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Sonoma County Genealogical Society February 2005 Newsletter

President's Message

By Tony Hoskins



Wouldn't it be great to meet on a regular monthly basis with other genealogical researchers, discuss your brick-walls, research bottlenecks, problems, findings, out-of-the-way solutions, etc.; and to have the gathering presided over by a professional genealogist-librarian with over 18 years on-the-job experience – someone to try to provide direction, counsel, advice? So would I! So, come join me each month, at noon on "Meeting Days".

Starting February 26, 2005, join us for "**Tony's Genealogy Discussion Group**" at 12:00 Noon, Room 2009, Lark Hall, SRJC. The regular Monthly Meeting will follow at 1:00.

A lifelong genealogist, in 1986 I was appointed Genealogical Services Librarian at Chicago's Newberry Library. Serving in this position for eleven years, I also created courses in basic and advanced genealogy. I found I provided the best and most effective research direction in a sort of question and answer format. And, with classroom participation, when the teacher draws a blank, frequently

someone in the class can supply some assistance! I have also published extensively in genealogical journals both in America and Great Britain, and perhaps some of the cases I have worked on would have direct application to your own.

We hope that these regular, directed, and participatory discussions will spur us all to make greater and more effective inroads in our genealogical research. So, please join us!

SCGS Members' Pedigree Charts Project

We are excited to announce the re-birth of the "**Sonoma County Genealogical Society Members' Pedigree Charts Project**". At our meetings, please check out the various volumes. And, please be inspired by them to bring your own at subsequent meetings for inclusion. It's lots of fun. Recently, Ray Owen and I discovered we are 8th cousins, twice removed, through common descents from Major Nathan Gold / Gould (died 1694) of Fairfield, Connecticut. Let's compare pedigree charts and discover many more cousins in our midst!

*February 26th
Meeting:*

*Internet
Genealogy*

*Speaker: Tony
Hoskins*

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Lark Hall
Santa Rosa
Junior College*

*See page two of
this newsletter
or the scgs web
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details.*



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February Meeting: Internet Genealogy

By Audrey Herman, January 2005

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At the meeting of February 26, Tony Hoskins will speak on Internet Genealogy. This will be an abbreviated version of a talk that he gave to librarians around the state.

Since Internet sites come and go, and often are not updated, books on Internet genealogy are out of date before they are printed, I am including only those titles printed in this century. If you are interested in purchasing a book for your home use, check the copyright date before purchasing. The best source for up to date Internet sites is www.cyndislist.com <http://www.cyndislist.com>.

Clifford, Karen, *The Complete Beginner's Guide To Genealogy: The Internet And Your Genealogy Computer*, Genealogical Publishing Co, 2001.

929.1 Annex, Santa Rosa, Fort Bragg, Guerneville, Lakeport, Petaluma, Rincon Valley, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol

Crowe, Elizabeth Powell, *Genealogy On Line*, McGraw-Hill, 2003

929.1 Santa Rosa, Northwest, Guerneville, Healdsburg, Lakeport, Middletown, Petaluma, Redbud, Rohnert Park, Sonoma, Upper Lake, Windsor

Crume, Rick, *Plugging Into Your Past: How To Find Real Family History Records On Line*. Betterway, 2004.

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Flinn, Cherri Melton, *Genealogy Basics Online: A Step-by-step Introduction To Finding Your Ancestors Through The Internet*, Musk&Lipmann, 2002.

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Hendricksen, Nancy, *Finding Your Roots On Line*, Betterway, 2003.

929.1 Lakeport, Rohnert Park

Kemp, Thomas Jay, *Virtual Roots: A Guide To Genealogy And Local History On The World Wide Web*, Scholarly Press, 2002.

No copies of the 2002 edition in the system

1997 edition 929.1 Petaluma, Fort Bragg

McClure, Rhonda, *The Genealogists' Computer Companion*. Betterway, 2001.

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In Memorium

We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time member Joan Wolf, who passed away December 17, 2004. Our sympathies are with her husband, Don, a former president of SCGS, and with their family.



Welcome New Members

Patricia BERNARD, interested in English-Scots-Welsh, Irish, German & New York groups.

Eileen MEMORY, English-Scots-Welsh interests.

Dorothy BUTI, interested in English-Scots-Welsh group, researching MUNTON surname.

Sharon FERNANDEZ, Researching surnames, GRAVATTE, WAIT, FISCHER & COLBY.

Betty STORMS, interested in English-Scots-Welsh, German, & Southern States groups, and surnames GANDY, ST. CLAIR/SINCLAIR, MATHEWS, NOELS, HORVAT, BERNATECK, WRIGHT, & NEILSON.

Sally GEARHART, expressed interest in English-Scots-Welsh, Irish, German, & Southern States groups.


Karen AYERS CONNELI, English-Scots-Welsh, Irish, German & New York State interests, surnames AYERS & EARLY.


John DENNISON.


PRESIDENTS' DAY


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Special Interest Groups

 **British Group** The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 12, from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. at Helen Strickley's home in Oakmont, 8836 Hood Mountain Circle, Santa Rosa. We hope the Saturday meeting time will enable more interested members to attend. Mark your calendars now. More details to follow as we get closer to the date. Comments or questions? Contact Susan Simons by e-mail susan459@sbcglobal.net or phone 527-7191.

 **German Group** Saturday, 5 March 2005, at 10 AM at the home of Jim Cochran, 1658 Tarkenton Court, Santa Rosa. We will be having a general help session and discussion on topics of interest to those present. For information contact Jim Cochran at 526-7331 or cougars@sonic.net

 **Italian Interest Group** The next meeting will be on March 19, 2005 at 10 AM at the home of Ines Williams. For more information contact me at inesw@comcast.net. All are welcome.

 **Computer Interest Group** The Computer Interest Group will be meeting February 19th at 2 PM at the Family History Center. For more information, contact-Maggi Andrews 538-1775.

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Coming Events

February 26: Many people at the September meeting asked to have a presentation of genealogical internet sites. Tony Hoskins will speak on the topic of online genealogical research.

March 26: Genealogy and DNA will be presented by James Rader

April 16: Sacramento Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day seminar featuring Dr. George Schweitzer, Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 A. M., in Citrus Heights, CA. Topics will include "Major Indexes on the Internet", "American Federal and State Land Records", "Finding Your Ancestor's Parents", and a questions and answers session. Contact Root Cellar-SGS, P.O.Box 265, Citrus Heights, CA, 95611-0265

April 23: SCGS Seminar, featuring Sandra Hardgreaves Luebking, 9 A.M.To 4 P.M., at Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa.

May 13-14, 2005: Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree and Resource Expo, 2005. To be held at the Burbank Hilton in Burbank, CA. With guest speakers and exhibitors with the latest books. For information see <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com>.

May 28: Investigative techniques for genealogy presented by Ray Owen

Several members have expressed an interest in having a program discussing how to get started in genealogical research in other countries. The best way to do this would be a panel of experts in various countries. In order to put together a panel, I need to know in which countries people are interested. Please send an e-mail message to Audrey at AudreyRae@earthlink.net listing the countries you would like to have represented, and I will try to put something together for a future meeting.



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