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## Sonoma County Genealogical Society October 2004 Newsletter

### *President's Message*

By Tony Hoskins

I would like to take this opportunity to greet the Sonoma County Genealogical Society as your new President. I want to express my thanks to my predecessor Evelyn Ross, who did such a splendid job as your president, and who was so kind as to do all she could to get me up to speed on the many facets and activities of this position.

The Society has some good news! We have engaged the services of two very able people: Elva Zimmerman has taken on the task of being the editor of our excellent Sonoma Searcher quarterly, and Michelle Denham has come aboard as editor of the Newsletter. We are indeed glad to have them join us and to ensure that both of these publications are "up and running" again!

I would like to highlight two upcoming events about which you will find more information in this Newsletter. On October 30, 2004, please be sure

to attend this years "Family History Fair", staged as in years past in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and held at their church located at 1725 Peterson Lane, Santa Rosa. There will be six presentations to choose among – all presented by some of our finest local genealogists.



October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting:

*Family History Fair*

9:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.

LDs Church  
1725 Peterson Lane  
Santa Rosa

Six Classes offered, including "Internet Research Tools", "Major U. S. Records", "Writer's Workshop", & "Special Beginner's Class". All classes are free!

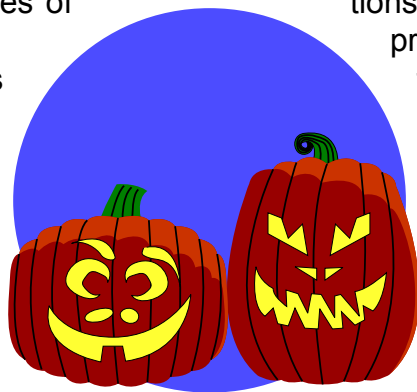
See the scgs web site for more details.

*Please note the change in date!*

The day should be very informative, assist you in breaking down more of those brick walls, and be a lot of fun. Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2004, at Lark Hall,

at Santa Rosa Junior College. The program will be presented by our own Jeremy Nichols, redoubtable expert on Sonoma County cemeteries. Jeremy will speak to us about his fascinating and unique project to rehabilitate the neglected Chanate Cemetery.

I look forward to seeing you soon at these wonderful upcoming events!



## *Reminder: Please pay your dues!*

Visit Our Web Site at: <http://www.scgs.org>

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society is a Nonprofit Organization which Encourages Interest in Genealogy and Family History

# The 1883 Menu at the Sonoma County Poor Farm

By Jeremy Dwight Nichols, September 2004

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In November 1883, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors heard an unusual case. As published in the Sonoma Democrat, a Mr. L. [Lewis or Louis] J. [Jacob] Hawkins preferred charges against County Farm Superintendent Jeremiah "Jerry" Claypool. Hawkins claimed that Claypool did not provide "sufficient food and fuel" [their rooms were heated by wood stoves] for the residents of the Sonoma County Poor Farm.

The Supervisors investigated and found that there was "some cause for

complaint." They therefore ordered that a "bill of fare" be established for the poor farm and asked the County Physician, Dr. B. S. Young, to suggest one. The menu was published by the Democrat so we know, 121 years later, what they ate.

Jeremiah Claypool survived the investigation and retained his position as supervisor of the poor farm. It is interesting to note that his eventual replacement (in 1886) was Charles W. Hawkins, probably a younger brother of Lewis J.

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## Special Interest Groups



**British Group** The British Group will meet next on Thursday, October 14, at 459 Nikki Drive, Santa Rosa, at 1 p.m.

For further information phone Susan Simons at 527-7191.



**German Group** Meets at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the odd-numbered months except for July.

Meetings usually consist of a general help session, and discussion of topics of interest to those present.

For information contact Jim Cochran at [cougars@sonic.net](mailto:cougars@sonic.net)



**Computer Interest Group** Meets next on Saturday, Oct 16, 2004, at 2 PM, at the Family History Center, at the LDS Church, 1725 Peterson Lane, Santa Rosa.

For information, and if you would like to be notified of meetings, E-mail Maggie Andrews at [mandr212020@aol.com](mailto:mandr212020@aol.com)



**Italian Interest Group** For current information please contact Ines Williams at [inesw@comcast.net](mailto:inesw@comcast.net)



**Family History Writing Group** If interested, and for current information, please contact Cheryl Doran Girard, phone 865-1181, or [fymom@sonic.net](mailto:fymom@sonic.net)

**SONOMA COUNTY POOR FARM SUGGESTED MENU OR BILL OF FARE  
DR. BYRD SYDNEY YOUNG, MD, COUNTY PHYSICIAN  
AS PUBLISHED IN THE SONOMA DEMOCRAT 17 NOVEMBER 1883**

**SUNDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, mutton stew, syrup or butter.

**DINNER:** Mutton roast, potatoes, beets and turnips or carrots, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, mush and milk, syrup.

**MONDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, hash, syrup or butter.

**DINNER:** Corned beef, potatoes, cabbage and beets, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, bread, cracked wheat and milk, syrup.

**TUESDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, stew or hash, syrup or butter.

**DINNER:** Beef stew, potatoes, turnips or carrots, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, rice, syrup.

**WEDNESDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, beef stew, syrup or butter.

**DINNER:** Mutton, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Bread, mush and milk or syrup.

**THURSDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, hash, syrup and butter.

**DINNER:** Mutton, potatoes, beets, turnips or carrots, bread soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, bread, mush and milk or syrup.

**FRIDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, stew, butter or syrup.

**DINNER:** Fish, fresh or salt, potatoes, turnips, carrots, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, bread, mush and milk or rice or syrup.

**SATURDAY**

**BREAKFAST:** Coffee, bread, fish-hash, butter or syrup.

**DINNER:** Pork and beans, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, bread, soup.

**SUPPER:** Tea, bread, rice and milk or syrup.

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*Welcome New Members*

Arlene Brooks, Craig Comes, Marianne Ellis, Annabelle LeClare, Lorraine McEvoy, William Turner

*Condolences*

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Jim Maize, and extend our condolences to his wife Beth, and his family.



## Coming Events

**Saturday, October. 16, 2004:** a seminar, "Digging For Your Roots", will be held by the Concord/Walnut Creek LDS Stakes and the Family History Center, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, cost \$15.00, at the LDS Church, 3700 Concord Boulevard, Concord. Registration forms may be picked up at the Santa Rosa FHC, or mailed to: Concord Family History Center, c/o Jackie Hein, 2129 North 6th Street, Concord, CA, 94519. Register before September 30 to insure a syllabus. Bring your own lunch.

**Saturday, October. 23, 2004:** a genealogy conference sponsored by the Monterey County Genealogy Society, "A Heritage Harvest", 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at the Seaside Family History Center, Noche Buena & Plumas, Seaside, CA, 93955. Cost is \$25.00 with lunch, \$20.00, without. For further information, see the MoCoGenSo website, or contact Violet Ask-Young, 831-375-5864.

**Saturday, November 6, 2004:** a seminar presented by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, Chuck Knuthson will present topics such as: "America Moves West, Researching Federal Non-Population Schedules, American Immigration 1820-1920, & U. S. Naturalization Records". Hours will be 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, at the El Vista Chapel of the LDS Church, 731 El Vista Ave, Modesto, CA. Cost, \$30.00, For information, contact Ellen Reesh, (209) 577-0967, E-mail, e\_reesh@pacbell.net.

**November 27, 2004:** "The Chanate historic cemetery: research and conservation" presented by Jeremy Nichols

**January 22, 2005:** "Westward migration along the trails" presented by Jan Black.

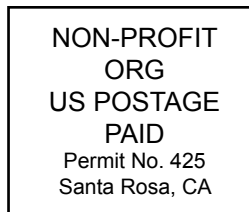
**Coming in November:** The California Genealogical Society will hold an Irish Seminar by Irish Genealogist, Nora M. Hickey, at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave., San Francisco. Contact Sally Warren for exact dates, at (415) 435-1038, or E-Mail saw33@msn.com



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