



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

## Tree Tips

*Researching the World*

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### The New & Improved Family Search Site

Terry Marks first got hooked in genealogy through computers in 1990, as she started to put her "complete" family history compiled by her family into a computer program. When "questions" came up, the natural detective inclinations kicked in. A recently retired elementary school computer lab technician, both a long-time SBCGS member and librarian at the Santa Barbara Family History Center, Terry Marks is not only an experienced computer guru — but also a technically savvy



genealogist.

Most of us will agree that "the Family History Library is a mecca of millions of records microfilmed directly from original sources throughout the world."

Long considered the standard bearer for genealogists and family historians, especially for beginners, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) was first introduced in 1991. Although an indexing project was initiated to

transcribe millions of microfilmed images of court documents, vital records, state censuses, books, etc., not much has changed in almost 20 years.

Last year, Family Search.org unveiled a new and greatly revamped site. If you haven't visited in [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) in a while, you will be very impressed with the recent changes at this source for family historians.

At this informative program, Terry will share — and, you'll discover and learn about:

- A New Family History Library Catalog [good news: sometimes you won't need to order the film!]
- Research courses and lessons [once available only at SLC, you can access these "webinars" online, any time]
- Wiki [boy, will you love Wikis!]
- Blog [and close behind will be the [familysearch](http://familysearch.org) blog.]

*If you've already accessed and are using the "NEW" [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), bring your questions for Terry!*

- *Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting*
- *Saturday, February 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*

### 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** meets under the leadership of Cari Thomas. Call Cari, 965-5523, for details.

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 new 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 publications, creative gift ideas, and holiday traditions and memories

### Calendar

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

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

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

## From the President's Desk

I missed the January SBCGS General Meeting due to a bug. It was only the second I've missed in 4 years. From all reports I missed a great meeting and a fantastic program by SBCGS member and Santa Cruz Island Foundation's President, Marla Daily. But more important, I missed the "good society" of my fellow genealogists and family historians!

Is it just me or do those happy and healthy endorphins kick in for you every 3rd Saturday? It's such a euphoric boost to learn about another member's family history treasure find, hear of a great new "genealogical" website, or have the opportunity to share your ancestral search stories with someone who might actually be interested.

In this era of Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org, Footnote.com, Findagrave.com, the vast resources of Google, and innumerable other online databases that enable digging roots 24/7, sometimes we have to drag ourselves away from the computer to attend a SBCGS meeting. But it's almost always worth it to do so.

You can be inspired from one of our top-notch educational programs, arranged by our VP Programs, Marie Sue Parsons. You can also attend one of SBCGS many special interest groups for insight and assistance. But in Santa Barbara you also gain access to the collective wisdom of over 100 genealogists that frequent SBCGS monthly meetings. Many arrive at 9:30 a.m. for Happy...er, Social Hour, prepared to "talk shop."

One of the best society meetings is the SBCGS Annual Genealogical Seminar. And April 9th's "Two Experts: One Incredible Genealogical Seminar" will continue to be a uniquely warm and friendly confab, with lots of opportunity to talk genealogy and make new connections.

Most all genealogical societies offer meetings with educational programs and seminars. Once you become serious about family history, you quickly realize roots tracing is a learned science and you need access to the guidance of experience and research proficiency of advanced genealogists (and resources) that genealogy societies offer.

SBCGS sets a high standard for educational opportunities, and has a roster filled with knowledgeable members, but anecdotal evidence tells me SBCGS is also one of the friendliest genealogical societies in existence!

Please join me February 19th and every 3rd Saturday (except August) and also on Saturday April 9th, for "One Incredible Genealogy Seminar!"

One might say SBCGS's "Good Society" is good for your health!

*Mary E. Hall, President*

*P.S. Thank You, Jan! Sometime in early January 2011 a most amazing achievement occurred. We, the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, surpassed the construction fundraising needs for the Library Expansion. This goal -- \$920,000 -- was set in early 2008, well before a serious economic downturn. Some said, "It can't be done." But "we" did it!!!*

*One person, in particular, stands out as the primary force behind this extraordinary event. SBCGS's unparalleled fundraising achievement is largely due to the tenacious and gracious talents of Janice G. Cloud. At this juncture, Jan has asked to take a break from active fundraising. While we will miss her greatly -- in oh so many ways -- she has done an incredible job to get our much needed library expansion underway. Be sure to extend your appreciation to Jan next time you see her. Thank you, Jan!*

## DNA SIG Meeting

### DNA Lunch & Learn

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

### DNA One-on-One

Saturday, February 26, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. By Appointment: e-mail [events@sbgen.org](mailto:events@sbgen.org) or call 687-7403

## Keep in Touch

### SB County Genealogical Society Web

#### Page:

[www.sbgen.org](http://www.sbgen.org)

**SBCGS Blog:** <http://sbcs.blogspot.com/>

**Library e-mail address:** [nfo@sbgen.org](mailto:nfo@sbgen.org)

### Updates on Our Library's New Wing

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

## 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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fjordhest@cox.net); Deadline:  
3rd Sat. of the month

## Calling all genealogy enthusiasts!

Do you remember when you first started doing genealogy research and how daunting it was at the beginning? Well, we have several new members that have indicated a need for help getting started in a variety of areas. Examples are: adoption records, Jewish research, Dutch, British Isles, US military research and more.

If you have experience in researching a particular country, state, special interest, etc. and would like to give a new member a helping hand, please contact me. This would be a good way for the new members to get to know our society members and give some help to a fellow genealogist.

You do NOT need to be a professional. You just need interest and a bit of experience in a given area or areas. Feel free to handle your help sessions by phone, email, down at our library, or whatever way suits you and the person you're helping.

Our society has a wealth of collective knowledge and we would like to tap into that and help our newer members get started. Thanks in advance for your help!

Sue Ramsey  
Vice-President-Membership

## Membership

Below are our newest members:

**Brian Kenny**  
Santa Barbara, CA  
**Peggy Cairns**  
Carpinteria, CA  
**Bob Goeller**  
Santa Barbara, CA

## Special Interest Groups

*The Santa Barbara Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution* Contact George Frakes at 687-2091 for information.

### Civil War Research

Contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

### American Scandinavian Foundation

Contact Evelyne Houdek for more information (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or ghoudek@aol.com)

## Half and Half Book Buy Program

**Wanted! US Criminal Records**, by Ron Arons. One-stop book for sources and methodology looking for those "black sheep"! Everything from prison, court, parole, & pardon records, to police & investigative reports and execution information. All US states, District of Columbia and Federal/national records included. Cost: \$54; 1/2 cost: \$27. Needed: \$27.00.

**Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess Co., NY, Vol. X**, Continues the historical & genealogical study of all the 18th century settlers of the patent. Covers alphabetically the surnames from Paine-through Rogers. Includes corrections for vols. 2-10. Well indexed. Cost: \$85; 1/2 cost: \$42.50. Needed: \$42.50.

**Selected Hamilton Co, Ohio Church Baptism Records 1860-1869**, by Herbert. Includes more than 23,500 baptisms in 32 churches before 1870. Arranged alpha by surname, data gives parents' names, date and record source. This index was prepared from LDS films. Sorry, no Catholic church records are included. Cost: \$50; 1/2 cost: \$25. Needed: \$25.00.

**Map Guide to German Parish Registers: Provinces of Alsace-Lorraine, Vols. I & II**, by Hansen. The Bas-Rhin Kreise of Hagenau, Molsheim, Weissenburg, Zabern: Erstein, Schlettstadt & Strassburg. Continuing series to help identify German towns. Cost: \$70; 1/2 cost: \$35. Needed: \$35.00.

**Dutch Chicago: A History of Hollanders in the Windy City**, by Swierenga. Focusing mostly on the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America, & the settlement in the Old West Side, Englewood, Roseland & So. Holland, a lively historical narrative is produced. Photos. Indexed. Cost: \$40; 1/2 cost: \$20. Needed: \$20.00.

**Index to Virginia Estates 1800-1865, Vol. 5**, by Pippenger. This series tries to help genealogists in VA's burned counties find primary sources. Counties include Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax & Pittsylvania. Cost: \$42; 1/2 cost: \$21. Needed: \$21.00.

**Place Name Indexes: Identifying Place names Using Alphabetical & Reverse Alphabetical Indexes**, by Roger Minert, Ph.D. (2011 Seminar speaker!) Series for German provinces: Hanover, Hesse-Nassau, Braunschweig, Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Palatinate, Posen, Schleswig-Holstein, Thuringia, Westphalia, Württemberg. 9 Vols. Cost: \$96; 1/2 cost: \$48. Needed: \$48.00.

**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!**

**Marie Sue Parsons Rosa Avolio**

**Catherine Frakes Cynthia Holland**

**Gwen Jackson-Patterson**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Spring Session: Beginning Germanic Genealogy, Cari Thomas, instructor. Wednesdays 10 a.m. to Noon, for 10 weeks, beginning 13 April and ending 15 June 2011. Room 26, Wake Center, N. Turnpike Road

## Cool websites to help in your research:

The 1910 Norwegian Census

<http://da.digitalarkivet.no/ft/sok/1910>

Information on the 1910 Norwegian Census in English.

<http://tinyurl.com/37v26bq>

Online newspapers <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Essex, England <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk>

Early Canada online

<http://www.2.canadiana.ca/en/home>

Northern New York Historical Newspapers

<http://news.nynln.net/>

Illinois State Genealogical society <http://www.ilgensoc.org>

Georgia Death Index [www.atlantahistorycenter.com](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com)

Atlanta, Georgia Marriage records from 1829

[cdm.sos.state.ga.us](http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us)

American Memory [www.memory.loc.gov](http://www.memory.loc.gov)

Free Daily Genealogy blog by Leland and Patty Meitzler. Leland was with Everton Publishers and Heritage Quest in the past. <http://www.genealogyblog.com>

John F. Kennedy Library goes digital. [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)

***Do you have a website to share? Please email to Sharon Wilson at [swilsons@cox.net](mailto:swilsons@cox.net)***



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