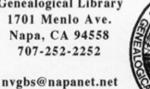
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May 9, 2009, (2nd Sat) Genealogy Software Group, 1 pm, NVGBS Library May 13 & 27, 2009, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

May 11, 2009, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

May 21, 2009, (3rd Thurs) **NVGBS Open House** at the Library, 1:00-4:00pm

Jun 8, 2009, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

June 10 & 24, 2009 **Family History Writing Gp**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Jun 18, 2009, (3rd Thurs) **NVBGS PROGRAM** at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30 PM

Jun 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

May 21, 2009 Open House at the Library and 35th Anniversary Celebration Exhibits, tours, demonstration of preservation of documents and photographs, computer-assisted genealogical research demonstrated, refreshments, and more. Come and join in on the fun.

NVGBS Library, Thursday, 1:00pm-4:00pm, 1701 Menlo Ave. Napa, CA.

June 18, 2009 Member Cecelia Setty presents her study of wonderful eighty-three vear old friendships published as "The Paesano Poker Club of Napa."

Senior Center, Thursday at 7:30 PM, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa

July 16, 2009 Carole Fisher, member, will demonstrate the construction of a neat Genealogical Calendar. Perfect for family records and for gifts.

NVGBS Library, Thursday, 1:30 PM -3:30, 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa

August 20, 2009 Wine Raffle Drawing

This popular event always includes refreshments, social hour and special Senior Center, Thursday 7:30 PM, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa entertainment.

A Message from our President

The May 21, 2009 meeting of the Napa Genealogy Society will be an open house at our Library celebrating our 35th anniversary. The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society was established in July of 1974 as an offshoot of the Napa County Bicentennial Commission. Marian McGuire, our first president, donated the first books to our library and played an important role in getting the Society registered as a tax exempt educational organization. Marian continued to serve on the Board of Directors and held many offices over the years. She was active in our Society until her death in 2000. Marian was also active in other organizations, such as the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Our Society began with four meetings per year and quickly expanded to monthly meetings. Workshops and seminars were held, and in 1984 we hosted the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States with attendance of over 1,000 from around the country. Our Library began in the Native Sons Hall and moved to rented quarters on Solano Ave. before we purchased our building at 1701 Menlo Ave. in 1989. Today we have over 6,000 books and publications, and we are considered one of the finest Libraries north of San Francisco.

For our annual Wine Drawing, we have been collecting wines from the donor wineries, and we now have over 50 bottles of wine for our first prize. Members will be receiving their raffle tickets in the mail in June and our drawing will be on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at the Napa Senior Center. We will need volunteers to sell the raffle tickets at the Napa Valley Wine Train Station and a signup sheet will be available at the Library. We hope you will be able to support our annual fund raising effort.

Our Library will be closed on Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, 2009. We have been trying to keep the Library open every Saturday but we need additional volunteers to do this.



Dick Bruechert,
NVGBS Fresident

Our Yearly Dues Supports Our Library. You are Appreciated!

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Dues for May

Deanna Bickford, Arlene Bertolini, Kim Farmer, Mary Gannon-Massey, Shirley Gotro, Mary & Michael Herzog, Darlene Hoffmark, Cheri Kluever, Sharon Marangoni, James Moore, Richard Murray, Paula Norton, Thomas Quinn, Betty Scaruffi, Arlene Stark-Pettet, and Danda Winford

Dues for June

Janice Brown, Carole Fisher, William French, Diane Janzen, Roseanne Kirby, Loretta McDonald, Duane Murray, Robert Partrick, and Jennifer Pina.

Jabber from Janice



Reviewing Search Engines for Genealogy Research

Opps, my error: I forgot to include the printed web address for some of the sites for those members reading a hard copy of the newsletter. For those receiving it online just hold Ctrl and then click (or just click or double click) on the link to go directly to the site.

Ixquick, [_http://www.ixquick.com/_ (http://www.ixquick.com/)] a metasearch engine that queries twelve other search engines.

SearchUK, [_http://www.searchuk.com/_ (http://www.searchuk.com/)] a search engine with a focus on UK domains. Enter places, names, or just genealogy and see what pops up.

New ones to try:

:	* _MetaEureka_	_ (http://www.n	netaeureka.com/),		
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[_http://www.metaeureka.com/_ (http://www.metaeureka.com/)] a graphics-free meta search engine.

This is a great search for someone who has a slower connection or just gets tired of a screen full of graphics.

* Low County Africana

[_http://lowcountryafricana.net/conservation-efforts.asp_ (http://lowcountryafricana.net/conservation-efforts.asp)] a research library site in English for Southeast Africa.

Happy Surfing, Janice jancoxbrown@yahoo.com

WRITING GROUP

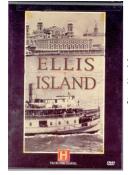
Each of us has a story that only we can tell. Generations from now a genealogist can research the facts of our lives-events and dates and places and relationships, but only we can write the story of who we are and how we arrived at this moment in our lives.

We offer an opportunity to gather as writers and explorers of our selves. Through the use of writing exercises and prompts to get us started, we will write our stories and share with one another the process of getting experience and emotion into words.

No writing experience is necessary, only a desire to do what you always wanted to do, to write your own story. The group meets from 12 noon to 1:00 PM the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Napa Valley Genealogy Library, 1701 Menlo Ave., Napa.

Come join us in our relaxed, friendly sessions, join in or just listen.

March Program



The immigrant experience upon arrival at Ellis Island was vividly portrayed in the film produced by the History Channel and shown at the March meeting of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society.

Immigrants arriving via first or second class passage and presumably self supporting, were quickly interviewed and cleared by the custom authorities. Steerage class passengers,

on the other hand, were carefully screened to prevent their becoming a financial or health burden on the United States..

Although the situation in the huge reception hall on the island seemed to be chaotic, in actuality there was a very well organized process from registration to physical and mental examinations to final dismissal. Records of each person and family were maintained in depth and detail. A large hospital was maintained on the island, and many patients of all ages were treated there. However, the many graves on the grounds attested to the fact that all did not recover.

Assisted by many volunteers speaking various languages the immigrants received guidance and assistance through out their time on Ellis Island. Alas, a number were found unfit and were turned away.

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Mary Herzog shared her expertise in the research of records of Ellis Island. She passed around copies of some interesting documents and answered questions from the appreciative audience.

CD REVIEW

Early New England Settlers, 1600s-1800s

The lineages, family histories, immigration records, vital records, and historical sketches included on this Family Archive CD contain information on approximately 190,000 individuals. Originally published by GPC, the 21 titles reproduced here are the bedrock of New England genealogy, comprising many of the most celebrated books ever published on the subject--books like *One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families* by John Osborne Austin and *Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* by John Farmer.

CD file # 504 FTM

Coming Up - Annual Fund Raiser

The annual fund raiser for the Genealogy Library is the sale of raffle

tickets for the grand prize of fifty bottle of premium wine and additional prizes of individual wines. Raffle tickets will be mailed to the members in June with donations requested of \$5.00 per ticket or three for \$10.00.





As in past years, an effort will be made to offer tickets to passengers at the Napa Valley Wine Train station just prior to each train departure during the later part of June, all of July and until the drawing on August 20.

The train departs twice daily, except for no evening departures on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The total time slots available to sell the tickets during these weeks are approximately 90. If each member who is willing to sell tickets will schedule three time slots total during June, July or August, all 90 time slots can be filled and the Library will greatly benefit.

Each slot requires about one and one-half hour of your time. The times are 10-11:30 in the morning and 5-6:30 in the evening. Signup sheets will be available at the library and at our monthly program. Members have found the volunteer service an interesting one, offering an opportunity to meet and greet visitors to the valley.

History of the IRS

DID YOUR ANCESTORS QUALIFY?

President Abraham Lincoln and Congress enacted a tax in 1862 to help pay Civil War expenses, creating a position called commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Wyoming ratified the 16th Amendment in 1913, meaning enough states made it possible to amend the Constitution, giving Congress the authority to enact income taxes.

The first Form 1040 was introduced in 1913. It emerged after Congress levied a tax on net personal income. It included a 1 percent tax on incomes of more than \$3,000.



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	\$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	One CD	\$25.00
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 Volumes	\$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. information 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
Funeral Home Records of W.F. Mercier Permelee of St. Helena, Napa County, pages are copies of the original sheets c1920's. Indexed	219 pages	\$27.00



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Donated by Harold Smith & Gloria Smith

Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, NC,

1753-1762

975.5453 K29mj The Annals and History of Henrico Parish, VA, Indexed, orig. pub. 1904

929.2 D252b Davidson Brown Descendants, 1785-1984

977.8 V39ha Missouri Cemetery Records, V.1, Selected cemetery records from 26

Missouri counties with Full Name Index.

976.874 V38c Morgan County, TN, Cemetery Inscriptions

941.1 D69p Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia

975.543 K29cc Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish

975.5523 P29m Brief Abstract of Lower Norfolk County & Norfolk County Wills,

1637-1710

977.162 V39s Cemetery Inscriptions Stark County, OH, V.2

942 V29h A True Register of all the Christenings, Marriages, Burials in the Parish of

St. James, Middlesex, London

976.8 V25b Obituaries and Marriage Notices from the Tennessee Baptist: 1844-1862

Donated by Richard Hilderbrand

072.07 A56s Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas

Purchased by Society

John Howland of the Mayflower, Vol's. 3 & 4

Donated by Virginia Wakeman

974.429 H28c History of Calhoun County West Virginia 1989

975.461 H28g Lewis County, West Virginia, A Pictorial History of Old Lewis

County, The Crossroads of central West Virginia

975.427 D39g Bicentennial Biographies, Gilmer County, West Virginia

Donated by Dorothy Wogh

975.5392 M28bj The Classes in Culpeper County, Virginia

975.523 P28m Brief Abstracts of Norfolk County Wills, 1710-1753
929.2 B964b The Burnetts and their Connections, Vol's 1, 2, 3
975.5462 P29g Virginia Migrations Hanover County, V. 1, 1723-1850

"Show and Tell" was the topic of the April program at the Senior Center.



Members were invited to bring a genealogical treasure to share with the group. Nell Dunn displayed a beautiful quilt begun in 1939 by her mother Gertrude. The plan was to have each block filled in by relatives, but the work was never finished. Nell resumed the project in 1990, mailing blocks to relatives for filling with the names of her mother's female descendants and daughters-in-law. On the back of the quilt are the names of female descendants of her two grandmothers.

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In the four corners are the names and ship symbols of her four great grandmothers. Members marveled at the beauty and remarkable preservation of this unique heirloom.

Nancy Gilien brought a mystery picture seeking help in the identification of the object in the very old photograph found in her grandfather's bible. An American flag can be faintly seen, and the number of its stars dates the picture probably no earlier than 1912. The grandfather died in 1918.

Many suggestions were made as to what the odd contraption might be – from a still to a soda fountain dispenser. But the picture remains an unsolved mystery.





Carole Fisher believes that persistence pays off. She knew that there were photographs of her husbands family somewhere, but multiple inquiries to relatives and in-laws over several years time span did not bring them to light. Finally, a cousin of her husband knew someone, a sister-in-law, whose elderly mother had a family album. And there it was — wonderful pictures with additional information about many family members. The picture is of Carole standing by the display case at the public library where information about the Napa Valley Genealogical & Biographical Society was presented last October. Her hand points to her prized family bible on the middle shelf.

It was a delightful evening of sharing.

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

- Carl LynchMiller, Shreve, and Hunt
- ◆ Bob & Nancy Hodgson......Howland, Dodge, Nellis, Hodgson, and Graffors (or Graffers)
- William Rhodes (out of state) Thrasher, McMullen, Travis, and Rhodes

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Include any changes/corrections in your address, email or telephone

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Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

May 13-16, 2009, National Genealogical Society Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina. Check the web site: www.ngsgenealogy.org/conferences/2009/index.htm.

May 15,2009, 9 am—1 pm. National Archives & Records Administration. "E-VET Records Research" 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.

May 16, 2009, Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogy Society presents, Geoff Rasmussen at their annual seminar. Info at www.hsigs.org/May Seminar09.htm.

June 15, 2009, Monday, 10:30 am—2 pm. California Genealogical Society and Library Workshop. CGS President Jane Lindsey will discuss the outstanding genealogy resources available at the CGS Library in Oakland followed by a Lunch & Learn session. Then Lavinia Schwarz will present "Some Brick Walls are of Our Own Making." Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, in the Redwood Room on the 1st floor. Bring your own lunch or purchase one at the library café. RSVP to Mary Hanel at (408) 615-2909. Open to the public and FREE.

June 26-28, 2009, 40th Annual Genealogy Jamboree, hosted by the Southern Calif. Genealogical Society, promises to be an exceptional event for genealogists of all experience levels. This year the Jamboree will offer over 100 lecture sections over the three days. The Jamboree will be held at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, in Burbank, CA. Check the online calendar at <u>www.scgsgenealogy.com</u>.

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