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Sept. 8, 2007, (2nd Sat) **Family Tree Maker Users Group**, 2 pm, NVGBS Library

Sept. 10, 2007, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, Noon, NVGBS Library

Sept. 20, 2007, (3rd Thurs) **GENERAL MEETING** at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30 pm

Sept. 23, 2007, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Janice Brown, jancoxbrown@comcast.net or her box (articles gratefully accepted!)

Sept. 29, & Oct. 6, 2007 (Saturday), **Genealogy Basics**, all day, at the NVGBS Library. To sign up call Napa Valley Community Education Office (707) 253-3070 or (707) 967-2900

### MEMBERSHIP DUES - Remit before the 15th of the renewal month to avoid a delay (per year)

Single	\$25.00	Life Membership, Single	\$300.00
Family/Joint	40.00	Life Membership, Joint/Family	500.00
Junior	15.00	Out of State	15.00
		Patron	75.00

**General Meeting – Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa**

## WHAT DNA CAN REVEAL ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

Our speaker on this important topic is Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, author of *Forensic Genealogy*. Colleen is a recognized expert in optical laser measurements who has worked for NASA and the National Science Foundation. She is also an avid genealogist with expertise in analysis of old photographs and documents and in family research utilizing DNA data. She spoke to us last year on the analysis of photographs. This year she returns to discuss how DNA analysis not only can indicate if two people are related, but also can place a family in an interesting historical context.



DNA analysis is becoming an increasingly important tool for genealogists. Come and learn the basics about the technique and how it could support your research.



# School Daze

## A Message from our President

We had another successful fund raiser this year which ended in the Wine Collection Drawing on Thursday evening, August 16. The First Prize winner was Keith Hames from San Jose, CA, Second Prize went to Rob Low of Stockton, CA, Third Prize went to H. M. Clark of Napa, CA, Fourth Prize went to Tom Danowske of New Boston, Michigan, Fifth Prize went to Salvatore Miccicha of Totowa, New Jersey, Sixth Prize went to Efrain Zamudio of Union City, CA, Seventh Prize went to Joyce Ballard of Riverside, CA, Eighth Prize went to Carol Kears of Napa, CA, Ninth Prize went to Gene Hoover of Napa, CA, Tenth Prize went to Phoung Le of Oakland, CA, and Eleventh prize went to Fern Beetsch of Napa, CA. We were entertained by Acoustic Ambiance, a husband and wife guitar duo playing light melodies. The hors d'oeuvres and desserts were enjoyed by all in attendance at this delightful event.

Our booth at the Napa Town and Country Fair was also well received by those attending the Fair and we made some new contacts for some possible new members. I would like to thank all the volunteers who staffed the Fair Booth and those who sold raffle tickets at the Wine Train Station. Our members also supported us by purchasing or selling the raffle tickets. We are fortunate to have a very supportive membership.

And last but not least, our Beginning Genealogy Class will be held on September 29th and October 6 at our Library. Sign up through Napa Valley College.

*Dick Bruechert,  
NVGBS President*

### **We need you.....**

Our Society and Library is staffed by a very dedicated group of volunteers. These volunteers serve on the Board of Directors, provide staff to keep the Library open, and work on special projects. Several of our volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors have advised that they will not be able to serve in 2008 due to personal reasons. The positions that will be open in 2008 are the Wine Press Newsletter Editor, Ways and Means Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and Corresponding Secretary. The Wine Press Newsletter Editor is responsible for compiling the information for the newsletter and putting it into a form that can be published. The Ways and Means Chairperson is responsible for fund raising, which consists of the Wine Collection Drawing. The Membership Chairperson is responsible for keeping track of the member and their dues payments. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for communicating with donors and other communications. All of these positions are included in the Board of Directors which meets on the second Monday of the month at 12 noon.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in any of these positions, please contact the President, Dick Bruechert, at 224-7133 or at [kbruechert@aol.com](mailto:kbruechert@aol.com).

## *Jabber from Janice*



There are times when you just keep searching and searching on a website to no avail but yet you feel deep down that the information you are seeking is there. Here are some helpful hints from “Get a Leg Up” by Diane Haddad in the September 2007 Family Tree Magazine.

- ◆ Read the instructions! I know this seems obvious but often you will get great information on how this search will work the best. Sometimes an asterisk \* will open up new ways to search but if you do not read instructions you will miss out.
- ◆ Boolean searches may be available to you. Boolean searches use the + (plus sign) to keep words together (“Tillman +Brown” would keep these words together instead of finding George Tillman and Allison Brown, it would find Tillman Brown); the - (minus sign) to eliminate words ( as for when I do a search on my Vest family, I would put in “-clothing” so I don’t get the ads for vests to wear). There are more symbols available and reading the instructions (see above) should reveal them. Pay attention to where spaces go and where they don’t.
- ◆ When doing a search that has lots of parameters, type in as much as you know (name, birth date, place, etc). If nothing helpful turns up, repeat the search with fewer terms, Likewise, you can begin the search with only the surname and add in information to limit the hits until you narrow down to only the hits you are interested in checking.
- ◆ Remember that a database site will only call up a searched ancestor’s name if someone took the time to index that database using the same spelling and order that you may have entered. If you search on Edward Gillman and the indexer interpreted the information as Edward Gilman or Ed Gillman, you may not get what you would expect. **Always** try alternate spellings. Just because you know it is correctly spelled do not jump to the conclusion that the data was entered or interpreted correctly.
- ◆ On websites with multiple databases (such as FamilySearch.org or Ancestry.com), search the databases individually. The separate database search engines are different than the global search engine for the entire site. This will give you more targeted results. Just scroll to where you can click on the database you wish to search.
- ◆ Remember to go back often and search again. New information is constantly added. Lists may have been indexed that were not indexed before.

Some free search sites to try these tips:

Access Genealogy

[www.accessgenealogy.com](http://www.accessgenealogy.com)

Family Search LDS site

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Heritage Quest (through the Napa City/County website with your library card information)

<http://www.co.napa.ca.us/library/>

Rootsweb

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

USGenWeb

[www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org)

National Archives and Records Administration

[archives.gov](http://archives.gov)

*Let me know if you find anything exciting. AND remember to volunteer to help index or transcribe as needed. The databases we are now enjoying were most likely done by volunteers just like you.*

The Allen County Indiana Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana is the second largest repository of genealogical materials in the country. Earlier this year the resource moved into an expanded modern facility. To take an online YouTube video tour of the new facility visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcqDqc0SXgo>

Happy Surfing,  
Janice  
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The Senior Center in Napa on August 16 was the scene of the festive annual party and raffle drawings for fabulous prizes of premium wines. The grand winner of the first prize of fifty bottles is Keith Hames of San Jose. Other winners of the ten additional prizes are from Michigan and New Jersey as well as California. Door prizes of wonderful wines were acquired by several lucky members in attendance.

Music by *Acoustic Ambience*, a magical guitar duo of Lynda Amen-Otis and Larry Otis, entertained the group with varied selections ranging from the 60's to the present. Several of the numbers were their own compositions.

It made for a pleasant evening to eat delicious refreshments and desert while visiting with friends and listening to music.

## EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING —Beginner Genealogy Classes

by Laura McCoy,

Please join us for a series of genealogy classes that will begin on Sat. Sept. 29th and continue on Sat. Oct. 6th. The classes are held in conjunction with Napa Valley College and the cost is \$45.00 To register for the classes, please call 967-2900 (Emeritus College). The classes will be held at our Library (corner of California and Menlo Street) and the hours are 9am - 3pm. Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Laura McCoy is the Education chair for the Society and will be presenting the first class on the basics of genealogy and how to fill our forms. She is a DAR certified genealogist and a member of the National Genealogy Society. Laura also does adoption research as a part time occupation.

The second class will be conducted by Christine Patterson, a retired educator with over thirty years of teaching experience. She is currently a board member in charge of the volunteer staffing for our Library. She will speak of land records, deed, wills and probate and how to find valuable clues and in-depth evidence for your records.

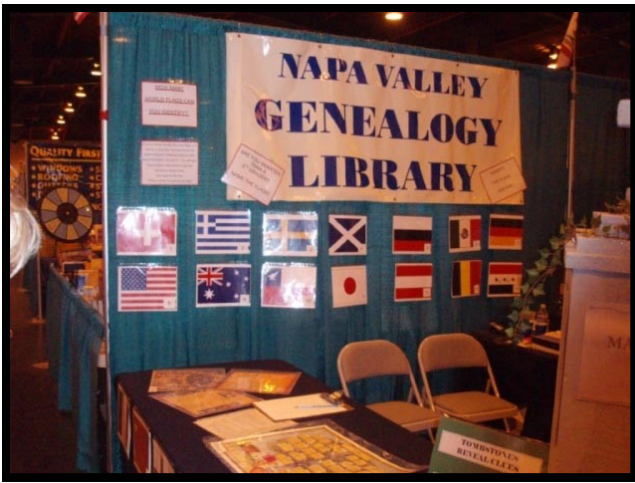
Sandra Hoover is the Librarian for our Society and has been researching her roots for over thirty years. She will be conducting the class on the Library and explaining where to look for information on your family. Sandra also teaches classes at the Library on computer and program use and memoir writing.

The following Saturday (Oct 6th) will consist of two classes and a computer lab. Janice Brown has been working on genealogy research for over fifteen years. She began using computers in 1980 and by combining her knowledge of both computers and genealogy, she has made many fascinating discoveries. Janice is also our Newsletter editor. She will be instructing the use of computers and giving many valuable clues of new web sites and sources for your research.

Mary Olive Herzog will be instructing the class on Census records. Mary is a fourth generation Californian, graduate of UC Berkley and retired Health Program Administrator, who has been pursuing genealogy seriously for over thirteen years. She delights in the ever expanding resources of the internet and loves to share her knowledge of how to find one's relatives. She is also the treasurer for our Society.

Each student will be given a notebook with a complete syllabus of each class. Please do join us.





## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETIES FAIR BOOTH ANOTHER SUCCESS

This year at the Napa Fair we had a contest to see who could identify the most flags. We had displayed 30 different flags from 30 countries. The person who could identify the most flags for that day was given a free year's membership to our society. Over the course of the five days of the fair we not only gave away 5 free memberships but we met hundreds of people and families that were interested in doing their family genealogy. Everyone had a wonderful time trying

to identify the flags. The most identified correctly was 28 flags. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped staff the booth.

Sandy Hoover, Linda van der Veur, Christine Patterson



### Calendar of Events:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/events.htm#Calendars>

June 27-29 Burbank, California

The Southern California Genealogical Society has set the dates for its 39th Annual Genealogy Jamboree. More information about this event can be found at the society's Web site [www.scqsgenealogy.com/](http://www.scqsgenealogy.com/).

Nov 26th-Dec 1, 2007 Salt Lake City, Utah

Classes to be held at the Plaza Hotel with daily research in the adjacent Family History Library with 5 days of research assistance. [http://www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming\\_events.php?event\\_id=26](http://www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming_events.php?event_id=26)

May 14-17, 2008 Kansas City, Missouri

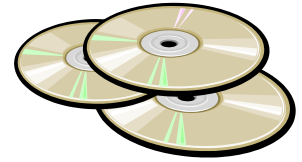
NGS National Conference in the States and Family History Fair [NGS | National Conferences | Kansas City, Missouri, 14 - 18 May 2008](http://www.ngs.org/national-conferences/kansas-city-missouri-14-18-may-2008)

September 3-6, 2008 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

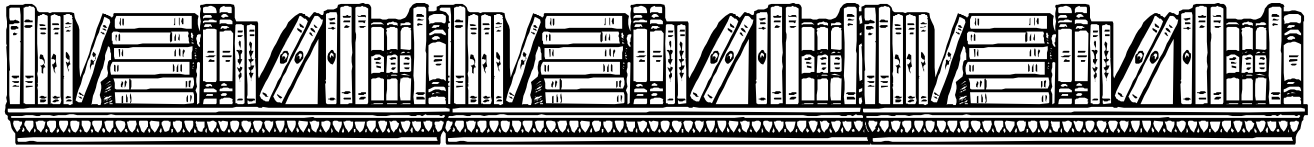
Footprints of Family History [2008 FGS Conference](http://www.familyhistory.org/2008-fgs-conference)



## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society



<b>Computer CD's</b> (in MS Word and RTF Formats)		
<b>Napa County Cemeteries</b>		
Volume 1 – <b>Lower Napa Co.</b> Cemeteries & Index: Napa Memorial Gardens, Tulocay (index only), Napa State Hospital, Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick, God's Acre, Indian Burial Grounds, Perry Burial Site, Wood Family Burial Grounds, Christian Brothers	One CD	\$25.00
Volume2 – <b>Middle Napa Co.</b> Cemeteries and Index: St. Helena Catholic, St. Helena Public, Monticello, Bradshaw, Grace Episcopal, Wragg Canyon, Wooden Valley, Capell Valley, Martinelli, Los Pasadas (does not include the Calif. Veterans' Home	One CD	\$25.00
Volume 3 – <b>Upper Napa Co.</b> , Cemeteries and Index: Pioneer, Bothe, Cyrus Family, Earl Wilms Property, Duvall, Biter Burial Ground, Lommel Road	One CD	\$25.00
All Volumes of Napa County Cemeteries and Indexes	One CD	\$60.00
<b>The Great Register of Napa County, 1880-1894:</b> substituting for the 1890 Census includes (when given) name, age, nativity, registration date, occupation, naturalization place and date, & residence	3 Volumes	\$35.00
<b>BOOKS -Soft cover</b>		
<b>Index of Births Registered in Napa Co. through 1905</b> – includes sex, year born, page number of the county recorders record book	53 pages	\$6.45
<b>Napa County Tax Assessment Records Index, 1884-1893</b> – includes name, rd. district, year and page # of book & microfilm pages (located at Society Library) Vol. 1 incl. A-Z, Vol. 2 incl. A-Leg, Vol. 3 incl Leg-Z	478 pages	\$52.00
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, St. Helena Public Cemetery, Vol. 1 Office Records</b>	184 pages	\$21.50
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, George Yount Cemetery, Yountville</b> incl. information from old Cemetery Assoc. ledger. Indexed.	56 pages	\$7.00
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries</b> , Indexed	20 pages	\$3.25
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries</b> , Indexed	41 pages	\$5.40
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery</b> , Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.	30 pages	\$4.00
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena.</b> Indexed	47 pages	\$6.00
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens, Napa.</b> Indexed	82 pages	\$10.00
<b>Funeral Home Records of W.F. Mercier Permelee of St. Helena, Napa County</b> , pages are copies of the original sheets c1920's. Indexed	219 pages	\$27.00



## NEW ACQUISITIONS

### Donated by Bill Barnett

- 973 E33f                    A Bibliography of American County Histories  
 979.4 E39c                California County Boundaries with Maps  
 942D59a                  British Kings and Queens, The Complete Biographical Encyclopedia

### Donated by Keith Bowers

- 929.2 H913n              Distant and Strange Friends A collection of letters, pictures and miscellaneous information circa, 1850 of Hull and related families in Ohio  
 929.2 H913t              Hulls In 1850 Directory of Persons Surnamed Hull in the U.S. in 1850  
 929.2 H913hfa            Hull Family Association Journal  
 929.2 O85d                Ostrander Family Vital Records In New York and nearby from 1660

### Donated by David Cummings

- 979.473 B55s             The Stanford Quad, Yearbooks, 1913-1914-1915

### Donated by Anna Gentile

- 929.2 Q6l                 The Life and Times of Quintus Quincy Quigley, 1828-1910 His Personal Journal, 1859-1908

### Donated by Laura McCoy

- 976.967 H29c            History of Kentucky by the late Lewis Collins, Judge of The Mason County Court, 1924 (Collins' Historical Sketches of Kentucky)

### Donated by Richards Parker Lyon

- 929.2 L991l              Lyon Memorial, Families of Connecticut and New Jersey  
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 979.466 U39l             Harvey B. Lyon, Oakland Moving and Storage entrepreneur

**LAS POSADAS CEMETERY** A part of the La Jota Rancho it was purchased and settled by John Morris and his family in 1878. It now a State forest near Angwin, CA



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Flannagan, Anna	Forni, Raymond	Gajetta, Cyprian	Ghisolfo, John Batista
Fletcher, Julianne	Fosetti, Augustina	Gallagher, Baby	Ghisolfo, John Arthur
Matilda	Fowler, Samuel Rick	Gallagher, Ryan R.	Ghisolfo, Maria
Florencin, Francesco	Fracchia, Bert	Gallegos, Maria	Ghisolfo, Marie
Flores, Antonio Montanez	Fracchia, Joseph	Gallegos, Maria	Ghisolfo, Nathan
Flores, Basilia	Fracchia, Josephine	Galleron, Paul L.	Ghisolfo, Ruth I.
Flores, John	Fracchia, Louis A.	Galleron, Virgil	Ghisolpho, Charles
Flynn, Brigid Mrs.	Frackowiek, Bernice	Galli, Albert	Ghringhelli, Joseph
Flynn, John Edward	Fradet, Louis	Galli, James	Giacomini, Irma C.
Flynn, John B.	Fragulia, Oreglia	Galli, Madeline	Giacomini, Isabelle
Flynn, Joseph A.	Framne, Ernest	Gallis, Giacomo	Giacomini, Joseph
Fochette, Bernard	Franchieri, Mrs.	Gallo, Frank	Giacomini, Leland
Foley, Martha Jane	Francis, Antoniei	Garcia, Javier	Giambruni, Lorenzo
Foley, Martin	Francische, Daniele	Garcia, Manuel G.	Gianini, Joseph
Fontana, Fred	Francisco, Flora	Garcia, Maria L.	Gianini, Lorenza Achile
Fontes, Frank	Franck, Valentine J.	Garcia, Palmer	Gianini, Mary Louise
Fontes, Luis	Franco Louis	Garcia, Virginia	Giese, Elise
Forchetti, Giaconda	Francouer, Helen	Gard, Evelyn Pauline	Giese, J. Ferdinand
Forchetti, Mattias	Francouer, John	Gasser, Al G.	Giese, John R
Ford, Andrew	Frank, Leonard	Gastelum, Ygnacio	Gilfoyle, John
Ford, George	Frankenstein, Katherine	Geanetti, Joseph	Gilfoyle, Julia
Ford, Gladys	Frankinsein, Joseph	Geer, Robert L.	Gilfoyle, Margaret
Ford, James	Franzetti, Carlo	Gendatti, Vincent	Gillespie, Angela
Ford, John	Franzetti, Delphine	Gendotti, Teresa	Gilson, Edward A.
Ford, John F.	Franzetti, John	Gerali, Abraham	Gilson, James
Ford, Julia	Frediana, Josephine	Gerhard, Teping	Gilson, Margaret
Ford, Margaret	Frediani, Abramo	Germ, Joseph	Gini, Dominic
Fornaciari, Charlotta	Frediani, Abramo	Ghilarducci, Anna	Giomochi, Francis
Forni, Adolph	Frediani, Carmen	Ghilmetti, Siro	Giovanni, Armanine
Forni, Angelina	Frediani, Eugenia	Ghininghelli, Delphia	Girard, Leon Octave
Forni, Antonio	Frediani, Filumena	Ghiorso, Guiseppe	Giugni, Claire (aka Clara)
Forni, Arthur P.	Frediani, Guiseppe	Ghirenghelli, Faustino	Giugni, Elva
Forni, Carlo	Frediani, Iacopo	Ghiringhelli, Ambrose	Giugni, Everett A.
Forni, Ceasarino	Frediani, Ida	Ghiringhelli, Angelo	Giugni, Francisio
Forni, Elizabeth	Frediani, Jacob	Ghiringhelli, Bartolomo	Giugni, William Keith
Forni, Flora	Frediani, Joseph	Ghiringhelli, Cesarina	Giugni, William J.
Forni, Francis P.			Glennon, Catherine

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New Members

Surnames

Arthur Allen (husband of member Barbara Allen)

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[www.genlias.nl/en](http://www.genlias.nl/en)

[www.worldgenweb.org](http://www.worldgenweb.org)

[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

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