



Sonoma County Genealogical Society May 2007 Newsletter

President's Letter

By Audrey Herman, May 2007

Do you have an ancestor who is recorded as having married at a very young age? There may not be a mistake in the record. The following article was found in a 1905 edition of the Press Democrat. It explains ages for marriage in some countries.

The colder the country the longer the interval between birth and legal marriage. Russia requires the man to be at least eighteen and the woman sixteen, but in Turkey, as soon as the happy pair can walk and are sufficiently intelligent to understand the religious ceremony they are pronounced husband and wife.

Eight-year old heads of families are by no means uncommon in the East Indies and China is as liberal in its laws on the subject. In Greece, fourteen and twelve are the legal ages for man and woman respectively, and the same is true in Hungary, but only in the Catholic Church, the Protestant denominations requiring an additional two years.

Austria, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland follow the Grecian custom and the same is true in Spain, where the poverty of the country is attributed directly to early marriages. In Russia, Saxony and England eighteen years is the limit for men, as it is in this country, although in Mexico and Latin America fourteen-year old husbands are not uncommon.

May 26th

Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 pm

*“Who am I
and Where do
I come from?”*

Speaker:

*Margaret
Caminsky-
Shapiro*

*Finley
Community
Center
2060 W.
College Ave.
Santa Rosa*

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The Sonoma County Genealogical Society is a nonprofit organization which encourages interest in Genealogy and Family History.

May 26, 2007 Meeting: Who am I and where do I come from: Margaret Caminsky-Shapiro

Using Writing Practice as a tool for writing the stories of our lives and those of our ancestors.

Margaret Caminsky - Shapiro was born, raised and educated in the Republic of South Africa, and it is against the African backdrop that much of her writing was framed. Margaret emigrated to the United States in 1973 and raised her children between the redwoods and the rugged coastline of Northern California. Margaret sipped and tasted the elixir of writing practice and then became a writing practice teacher herself. She has been teaching writing practice classes since the beginning of 2000 and finds teaching this transformational process to be an exquisite experience. Margaret has finally come home to a teaching career she embarked upon in South Africa in 1970. She also has an M.A. in counseling. Besides writing, Margaret enjoys photography and engaging herself within her community. Occasionally she dreams about riding a Harley - Davidson.

Attendants are invited to bring a notebook and favorite fast-moving pen(s) We will talk a little about Writing Practice and how it works, then we will write for about 10 minutes using a prompt (a sentence that will serve as a jump line into our writing). For those who wish to do so, we will share by reading and listening to a few of the writings.



Library News

Submitted by Maggi Andrews

The Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library Seeks Volunteers!

Are you someone who likes to keep things organized? Then perhaps you'd be interested in volunteering at the Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library located on Third & E Streets, Santa Rosa - next door to the Central Library.

We are looking for individuals who can assist with shelving books and filing many of our historic photographs a few hours a week.

For more information please contact, Katherine J. Rinehart at 545-0831 ext. 562 or krinehart@sonoma.lib.ca.us.

Special Interest Groups



British Interest Group: The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Losee, 872 Bob Crosby Way, Windsor.



German Interest Group: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007. The meeting will begin at 10 am at the home Lois Nimmo, 308 Pythian Rd., Santa Rosa, CA, phone (707) 537-1684. Contact Jim Cochran, 526-7331, for more information.



Italian Interest Group: Meet the 3rd Saturday of odd months. For information, contact: Ines Williams (707) 838-0760; Email: inesw@comcast.net



Computer Interest Group: The next meeting will be May 19, 2007. 1:00 p.m. at the Sonoma County Library Annex located at Third & E Streets in Santa Rosa. For questions e-mail Maggi Andrews at mizgriz@sbcglobal.net

What's New at the Library
May 2007
by Maggi Andrews

- 029.009 M *Molly McDermott's retirement party* [video recording 2006]
- 267.445 L *Ladies' Aid Society cook book* [Santa Rosa 191-?]
- 286 F *First Presbyterian at 150, Santa Rosa ...*[2005]
- 331.6 R *Migrant farm workers, growers, and the Healdsburg community, 1941-1945*
– Rithner
- 385.22 H *The growth of railroad transportation in Sonoma County in the 1860-1906 era* - Hogan
- 388.132 H *A report on the historical significance of the Guerneville Bridge ...*- Harris
- 388.132 P *A report on the historical significance of the Slusser Road Bridge ...*- Pursell
- 637 H *Vella Cheese Company and the dairy industry of Sonoma County* – Hoyt
- 728 H *Cookhouse & dormitory, Italian Swiss Colony...historical structure report*
– Harris
- 728 L *Supplemental cultural resources evaluations for the Ellis Creek water recycling facility project* [Masciorini Ranch and other Lakeville Highway ranches] – by LSA Associates, Inc.
- 728 N *National Register of Historic Places inventory, nomination form : John Bell Davis House...* [801 Humboldt St, Santa Rosa]
- 728 S *Shaw residence, 215 North Cloverdale Boulevard ...* [includes Heald family genealogy]
- 728 S *State of California ... Office of Historic Preservation ... John Medica's Garden ...*[Medica Rd., Santa Rosa]
- 796.357 R *My heroes : complete records of Pacific Coast League stars ...* – Rebollini
- 813 L *The London collector* [periodical – Jul 1970, Apr 1971, Feb 1973]
- 979.418 P *A preliminary report for the restoration of the Carrillo Adobe*
- 970.1 N *The Native California Indian newlsetter*

National Archives Proposes Raising Copying Fees

The National Archives is proposing raising copying fees. Here is a list of proposed fees.

1. Passenger arrival lists, Form 81, \$25.
2. Federal census requests, Form 82, \$25
3. Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims, Form 83, \$25
4. Land entry records, Form 84, \$40.
5. Full pension file, more than 75 years old (Civil War period) Form \$125 (present fee is \$37)
6. Full pension file, more than 75 years old (non-Civil War), Form 85, \$60
7. Pension document packet (selected records) Form 85, \$25
8. Bounty land warrant application files, Form 85 \$25
9. Military service files more than 75 years old, Form 86, \$25

These proposed rules are open for public comment until 27 April 2007. Your comments can be sent:

via e-mail to Federal eRulemaking portal: www.regulations.gov.

If using this method refer to “NARA reproduction fees, 36 CFR part 1258, RIN 3095-AB49”

or

by fax to 301-837-0319

or

by mail to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

Genealogy Gems Podcast

from Lisa Cooke

Producer and Host

The Genealogy Gems Podcast

Lisa Cooke has a new genealogy podcast that she wants to let our members know about and asked for inclusion on our website. It is a free educational resource for members and website visitors. “*Genealogy Gems Podcast* is a FREE weekly audio show devoted to family history. Episodes run about 25 minutes and are jammed packed with great research ideas. In addition, listeners will get inspiration and creative techniques for displaying and sharing their research.”

For those new to podcasts, Lisa recommends that you begin with the website at www.genealogygemspodcast.com and click on the “Frequently Asked Questions” link on the

right side of the page. This will explain what a podcast is and step by step how to subscribe for free in itunes so that you’ll receive each new episode automatically. You can listen on the website, in itunes, or download the episodes onto an ipod or MP34 player. The choice is yours. You will also find a wealth of additional information in the companion show notes on the Genealogy Gems Podcast website.

Editor’s note: This e-mail was forwarded from Audrey. At this time, I don’t know if Spence will be following up with the link from our website. I am sure there will need to be more discussion on this FREE site!

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