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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.

Napa Valley Genealogy Society presents...

Sep. 21, 2023 1:00 pm

**“Scandinavian Research”
By Jill Morelli**

**www.napagensoc.org
A Zoom Meeting**

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**Napa Valley Genealogy
Society presents...**

**Oct. 19, 2023
1:00 pm**

**“Cemetery Research”
by Kathy Marshall**

**www.napagensoc.org
A Zoom meeting**

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

September 2023

Sep. 4, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Family Occupations”**
11:00am Zoom

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

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

Sep. 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Sep. 21, Thursday **Program: “Scandinavian Research”**
presented by **Jill Morelli. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm**

October 2023

Oct. 2, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Vehicles (cars, motorcycles or bicycles)
You & Your Family Have Owned”** 11:00am Zoom

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

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

Oct. 13, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Oct. 19, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “Cemetery Research”**
presented by **Kathy Marshall. 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

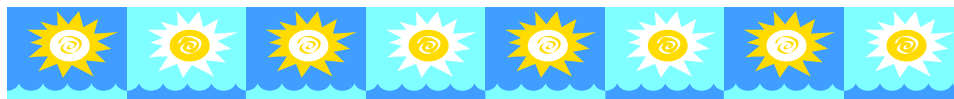
October 2023 through April 2024

Napa County Historical Society Presents:

“City of Immigrants” 1820-1920

A collaboration of various community groups throughout Napa Valley

located at the Goodman Library, 1219 First St., Napa



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Virginia Johnson

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 or undeliverable.

Mary's Book Corner



“Buried Secrets: Looking for Frank and Ida”

by Anne Hanson

Seventy years ago a new daughter-in-law sat down with Frank and Ida and bluntly asked for family history. They responded in great detail with names, dates, locations, and relationships. Their four sons were astounded because they had never met any relatives, nor heard any stories about them. For fifty years they tried to find any records to verify the stories. Finally granddaughter Anne Hanson obtained access to a large carton containing Frank and Ida's collection of photos. Using her general research skills and slowly learning about the emerging availability of genealogy records online, she used clues from the photos to discover the secrets which Frank and Ida had been hiding for nearly 80 years. Twenty years later she published this enthralling book detailing her search for Frank and Ida's buried secrets. Genealogists will love her account of meticulous research, interspersed with chapters clearly labeled "Imagining the past" which serves to flesh out the "why" they chose the decisions they made. Check it out from the Member's Lending Library.

Happy reading, Mary

In Memoriam

Harry Marshall Stover, Jr. March 10, 1946 - July 23, 2023

NAPA - Harry Marshall Stover, Jr. was born on March 10, 1946, in San Diego, CA, to Harry Marshall Stover, Sr. and Virginia Snyder Stover. The family moved to Lamesa, TX, after his father's service as a dentist in the Navy.

After graduating from the Robert Louis Stevenson School in Carmel, CA, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas A&M University in 1968. After graduation he started working for Sea Land Service as a Third Mate and Merchant Marine. He was promoted to Master in 1974, ending his career as Master of the Sea Land Innovator from 1985 to 2000.

He moved to Napa in 1989, where he built a home on Atlas Peak. In 1994, he married Andrea Golly Stover. After his retirement in 2000, he worked as a self-employed marine consultant, and then for Jeppesen Marine as a marine passage planner from 2011 to 2016. From raising cattle on Atlas Peak to researching his family history and publishing a book on that history, to his interest in helping others research their ancestry, Smokey was an interesting man. He was the registrar for the Redwood Empire Chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution, having proven a number of his own ancestors were patriots at that time.

Smokey was also involved a a volunteer with the Napa Valley Geneological Society. His relatives sent me these words from the final stanza of the West Point Alma Mater which reads, "And when our work is done, our course on earth is run, may it be said "well done," be thou now at peace." A fitting tribute to this very kind man who impacted many lives.

Capt. H. M. "Smokey" Stover is survived by his wife, Andrea; his sister, Marcia Medlock (T.P); niece, Meredith Hein (George); and nephew, John Medlock (Michelle).



Finding Maiden Names



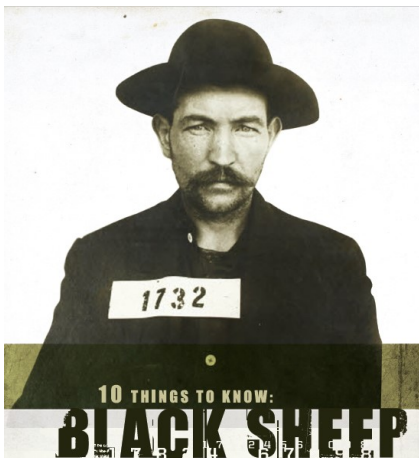
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It's common to start exploring your family history by looking for known family surnames. But you may run into a proverbial brick wall when you're trying to discover your great-great-grand mother's original last name—her maiden name.

Who was “Mrs. Frank Smith,” “Widow Schaefer,” and “Mrs. Carmen Silva,” before marriage? What were their family names?

Click here to find helpful tips for discovering your family's maiden names:

<https://www.ancestry.com/c/family-history-learning-hub/maiden-names>



Looking for the shady characters in your own family tree? Whether they were bootleggers or brothel owners, black sheep are some of the most interesting ancestors you'll ever trace. This 10 Things to Know article will help you figure out why – and where to turn to herd your own family's black sheep.



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Click here to read the article:

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Round Table 11-12	5 Library Open 1-4	6 Library Open 10-1	7 Library Open 10-1	8 Board Meeting 10:30	9
10	11	12 Writing Group-Noon Library open 1-4	13 Library Open 10-1	14 Library Open 10-1	15	16
17	18	19 Library Open 1-4	20 Library Open 10-1	21 Library Open 10-1 Zoom Program 1pm	22	23
24	25	26 Writing Group-Noon Library open 1-4	27 Library Open 10-1	28 Library Open 10-1	29	30

October 2023

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15	16	17 Library Open 1-4	18 Library Open 10-1	19 Library Open 10-1 Zoom Program 1pm	20	21
22	23	24 Writing Group-Noon	25 Library Open 10-1	26 Library Open 10-1	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> Library Open 1-4				

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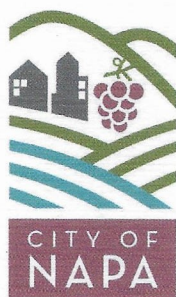
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