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Sonoma County Genealogical Society March 2005 Newsletter

Painting Restoration

By Ray Owens, February 2005

As a Member-at-Large of the SCGS, I would like to direct your attention to a worthy project. Fellow society member Jeremy Nichols has undertaken the monumental task of researching and writing the history of the Sonoma County Hospital, Poor Farm and Cemetery, all of which are connected. In addition to chronicling these institutions and identifying indigent burials in the County Cemetery on Chanate Road, he is leading the effort to restore and maintain the now overgrown cemetery grounds.

During his investigation, he discovered an original painting of the County Hospital done in 1896 by E. Perrot. The painting measures 22" by 27" and is badly in need of restoration. The cost will be \$2200 plus an unknown lesser amount for a suitable frame. Half of the restoration cost has already been raised through donations.

As an ancillary matter, a fascinating account has evolved about the painter, Eugene Perrot/Pierrot. He and his

family immigrated from France in 1850 and settled in Texas where they prospered until the Civil War. During the war, Eugene Pierrot served as a cavalryman with the Confederate Army, later was an itinerant portrait painter, and by 1896 was in Santa Rosa where he died as an indigent in 1919. He's buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Santa Rosa in an unmarked but known gravesite. As a contribution to the project, Memorial Park has generously donated the installation cost of the military headstone that is on order from the Veterans Administration.

If you would like to make a contribution for restoration of the historic painting of the Sonoma County Hospital, you may send a check to Painting Fund, Sonoma County Historical Society, PO Box 1373, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. The contribution is tax deductible to the extent provided by law. The painting is currently on display at the Sonoma County Museum in Santa Rosa.

March 26th
Meeting:

*Genealogy and
DNA*

*Speaker: James
Rader*

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Lark Hall
Santa Rosa
Junior College*

*See page two of
this newsletter
or the SCGS web
site for more
details.*

*Don't forget to come
early with your
genealogy questions
to "Tony's Genealogy
Discussion Group":
12:00 Noon to 1:00
p.m., before the regular
meeting at Lark Hall.*



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February Meeting: Internet Genealogy

By Audrey Herman, January 2005

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If you trace your ancestors back 10 generations, you will have 1,024 ancestors. Go back 30 generations, to the beginning of the 15th century, and you will have more than one billion ancestors (that thought makes one almost glad of all those brick walls). Since there were not a billion people on the planet at that time, all of us have many ancestors in common. According to the book *Seven Daughters of Eve*, almost all European women can trace their female line back to one of seven women, yet each of us has a unique genetic code which is a clue to our origins.

The speaker at the March 26 meeting will be James Rader, who will speak on the topic of Genealogy and DNA. His web site <http://www.rader.org/dna/index> has references to sites discussing DNA projects. Listed here are a few books on the subject.

Cavalli-Sforza, Luigi Luca, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, North Point Press, 2000.

599.938 Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sonoma

Cavalli-Sforza, Luigi Luca, *The Great Human Diaspora*, Helix Books, 1995.

573.2 Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park

Jones, Martin, *The Molecule Hunt: Archaeology and The Search for Ancient DNA*, Arcade Publishing, 2002.

599.9 Santa Rosa

Leonine, Richard, *Human Diversity*, Scientific American Library, 1982.

573.21 Petaluma

Olson, Steve, *Mapping Human History: Discovering The Past Through Our Own Genes*, Houghton Mifflin, 2002

599.9 Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Cloverdale

Smolenyak, Megan, *Trace Your Roots with DNA*. Rodale Books, 2004.

No Sonoma County library owns

Wells, Spencer, *The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey*, Princeton University Press, 2002.

599.938 Santa Rosa, Rincon Valley, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol

Research Policy Statement

There is a \$5.00 charge for limited lookups, which include the following: SASE, postage and handling and up to 5 copied pages. Additional charges will be made for research of more than one hour or more than 5 copied pages.

Napa Cemetery Database: For those who are searching in Napa County, The Napa Valley Genealogical & Biographical Society has finished a project to compile an updated digital version of the Napa County cemetery records & Great Register. The cemetery records are available on three CD's. They are available for purchase, and at the society's library.

The Marin Genealogical Society's library will be available at the L.D.S. Family History Center which opened on Feb. 26, at 220 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael. Call for hours.

What's New at the Library


By Maggi Andrews, February 2005


- 372 M *School registers, 1910-1913*; Mt. Jackson School District, Guerneville
- 929.1089 S *Guide to Jewish Genealogy*, edited by Sack & Mokotoff
- 929.343 G *Germans to America; Lists of Passengers Arriving at US Ports*; vol 41, Nov 1881-March 1882
- 979.48 O *100 Years, Centennial Edition, 1868-1968*; Press Democrat 1968
- 979.415 H *Touring the Old Redwood Highway, Mendocino County*, by Hawk
- 979.418 K *Images of America; Fort Ross and the Sonoma Coast*, by Kalani & Sweedler
- 979.418 W *Welcome to the Redwood Empire: A Newcomer's Guide to Services and Activities*; Press Democrat 1977


The following are categorized as **rare**:


- Oversized *1852 California State Census: Schedule I, (population) ... for the County of Sonoma*
- 630.979418 *Farm Account Book of John A. Patchett of Annapolis, California*
- 929.2 P *Papers of John Gotea Pressley and Family, 1874-1908*
- 979.418 K *Records of Gold Ridge Farm, Sonoma County, California. 1928-198*
- 979.418 *Correspondence Relating to [Elks] Lodge Building Mortgage. 1916-192.*

Special Interest Groups

 **British Group** The British Group is now meeting on alternate months. The next meeting will be on Sat., April 2, 2005, at the home of Susan Simons, 459 Nikki Dr., Santa Rosa, from 10 A. M. to 12 Noon. For more information, contact Susan Simons, e-mail, susans@sbcglobal.net or phone 527-7191.

 **German Group** Saturday, 5 March 2005, at 10 a.m. 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 March 19th at 2 PM at the Sonoma County Library Annex. For more information, contact Maggi Andrews at 538-1775.

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Coming Events

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.

Workshops Offered at the National Archives: Rose Mary Kennedy, Genealogy Specialist, will offer a series of workshops at the San Bruno National Archives. They will be held Fridays, 9 A. M. to 12, or 1 P. M., as follows:

March 11, Census Records

April 22, Passenger Arrival & Naturalization Records

July 15, Military- Part 1, Revolutionary War to Civil War

August 19, Military Part 2, Spanish American to Viet-Nam

Sept. 23, Census Records Research.

All workshops will be held at NARA-Pacific Region (San Bruno), 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno, CA, 94066. To register and reserve a space, contact Rose Mary Kennedy, (650) 238-3485, or 238-3488. Fees are \$15.00 payable at the door.

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