, and Dorothy Oksner for offering this SIG!

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

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

Calendar

Board Meeting: open to members
Friday, March 18, 8:30 a.m., at the Sahyun Library.

General Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 9:30 - Noon
First Presbyterian Church, Constance at State

One Incredible Genealogy Seminar
Saturday, April 9 (see flyer)

From the President's Desk

The smells and sounds of spring are in the air! Even if it doesn't yet feel quite like spring in Santa Barbara, the aromas are unmistakable: jasmine, wisteria, freesia, magnolia and alyssum blossoms are emitting fragrant wafts; birds are singing, bees are buzzing, and a cacophony of saws, hammers and drills fill the air.

Yes, along with nature, SBCGS is also buoyantly busy this time of year!

The **library expansion and remodel** is in high gear. Past President Art Sylvester is doing a masterful job not only overseeing this impressive project for the SBCGS, but is also chronicling the progress on a blog that can be accessed from our website. Check it out now! <http://sbcgsconstruction.blogspot.com/>. We are still on a path to be ready for a grand opening in October of this year.

Building the bookshelves to be placed in the new, HUGE, stack room by May 1st continues on track. Directed by Jim Friestad, over 136 "man" hours were expended in just February alone. This effort is also captured in the above blog. Better yet, stop by the Sahyun Library most any sun-shiny Monday, Wednesday or Saturday or contact Jim F at ronjim@cox.net. He'd welcome the chance to show you the progress.

The **Aesthetics and IT Committees**, led by Emily Aasted and Rosa Avolio, respectively, along with Library Director Kathie Morgan are busy putting together the furnishings and state-of-the art equipment we'll need when we open our new library in October.

Our Library Expansion Capital Campaign Chair, Michol Colgan, is launching the "**Furnishing Our Dream**", offering naming opportunities for donors. Additionally, you'll soon have a very easy way to spread the word about our imminent gem of a genealogical library to friends and family who may also want to fill our wonderful resource with our Library "Friend Fund".

The "**Two Experts, One Incredible Genealogy Seminar**" co-chairs Diane Sylvester and Cari Thomas, and 20+ volunteers are preparing a fantastic family history day experience for us on Saturday, April 9th. Based on an impressive number of early registrations, the SBCGS is again hosting one very enticing genealogical seminar. Tell your friends, and register today at www.sbgen.org.

The 5-member 2011 **Nominating Committee** has been launched with the important task of identifying the next slate of officers up for (re)-election: Secretary, 1st Vice President Programs, and President-Elect. If you would like to be an officer or know someone who would be great candidate for SBCGS leadership, contact Gail Miller at foothillgail@aol.com with your recommendation.

A "**2011 Membership Focus**" survey is in the midst of being developed under the direction of Robert Lynn, the intent of which is to determine our members research interests, subject and geographic. If you would like to help Robert find out who, what, when, and where we're looking, contact him at robert.lynn7@gmail.com.

On a related project, 2nd Vice-President Membership, Sue Ramsey continues to help new members connect with either more experienced genealogists and/or others who are researching in the same areas with her "**Member-Connect**" program. Contact Sue at edsue.dlt@verizon.net if you have a family history research need that might be fulfilled within the vast experience of over 500 experienced members of the SBCGS.

These are just a few of the projects and activities underway in this very active ALL-VOLUNTEER society. If you have some extra energy and time this spring, and would like to help keep this genealogical gem healthy & vibrant, please contact any of the above volunteers, or Mary E Hall at mehall2@cox.net. If you do not have much time, please consider making a donation to the library expansion campaign or tell a friend about the SBCGS Library Friend Fund. Come to the "One Incredible Genealogical Seminar, join in our 3rd Saturday meetings, visit the Sahyun Genealogical Research Library, and spread the word about the wonderful genealogical hotspot in our midst.

Happy Spring! Mary Hall, President

Don't Miss This Event!

As if TWO experts and NINE sessions and ONE incredible seminar aren't enough, now we have at 17 (and growing) fantastic raffle items to be raffled on April 9th at our seminar. Here is the list so far — and, thank you Kathy Stark and Anna Rae Zalatel for chairing this committee:

- 1 - year subscription to the World version of Ancestry.com
- 1 - year subscription to Footnote.
- Frommer's Germany and Top 10 Munich books
- A six-generation Family Tree Chart
- A carrying case for a laptop computer
- 1 - year subscription to Family Tree Magazine and discount coupons for their online store
- 1 hour consultation with Cari Thomas on Germanic Genealogy
- 1 hour consultation with Cari Thomas on Internet Genealogy
- 1 hour consultation with Louise Matz on U. S. Genealogy
- 1 hour consultation with Jan Cloud on Methodology of Genealogy Research
- Gift Certificate from the European Deli in Fairview Shopping Center
- Deutsch Country Days Old German Cookbook with glass platter and glass bowl
- AAA Travel Snapshots Germany Book and German Cookbook from Borders
- Premier Designs Broach courtesy of Sandy Goe, Premier Designs Consultant
- Picfilio Max Album and 2 hours of consultation by Carole Shapiro of Creative Memories on preserving your documents & photos
- Family Tree DNA test kit
- Four (4) RFID Aluminum Wallets from Magellan's

Library Hours

- 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-6 PM
Thursday: 10 AM-6 PM
Friday: 9 AM-3 PM
Saturday: 9 AM-12 Noon

March is Women's History Month

"It's the good girls who keep diaries; the bad girls never have the time." -- Tallulah Bankhead



Obviously, Tallulah never read some of the letters and diaries of women that have recently been collected and published. Now we not only have his-story of the events that shaped our country, but her-story as well. These accounts of the lives of women are poignant, heart-breaking, inspiring, humorous--and give us a chance to see history through a feminine lens. We Book-Women hope you will find books to enlighten and entertain you. Check out our offerings on March 19!

Membership

Our newest member:

Darlene Rabe-Kerr
Goleta, CA

For Information, Call:

President: Mary Hall, 687-7403
Library Director: Kathie Morgan, 682-4456
Librarian Scheduling: Marsha Martin, 967-1146
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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 the month

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Northern Alabama Historical & Biographical, Reprint by SHP. Brief text about each northern county with some bios following. The majority of the book has longer biographies. Indexed. Cost: \$48; 1/2 cost: \$24. Needed: \$24.00.

St. Louis Family History Research Guide, by Fleming. Fabulous book to help researchers find genealogical records by providing research techniques & information about local repositories and websites. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$7.50.

Naturalization Records by New Mexico Courts, Vol. III, Bernalillo County 1881-1927, by Daniel. This contains extracts of Declarations of Intention, naturalization records, petitions for Nat. and Certificates of Nat. depending on the dates filed. Every name index. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

Russian-Jewish Given Names, by Feldblyum. A thorough discussion of the origins of given names starts the book then discusses feminine and masculine Jewish names used in Russia. A dictionary of male & female names which is followed by root-name lists. Cost: \$22; 1/2 cost: \$11. Needed: \$11.00.

The Illinois Gazette, Vol. 1, Sept. 1819 thru Dec. 1823, by Schmook. An easily read transcription of this Hamilton Co., weekly newspaper. All kinds of news such as sales, deaths, ads for items; PO letters, probates, land tax sales, & "be on the look-out" for swindlers & ne'er do wells! Indexed. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

A Very Fine Class of Immigrants PEI Scottish Pioneers, 1771-1850, by Campey. By using a wide range of manuscripts and under used ship & custom records, as well as newspaper shipping reports, Campey discovered more about Scottish emigration to PEI. Over 100 pages of passenger lists! Cost: \$24; 1/2 cost: \$12. Needed: \$12.00.

Irish Immigrants of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, Test Bk # 1, Vol. III Accts 7501-12482. Use the index to locate the name of your immigrant. Then search for Acct # to see information on the file card. Not just Irish, but other people had accounts. Data usually included date and ship of arrival! Cost: \$84; 1/2 cost: \$42. Needed: \$42.00.

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!

Christine Klukkert Chuck Huber

Dorothy Oksner Judy Sahn

Virginia Covalt Dinah Mason

Howard Menzel Cari Thomas

CJ Williams Jim & Marj Friestad

Cool websites to help in your research:

Cemetery records for Detroit
<http://mtelliott.com/genealogy>

Cemetery records online for several cities and states.
www.webcemeteries.com

Slave and Free People of color Baptism records for New Orleans. www.archdiocese-no.org/archives/sfpc.php

Polish and Jewish research. This has wonderful info on Polish towns and research. www.bloodandfrogs.com

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY, HERE IS SOMETHING FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH A WEE BIT OF IRISH.

Clare County Library site. This has a wonderful map section and also a great Genealogy & Family History section with several links. www.clarelibrary.ie

Cork County Library site. Not as detailed as the Clare Library site but still has some good links. www.corklibrary.ie

Family Search has the Ireland Civil Registration Indexes from 1845 to 1958 online!!!!!! This covers Ireland and N. Ireland. www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list

Great info by County and Civil Parish.
www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/browse/counties/civil-maps/index.cfm

Eneclann hosted a Start Your Family Tree Week in December. They still have one page online with several links including the 1901 and 1911 census. Sign up for their newsletter so you will be notified next year when they run it again. It was fabulous. www.startyourfamilytree.ie/useful-links.html

DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN GO TO OUR OWN WEBSITE, CLICK ON TREE TIPS AND THESE LINKS WILL POP UP SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO RETYPE THEM. If you have a website to share please email Sharon Wilson at swilsons@cox.net.

DNA SIG Meeting

DNA Lunch & Learn

12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, Sahyun Library. Bring your lunch & DNA questions.

DNA One-on-One

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. By Appointment: e-mail events@sbgen.org or call 687-7403

Beginning Germanic Genealogy

This introductory course provides students with an in-depth study of sources and records used to document and verify family history and genealogies dealing mainly with the country of Germany. Students will learn the fundamental building blocks of genealogy research using the most current tools. Registration begins Mar. 21

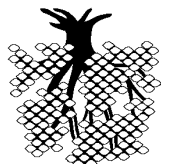
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Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30 am • April 13 - June 15/Wake Center, Rm 26

Instructor: Cari Thomas

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