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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...

May 18, 2023

1:00 pm

"Genealogy on the Go"

by
Peggy Lauritzen

misspeggy55@gmail.com

www.napagensoc.org

A Zoom meeting

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 2023

May 1, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “How Does Your Garden Grow?”**
11:00am Zoom

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

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

May 12, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

May 18, Thursday **Program: “Genealogy on the Go”**

presented by Peggy Lauritzen. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm

June 2023

Jun. 5, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “ Wedding Memories”**
11:00am Zoom

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

Jun. 9, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

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

Jun. 15, (3rd Thurs) **Program: TBA**

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 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society

Presents

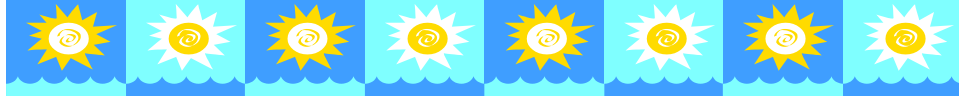
Melinda Kashuba

Using Maps in Genealogical Research, Part, 1

The Purpose of the first of two maps lectures is to introduce genealogist to the variety of maps available online and in various major libraries and archives that are useful to genealogists. Examples of topographic maps, county atlas maps, fire insurance maps, and others will be presented to build confidence in reading and interpreting maps. The ultimate goal is to enable students to find maps that can help find answers to their genealogical questions as well as provide context for their ancestors' lives.

Register at <https://scgsonline.org>

Meeting begins at noon, presentation at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Beltrami, Wendy

None given

Hunter, Debbie

None given

Loftus, Joan

None given

McKenzie, Christine

None given

MEMBERS MAY SCHEDULE A LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Email to: info@napagensoc.org or call 707-252-2252

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 as undeliverable.

Mary's Book Corner



“ Benjamin Banneker and Us”

Benjamin Banneker and Us: Eleven Generations of an American Family is a book about genealogy but it is so much more. Rachel Jamison Webster, writer and genealogist, discovers like so many of us that she has African DNA. In 1791, Thomas Jefferson hired Benjamin Banneker to help survey Washington, DC. Banneker, a free Black man, was a largely self taught mathematician, astronomer, and a writer of almanacs. Webster makes contacts with her Black relatives and collaborates with them to create this wonderful history of an extraordinary person and family. It is extremely well researched and very readable. You can find it on our Members Lending Library shelf.

Happy reading, Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS continued 2023



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.

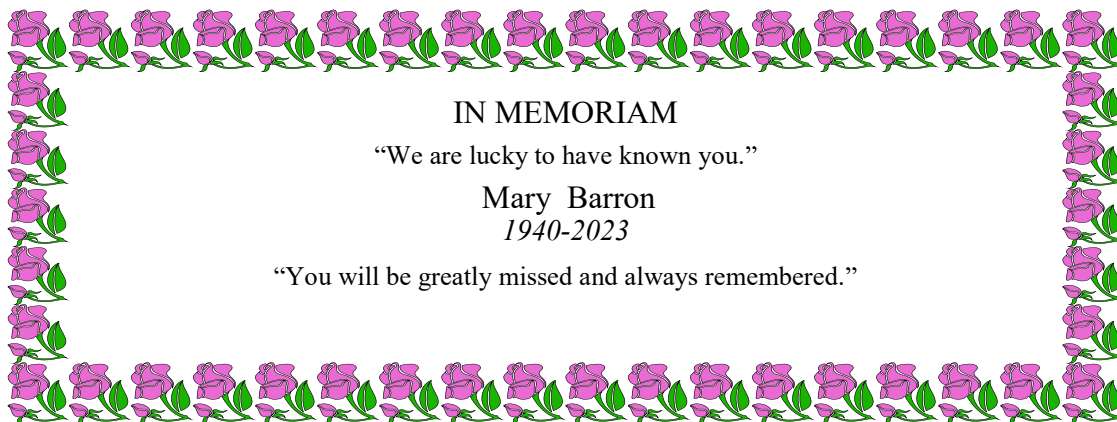


IN MEMORIAM

“We are lucky to have known you.”

Mary Barron
1940-2023

“You will be greatly missed and always remembered.”



The New ScanPro3000

Tom Rodzewich
Setting up the ScanPro3000

This is a Microfilm-Microfiche Scanner.

We have at the library 750 rolls
of microfilm plus about
2100 microfiche.
Before last week we had no way to view
them.

Now with this ScanPro installed we can
not only view them but Print what you
would like from the films.

Thank you Community Projects
for the grant to purchase this
piece of equipment.

Some of the films that we have.

Censuses

State Censuses

Assessment list of Napa County

Tax Assessment pages: Road Districts



NVGS members learning to use
the ScanPro from Tom Rodzewich.

SOME FACTS

1901: Oldsmobile builds 425 gasoline autos, marking the beginning of mass-produced cars.
1903: First trip across the U.S. by automobile: a Packard car arrives in NY City 52 days after leaving San Francisco.
1908: Ford's Model T, America's most popular car for 20 years, chugs off the production line.
1910: Barney Oldfield covers a mile at 133 mph in a Benz car at Daytona Beach, Fla.
1915: First taxi service gets rolling, fare is a nickel.
1939: Fully automatic transmissions and air conditioning makes driving a breeze.
1966: Congress, reacting to the amount of accidents, passes first automobile and highway safety laws.

SUSAN DOUGLASS-DULON

by Bobbie Mattila

Susan was the first child to be born to Perez (Charles) Douglas and Mary Ann Payton. She was born on 28 October 1848 in Clifton/Bristol, England. Two brothers were born after her in England, George (who died young in England) and John who was born on June 6, 1853. Father Charles (this is the name I will use for him) was born in Maine and was in Bristol England when he married Mary Ann Payton.

They were married at Parish Church, St. George, Brandon Hill, Bristol, England on January 17, 1848. On the wedding certificate he is listed as a mariner. His father is listed as a Shipwright (carpenter). The church was built between 1821 and 1823 in the Greek revival style. Since 1976 it has been used as a music venue.

The small family left England on the ship "Samuel M. Fox" in 1856. Charles' family had left Maine in 1849, searching for a better life. The family settled in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California and prospered, they are mentioned in Petaluma history books. A book has been written about the Douglass/Douglas' genealogy and history.

Perhaps his family had written to Charles encouraging him to come to California. Susan would have been 6 years old and brother John was 3 years old. In Susan's obit it mentions that the family arrived in New York, then onto a ship to the Panama peninsula (this is a fact that my dad had often mentioned). They rode horses to the Pacific Ocean and then on to another ship to San Francisco. That would have been a long dangerous trip with two small children.

The family is in the 1860 census living in Petaluma; he is listed as a farmer. A one year old son, Albert has joined the family. Charles' parents Robert and Susan are also listed as living in Petaluma, Robert's occupation is gentleman. Soon Charles and Mary Anne left for Sonoma where more children were born, including my Great grandfather Robert.

They made a home on East 8th St., along the Arroyo Seco creek and later the railroad would go along the front of the house. This was the family home until soon after her mother's death in 1907. I know where the property is but I don't know if it is the original house. My Grandmother said she was born there in 1893.

My Aunt gave me a photo of Susan "Susie" that was taken in San Francisco. On the back it is written Susan Dulong nee Douglas taken in 1871 aged 21 yrs. I believe it may have been taken before her marriage to Arnold Dulong. The 1940 census gave me the information that she had an 8th grade education. In 1863 she would have been about 14? I wonder what she was doing for the 7 years between 1863 and 1870 when she married.

My great grandfather Robert was three years old in 1863 and there were four more young children, the youngest was born in 1869. I think Susie would have been ready to leave her seven younger siblings. She must have been a big help to her mother. She was the only daughter until sister Julia was born in 1865.

In the 1870 census she was married to Arnold Dulong. He was from Germany, a son of Rudolph Dulong who was a minister who immigrated to New York. His father became an important man in New York City.

Arnold served in the civil war. After the civil war he came to San Francisco, California. I don't know if the couple met in San Francisco or Sonoma. I have heard that General Vallejo was very interested in men who had served in the war. And that Dulong was German might also have been of interest. That could have been the reason why he made it to Sonoma.

I have found no record of their marriage. In the 1870 census they were living in Sacramento. His occupation is a teacher. I have found some information in San Francisco and Sacramento newspapers about his teaching career.

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I was unable to find her in the 1880 census. Arnold is in New York living with his family. The separation may have something to do with a newspaper report I found in the San Francisco Bulletin. January 13th 1881. The first of two is brief, DIVORCE CASE REFERRED: Susie Dulon vs. Arnold Dulon has been referred by Judge Hunt to court commissioner Rising.

The second from the San Francisco Bulletin dated February 21, 1881. DIVORCE-In the department five of the superior court this morning a decree of divorce was entered in the case of Susie Dulon vs Arnold Dulon on the ground of willful neglect.

This has me wondering if the divorce was not given or did they reconcile. I would like to be able to find more information, were the records destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake?

My dad used to tell me that Arnold Dulon made the first map of Australia. Susie went with him but she didn't like the climate. My mom would roll her eyes when dad told that story. I discovered that dad was partly right. Arnold did go to Australia, the map he drew was the first published in Australia. The date for the book was 1886.

On February 21st 1890 Susan's father Charles died. In the obituary she is living in New York. Would a telegram have arrived at their home to tell of the sad news. Or maybe her mother or another family member wrote to her.

The 1900 census was hard to find. I had to use my thinking cap. I ended up searching for her name Susan born in England and spouse Arnold and the place they lived in the other census', Bronx, New York. I was excited when they showed up! Their name was listed as Duton. They are at E. 153 St. Bronx, New York.

New York had a 1905 census they are renting at 182 Alexander in the Bronx. February 17, 1907 was a sad day, Susan's mother had died. The 1910 census they were living at 1350 Felton Ave. Bronx, New York.

A 1918 city directory for Alameda, California has them 1848 7th Ave. He is listed as an engraver, Susan is a Housewife. Because Dulon and Douglas both start with the letter D I found on the same page and above them, her sister Louise Douglas and a niece Nonie living at the same address as the Dulon's.

By 1920 they had moved again; they were at 1188 Tinton St. in the Bronx. It says he is getting a pension from the city. I wonder why they moved to California and then back to New York again? How did people move their belongings? Perhaps by train? I would guess that most of their furniture and household items would have been sold before they moved. In the 1920-1930 there were usually fewer possessions.

Did they come back to California for his health or so she could be with her family after he had died?

A Vallejo city director for 1926 has them living at 907 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo, California. When I Google mapped the address it is an empty lot.

A cousin shared a picture of Susan and Arnold as an older couple.

Arnold was an aide-de-camp for many G.A.R. events. Would she have gone with him? He died in August of 1929 and is buried in the Presidio cemetery in San Francisco. The Vallejo Times had a front page obituary for him.

After Arnold's death she lived with her younger sister Louise. Louise had never married. The 1930 census has them renting rooms from a Mrs. John Munro who is 97 years old and listed as a dressmaker. Their address is 938 Florida St. Vallejo. Susan is 80 and her 62 year old sister Louis are paying \$25 in rent.

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The 1940 census has them at another address 1517 El Dorado St. Vallejo. On the same page is their sister Julia. Julia's son Stanley is living with her at 746 Tennessee Ave. Vallejo. He is listed as a baker. I imagine that he would bring baked goods to his aunts.

My Aunt would visit her aunt Susie and Louise on her way home from school. She told me that sometimes they would give her a dime.

Susan died March 29 1948 in Vallejo, California. She was 98 years old. She had outlived her 6 brothers. Her sisters Louisa and Julia continued to live in Vallejo. She is buried next to her husband Arnold at the Presidio National Cemetery in San Francisco. A large black monument marks their final resting place.

As I continue researching. I may still find more information about Susan "Aunt Susie". Where was she married, what happened with the divorce, and where was she in the 1880 census.



Susan Douglass
1871—21 yrs. old

Susan and Arnold Dulon

Research Story
by member Bobbie Mattila



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Roman Numerals

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Common uses include year numbers on monuments and buildings, copyright dates on the title screens of movies and television programs. MCM, signifying "a thousand, and a hundred less than another thousand", means 1900, so 1912 is written MCMXII. For the years of this century, MM indicates 2000. The current year is MMXXIII (2023).

FREE —10:00 AM PST— **FREE**

United States National Archives Hosts Genealogy Series in May & June, Wednesdays at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. The National Archives and Records Administration presents their annual Genealogy Series on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLugwVCjzrJsW5LpOyGo7oYnc0FR0kqPW7>

This educational series of lectures will teach you how to use federal resources at the National Archives for genealogical research. This year they will focus on individuals who have served our nation in military or civilian service. You will also learn how to preserve your own family collections. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians. It is free and no registration required. Lecture descriptions, videos, handouts, and participation instructions are available at the 2023 Genealogy Series web page:

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2023>.

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YOUR HISTORY YOUR STORY

Discover the rewarding and exciting world of researching your own personal story and family tree. This class will provide you with ideas on how you preserve your story through your writing or by cataloging your own unique knowledge or experiences. Information will be provided on methods and sources available to you including online sources, historical records and documents, as well as DNA research. Suitable for all levels of researchers, beginning through advanced. Through writing up your stories or experiences or those of an ancestor, you will bring to life what might otherwise be seen as a dull list of dates and places. Preserving your personal story is the final step in this journey.

This class is **FREE**. The class is held at the Senior Center from 1:30p-2:30p, every other Thursday. Class dates are March to May & June to Aug. Teacher: Sandra K. Ogle, has worked with genealogy for many decades. She has taught numerous classes and published books and articles covering all levels of the subject.

Sandra is a member of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society.

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EVERYTHING MAPS

Walking with Your Ancestors: A Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography (Family Tree Books, 2005) is the title of a recent donation to the Genealogy Library. This very interesting book covers all aspects of analyzing and researching maps as well as the history and development of various types of maps. The first chapters give a comprehensive overview of using maps for genealogical research and finding places in your family history. For an example of one piece of valuable information there is a section on using metes and bounds in older maps to plot out the actual dimensions and configuration of the property described. This section includes a chart for converting older measurements to modern terms:

Measurement Conversions			
1 mile =	80 chains =	320 poles, rods, or perches =	8,000 links or 5, 280 feet
1 chain =		4 poles, rods, or perches	100 links or 66 feet
1 pole =			25 links or 16.5 feet
1 link =			7.92 inches

There are chapters on topographic maps, land divisions and county maps and atlases, migration trails, military maps, urban maps such as fire insurance maps and a chapter on using GPS. (See *NGS Magazine* article below that offers more detailed instructions.) The volume has numerous resources listed throughout as well as an index of map collections listed by state. This list also indicates those sites that include extensive collections of fire insurance maps.

This book is available in the map section of the library where NVGS has a collection of atlases and map books as well as flat maps. Also in this area is another volume that is much older (1964) but also interesting in what it offers beyond just maps. The Europa Shell Atlas of Europe has fold-out maps of the European countries; but the valuable information is the extensive index of place names as they were in 1964.

The January-March 2023 edition of *NGS Magazine* has an article on using metes and bounds land plats in genealogical research. It describes drawing a tract based on its legal boundary description and how that information can tie into other records such as tax records, patents and grants. It can assist in differentiating same-name individuals, follow land records over time, neighborhood reconstruction and placement of ancestral land on a modern map. The article gives detailed instructions on the mechanics of reconstructing a tract of land and how to use that in research.

In addition, the issue also includes articles about preparing for the annual conference being held in July in Richmond, Virginia.

by Sue Ziemski

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1 Round Table 11-12</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>4 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>11 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>12 Board mtg. 10:30am</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14 Mother's Day</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>18 Library Open 10-1 Program 1 pm</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>25 Library Open 10-1</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29 Memorial Day</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31 Library Open 10-1</i>			

June 2023

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