

~ San Mateo County Genealogical Society ~  
Spring Seminar 2018

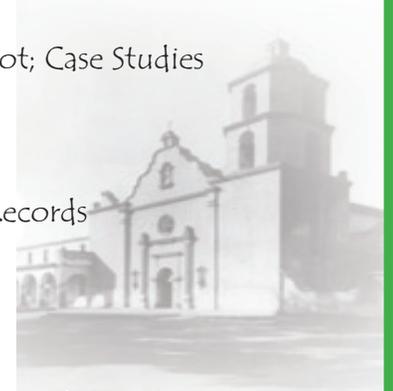
# Forensic Genealogy plus California Research: Missions to Present

with Sheila Benedict



- ◇ Forensic Genealogy: What it is and is not; Case Studies
- ◇ California Research: Past and Present
- ◇ California Historic Missions and their Records

Saturday ~ May 5, 2018  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Professional genealogist Sheila Benedict brings to life her in-depth forensic, historic, and family genealogical experience through examples and case studies from courthouses to California missions.

Sheila is the recipient of the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit and is the author of the NGS publication "Research in California."

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Menlo Park LDS Church - 1105 Valparaiso, Menlo Park  
Doors open at 8am - Registration, Book Sales & Silent Auction  
Family History Center will be open during breaks, lunch and after the seminar

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REGISTRATION ~~ Includes SYLLABUS ~~ Registration Deadline: Friday ~ April 27, 2018

Members: \_\_\_ @ \$45.00 each ~ Non-Members: \_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each ~ LUNCH: \_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each

Sandwich choice (select 1):

\_\_\_ Turkey & Mozzarella \_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_ Ham & Swiss \_\_\_ Vegetarian

After April 27 & Walk-Ins \$55.00

Become a new member \_\_\_ @ \$30, and sign up for this seminar at the member rate and save \$5.

Register via PayPal at [www.smcgs.org](http://www.smcgs.org)

or

Register by mail: Make your registration/lunch check payable to "SMCGS Seminar"  
mail to: Patrick Gilbride, 153 Occidental Avenue, Burlingame CA 94010-5219



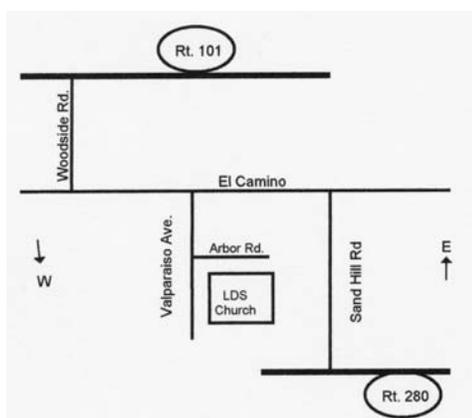
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## SMCGS Spring 2018 Seminar Schedule ~ Saturday, 5 May 2018 – 9:00am – 3pm

Sheila Benedict is a professional forensic and family history genealogist with 30 years of experience. She lectures at national, state, and local genealogical conferences regularly, e.g. NGS and SCGS Jamboree, was a certified genealogist for many years, and taught genealogical courses at a community college. Sheila has extensive knowledge of the California Mission System having been the archivist and administrator for 17 years at Old Mission Santa Ines. She is the author of “Research in the States – California” for the NGS Research in the States series, and a member of the National Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists, the Society of California Archivists, Central California Paralegal Association, The American Irish Historical Society-Santa Barbara branch, and the American Association for State and Local History.

<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; Time to Browse our Silent Auction Items &amp; Book Sales</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>9:15 – 9:45 LECTURE ONE</b>	<b>Introduction to Forensic genealogy: What it is and what it is not</b> What is Forensic Genealogy? This definition is that it is genealogical research done in cases where there is legal implications, such as probates and estates, guardianships, capital mitigations, immigration and citizenships, land issues, and much more. Kinship determination through due diligent research, including DNA, courthouses and their records, and many of records that family historians used regularly, will be discussed in a totally different way.
<b>9:45- 10:15</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:45 LECTURE TWO</b>	<b>Case Studies in Forensic Genealogical Research</b> Discussion will include the education, training, and work experience required to work on forensic cases. Standards and ethics, genealogical proof standard. Further information about forensic genealogy will be discussed using source examples, such as DNA, courthouses, vital records, and case examples, such as adoptions, probates, trademark law, and dual citizenship. Using source materials familiar to genealogists, included will be examples of affidavits, legal briefs, and contracts.
<b>11:45 – 12:45 LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH – Time to check out the Silent Auction Items, Book Sales and the Family History Center</b>
<b>12:45 – 1:45 LECTURE THREE</b>	<b>California Research: Past and Present</b> California is a melting pot of ethnicities, religions, lifestyles, and economics. The history includes thousands of years inhabited by native people, explorers, gold miners, religious expeditions, Spanish and Mexican rule, land grants, taxation, migration patterns, and statehood. The history and records available from the past to the present will show these diversities and offer genealogists, in and out of the state, with insight into what is available in the repositories, usual and unusual, public and private, along with the records that can be found. Highlighted events include explorations, gold rush, earthquakes, land grant system, and much more.
<b>1:45 – 2:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>2:00 - 3:00 LECTURE FOUR</b>	<b>California Historic Missions and their Records</b> The historic California Missions and Presidios can be seen as a timeline of history and an invaluable part of California and national history. The records they maintained in the past, and still do, hold vital information for historians, genealogists, Catholic and non-Catholic researchers, and others. Land grants are just one layer of California history that will be explored, along with case examples of the records held, where they are located, and the important benefits to all researchers, in and out of California.



### Directions to Menlo Park LDS Church 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park

**From 101 North or South:** Exit 101 at Woodside Rd, proceed west to the El Camino. Turn left onto the El Camino, proceed south through Redwood City & Atherton to Menlo Park, turn right at Valparaiso. Proceed for 5 left turn only blocks. Just past Arbor Rd. on the left is the LDS Church.

**From 280 North or South:** Exit 280 at Sand Hill Rd east, proceed east to the El Camino. Turn left onto the El Camino, proceed through Menlo Park, and turn left at Valparaiso. Proceed for 5 left turn only blocks. Just past Arbor Rd. on the left is the LDS Church.