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Sonoma County Genealogical Society April 2006 Newsletter

President's Letter

By Tony Hoskins, March 2006

I hope you and other interested genealogical researchers will be sure to attend the Sonoma County Genealogical Society's upcoming day-long Spring Seminar in Santa Rosa, Saturday, April 22, 2006. Nationally known genealogical scholar, and current President of the National Genealogical Society, Barbara Vines Little will be our speaker. Please see below for details.

Hoping to see you there!

Barbara Vines Little CGSM, current president of the National Genealogical Society, will present an all-day seminar at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts (formerly the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts) in Santa Rosa on 22 April 2006.

An "energetic and informative," "knowledgeable," and "superb" speaker is how she is described by persons who have heard her make presentations on genealogy. Little has been a professional genealogist since 1982, specializing in Virginia record sources, land platting, neighborhood reconstruction and tax records. She also does complete genealogies and

problem solving for her clients. She is a former president and current governor of Virginia Genealogical Society and Track II Coordinator of the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research. She is editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and former bimonthly editor of the *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter* and Mid Atlantic Germanic Society's newsletter, *Der Kurier*. She has published three volumes of Virginia court records and edited others for publication.

Her topics in order of presentation will be:

Re-Creating Your Ancestor's Neighborhood

Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth!

Granny Possum's Pointers
Land and Inheritance

This will be the fourteenth all-day session sponsored by SCGS.

Pre-registration is highly recommended to reserve your seat for this event. Price of admission for pre-registration is \$20 for members of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, \$25 for non-members. Admission at

May 27th
Meeting

*Genealogical
Proof through
Indirect/
Circumstantial
Evidence*

*Speaker:
Anthony
Hoskins*

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Lark Hall

*Santa Rosa
Junior College*

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May Meeting: Genealogical Proof through Indirect / Circumstantial Evidence

By Lorel Kapke, March 2006

The speaker for May's meeting will be Sonoma County Genealogical Society's Board President, Anthony Hoskins. Anthony is a widely published genealogical scholar, author of some 15 articles, one book, and a presenter in a genealogical research video series. For eleven years he was the reference librarian of the genealogical collection at Chicago's Newberry Library, where he also taught courses in beginning and advanced genealogical research for nine years. He has spoken at genealogical conferences all over the midwest and has appeared frequently on radio and television; being interviewed on NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw and also on BBC Radio. He has been featured in articles in Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and London newspapers and has been cited in major national magazines. He is the subject of an entry in *Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry*.

For four years Anthony Hoskins was also involved in public relations, literacy, management of the reference departments, and customer service training in South Florida libraries.

Mr. Hoskins currently heads Sonoma County Library's unique History and Genealogy Library in Santa Rosa, California. In this position he is jointly History and Genealogy Librarian and Sonoma County Archivist. He is Vice-Chair of the Sonoma County Historical Records Commission and is President of the Sonoma County Historical Society.

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Biography:

I was born and raised in Illinois, and my career took me to south Florida and California. I have a BA in History from the University of Iowa, and an MA in Library Science from the University of Chicago.

Published Articles and Interviews:

Entry in *Who's Who in Genealogy*.

Featured in articles in *The Daily Telegraph* (London), *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Magazine*, *Chicago Sun Times*, and *Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine*.

Interviewed on NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, February 7, 1997.

Featured on United Airlines Inflight News, 1997.

Interviewed on BBC, May 28, 1997.

Cited in the *National Review*, April 6, 1998.

Interviewed in the *Miami Herald*, *Palm Beach Post*, and *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*.

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the door, beginning at 8 a.m., 22 April, will be \$30. Send your reservations to Registrar Audrey Phillips, 96 Eastside Circle, Petaluma, CA 94954-3609. Questions about registration can also

be directed to her by phone at 707-763-4492. Other questions about the seminar should be directed to Lois Nimmo, program chair: e-mail LoisNim@sbcglobal.net or phone 707-537-1684.

Interviewed on KSRO, Santa Rosa, California, September 13, 2002.

Interviewed on KFTY TV, Santa Rosa, California, March 5, 2004.

Featured in an article in the *Press Democrat*, Santa Rosa, California, April 2004.

Publications (select listing – full bibliography available upon request)

“Genealogical Research at Chicago’s Newberry Library,” *Mayflower Quarterly* 58 (1992).

*The Ancestry of Prince Hans Georg of Ysenburg and B*dingen* (Chicago, 1994).

“Genealogy” [chapter 27], *The American Library Association Guide to Information Access* (Random House, 1994).

The Genealogist’s Video Research Guide: Research in England and Wales (video, with Ron Cook and Ryan Taylor, 1996.)

“The English Origin of John Umfreville of New Haven, Connecticut,” *The American Genealogist* 72 (January 1997.)

“Mary Boleyn’s Carey Children: Offspring of King Henry VIII?” *The Genealogists’ Magazine* (London), Vol. 25 (March 1997.)

“The Ethical Organization: an Odyssey,” [with Patricia Cavill] *Feliciter [Journal of the Canadian Library Association]* (April 2000).

“The Washburns of Middletown, Connecticut and the children of Joseph and Hannah (Johnson?) Washburn,” *The American Genealogist* (July 2000).

“Revolutionary War Father – Civil War Son: John and Van Rensselaer Darling of Chautauqua County,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 132 (January 2001).

“Raising the Bar on Workplace Behavior,” [with Patricia Cavill], *PNLA Quarterly [Pacific Northwest Library Association Quarterly]* 65:3 (Spring 2001).

“1880-1 Censuses – A Snapshot in Time: conducting a ‘Total Ancestors Census’,” *Sonoma Searcher*, 29(2) (Winter 2001/2).

The Chosen Spot: Sonoma County’s Rich History in Agriculture and Timber [with Katherine Johnson Rinehart], (Santa Rosa, California, 2002).

The Chicago Manual of Style (15th edition) (University of Chicago Press, 2003). Contributor of the genealogical charting section.

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Memberships/Organizations

California Library Association

Society of California Archivists

Sonoma County Historical Records Commission

Commissioner, 2001 –

Vice-Chair, 2003-4

Chair, 2004

Vice-Chair, 2005

Sonoma County [California] Historical Society

Board of Directors, 2002

President, 2003-

Sonoma County [California] Genealogical Society

Vice President, 2002 -3

President, 2004-

Sonoma County Government Oral History Project Chair, 2004-

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois

Board of Assistants, 1987-1997; Governor, 1992- 1995

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

Governor, John Alden Colony of Fort Lauderdale, 1999 - 2001

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California

American Mensa, Ltd.

<http://www.us.mensa.org/>

Triple Nine Society

<http://www.triplenine.org/A>

Special Interest Groups



British Interest Group The next meeting will be in June. For more information call Audrey Herman at 539-4031.



German Interest Group The next meeting will be 6 May 2006, 10 a.m. at the home of Helen Strickley, 8836 Hood Mountain Circle, Santa Rosa. As this will be our last meeting until Fall, we will be discussing the planned research trips of the members over the summer as well as topics of interest to those present. Contact Jim Cochran at 526-7331 or cougars@sonic.net for more information.



Italian Interest Group The next meeting will be on 15 April 2006 at 10 a.m. at the home of Ines Williams. For more information e-mail Ines Williams at inesw@comcast.net. See you all then.



Computer Interest Group The next meeting will be 20 May 2006, 1 p.m. at the Sonoma County Library Annex, Third & E Streets. There is parking across the street (25 cents for 20 mins.) as well as parking on the street. This will be an informal meeting with questions or something to share. For more information, contact Maggi Andrews at 538-1775.

What's New at the Library

By Maggi Andrews, April 2006

- 929.3411 M *Aberdeen Obituaries/1748-1854* – McDonnell
- 929.371 T *Tanguay Dictionary: Dictionnaire Genealogique* CD-ROM
- 929.371 C *Corrections and additions to Tanguay Dictionary* CD-ROM
- 929.3742 D *Delaware 1782 Tax assessment and Census list* CD-ROM
- 929.3748 D *Early German Settlers of York County, Pennsylvania* (revised ed.), Dull
- 929.3749 S *Major John Fenwick / Colonizer and Founder ... Salem County, New Jersey / 1675*, Stewart
- 929.3752 H *Baltimore Life Insurance Company / Genealogical Abstracts*, Hynson
- 929.3758 A *The Georgian Database / Genealogical Notes*, Austin
- 929.3772 W *Indiana Land Entries / Vol. 1 Cincinnati District 1801-1840*, Waters
- 929.3772 W *Indiana Land Entries / Vol. 2 Vincennes District 1807-1877*, Waters
- 929.379462 *Newspaper Extracts from The Marin Journal San Rafael ... [1881-1884]*
- 929.379416 *Marriage Record Index / Napa County, California 1850-1905*
- 929.379419 *Index to Births registered in Napa County California*

From the Archives of Genealogy Jack

By Ray Owens

Jack,

I'm in a mess! My genealogical research has establish no less than 13 direct ancestors or brothers thereof who served during the Civil War. Amazingly, one enlisted in May 1861 and completed his service by marching in the Grand Review in the Capitol at the end of the war. The others served in various regiments and for various lengths of time, ranging from six months to over three years. I have pension and/or service records for all, plus regimental histories and some abstracts from The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion. The problem is every time I try to write a compiled narrative of all 13, it becomes hopelessly entangled. What can I do?

"Trapped in Facts"

Dear Trapped,

Just arrived home from a fishing trip and found your letter on my desk. You've really done your homework! Congratulations on supplementing individual records with regimental histories and abstracts from official records. For a meaningful and understandable documented narrative, all you need do is organize the information, possibly augmented with historical accounts of pertinent major engagements such as the Battle of Shiloh. It is suggested you take the service/regimental record of the one who enlisted in May, 1861 and use it as a timeline against which the histories of the others can be correlated. In other words, relate the service of the others by time, place and activity to soldier #1.

Gotta run! Before spouse Jill gets home, I have to bang on a few poker chips to give an appearance they were damaged bouncing off rocks in a whitewater trout stream Good luck! (to both of us)

Genealogy Jack

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