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Jan. 12, 2008, (2nd Sat) **Family Tree Maker Users Group**, 2 pm, NVGBS Library Jan 9 & 23, 2008, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, NVGBS Library

Jan 14, 2008, (2nd Mon) Board Meeting, Noon, NVGBS Library

Jan 17, 2008, (3rd Thurs) **NVGBS Program** at the Napa Senior Center, 1:30 pm] Jan 23, 2008, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Janice Brown,

jancoxbrown@comcast.net or her box (articles gratefully accepted!)

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January Program – Thursday, January 17, 1:30 pm, Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa, CA

Officer Todd Shulman of the Napa Police Department is our program speaker.

Have you ever wished for the skills of a detective as you searched for elusive kin? We will receive exceptional assistance from our speaker. Mr. Shulman is a trained police investigator who has applied his skills to historical research. He

has recently published *Napa County Police*, a history of policing in the Napa Valley, part of the Images of America series, with the Napa Police Historical Society. Mr. Shulman will share his methods as well as his results with us. Join us for this outstanding program.

Remember, this is an afternoon meeting, 1:30PM on Thursday, January 17, at the Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street. The public is welcome to attend



A Message from our President

At the January General Meeting we will elect and install the Officers and Board Members for 2008. The Officers and Board Members for 2008 are as follows, President, Dick Bruechert; First Vice President and Volunteer Chairperson, Christine Patterson; Second Vice President and Librarian, Sandra Hoover; Secretary, Carole Fisher; Treasurer, Mary Herzog; Program Chairperson, Nancy Gilien; Membership Chairperson, Karen Burzdak; Maintenance, Vince Hangman: Computer Chairpersons. Linda van de Veur and Ruth Jenkins: Education Chairperson. Laura McCov; Publicity, Anna Gentile; and Parliamentarian, Nell Dunn. We have two vacant positions on the Board, Ways and Means Chairperson and Publications Chairperson. Janice Brown has offered to continue to prepare the Wine Press until we can find a replacement for her as Publications Chairperson.

The Ways and Means Chairperson is in charge of fund raising for the Society. Our main fund raiser is the Wine Collection Drawing which is held in August of each year. This process starts early in the calendar year with the sending out of letters to the Wineries in the Valley, collecting the wines, and delivering the wines to the winners of the drawing. There are several Board Members that assist in the process but we need someone to be in charge and oversee the Wine Collection Drawing. If you are interested in this position, please contact me as soon as possible as this is our only fund raising event for the year. The Wine Collection Drawing has been a valuable source of income for our Society for the past ten years. ><()><()><()><()><()

Dick Bruechert,



Be a much needed volunteer: **Opportunities Abound**

Staffing opportunity at the Library. 10 am-1 pm shift or 1 pm-4 pm shift once a month or an occasional Saturday. Meet new people and learn about your library. Training provided. Call (252-8089) or e-mail (cpatrose@comcast.net) Christine Patterson.

Volunteer your expertise in an area of your choice to help with ٠ questions or e-mail. Leave an e-mail for the Staff at nvgbs@napanet.net.

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Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library (252-2252) on Tuesdays mornings to hear what is available. Ask for Sandra Hoover.

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Jabber from Janíce

Here it is 2008, and I find myself in San Jose at my new home. Remember the song "Do you know the way to San Jose"? Well, now I do. Moving schedule hit the holidays and life became a little crazy so I must apologize for the late newsletter. Speaking of which, I will need someone to fill the position of editor. It has been separated out from the Publications Chairperson so it only involves the newsletter publication 11 times a year. Several of our board members help out with their regular columns (they are really appreciated by the editor). I would be glad to help out with a column. The software needed will be provided by our society and I would be available to help with setup. There must be someone out there to help with this. Please contact me at my e-mail address or let the society know at the link on page 1.

Onto other items:

Once again, I urge you to try the USGenweb site at: <u>http://www.usgenweb.com/index.shtml</u> There will be a map of the United States (or in table format) for you to click. Next will be a map of the counties in that state for you to click (or in table format). Next you can explore what is associated with that county site. Some sites have a great deal of information some have little but may list the local societies and libraries and other repositories. Remember, the point of the US-Genweb site is to provide free access to genealogical records. This is a very different site than those that charge for access.

Now for a real treat, log onto the Roots Television Website which also includes the fantastic PBS Ancestors series on the web at <u>http://www.rootstelevision.com/</u> where currently you can see more than 24 different programs with a synopsis of the most recent ones. Be sure to watch the Roots Television Help Video to understand how to use the site. I just love it. If you have DSL or Cable Internet Service then it should work fine on your home computer. If not, come to the NVGBS Library and use it on our nice fast DSL line. I especially enjoyed the Ancestor series.

I want to answer a question from my "mailbag" regarding how to get DNA from an ancestor.

Well, this could be tricky but worth a try. Find a living male descendent with that same surname. This could be a distant relative that you already know or you may need to do some collateral research to find one. This man's Y-DNA sample will trace the Y-DNA line (assuming there were no adoptions or other "incidents"). Find the DNA site you will join. I used FamilyTree DNA at <u>www.familytreedna.com</u>. Remember to join a surname site to see if you can get a discount on the test kit and then do the test through them. You will then join that surname site and it will check to see if you have matches.

Lets say you do not know of any direct descendent of the male line. If you are searching for your great great grandfather and his surname is Gwendenflocken, this could be simple assuming he has direct line surname descendents. If however the last name is Brown, this could be tricky. Try looking on the various surname sites to see if anyone has already done the Y-DNA testing. If you can verify that this is a relative of yours then you can contact them and see if they can help you out. This could be a very interesting adventure. If anyone else has any suggestions on this topic, let me hear from you and I will pass them on.

Happy Surfing, Janice jancoxbrown@comcast.net



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New Year's Resolution

From Member, Liz Holmgren

This was in the <u>Napa Register</u> on April 25, 1998. Len Tillem is the author of the column. He deals with issues of concern to elders. "Everyone should have a copy of this list, in case something happens to you. It is one of the best ways to ensure that our relatives can find all your vital records."

Make your LIST OF 11 and give it to your relatives, or at least let them know where it is. One day they will be thankful that you did"

The List of 11

1. The name of the bank where you have your safety deposit box, its number and the location of your key.

2. The numbers for all of your insurance policies, health, life, auto, home, burial, etc., and the names and addressees of the agents for each policy.

3. An itemized list of your stocks, bonds, mutual funs, and the numbers of each, the name and address of your broker and the location of your stock certificates.

4. The names of the banks or savings and loans for each of your accounts, and the account numbers.

5. The location of your cemetery plot or mausoleum niche.

- 6. The location of your will and the name and address of your attorney.
- 7. Your credit card numbers.
- 8. Your Social Security numbers.

9. The name and address of your mortgage holder, account number and the amount of the outstanding debt.

10. The name and address of your accountant, and where your past income tax returns are located.

11. The type of memorial or funeral service you want.

Also, here is a little "add on" that might come in handy. Write down also:

1. Documents you need to store safely in a safe-deposit box or a fireproof safe in case of a home fire or disaster:

2. Copies of your past four years' tax returns - and business returns, if you have a business.

3. Copies of mortgage papers, and a list of major improvements you have made.

4. Copies of birth certificates, Social Security cards and other personal papers.

- 5. List of all current prescription medicines you use.
- 6. Photos or a videotape of the inside and outside of your house.
- 7. Copies of all insurance policies.
- 8. Let someone know this information is in the safe-deposit box.

This list was written by Connie Lorz, EA, president, California Society of Enrolled Agents, Sacramento June 15, 2003. I found it in the Newsletter, <u>Bottom Line.</u>

Thank you, Liz. What a great New Years Resolution idea.

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This is a Cemetery... Lives are commemorated Deaths are recorded Families are reunited Memories are made tangible and Love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

Communities accord respect Families bestow reverence Historians seek information and Our heritage is thereby enriched

Testimonies of devotion, pride and warmth are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life--not the death--of a love one. The cemetery is homeland for memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.

A cemetery is a history of a people --a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering--always.

> Author unknown. The Lutheran all Faiths Cemetery brochure, Middle Village, New York

> > Thank you to Sandra Hoover for finding this.

Smashing Brick Walls

Send in your letters or e-mails for our column. You never know who might have an answer for you.

Letters can go to the address on the front page, care of Janice Brown or in my box at our Library OR, better yet, e-mail me directly at jancoxbrown@comcast.net.



Looking for information concerning John Warren Bradbury, parents were Nathan Bradbury and Mehitable Warren. John was born 1 Jan 1826 in Brown county Ohio. He married Mary Jane Elliot 16 Feb 1853 in Pike county Illinois. I am looking for information about Mehitable Warren's parents and the parents of Mary Jane Elliot. Many thanks for any hints or leads.

Joan Barber, jwsilver@aol.com

If you can help Joan, please reply to her e-mail address. Joan has already smashed one brick wall as have I through our newsletter column. Give it a try. (Janice, editor)

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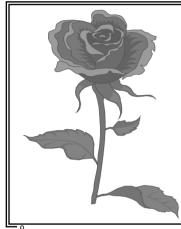
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Dorothy Hendricks, November 29, 2007. Dorothy was a dedicated library volunteer and long time member.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

January 13, 2008, Sunday,12:30 pm, The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a very special lecture, as part of a first time West coast visit by Marian Smith , the Historian of the US Citizenship and Immigration Service, will be discussing the types of records available, how they are distributed, and the services and records that are becoming available through the new USCIS Genealogy Program. It will take place at the Jewish Community High School, 1835 Ellis St., San Francisco. Free parking will be available with an entrance on Pierce St. Guests are always welcome, and admission is free to all . Please come join us for this exceptional event! For more information: www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs

February 21, 2008, Thursday, 1:30 pm, NVGBS Feb. Program at Napa Senior Center Member Mary Herzog will report on her fourteen-state, eight thousand mile journey researching the events of her mother's life. She also has information and advice for persons contemplating research trips, long or short.

26 April 2008 - Santa Rosa, CA. The Sonoma County Genealogical Society hosts a conference with guest speaker Rhonda R. McClure. For more information, visit <u>http://www.scgs.org/</u>

May 14-17, 2008, NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair, Kansas City, Missouri, for more information check out the website: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/AnnualConference.cfm

27-29 June 2007 - Burbank, California. Southern California Genealogy Jamboree sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society. Speakers TBA. For more information visit <u>http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/</u>

September 3-6, 2008, FGS Conference "Footprints of Family History", Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information: <u>http://www.fgsconference.org/index.php</u>

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