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## Sonoma County Genealogical Society April 2007 Newsletter

### *President's Letter*

By Audrey Herman, April 2007

Thanks to all of you who have submitted articles for the *Searcher*.

We are still looking for articles for upcoming issues of the *Searcher*. For the 2006 issues we would like to have family stories about the 1906 earthquake. If your family lived in the Bay Area at that time, we would like to have that story. Send these to our new *Searcher* editor Karen Gould [gouldk@pacbell.net](mailto:gouldk@pacbell.net).

Articles on any other topics are always gratefully accepted. If you have something already written or any ideas for topics you would like to see in the *Searcher* let me know.

We are also still looking for genealogy or history books to sell at the Seminar in April. Bring your outdated or no longer needed genealogy books to a meeting, take into the Annex, or we can arrange a pick up for a large collection. Contact me [audreyrae@comcast.net](mailto:audreyrae@comcast.net) to arrange a pickup.

*April 28  
Annual Spring  
Seminar*

*9:00 am -4:00  
pm  
Registration  
begins at 8:00  
am*

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*Presenter:*

*John Philip  
Colletta, Ph.D.*

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*Wells Fargo  
Center for the  
Arts  
Hwy 101 at  
River Road,  
Santa Rosa*

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*April 28, 2007 SCGS 15<sup>th</sup> All-Day Genealogy Seminar*  
*9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Registration begins at 8:00 am*  
*Wells Fargo Center for the Arts*  
*Hwy 101 at River Road, Santa Rosa*

If you haven't already registered for the Spring Seminar, do it today!

John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, he is based in Washington, D.C., where he conducts workshops for the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local universities. He also lectures nationally and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City, UT). His publications include two manuals: *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*. He has also written numerous "how-to" articles.

His topics, in order of presentation will be:

- Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!
- Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence
- Hacks and Hookers and Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesteryear's English
- Using Newspapers for Family History Research

Pre-registration is highly recommended to reserve your seat for this event. Price of admission for pre-admission is \$20 for members of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, \$25 for non-members. Admission at the door, beginning at 8:00 a.m. 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 Chairman, e-mail at [LoisNim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LoisNim@sbcglobal.net) or phone (707) 537-1684.

You can print a –pre-registration form from the SGCS website.



## *Book Raffle*

Submitted by Maggi Andrews

The SCGS Book Raffle – the greatest deal in town!

For only a single dollar, you get three chances to win! And what a prize – your choice of the next book to be ordered for the Sonoma County Library's Local History and Genealogy Annex. It is a great way to help our library build their collection, especially if you have a particular book that you have been wishing they had available. If you don't have something specific in mind, Audrey Herman will suggest a few titles in your chosen area of interest. The money collected from the raffle is donated to the Library's Book Fund, and the requested book is included with the Library's next order. When received, a special Book Plate is affixed to the inside cover – *Presented by the Sonoma County Genealogical Society*. After being catalogued, the book is then available for research.

The February winner has chosen "The Irish and Anglo-Irish landed gentry, when Cromwell came to Ireland; or, A supplement to Irish pedigrees" by John O'Hart.

Edison Family Genealogy and Photo Album, compiled by George Edison (Shepherd, Montana. © 2007)

George Edison visited the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Annex to research his local Bryan family. As luck would have it, librarian Katherine Rinehart recognized the name as being related to Thomas Nichols, the builder of her Petaluma home. Katherine later sent George a marriage notice from the Petaluma Daily Courier and when he sent her a thank you note, he also included a CD with his research. He used Personal Ancestral File and Adobe Acrobat to present a very nice compilation of his work, including family links, charts, photographs and scanned documents. The main families in his line are:

Edison (England to Virginia c.1705)

Boyce (England to Massachusetts c. 1638)

Henderson (Iowa 1850s to Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana)

Marra (Switzerland to California before 1900)

Bryan (Ireland to US, naturalized in Sonoma County 1864)

Zinserling (Germany to US mid 1850s, to Texas, Oregon and Washington).

If you are interested in any of these families, or would just like to see how someone has published his research, ask Katherine for the CD (it hasn't been catalogued yet).

What's New at the Library

March 2007

by Maggi Andrews

- 363.22 S *Sonoma County Sheriff's Department / 155 Years of Tradition 1850-2005*
- 366.1 A *California's First Century of Scottish Rite Masonry – compiled by Andersen & Whitsell*
- 636.5 H *How it all came about [Petaluma Incubator Company]*
- 728 H *Historic Structure Report – Dairy Barn, Andresen Ranch, Penngrove – Harris*
- 800 F *Mentations –Archer Baxter Forsyth 1893-1973*
- 929.3741 C *Maine Biographies, volumes I & II – Coe*
- 929.3744 S *Nantucket Genealogies – Starbuck*
- 929.375 S *Special Presidential Pardons of Confederate Soldiers*
- 929.3755 B *Revolutionary War Records / Volume I, Virginia – Brumbaugh*
- 929.3742 M *Mississippi 1860 Agricultural Census, Volumes 1 & 2 – compiled by Green*
- 929.3764 M *The First Census of Texas, 1829-1836 ... Citizenship lists ... other early records – Mullins*
- 979.418 C *Draining and Filling the Laguna de Santa Rosa – Cummings*
- 979.418 C *“Crystal Laughing Waters” – Historical Glimpses of the Laguna de Santa Rosa – Cummings*
- 979.418 C *Laguna de Santa Rosa / Index... microfilm files ... Sebastopol Times 1895-1965 – Cummings*
- 979.461 C *Golden Gate International Exposition – 1939 – Bibliography*
- 979.462 U *Novato Township / Land Grant to World War II – Ungemach*
- 979.463 T *A Journey to the Past / Old Times in Contra Costa – Tatam*
- 979.493 B *Santa Monica Bay / The First 100 Years – Basten*

## 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, April 7, 2007. The meeting will begin at 10 am at the home of Lorel Kapke, 17003 Park Ave., Aqua Caliente, CA, phone 996-8880. Contact Jim Cochran, 526-7331, for more information.



**Italian Interest Group:** Information not available.



**Computer Interest Group:** The next meeting will be May 19. For questions e-mail Maggi Andrews at [mizgriz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mizgriz@sbcglobal.net)

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## Generation "Tree"

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You  
2 Parents  
4 Grandparents  
8 Great Grandparents  
16 Great Great Grandparents  
32 Great Great Great Grandparents  
64 Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
128 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
256 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
and after just ten generations you then have  
2,048  
4,096  
8,192  
16,284  
32,568  
65,136  
130,272  
260,544  
521,088  
1,042,176  
One Million in only twenty generations!

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