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Sonoma County Genealogical Society September 2006 Newsletter

Presidents Letter

By Audrey Herman, February 2006

Our first meeting of the new year will be on September 23. This year we will be meeting at the Finley Center located at College and Stony Point instead of at the Junior College. Parking is free. Tony will continue to do his program at noon. At the Finley Center you can bring lunch. Coffee and tea will be served. If you prefer a different beverage, bring your own. The new venue will offer us a chance to meet and socialize with one another. Hope to see you there.

October is Family History Month and we will be having a family history fair on Saturday, October 28th. The morning program from 9:00 to 12:00 will be at the LDS Church, 5301 Badger Road, Santa Rosa. The events for the day are as follows:

There will be two morning sessions. From 9:15 - 10:30 you have a choice of:

1. Beginner research and organization,
2. New England records
3. Long distance research and visiting archives.

From 10:45 - 12:00 you may choose to attend

1. Where did that come from?
Recording your sources
2. British research,
3. A story only you can tell: writing your personal history.

Lunch 12:00 - 1:15. You may eat at the Church, in the Park, at the Library, or the nearby Montecitio Shopping Center

The afternoon session will be held at the Rincon Valley Library from 1:15 until 4:00 and will be devoted to computers and genealogy. Three topics will be presented.

1:15 -2:00 Family History Center and how to use familysearch.org.

2:15 -3:00 Heritage Quest and what is available in the Sonoma County Library Annex.

3:15 - 4:00 Websites worth surfing.

We hope you will join us for an hour or for the entire day

*September 23rd
Meeting*

*The Golden
Door: U.S.
Immigration,
1820-1920*

*Speaker:
Chuck
Knuthson*

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Finley
Community
Center
2060 W College
Avenue
Santa Rosa*

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

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September 2006 Meeting: The Golden Door: U.S. Immigration, 1820-1920

By Lorel Kapke, August 2006

Chuck Knuthson has been studying and conducting genealogical research for thirty years. For the past twelve years he has instructed beginning genealogy classes at two Sacramento-area community colleges. Chuck lectures locally, regionally, and nationally, including the Utah Genealogical Association, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, the California State Archives, the California Genealogical Society, eGenConference, the first-ever Internet-based international virtual genealogy conference, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society, and the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. He is the volunteer coordinator for the Sierra County GenWeb website of the California GenWeb Project, and a volunteer librarian at the Sacramento LDS Family History Center.

A fourth generation Californian, Chuck is a retired police captain, having served for thirty-two years with the Roseville California Police Department. Chuck has a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Golden Gate University, San Francisco. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the California Law Enforcement Command College. Chuck has completed seminars at Brigham Young University, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the National Institute on Genealogical Research, and the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. He has attended numerous local, state, and national seminars, institutes, and conferences. Chuck serves as Treasurer for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, is President of the 1,300-member Sacramento German Genealogy Society, and is a member of numerous other genealogical and professional organizations. He is working toward certification as a professional genealogist.



In Memoriam

Don Badger passed away recently. He lived in Salt Lake City, UT and was a Life Member since 1991.

New Meeting Place!

Starting this month, Sonoma County Genealogical Society general meetings will take place at Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa. Below are the address, directions and a map to Finley Community Center. This new location has at least two benefits: it will give members a chance to mingle and parking is free!

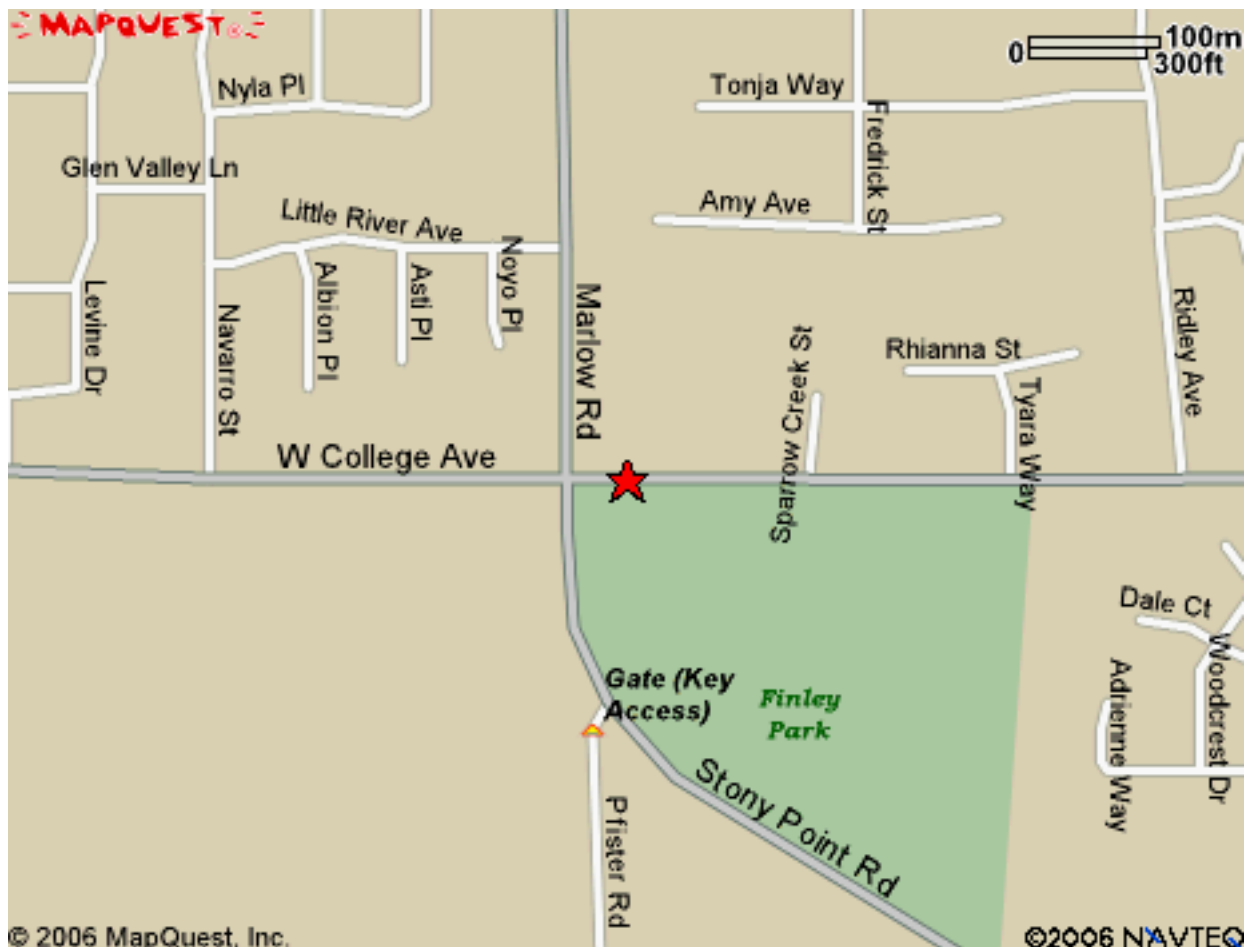
Address: Finley Community Center, 2060 W College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Directions

From the north: From 101, take the College Avenue Exit, and turn right onto College Avenue.

From the south or east: From 101, take Highway 12 West towards Sebastopol and exit at Stony Point Road. Turn right onto Stony Point Road. Turn right onto College Avenue.

From the west: Take Highway 12 East towards Santa Rosa, and exit at Stony Point Road. Turn left onto Stony Point Road, and right onto College Avenue.



What's New at the Library

By Maggie Andrews, August 2006

- 346.794 G *Family and Divorce in California, 1850-1890* – Griswold
- 636.5 H *How it All Came About [Petaluma Incubator Company]*
- 641.5 L *Loyalty Cookbook* -- pub. Native Daughters of the Golden West
- 929.1 H *American Vital Records from the Baptist Register 1824-1829 and The New York Baptist Register 1829-1834*
- 929.243 W *Evangelische Church Records of Baumbach, Braach and Sterkelshausen, Hessen-Kassel, 1658-1748* (transcribed from German Records – Welsh)
- 929.3729 L *Tracing Ancestors in Barbados* – Lane
- 929.374 D *Scots in New England 1629-1873* – Dobson
- 929.3744 L *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* – Lambert
- 929.3752 S *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland / Vol. IV: 1677-16, 1702-1704* – Skinner
- 929.3752 S *The Ark and The Dove Adventurers*
- 929.3757 A *Abstracts of Old Ninety-Six and Abbeville District Wills and Bonds as on File in the Abbeville, South Carolina, Courthouse*
- 929.3768 G *Earliest Tennessee Land Records & Earliest Tennessee Land History* – Griffey
- 929.3768 M *Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children / Apprentices from 1784 to 1902* – Miller
- 929.3771 G *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers / 1802-1818 / Genealogical and Historical Abstracts* – Green
- 929.3969 M *Hawaiian Genealogies / Extracted from Hawaiian Language Newspapers. Vol.2* – McKinzie
- 929.418 C *Early Sebastopol / Part I – A Resort in the Country* – Cummings
- 940.541 B *History and Photos of U.S. Army Service Prior and During World War 2* – Baldocchi
- 979.418 D *Oliver Beaulieu and the Town of Franklin* – Diehl
- 979.461 S *Facing Disaster / A Centennial Postcard Album of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire April 1906*

Thanks to the Friends of the Library !!

The Sonoma County Library History and Genealogy Annex has a wonderful collection of historical maps of the local areas. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, several of these have recently been restored, some of which were so fragile that they weren't previously available to the public. Included in the restoration project were six bound map books: the 1893 Sanborn maps for Santa Rosa (1894 and 1897 updates); the 1908 Sanborn Santa Rosa maps (1937, 1945, 1954 and 1957 updates); an 1892 Block book for Santa Rosa and a 1907 Harriman map set of Petaluma. The Petaluma map and the Santa Rosa Block book both show ownership of the individual lots, and of course the Sanborn books have an incredible amount of detail. The books were sent to a professional conservation company, where they were cleaned, repaired, 'alkalized', with each page encapsulated in a folded polyester enclosure and then re-bound in a new cover. Very Impressive.

A Big Thank You to the Friends of the Library for their support.

From the Archives of Genealogy Jack

By Ray Owens

Dear Jack,

“I have a rather contemporary research problem. I’m compiling a history of immediate family members who served in the military during World War II. My late Uncle Al was in the army and served in the European Theater. After the war, he went to college on the GI Bill. I wrote to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis for a copy of his record; however, they advised that it and thousands of others were burned in a fire some years ago. Any suggestions on how I can learn of his service?”

This is a situation where one has to seek a record through a secondary source, the original having been destroyed by fire. If Uncle Al went to college on the GI Bill, he received veteran’s benefits, and there should be a veteran’s claim file which will contain a copy of his service record (DD 214). Contact the nearest Veteran’s Administration Representative for procedures to order a copy of the file. If he used the GI Bill to buy a house, escrow documents may contain a copy of the DD 214 used to establish eligibility. Also, the academic file at the college will contain a copy. You can also check the recorder’s office in his county of residence immediately after discharge. One of the last instructions a soldier gets upon discharge is to record his or her DD 214 upon arrival back home.

It’s ironic you asked a question about military records...I just returned from my annual reunion at Bend, Oregon with old buddies. My spouse Jill seems particularly interested in the volume of beer sales in the area. Curious.

Good luck,
Genealogy Jack

Special Interest Groups



British Interest Group The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at Susan Simons. For directions, call Susan at 527-7191.



German Interest Group The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006. As it will be our first meeting of the 2006-2007 year, we will be organizing the group for the next year. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at Jim Cochran’s, 1658 Tarkenton Court. For more details, call Jim Cochran: 526-7331.



Italian Interest Group For more information, e-mail Ines Williams at inesw@comcast.net.



Computer Interest Group The next meeting will be Saturday, September 16, 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. OK everybody, your report on “What I did on Summer Vacation” is now due! Plus bring subject ideas for future meetings! For more information, contact Maggi Andrews at 538-1775 or mizgriz@sbcglobal.net.

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