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Establishing A Library Collection

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The lead article in the last issue of this newsletter discussed some ideas for establishing a special genealogical collection in local libraries. Perhaps the quarter century experience of our society can also offer some ideas.

A unique partnership has long existed between the Santa Cruz County City/County Library System and the GSSCC. The California History and Genealogy Room, located on the main floor of the central library, offers local and state historical references. A major collection of microfilm provides access to area newspapers dating back to the 1850s. Some 10,000 genealogical items, owned by the genealogy society are housed there. This includes books, microfilm, fiche, and CD-ROMs covering every state and numerous foreign countries.

The library system provides space and support services for the collection, while the society provides the volunteer staff. Society staff provides reference assistance, and does all the behind-the-scenes work required to make a library run smoothly. Under our agreement, the society typically spends several thousand dollars each year for new acquisitions and maintenance of the collection.



A portion of the Genealogy and History Room at the Santa Cruz Central Library. The Genealogy and History Room is located just inside the main entrance of the library in downtown Santa Cruz.

No tax monies are ever used for acquisitions. The society even insures the collection. The non-circulating genealogical publications are included in the regular online library catalog. This catalog is accessible from local terminals in the ten branches of the library system, and via the library web site (www.santacruzpl.org).

The library homepage provides a wide variety of resources. Under the *Research* section is included *Genealogy*. When you click on that link you are led to the Santa Cruz County GenWeb site, also maintained by our society. This then links to various area resources and to sites located throughout the U.S. and the world. In other words, the *Genealogy* link on the library homepage provides an entry point

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Our New Address

CSGA has had its Post Office box in Danville, but that has proved to no longer be convenient for those who need to pick up the mail. So we have changed our mailing address. Effective immediately the new mailing address for CSGA is:

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CSGA now prints and mails its newsletter via NetPost, a service offered by the U.S. Postal Service. We have an article on page 16 for more details on this service.

The CSGA newsletter is produced unstapled because the Postal Service prefers to avoid staples which cause problems with their machines. We apologize to those for whom this is an inconvenience.

— Peggy Rossi, editor

About CSGA

Our Mission:

- Serve as an information source for the California genealogical community
- Form a communication link between societies and the genealogical community
- Identify, assess, inventory and preserve the genealogical sources within the state
- Promote and advertise genealogy

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for genealogy research. This is very helpful to newcomers. All anyone need do is visit the local library web page to research his or her roots. The homepage also provides a detailed description of the Genealogy Collection.

Our society meetings and seminars are held in the public meeting room in the downtown Santa Cruz library building. The facility affords the latest in multi-media resources, including video projection and Internet access.

When someone does a Google search, they are led to both the Santa Cruz Library and to the GSSCC web sites. Visitors from other areas regularly come to the library. This benefits both our society and the library system. It's a win-win situation, in my view.

Los Angeles County Burial Permits Online

The Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research library volunteers have indexed and placed online the burial permits on file at the Los Angeles County Vital Records Department (Norwalk).

The permits cover the years 1870 through 1892 for persons who died in Los Angeles County. They were signed by clergy, doctors, attendants, Justices of the Peace or others in attendance when the person died.

Those listed may not be all the permits prepared during this time period. Also some of the records were difficult to read or were in Spanish.

The website to view the permits is <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/LA-CO-Burial.htm>. Thank you, volunteers for your hard work!

Nominations

Nominations for the offices of 1st Vice-President and Secretary have been made.

1st Vice President: Everett Ireland
Incumbent

Recording Secretary: Sue Roe
Incumbent (after being appointed to fill remainder of term).

Ballots will be mailed toward the end of July. The results will announced at the Annual Meeting in September in Napa.