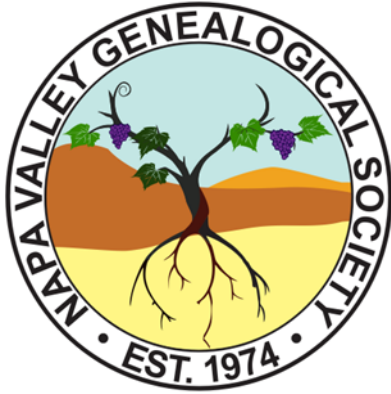


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Mission Statement

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society is dedicated to the promotion of genealogical, historical, and biographical research, and the preservation of family history. The society serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.

Hours for Library

Our Library is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays
from 10am-1pm.

We would like to have two people on staff duty together for the days we
are open.

We also would like to open the library in the afternoon or evening.
Please consider volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer to staff, please email the president
Sandra Hoover at president@napagensoc.org

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Napa Valley Genealogy Society presents...

July 20, 2023

1:00 pm

“What to Do with Your DNA Test Results”

by
Diahan Southard

www.napagensoc.org

A Zoom meeting

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 2023

July 3, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Military Families”**
11:00am Zoom

July (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

July (2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

July 14, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

July 20, Thursday **Program: “What to Do with Your DNA Test Results”**
presented by **Diahan Southard. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm**

August 2023

Aug. 7, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “School Memories”**
11:00am Zoom

Aug. (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

Aug. (2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug. 11, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Aug. 17, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “Maps & Trails, 17th-19th Century”**
presented by **Tina Beard. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm.**

WinePress deadline, Articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, due 26th of each month,
E-mail articles to: info@napagensoc.org In subject line state: Newsletter item.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Napa Valley Genealogical Society

Next year in 2024 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

Helping the community to find out who they are and
teaching those that wish to continue with their family history.

Keep looking for our 50th Anniversary Celebration Schedule.



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

No new members

ON-LINE CATALOGUE

Remember that our library has a completely searchable online catalog. Users may access the search function from their home computers, their smart devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) or from the PC's available in the NVGS library. You can print out a list of the publications you wish to view while you are at the library.

Go to: napagensoc.org. Tab *Library* to reach our library catalogue online.

Membership Cards

If you would like to print your membership card, follow these steps:

1. Put card stock or a heavy sheet of paper in your printer.
2. Log in to the website. (napagensoc.org)
3. Click on your name (right hand upper corner) to go to your profile.
4. Click on the **Membership Tab**.
5. Click on the **Printable PDF**. It will download to your download folder.
6. Print and cut it out – there will be two printed, one with square corners and one with rounder corners.

A Reminder

Did you miss our speaker last month? If so, you may view the recording now on our website. Sign in as a member. napagensoc.org/Program-Videos

These recordings will be available for only a limited time.

LETS US KNOW

If you change your E-mail address, phone number or street address let us know.

We have been getting some emails and mail as returned or undeliverable.

Mary's Book Corner



"The Almost Legendary Morris Sister"

by Julie Klam

The subtitle pretty much says it all, "*A True Story of Family Fiction.*"

Although the author is a novice at family research she does manage to discover that most of what she heard about the legendary Morris sisters was indeed fiction. The author tells an interesting story and points out an important lesson for all family researchers, both novice and experienced. It really is important to research everything you hear in family stories to dig down and discover the real truth behind them.

Happy reading, Mary



Flag Display Guidelines

The U.S. flag should be treated with care. It should be illuminated if displayed at night and should be brought inside during inclement weather if it is not made with all-weather materials.

When the flag is being raised or lowered, or when the flag passes by during a parade, Americans should place their right hand over their heart.

Never let the flag touch the ground or anything underneath it.

Never display a flag with the union down, except to signal distress in extreme instances of danger.

In a group of flags displayed from staffs, the U.S. flag should be at the center and the highest point.

If the flag is not on a staff, it should hang free, with the union facing north or east, depending on the direction of the street.

If the flag is propped on a building, the union (blue area with the stars) should be at the very top. Same as if the flag is hung from a rope from a building.

When the flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

Did you know? Federal law states the American flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution, near every polling place on election days and during school days in or near every school.

Epitaphs that Enlighten: Finding the Stories in Headstones

FAMILY HISTORY

11 April 2023

BY KAITLIN VAUGHAN, RESEARCH MANAGER

In the 17th century, many new cemeteries were erected in churchyards and near synagogues within the 13 colonies. By the 19th century, with the onset of urbanization, large cemeteries, public and private, began to resemble the sprawling parks where many of our loved ones are buried today. These sacred grounds are not only for visiting and paying homage to our ancestors, but they are repositories rich with historical and genealogical information, some of which is imprinted or engraved on stone and marble headstones.

Headstones as Biographical Records of Death

[Find a Grave®](#), a website within the Ancestry® family, comprising over a million individual contributors, and a dedicated team of administrators, contains over 210 million memorials to the buried and cremated deceased.

Many of these [memorials](#) contain photographs of headstones, which elicit myriad information about the deceased. Headstones usually memorialize the vital dates of birth and death, but oftentimes can also tie husband to wife, mother to daughter, confirm the deceased's childlessness, and even include sentiments of how their loved ones felt about them.

Headstones for some communities and religious denominations provide especially detailed information about the deceased. For instance, headstones erected for people of the Jewish faith often include their Hebrew or Yiddish given name, and the names of their parents. This information can be helpful for locating immigration documents in instances where the individual entered a different country under their birth name which they subsequently changed upon arrival.

The headstone for Kive Perlman (1857-1948) lists his Hebrew name, the name of his father, his age at death, and his date of death according to the Hebrew calendar.



Inscription

פנ אבינו היקר
הזקן והנכבד שומר אמונים
הישיש ר אקיבה בר פייביש צבי
ששבק חיים לכל חי
כד ניסן התשח
בן תשעים היה במותו
תנצבה

[Here lies our Dear Father
the Old and Honorable Keeper of the Faith
the elderly Akiva son of Feivish Tzvi
Died 24 Nisan 5708
90 years old at his death
May his soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life]

Headstones as Artful Records of Death

It is not uncommon for photographs of the deceased to be affixed or engraved into their headstones. Vincenzo Martini's (1885-1926) face is memorialized in perpetuity on his headstone, for onlookers and ancestors to admire throughout the years.



Other headstones provide clues about the interred's profession or hobbies, for instance, a piano found on the grave of a pianist, or a metal helmet affixed atop a fireman's headstone. The deceased's military branch, or other

Headstones as Proof of Death: A Case Study

Though Ancestry has an expansive [collection](#) of death certificates and death indices from across the country and the world, depending on your ancestor's place or date of death, many death records are conspicuously missing. In this case, looking into [cemetery records](#) within Find a Grave for vital dates may prove fruitful. Sometimes, though, an actual cemetery visit becomes necessary.

When researching the lineage of an African American family in the South, it became difficult to locate death dates for several individuals who lived and died in rural Virginia. Family lore suggested these individuals were buried on family farmland in the early 1900s. Because the deaths for these family members fell prior to 1935 when the Social Security Administration was founded, we would not expect to find them listed in the Social Security Death Index.

Relevant death indices were scoured both digitally and by hand, and local repositories consulted for any hidden record sets, but ultimately, proof of their deaths was nowhere to be found. This was not surprising due to the fact that the county's recordings were notoriously incomplete, and this was an African American family subjected to discrimination and bureaucratic inaccessibility. As such, it seemed unlikely their dates of death were going to be found through conventional documentation. Sure enough, a trip to the cemetery solved the genealogical mystery. There, we found handmade gravestones for infant deaths, and the missing second great-uncle's headstone was found underneath a tall oak tree.

Ancestry's collection subcategory of [Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituar-](#) Continued on pg. 7
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Using Find a Grave® to Discover Your Ancestor

Ancestry's collection subcategory of [Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries](#) contains close to 3,000 searchable collections from around the world. Searching your ancestor's names may provide a link to their grave through a site such as Find a Grave.

Find a Grave pages often contain accompanying photographs of the deceased's headstones, in addition to user-published obituaries and scanned photographs. When that fails, why not take a trip to the final resting place of your ancestors; pay your respects and maybe uncover a bit more about them.

Saturday, July 15, 2023

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society

presents

Linda Harms Okazaki



Organize Your Family History Research

Researching your family history is a labor of love. But do you sometimes feel like you are drowning under a pile of paper, have no idea what to do with all of your findings, or worse, can't find those records on your hard drive? There are as many ways to organize your data as there are researchers. The only "right" way to organize your genealogy is to do it in a way that you will consistently follow! Genealogist Linda Harms Okazaki will help you tackle that growing mountain of data. She will share strategies to help you start your research, keep track of your findings, and establish naming conventions for digital and paper files.

Linda Okazaki is a nationally known researcher and lecturer. A charter member of the Nikkei Genealogical Society and past president of the California Genealogical Society, she is the founder and partner of Linda's Orchard, LLC. She is a columnist for the [Nichi Bei Weekly](#), a former [Nichi Bei Foundation](#) board member, and a research consultant for Ancestry's [ProGenealogists](#) and [Densho.org](#). Additionally, Ms. Okazaki is a founding member of APG's new Special Interest Advocacy Group.

Meeting begins at noon; Presentation at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

What You Can Learn About the Meaning of Your Last Name

SURNAMES

5 April 2023

BY ANCESTRY® TEAM

To learn more about your family history, the natural place to start is the most obvious marker of your family: your surname. And the natural place to learn about your surname is a free [Last Name Meanings and Origins](#) search on [Ancestry](#).

The origins and meaning of your last name can reveal a surprising amount about you and your family. Ancestry can typically tell you the ethnic [origin of your surname](#), which you may already know. But it can also tell you if your name is occupational, habitational (based on a place), or descriptive, and you might even discover where your name originated.

Occupational Names

Occupational names refer to names derived from jobs and trades. Some are obvious: Smith, the most common surname in the United States, means metalworker, as many people know. But the Last Name Meanings and Origins search can tell you about names related to lost occupations.

Latimer, for example, was a clerk who wrote in Latin. Lorimer was a bridle and bit maker. Sometimes the occupation is still known but practiced much differently than in the past. Thus, the titular forebear of Robin Leach, former host of the show “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous,” was likely a doctor back when medieval physicians used leeches to drain blood from the sick.

In some cases, the history and spread of a name can give concrete clues to a genealogical search. Jagger, for example, is an occupational name meaning “carter” or “peddler” in Middle English. To a Jagger researching his family roots today, the etymology of his surname is probably less interesting than the fact that all or most current holders of this English surname are probably members of a single family that emerged from Halifax, Yorkshire, in the 16th century.

Habitational Names

Habitational names derive from the place where an ancestor lived. Their meaning can also help people locate ancestors. For example, Leach, if not indicating an early doctor, might have referred to someone who lived near a boggy stream, or “laecc” in Old English, of Eastleach or Northleach in Gloucestershire.

Descriptive Names

Descriptive names refer to nicknames that may have been bestowed on an ancestor. Genealogists suspect that surnames based on plants and animals are nicknames. Thus, “Fox” means a forefather showed cunning and wit, while “Armstrong” describes a more physical forebear.

While knowing that an ancestor once won plenty of arm wrestling matches isn’t going to help you locate your lost Old World relatives, the Last Name Meanings and Origins search is also an entry point into the 16 billion records collected, organized, and maintained by Ancestry. The Family Facts Page for any given surname even includes information on immigration and life expectancy for that name.

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LIBRARY OPENING



THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN ON
Tuesday July 18th from 3pm –7pm.

If you work or cannot get to the library during the day come on down and join us.
We can extend hours depending on use.

Library is open every week on Wednesdays and Thursdays
from 10am to 1pm

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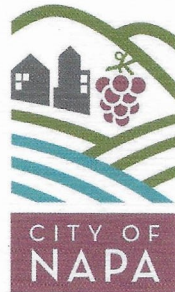
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