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- NON-FICTION ARTICLES THAT DESCRIBE FAMILY OR LOCAL HISTORY AND CAPTURE A FAMILY EXPERIENCE OR THE CHARACTER

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OR

- NON-FICTION CHARACTER SKETCHES OR MEMOIRS THAT GIVE A SENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY.

THE BEST ARTICLES WILL ALSO ILLUMINATE THE ERA AND/OR THE HISTORICAL OR SOCIAL CONTEXT OF THE SUBJECT.

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CONTEST CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	WORD COUNT	STATUS	CASH PRIZES
1	1,000-2,000	<i>ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES MAY BE EITHER PUBLISHED OR UNPUBLISHED</i>	\$200, \$100, \$50
2	UNDER 1,000		\$100, \$50, \$25

- There is a \$10 entry fee for each entry from within the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii. There is *no* entry fee for entries from *outside* the U.S.

- Entries must be received between November 1 and December 31, 2009.

- Writers may submit multiple entries in either and/or both category, but each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee.

- Each entry must be submitted in triplicate with a cover letter stapled to each of the three copies.

- The cover letter should show the author's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, if any; the title of the article; the word count; and the category entered (1 or 2).

- Endnotes need not be included in the word count. Entries may be either single or double spaced, and subjects need not relate to California or the United States.

- Winners will be notified individually by May 1, 2010, and a listing of winning entries will be posted on the SCGS Website at that same time. The winners' names will also be printed in the summer

issue of *The Searcher*, the quarterly journal of SCGS.

- The judges will use four criteria in evaluating the entries:

- 1) overall interest and impact,
- 2) accuracy and carefulness with facts,
- 3) "voice" and language, and
- 4) writing mechanics (clarity, grammar).

- Certificates will be issued for first, second, and third place, honorable mention, and finalist at the discretion of the judges. All decisions are final.

- All research used in the articles must be supported by endnote citations. For guidelines on citation style, see "Evidence, Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian," by Elizabeth Shown Mills (Genealogical Pub. Co.), or "The Chicago Manual of Style," by University of Chicago Press Staff.

- Entrants grant SCGS the one-time right to publish their articles in the SCGS journal *The Searcher*; and/or to feature the article on the SCGS Website; and/or to publish their article in an anthology of winning entries. Previously published articles should include permission to reprint from the prior publisher.