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July 11, 2009, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1 pm, NVGBS Library July 8 & 22, 2009, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

July 13, 2009, (2nd Mon) BOARD MEETING, 2pm NVGBS Library
July 16, 2009, (3rd Thurs) NVGBS PROGRAM at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30PM
Aug 10, 2009,(2nd Mon) BOARD MEETING, 2pm NVGBS Library
Aug 12 & 26, 2009 Family History Writing Gp, noon, at NVGBS Library
Aug 20, 2009, (3rd Thurs) NVBGS PROGRAM at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30 PM
Aug 20, 2009, WinePress deadline, articles to Editor, email articles or drop off in editors box at library.

Napa Valley Genealogy Society's UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars

July 16, 2009 Member Carole Fisher presents "**A Date to Remember**," a demonstration of a computer-generated genealogical calendar. Perfect for family and for gifts. Presentation will cover the actual making of the calendar with important dates and include family photo display for each month.

Senior Center, Thursday, 7:30 PM, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

August 20, 2009 Wine Raffle Drawing

This popular event always includes pot luck refreshments, social hour and special entertainment. Senior Center, Thursday 6:30 PM, 1500 Jefferson St. Napa

Sep 17, 2009 Lisa Louise Cooke, genealogist and participant in the PBS miniseries **"Texas Ranch House,"** will present a fascinating lecture: "How I Lived My Family History – and You Can Too!"

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Dick Bruechert, **NVGBS** Fresident

Our Yearly Dues Supports Our Library. You are Appreciated!

Dues Owing for July

Barbara & Arthur Allen, Marjorie Baltzer, Marion Bounsall, Melcena Carrell, Sandra Dudley, Joy Firtell, Carol Friendland, Anna Gentile, Nancy Gilien, Donald Houghton, Delilah Logan, Pat Munk, Betty Richardson, and Maxine Williams.

Dues Owing for August

Louise Bea, Dorothy Breitensten, Chris Burditt, Karen Burzdak, Sue Cooley, Dean Goff, Elaine La-Fontaine, Nancy & Burton Mahoney, Joanna Mills, Kathleen Ransford, Frank Gerald Rhodes, Patricia Salver, Mary Settles, Janet Shearer, Claire Thomason, Louise Walsh Throop, and Norma Tracy

ANCESTORS

Do I even want ancestors? Some I found I wish I could lose. Every family tree has some sap in it. My ancestors are hiding in the witness protection program.

Jabber from Janíce



Search Engines for Genealogy Research con't

New ones to try:

c.. Google Translator (http://translate.google.com) This works great! Just copy the text you wish to translate and paste it in the box. Choose the language in the boxes that you want translated from and to. This is quite time consuming but may be very helpful determining if you are on the right track. You can usually recognize your ancestor's surname but not the information surrounding it; therefore, this does a great job of translating and is fun to try.

d.. Russian Genealogy and Archive (http://ufagen.ru/forum) is in Russian. Patience and using the above Google translator allowed me to get this from Russian to English.

Discussion Archives, Addresses and Operating Modes

e.. European Search Engine (http://www.netmasters.co.uk/european_search_engines) Most of these sites offer an English version. Just look for a word closely resembling "English" and give it a try.

f.. Italian Genealogy Homepage (http://www.daddezio.com) with many sites in English. For those not in English, again try the Google Translator.

g.. United Kingdom with UK Genealogy (http://www.ukgenealogy.co.uk) Listing archives, libraries, societies, researchers for hire, on and on.

> Happy Surfing, Janice jancoxbrown@gmail.com

The OAC

If you are researching in California, or if you just want to know about the state where you live, visit the *Online Archive of California*. Links will lead you to a wide range of historical information. The OAC brings together materials from a variety of institutions. Over 120,000 images, 50,000 pages of documents, letters, and oral histories, along with 8,000 guides to collections are available. It is part of the UC California Digital Library project.

Do searches on Google, Yahoo, or other services for similar resources in the states where your ancestors are found. If you find resources in other states please share the information with the rest of us.

Your Membership

A frequent user of the library recently remarked that he noticed that there were fewer people doing genealogy research than the previous year. While I know that membership is smaller than in the past, there may be other reasons people have not come in to research our books or log onto the computers. I thought I would address the issue of membership. By Karen Burzdak, NVGBS membership chair.

How Many Members Do We Have?

Presently, our membership is at 225. Last year at this time we had 245 members.

You might also like to know that we have:

50 lifetime members 16 family memberships

You also might be interested in knowing that:

176 members reside in Napa County34 members live elsewhere in California15 members live outside California

How do I know when my dues are due?

If you receive a hard copy newsletter, look for the month of expiration above your name in the upper right hand corner of the label.

Read the expiration month in the newsletter.

If you come into the library, there is a log next to the sign-in sheet.

If you miss paying your dues, you will receive one snail-mail notice.

Your membership not only allows us to continue purchasing books and providing programs, but it also is a source of members who are interested in taking on a board position (we have vacancies) and completing various projects around the library (we have many).

Thank you for being a member!

Roots TV

Have you seen any of the Ancestors series on PBS? Go to Roots Television online and open up your own classroom. A series of short videos cover a wide variety of research topics. Visit the site and refresh your skills, at no cost. You don't even need to make a trip away from your easy chair.

Topics include; Getting Started, Cemetery Records, African Research, British Research, Hispanic Research, Irish Roots, Jewish Roots, Immigration, Libraries and Archives, Military, and many other subjects

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BOOK REPORT

Annie's Ghosts By Steve Luxenberg New York: Hyperion 2009 Price about \$24.99



All diligent genealogists uncover a family secret, sooner or later. A baby was born "too soon," a cousin ran away, or a certain relative was never discussed in front of the children. Such family issues, once disclosed, fade in sensitivity and interest with time into sidebars or endnotes to the genealogy.

Some family secrets, however, are held deeply and fearfully because their nature is too wounding or disclosure too threatening to their guardians. Author Steve Luxenberg discovered after his mother's death that she had maintained such a secret at high personal cost all of her adult life.

Beth Luxemburg had always told her family she was an only child. In fact, she had grown up with a sister until their parents sent her sister, Annie, to a psychiatric hospital at age 21. The family erased any hints that she had existed. Annie died, incarcerated, at age fiftythree. Twenty-seven years later Beth died, still maintaining her secret. Learning almost by chance of his mother's sister, Steve began researching his missing aunt. His findings result in a genealogical detective story, a memoir, and a social history.

Steve's investigations began with his grandparents' arrival in the United States. He sought to learn their attitudes and customs through interviews with friends and family members across the United States in order to understand their later actions in regard to Annie. Their daughter Beth, he learned, had special motivations to maintain the secret, and those motivations Steve particularly sought to understand.

Steve tracked his Aunt Annie's life in the various institutions and clinics, going so far as to obtain next-of-kin legal status to obtain long buried records. These sections contain masterly reporting on the mental health practices of the time and Annie's hapless immersion in the system. Readers will find themselves closely following the story until the ending; Steve's "reinterpretations" of his mother's life and the poignant epilogue.

Steve Luxemberg, an experienced journalist, was well supported in his research. Parttime genealogists may envy his ability to travel extensively, interview many, and spend as much time as needed in research and writing. The result is a very detailed book which encourages the genealogist to follow closely and learn from his methods as well as enjoy the puzzle solving and the interpretation of social history.

Nancy Gilien, NVGBS member







Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)		
Napa County Cemeteries		
Volume 1 – Lower Napa Co . 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 One CD	\$25.00 \$25.00
Volume2 – Middle Napa Co . 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		
Volume 3 – Upper Napa Co., 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
The Great Register of Napa County, 1880-1894 : substituting for the 1890 Census includes (when given) name, age, nativity, registration date, occupation, naturalization place and date, & residence	3 Vol- umes	\$35.00
BOOKS -Soft cover		
Index of Births Registered in Napa Co. through 1905 – includes sex, year born, page number of the county recorders record book	53 pages	\$6.45
Napa County Tax Assessment Records Index, 1884-1893 – 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
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, St. Helena Public Cemetery, Vol. 1 Office Records	184 pages	\$21.50
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, George Yount Cemetery , Yountville incl. informa- tion from old Cemetery Assoc. ledger. Indexed.	56 pages	\$7.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries, Indexed	20 pages	\$3.25
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed	41 pages	\$5.40
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery , Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.	30 pages	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena. Indexed	47 pages	\$6.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens, Napa. Indexed	82 pages	\$10.00
	1	\$27.00



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Donated by Harold Smith & Gloria Smith

975.591 H29p History of Augusta County, VA This book includes a list of early marriages, which were solemnized in Augusta between the years 1785 and 1793.The book is indexed with Every name in the text, lists, and the genealogical and biographical sections.

929.2 H112w The Haas Family Heritage Book

Donated by Denise Ratterman Jackson

Directories Yountville Elementary School, 1992-1998 Napa Valley Christian Academy School, 1999-2000 St. Apollinaris Catholic School, 1992-1998 St. Helena Cooperative Preschool, 1988-1994 Napa Valley Phone books, 1980's to present

Donated by Madeline Vavricka

942 E64a Old English Towns This is an introduction to the principal towns of the country, describing their origins, legends, and notable events. More than 40 of England's towns are described and illustrated in this book. This book describes England's towns as they were. Indexed.

IN MEMORY OF Tom Wakeman

Tom died on May 12, 2009 at Piners Nursing Home in Napa, after a lengthy illness. Tom was a life member and president of the Napa Valley Genealogy Society for several years. Tom was very active in our Society and he will be missed. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Tulocay Cemetery.

June Program

Cecelia Elkington Setty quickly involved her audience as she reviewed her recently published booklet, *"The Story of the Paesano Poker Club of Napa, California"*. (Paesano in Italian means 'villager or countryman"). In her article she describes her research and interviews with the surviving members of an eight member club of mainly Italian American men who have been playing poker weekly since 1941. The longevity of both the club and the members is remarkable. They are in their 80's or 90's and are doing quite well. They declined an invitation to the Genealogical Society meeting as it is their poker night.

The personal histories of the men are remarkable. None went to college, but after high school graduation the men found long term employment with local industries. They were very inventive employees and made many contributions in their work place. Some held patents as results. These men married, often within the close knit community of Italian families living in the Alta Heights neighborhood, and raised their families in Napa.



Gail DeVita Martin and Cecelia Setty examine her booklet and old family photographs. Ms. Martin is related to certain members of the club and knows their histories well.

The audience enjoyed this nostalgic glimpse into Napa's past and living present.

SMASHING BRICK WALLS

I am looking to share information on my family.

I am a Hotaling and my father's family was from the Syracuse area. I 'm looking for information regarding my grandmother, Anna

Downing Hotaling. I have the book on Hotaling Genealogy and would be glad to share/look up any information you'd like.

> Thanks, Oneita Hotaling-Covert, maloni@rochester.rr.com



INDEX PEEKS Great Register Napa County, California 1880-1894, Vol., L-Z

Copied by the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1982

This is an alphabetical listing of names in the Great Register, Vol. 2. Each name has much information. *Duplicates signify more than one entry*. Check the NVGBS Library to view that particular page or e-mail (nvgbs@napanet.net) or call the Library (707-252-2252) to leave a message for a volunteer to do a lookup. Thank you to Carole Fisher for computerizing the index.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a welcome to the following new members who joined us recently.

Family Surnames Researching

- Patricia Renait Surnames: White, Desnoyer, Thompson and Wood
- Pam Burris

Surnames: Christensen/on, O'Hagan and Dunn

Call Before Visiting our Library

Sometimes we are short on library staffers, we recommend that you call the library before you visit to make sure a staffer is on duty. Library phone # 707-252-2252

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Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

July 17, 2009, Friday, 9 am-1 pm. National Archives & Records Administration. "Federal Land Records" presented by Rose Mary Kennedy. 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno, CA. Cost is \$15, payable in advance.

For details, e-mail *rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov* or call (650) 238-3488.

August 14, 2009, Friday, 9am-1 pm. National Archives & Records Administration. "Preserving Your History" presented by Rose Mary Kennedy. 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno, CA. Cost is \$15, pavable in advance.

For details, e-mail rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov or call (650) 238-3488.

September 2-5, 2009. 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. The largest genealogical conference with hundreds of classes and workshops and vendor booths. Visit www.fgs.org for a registration brochure or call (888) FGS-1500.

October 17 and 24, 2009, Beginners Genealogy Class, will be held at our Society's Library, 1701 Menlo Ave., Napa CA. Sign up is through the Napa Valley College. Go to www.napavalley.edu

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