



# Sonoma County Genealogical Society Newsletter



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## President's Message

by Audrey Herman, [audreyrae@earthlink.net](mailto:audreyrae@earthlink.net)

**A**pril 1, 2002 is the date that the long 1930 census will be released. The population of the United States in 1930 was 122 million and during the week 115 million people had attended a movie. Many of us will be able to put a face and personality to the names. Some of you may find yourselves listed. The houses and farms they inhabited may still be at the address given.

On April 1, 1930 in Santa Rosa a six room flat at McDonald and 4<sup>th</sup> Street rented for \$25. A house near the high school sold for \$3600. A six room house on 10.6 acres of land near Sebastopol could be had for \$8000. Moore's millenary on 4<sup>th</sup> St. was selling Easter hats for \$1.98. The Piggly Wiggly grocery store sold ten pounds of sugar for forty-eight cents, tomato sauce for four cents, three cans of shrimp for twenty-nine cents, and artichokes were six for fifteen cents. If travel was in your plans, you could go to New York from San Francisco via the Panama Canal for \$120. Perhaps you would prefer a 60 day tour of Europe for \$495.

The movie everyone wa attending was *All quiet on the Western Front*. No television, but Jack Benny, Burns and Allen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Kay Kyser, Major Bowes, and Amos and Andy were on the radio. I can remember all these programs and it would be several years before I made an appearance in this world.

At noon on April 1 the Sonoma County census enumerators were being treated to lunch. They are issued lapel ribbons saying "United State Census Enumerators", so that they would not be mistaken for peddlers. Japanese interpreters were provided when they visited Japanese/American

homes. Fines of \$100 -\$1000 and 60 days to one year in jail would be assessed for giving false information to the enumerator.

Did they ever assess fines or send anyone to jail? Did false information include women giving the wrong age? I have an entire family that qualified for a long jail sentence. No one in the Hovland family seems to know when they were born or what they were named. Only the head of the family kept the same name and age on every document. The rest of them had one name and age in Norway and when they arrived in the United States they all had new names and ages. Some of the girls even changed their names between their 1875 arrival in Philadelphia and the 1880 census. I guess they did not like the name they had chosen while crossing the Atlantic and changed it again. My great grandmother is either five years older or five years younger than her husband, and I have not a clue as to her name in Norway. You can guess what I will be doing in Salt Lake.



## April Meeting

**Judith Svoboda, Santa Clara Co. will be our guest speaker**

## Topic

**"Creating a Persona Atlas"**

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

# SCGS Projects Progress Report: March 2002

Carmen J. Finley

## Get a Chuckle out of this Website

“Go for the Gold”, written by Beth Maltbie Uyehara BUYE@aol.com and published in MISSING LINKS, Vol. 7, No. 9, 3 March 2002

<http://www.petuniapress.com/>  
An illustrated version of “The Worm’s Eye View: Go for the Gold” may be seen at <http://www.petuniapress.com/goforgold.html>

## Trip to SLC

by Janet Mobley

On April 14th I will go to Salt Lake City with Jo Russell and other members of the Society for my first visit since 1948. As a fairly new researcher, I will write a journal of my experiences to share in the next Newsletter.

## Military Records

Final camera-ready copy has been sent to Heritage Books. In general, these records that span the years 1846 to 1900, give the name of males 18 to 45 years of age subject to military service. The 1846 list is most interesting because it is a list of the garrison at Sonoma before statehood and the contains original signatures. (A real gem for descendants!) The images are reproduced in their entirety and the names are included in the alphabetical list. In most cases the township of residence is given in addition to the years registered. There are more than 29,000 entries; the book is 427 pages in length. An index has been placed online and has been linked to by SCGS and Sonoma CAGenWeb. Lois Nimmo did the entire data entry. Ray Owen provided the historical background. Doris Dickenson edited for consistency and helped write the introduction.



## Judgments

We are starting to work on an index of judgments given us by the Sonoma County Recorder. Debtors were taken to court to settle their debts beginning in 1852. Early records remaining in the office of the Sonoma County Recorder for the period 1852 to 1917 are preserved in large leather-bound books, currently kept in a locked case. They are well-preserved and include an index titled, “Transcript of Judgments,” and four volumes, P, Q, R, and S, of actual records titled, “Transcript, Judgment, Judgment Court,” that contain the original hand written record. This index is a guide to those records. Data entry is in the hands of Lois Nimmo, Doris Dickenson, and Carmen Finley.

## 1930 School Census

Work is progressing nicely. Coordinator, Annie Conley reports we are about 80% of the way through with data entry. The first two set of records have been proofed. We recently got one more non-SCGS volunteer, Mary Gentry, from the NORCAL mailing list. She lives in Santa Rosa and has met with Joan Wolf to receive training. There is still a need for more volunteers, especially proof readers.

## Newspaper Index

We are nearing the end of data entry on volume IV: 1886-1890 and moving into volume V: 1891-1895.

## School Enrollments

All data have been entered and we are awaiting proofreaders.

## Index to Searcher

Proofreading is continuing. The Searcher Index will probably be the next one lined up for final camera-ready copy. Should be out the door sometime this summer.

Online Indexes/SCGS

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Online Indexes/SCGS Webpage	No. Visitors as of 7 Mar. 2002	No. Visitors as of 10 Feb. 2002	Date Placed Online	Linked to
1890 Census Sonoma County, California (Reconstructed)	7,395	7,145	15 Aug. 1999	SCGS, Annex
1890 Great Register of Voters, Sonoma County, California	3,152	2,994	21 Apr. 2000	SCGS, Annex, SCGenWeb
Early Sonoma County, California, Land Grants, 1846-1850	2,551	2,318	6 July 2000	SCGS, Annex SCGenWeb
Naturalization Records In Sonoma County, California: vol. I, 1841-1906	1,860	1,727	2 Jan. 2001	SCGS, Annex SCGenWeb, NapaGenWeb
Naturalization Records In Sonoma County, California: vol. II, 1906-1930	838	712	12 July 2001	SCGS, Annex
SCGS Webpage	15,005	14,238	31 May 2000	Annex, SCGenWeb CAGenWeb
Sonoma County, California Death Records, 1873-1905	6,652	6,316	29 Apr. 2000	SCGS, Annex, SCGenWeb
Sonoma County, California, Cemetery Records, 1846-1921	11,811	11,394	15 Aug. 1999	SCGS, Annex
Vital Data in Newspapers - vol. 1 (counter reset in Dec.-Jan.)	306 (reset)	173	16 Oct. 2000	SCGS, Annex, SCGenWeb
Vital Data in Newspapers - vol. 2	892	775	7 Mar. 2001	SCGS, Annex
Vital Data in Newspapers - vol. 3	1,063	884	14 July 2001	SCGS, Annex
Militia Records	178		25 Feb. 2002	SCGS, USGenWeb

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**April Speaker: Judith Svoboda - Santa Clara Co. will be our guest speaker**

**Topic: Creating a Persona Atlas**

- Areas covered include:
- Maps of places in my life
- Maps of places in my ancestors' lives
- Maps of places that offer research clues
- Map sources

This will be an important lecture in light of the importance of maps in accessing the 1930 census.

## Interest Group Meetings

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### British Group

British Group does not meet in April.  
Next meeting -- Thursday, May 9, 1:30 p.m. at the home of George Margeson, 519 Coachlight Pl., SR. (528-4614 for directions) Topic: Probate records at the PRO and FHL. For information, call Susan Simons, 527-7191 or e-mail suesimons@aol.com.



### German Group

There has been a change in the location of the next German Interest Group meeting on 4 May 2002. It will be held at the home of Jim Cochran, 1658 Tarkenton Court, Santa Rosa. The main topic of discussion will center around recent trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Questions can be directed to Jim Cochran, 526-7331, or e-mail <cougars@sonic.net>



### Irish Group

Next meeting Tuesday 9 April 2002 1:30PM at the home of Camelia and Grover O'Connor, 9489 Vinecrest Rd, Windsor phone 838-8741. For information about the Irish Interest Group



call Myrtle Keefe at 539-0840.

### Jewish and Eastern European Group

No meetings until Fall. Contact Suzanne S. Waxman, phone 538-4378



### PC. Computer Group:

The Computer Interest Group will meet Saturday,



For further information call Betty Young, 829-2388 or e-mail punkywhy@pacbell.net

### Mac Computer Group

The May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 10AM at the home of Janet and Paul Mobley, 1558 Mauro Pietro Dr., Petaluma, CA. For information about the Mac Group contact Karen Steelman at 538-3970 or by e-mail: steelman@sonic.net



### Italian Interest Group

The Italian Interest Group is meeting on the third Saturday of the month. Next meeting is on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the home of Ines Williams, 292 Alden Court, Windsor, CA. For more information E-mail inesw@mainspring.com

## New Series for The Sonoma Searcher

to Claire Miller, Searcher Editor: KerMill@aol.com. Questions? Call 707-539-

2858  
If you were alive during World War II, then you have a story to tell, and *The Sonoma Searcher* wants to publish it! We plan to include a few personal stories of WW II in every issue of *The Searcher* from now through the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war, in August 2005.

There are very few rules for your submission: The story does NOT have to have a Sonoma County connection—or even a California connection. You do NOT need to be a member of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, or a resident of Sonoma County. The story does NOT have to involve military service.

Because this publication is devoted to family history, your story should have some genealogical detail. For example, don't say, "I got married in 1942." Instead say, "I married Betty Jane Smith on 22 June 1942, at First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa."

Besides describing your World War II experiences, please bring the reader up-to-date on your more recent life history. Where have you

been living? What kind of work did you do? Did you have children? What pastimes do you enjoy? Your story can range from a few paragraphs to a page or two.

(Just please recognize

that I might have to do a little editing!)

Here's the preferred way for you to submit your story: In Microsoft

Word, as an e-mail attachment, to <KerMill@aol.com>. If that format isn't

possible, then mail your story (on paper or on a 3 1/2" floppy disk)

to Claire Miller,

*Searcher* Editor, Sonoma County Genealogical Society,

P. O. Box 2273, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0273.



## **Essay Contest Announced**

From Jo Russell's Mailbag

California's long history includes a unique and rich blend of cultures and nationalities. The FGS/CSGA conference in August 2002 will highlight and recognize this wonderful distinction. In an effort to identify the wealth of personal family stories, the FGS/CSGA planning committee is proud to announce the California: Goldmine of Diversity Family History Essay Contest.

Win Free Registration for FGS/CSGA 2002 Conference: FGS and CSGA are inviting you to share a personal account of why your ethnic or national background matters to you. This is your opportunity to demonstrate pride in your family history and at the same time enjoy acknowledgment of your literary efforts. Your submissions will be judged by nationally recognized genealogists.

1. Deadline for submission is 1 June 2002.
2. Submissions should be 500 to 750 words in length, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point type using Courier or equivalent font. There should be 1-inch margins left, right, top, and bottom.
3. Entries should include the following information: Name, Mailing Address, current e-mail address.
4. Submission must be the original work of the submitter, and/or include appropriate documentation.
5. Submission of an entry constitutes permission for FGS/CSGA to publish entry (if appropriate.)
6. Winners and judges to be introduced at the CSGA Luncheon at the conference. 1st Prize ~ Free registration to FGS/CSGA conference in Ontario, CA. (Registration will be reimbursed.) 2nd prize ~ \$50 reimbursement for registration 3rd prize ~ \$25 reimbursement for registration. Winners may substitute a one year CSGA membership or a one year Forum subscription if they are unable to attend the conference. All winning entries and as many submissions as possible may be printed in the CSGA Newsletter over the next year.

Entries may be submitted to: Nancy M. Huebotter, FGS/CSGA Essay Contest Coordinator, via e-mail: nmhuebotter@earthlink.net or via U.S. Mail: 2634 Associated Road, Apt. #A110, Fullerton, CA 92835

Jo Russell, Co-chairman, California, FGS/CSGA 2002 Publicity Committee <ljrussell@earthlink.net>

Mark your Calendar for the FGS/CSGA Conference, California 2002, A Goldmine of Diversity 7 -10 August 2002 in Ontario, CA

## **Coming Events**

Submitted by Virginia Murphree

The Sacramento German Genealogy Society's annual all-day seminar to be held at the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael, CA (Sacramento area) on Saturday, April 13, 2002. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

TRUDY SCHENK, an Accredited Genealogist (since 1958) and well-respected veteran German researcher, will bring to SGGS her expertise in German family history, gained through her many years of research experience. Trudy was born in Germany and emigrated to America in 1956. She is fluent in German, French and English. Trudy has spoken at many German genealogy seminars and conferences throughout the United States, including SGGS.

Trudy Schenk is co-author of the Wuerttemberg Emigration Index (8 volumes as of September 2001), works as a professional family history researcher, and serves as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Topics to be presented by Trudy include:

***Counties and Principalities of the 18th Century — a political map of Germany***  
***My Ancestor Came From Germany, That's All I Know; highlights on research in Saxony and Thuringia***

Research in Germany, with emphasis on primary records, answering the questions, "What kind of records should I search?" and "Where are the records found?"

Utilizing the speaker's own extensive emigration database, with emphasis on Baden and Wurttemberg, but including many other German areas as well.

Additional seminar information (including the fee and lunch arrangements) will be posted at:

<<http://www.sacgergensoc.org/>>.

Please direct inquiries to Chuck Knuthson, Special Events Chair at: <[events@SacGerGenSoc.org](mailto:events@SacGerGenSoc.org)>.

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Information for the FGS/CSGA 2002 Conference is now online at the FGS Website. You can check out all of the happenings each day <<http://www.fgs.org/2002conf/conf-proghighlights.htm>> and even register online. <<http://www.fgs.org/2002conf/FGS-2002>>

# ***Pursuit of Family Roots: Getting Started with Research for Beginners***

Excerpts from a handout Jo Russell wrote for her classes

**Why pursue my family roots?**—to link your descendants and your ancestors.

**Where do I start?**—with yourself, recording the information about your family, moving back one generation at a time.

**What information should I record?**—date and location of births, marriages, deaths and burials.

**Who is available to offer advice?**—genealogical libraries, LDS Family History Centers, local & national genealogical societies, and various internet resources.

## ***Sonoma County Resources***

### ***Sonoma County Library, Local History & Genealogical Annex***

Behind Central Library

Third & E Streets

Santa Rosa 95404

(707) 545-0831 ext 562

Hours: Wednesday thru Saturday 10:00 - 6:00

Webpage: <http://www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/>

### ***Family History Centers***

Branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Centers provide access to most of the microfilms and microfiche in the Family History Library to help patrons identify their ancestors. Everyone is welcome to come to the centers and use Family History Center resources. Family History Centers in Sonoma, County are:

#### ***Cloverdale***

1011 South Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale

Phone: (707) 894-9238

Hours: Tues. 1p.m.-5p.m; Wed. 9a.m.-9p.m.

Closed: Closed the last two weeks of December.

#### ***Santa Rosa***

1725 Peterson Lane, Santa Rosa

Phone: (707) 525-0399

Hours: Mon. 1pm-5pm; Tues -Wed 1pm-9pm; Thur 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-1pm

#### ***Sea Ranch California***

45500 Pacific Woods Road, Gualala

Phone: (707) 884-3255

Hours: Mon. Wed. 10a.m.-12p.m; also by appointment

#### ***Sonoma***

6280 La Grama, Agua Caliente

Phone: (707) 996-2369

Hours: Tues 9a.m.-5p.m., 7-9pm; Thur 9a.m.-5p.m;

Sun by appt.



## ***Local & National Genealogical Societies***

### ***Sonoma County Genealogical Society***

P. O. Box 2273, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0273

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society was founded in 1967 and is incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the State. The Society has a membership of over 365 persons that includes both Sonoma County residents and others who have roots in the county. The Society provides leadership and education through its various programs including general meetings, workshops, a newsletter, the Sonoma Searcher, a quarterly publication of the Society, special interest groups, library assistance, and research projects which document Sonoma County records and are published in book form and microfiche.

**General Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month except July, August, and December,

1:00 p.m., Room 2009, Lark Hall, Santa Rosa Junior College

Webpage: <http://scgs.org/>

### ***California State Genealogical Alliance***

P.O. Box 311, Danville, CA 94526-0311

Founded in October 1982, the California State Genealogical Alliance serves as a statewide association of independent genealogical societies, individuals, and non profit organizations such as libraries.

Membership in CSGA is open to any household, individual, genealogical society or other non-profit group supporting the stated purpose of the Alliance. Societies designate those who are to cast their society's votes. There are no proxy votes. Membership includes monthly newsletters, state wide activities calendar and Legislative Reports via Email.

Web page: <http://csga.com/>

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The National Genealogical Society  
4527 17th St., North  
Arlington, Virginia, 22207-2399.

The National Genealogical Society is a service organization that leads and educates the national genealogical community. Founded in 1903, it serves over 17,000 members including individuals, families, genealogical societies, family associations, libraries, and other related institutions.

Web page: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**The Federation of Genealogical Societies**

P.O. Box 200940

Austin, TX 78720-0940

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, founded in 1976, has three major purposes: serving the needs of its member societies, providing products and services needed by member societies, and marshaling the resources of its member organizations. Consisting of more than 550 member societies and over 500,000 individual genealogists, publishes Forum, a quarterly magazine providing current information essential to the informed genealogist. Stay informed of the latest developments in genealogy by subscribing to Forum, for only \$11.00: <http://fgs.org/fgs-forum.asp>.

FGS Society Hall was developed in partnership with Ancestry.com (a high-volume commercial site) at its FamilyHistory.com site on the Internet. Online visitors are encouraged to access Society Hall to find genealogical societies, historical societies, family associations, and other organizations in the areas of their interest.

<http://www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/main.asp>

FGS Web page: <http://fgs.org/>

**Internet Research:**

**Sonoma County Library:**

<http://www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/>

Scroll to Special Library Collections —select

**Genealogy and Family History:**

<http://www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/genealogy.html>

**Sonoma Indexes Online:**

<http://www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/genealogy.html#sonoma>

**WWW Resources:**

<http://www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/genealogy.html#www>

**Family Search Internet Genealogy Service:**

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

**Family Treemaker .com:**

<http://familytreemaker.com/>

**Gen Forum:**

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/>

**USGenWeb (map link to states):**

<http://www.usgenweb.net/statelinks.html>

**Ancestry.com:**

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

**Cyndi's List:**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

**Genealogy Classes/ Training**

For information about Genealogy Classes offered by the Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Department call: (707) 543-3737 or (707) 543-3282

For workshops or other classes contact:

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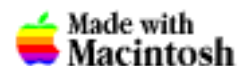
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\$200 lifetime



**General Meeting**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**S.R.J.C**  
**Lark Hall, Room 2009**  
**1 P.M. - 3 P.M.**

**There is now a \$2.00  
parking fee at the college.**



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