



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, February 27, 2015

Additional photos available upon request

PRESS CONTACT

Christa Clark Jones

Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Tel: (805) 966-1279 Fax: (805) 966-9888

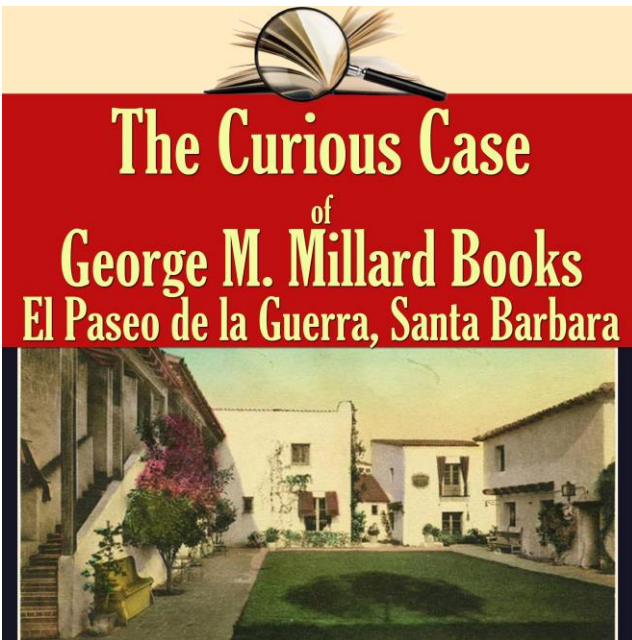
E-mail: christa@sbthp.org Website: www.sbthp.org

Blog: sbthp.wordpress.com Facebook: [facebook.com/SBTHP](https://www.facebook.com/SBTHP) Twitter: twitter.com/SBTHP

The Curious Case of George M. Millard Books,

El Paseo de la Guerra, Santa Barbara

Lecture by Charles Johnson



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present *The Curious Case of George M. Millard Books, El Paseo de la Guerra, Santa Barbara* on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Casa de la Guerra (15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara).

A graduate of the department of History at UCSB, Charles Johnson started his career as a bookseller, first working for the Pickwick chain, and then—for more than a decade—the Earthling Bookshop in Santa Barbara, where he gradually introduced a used and antiquarian section. After receiving a degree in Library and Information Studies from UC

Berkeley, he became curator of the Edward C. Kemble Collections on Western Printing and Publishing at the California Historical Society in San Francisco. Since 1989 he has been director of the Research Library, Museum of Ventura County and managing editor of the *Journal of Ventura County History*.

Charles has written a number of articles and given presentations on the subject of booksellers and bookselling in the West, including short histories of Osborne's Bookstore on State Street and The Book Den on Anapamu Street. While researching Tecolote Bookshop in Paseo de la Guerra, Charles discovered yet another book store, that of Mrs. George Madison Millard, which is the subject of this talk.

CALENDAR LISTING

The Curious Case of George M. Millard Books, El Paseo de la Guerra

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Casa de la Guerra, 15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Cost: \$10 Admission Non-members; SBTHP Members Free

Short Description: While researching Tecolote Bookshop in Paseo de la Guerra, Charles Johnson discovered yet another book store, that of Mrs. George Madison Millard, which is the subject of this talk.

For more information: Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

####

ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**

####