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Sonoma County Genealogical Society November 2005 Newsletter

November Meeting: Using Spreadsheets with Your Genealogy Research

By Lorel Kapke, November 2005

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Since completing her MBA, Cat has pursued independent consulting assignments. Cat was a volunteer at NGS Conference in the States 2004 and an organizer of California Conference, 2003. She is a Past President of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, a member of the Association of Professional

Genealogists, Genealogical Speakers Guild, National Genealogical Society, and the California Genealogical Society.

Cat volunteers at the National Archives and Record Administration Pacific Region in San Bruno, CA. She teaches Genealogy at a local adult education program and a local Community College's 60+ program. Cat is pursuing professional certification.

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org. Hard copies (paper copies) of the newsletter will still be available, but there will be fewer.

To update your contact information or renew your membership, please contact Annie at anniec@sonic.net.

November 26th Meeting

Using Spreadsheets with your Genealogy Research

*Speaker:
Cat Nielson*

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Lark Hall
Santa Rosa
Junior College*

Welcome New Members



MAXWELL, Carla L.: Researching TRAVIS in NY; WALLACE in VA, MO, KY, CA; YOUNG in VA, MO, Lake Co., CA; STARKEY

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County Hospital Painting

By Jeremy Nichols, October 2005

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This is an update on my research into Eugene PIERROT, painter of the 1896 "Sonoma County Hospital" painting, the restoration of which the Sonoma County Historical Society is collecting donations.


The PIERROT family has finally been traced back to their origin in France. As correctly predicted by SCGS president Tony Hoskins, the PIERROT family hailed from Alsace, in eastern France, along the border with Germany. Birth and marriage certificates found in the records of the town of Saverne, France, show that Eugene PIERROT was born there on March 20, 1824. His mother and siblings were also born in Saverne and his parents were married there too. Eugene PIERROT's four grandparents were surnamed PIERROT, GUISE, PFEIFFER, and MOSBRUEKER. Except for PIERROT, all are German names (no wonder Eugene could speak German!).


The story of the finding of the painting and the history of Eugene PIERROT will appear in the Spring 2005 issue of Sonoma Medicine, the journal of the Sonoma County Medical Association.


Fund raising is complete. We have enough for the conservator's work and perhaps enough extra to buy the painting a correct frame. The painting is now in Sebastopol at the conservator's workshop, where it will spend most of the next year.

Special Interest Groups

 **British Interest Group** For more information, contact Susan Simons: e-mail, susans@sbcglobal.net or phone 527-7191.

 **German Interest Group** 2006 will begin with the German Group meeting at 10 AM on Saturday, 7 Jan 06. The location will be at Lois Nimmo's home at 308 Pythian Road, Santa Rosa, 537-1684. Contact Jim Cochran at 526-7331 for more information.

 **Italian Interest Group** The Italian Interest group will not meet until after the first of the year. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2006 a 10 AM at the home of Ines Williams. For more information contact Ines Williams at inesw@comcast.net.

 **Computer Interest Group** For more information, contact Maggi Andrews at 538-1775.

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\$200 lifetime

Chanate Historic Cemetery Update

By Jeremy Nichols, October 2005

The informational display (kiosk/signboard) and bench have been installed at the Chanate Historic Cemetery. The boulder for the memorial to the Chinese who were buried there has been delivered to North Bay Monument for installation of the plaque purchased by the Redwood Empire Chinese Association. When this memorial is finished, it will be installed at the cemetery, probably in the next few weeks. The dedication ceremony for the cemetery has been put off until Spring 2006 so that more cleanup work can be done.

The search for grave markers goes on. Over 200 markers have been located, although the names of the persons buried at those locations are known for only half of the markers. Searchers are impeded by brush and cut trees waiting to be removed from the site. Sonoma County Parks staff have been enormously helpful but their budget is limited.

A broken handle from a casket was unearthed a few weeks ago. It is rather small and may be from a child's casket; in fact, it was found in an area where the graves are closely packed together and some are known to have contained infants. Research into the handle's history is underway.

Volunteers who wish to help the cleanup should contact the Sonoma County Parks and Rec volunteer office. (John Ryan, Volunteer Coordinator, telephone 707-565-3356, email volunteer@sonoma-county.org.) A volunteer application may be downloaded from http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/volunteer/app_downloads.htm.



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