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Nov 14, 2009, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1 pm, NVGBS Library
Nov 11 & 25, 2009, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon,
at NVGBS Library

Nov 9, 2009, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

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Dec 12, 2009 (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1 pm NVGBS Library

Dec 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

Nov & Dec, 2009 No general meetings

Jan 21, 2010 Lisa Louise Cooke presents her illustrated lecture, "How I Lived My Family History—and You Can Too."

Lisa with her family was featured in the PBS reality mini-series, **Texas Ranch House**. They lived for an entire summer on a re-created 1867 West Texas cattle ranch, experiencing the rugged life of pioneer Texans.

Lisa is producer and host of two radio shows on genealogy which can be heard free in iTunes and on her website www.genealogygems.tv. She hosts the monthly Family Tree Magazine Podcast, and she conducts interviews for the Family History Expos online video channel. She is the author of *Genealogy Gems-Ultimate Research*.

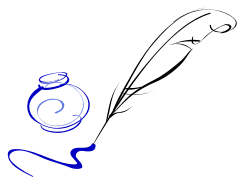
Don't miss this interesting program to be held in the afternoon at the
Senior Center, Thursday, afternoon 1:30 PM 1500 Jefferson, Napa, CA

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A Message from our President

The Board of Directors decided to cancel the General Meetings in November and December so there will not be any more General Meetings this year. At the January General Meeting we will elect and install the Officers and Board of Directors for 2010, and adopt the budget for 2010. This is an important business meeting and it will be held at the Napa Senior Center in the afternoon on January 21, 2010. The program that will follow will be a presentation by Lisa Louise Cooke on "How I Lived My family History, and you can too". The January General Meeting will begin at 1:30 pm.

Our Library will be closed for Thanksgiving week, from November 23, through November 28, and for the Christmas Holidays, from December 19, 2009 through January 2, 2010. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.



*Dick Bruechert,
NVGBS President*

Our Yearly Dues Supports Our Library. You are Appreciated!

October Dues

As of October 20, 2009 dues have yet to be received from the following members: Lynne Champlin, David & Anita Cummings, Linda Lowe Jaeger, Carroll Kaers, Constance Kay, Margie McKenzie, and Betty Rodden.

November Dues

This is a large class, indeed! Joan Barber, Marie Bowen, Marilyn Buschini, Robert Haan, Bonnie Kroplin, Jeanine Layland, Marjorie Norman, Jack Oliveres, David Page, Martha Ricci, Agatha Thomas, Dot Varland, Roy & Mignon Wagner, Maurice & Marie Wood, Ralph Wright, and the DAR Library.

December Dues

The smallest class! Bev Tessmer.

If you have any questions regarding your newsletter- you didn't receive it, your address has changed, we have your name spelled incorrectly, etc.- please contact me as membership chair so that we can remedy any problems you might have.

Karen Burzdak , karenb@napanet.net or 707-253-1524

Jabber from Janice



Hot Tip From the book, *Google Your Family Tree*, by Daniel M. Lynch

If you have not seen this book, it is a great research assistant for us genealogists. It is 340 pages of useful information on using Google's amazing features.

How many times have you done a search only to pull up something you saw online 2 years ago? Common problem! Well, here is help from Mr. Lynch and Google: Choose "Advanced Search" to the right of the search box on the main Google screen. Fill in your search parameters as usual. Put all the words in the top box that you require, then put the exact words you want to find (perhaps a full name or county and state), then enter one or more of the words that will limit your search (example: genealogy, history, records) and then enter words that you do not want (helpful if your surname has another meaning).

Now to the good stuff: On the bottom of the Advanced Search page is the text box: "+ Date, usage rights, numeric range and more". Click on the plus sign and the next group of choices comes up. Under Date: you can choose your time frame. If you searched thoroughly last month, you can choose "past month" and get only results of your search posted within the month.

I also fill in the Region text box with United States. This eliminates some of the spam sites from other countries if they tend to show up. If you are searching on foreign soil, do not limit to the United States.

Happy Surfing,
Janice
jancoxbrown@gmail.com

Beginners Genealogy Class

The Societies two day Beginner Genealogy Class held in October saw 15 new students to genealogy. The class was taught by Mary Herzog, Sandy Hoover, and Christine Patterson.

Lectures, video, computers, round table discussions, and hands on was the mode of teaching this fascinating subject.

Everyone went home with an excitement that only genealogists can know. Finding grandparents, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, cousins, and long lost friends, is very exciting. Learning what they have done in their life time opens up a whole new awareness of family and friends.

If you missed this years beginners class don't worry the society will be having another Beginners Genealogy Class next year. So keep watching for the announcement on our web site www.napanet.net, or at our library, or in our newsletter.

Napa Valley Genealogy Society's UPCOMING PROGRAMS Con't

Feb 18, 2010 Round table discussions on your special interests or problems. Bring your questions and bring the solutions you have found to other problems. Let's help one another over the brick walls.

Senior Center, Thursday, afternoon 1:30 PM 1500 Jefferson, Napa, CA

Mar 18, 2010 "Land Records", Member Christine Patterson will lead us in a discussion of the use of Land Records in genealogical research. We will learn their history, their format and about the information that can be derived from them. In addition, the evening will start with a fifteen-minute session to bring up your questions that other members may be able to help you answer.

Senior Center, Thursday, evening 7:30 PM 1500 Jefferson, Napa, CA

COLORADO HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS

Colorado newspapers (1859-1923), 75 newspapers in 20 cities, can be browsed by date, issue or keyword at <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

Historic newspapers are one of the most versatile and heavily used sources of information for researchers, genealogists, students and the general public. Feature stories, society news, classified picture advertisements, school and church announcements, news from surrounding towns, editorials and cartoons, all give the reader the sense of "being there." Often the papers contain historical information that is not available in any other source.

The Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection (CHNC) currently includes 147 newspapers published in Colorado from 1859 to 1923. CHNC contains over 477,000 digitized pages and is a joint endeavor of the Colorado State Library, the Colorado Historical Society, and generous donors throughout the state.

Editors note: This site is very easy to use, the digitized pages are clear and can be read easily without a magnifying glass. Kudos to Colorado.

MICHIGAN

Varied information about Michigan appears at <http://seekingmichigan.org>. This site also holds one million new Michigan Death Certificates, 1897-1920. Plus Civil War Service Records, Early Photography, Oral Histories, Maps, Naturalization Indexes and many other records. For the death certificates click on Discover when you reach the site. This site is easy to use and is searchable.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Purchased by Society

- 977.736 H28b The First One Hundred Sixty Years, The History of Millville, Iowa.
This is an Historical Project of the Clayton County Genealogy Society,
Elkader, IA covering the years 1833 to 1993.
- 977.736 H28b Giard's First Hundred Years, 1871– 1971, A History of Giard Clayton
County Iowa.
Includes True Stories and Tall Tales, Statistics, Maps and Photographs.
- 977.736 V38h Eastman Cemetery, Pioneers and Their Stories. Clayton County Iowa.

Donated by Ruth Jenkins

- P Arkansas 976.744 "Echoes" a periodical from the Scott County Historical and Genealogical
Society. Waldron, AK.

Donated by St. Helena Library

- 942 E26m A Dictionary of English Place-Names. This dictionary describes the mean-
ing and origin of all major English place-names, tracing their development
from their earliest appearance to the present day.
- 941 W38b The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783.



IN MEMORY OF Barbara Hicks

Barbara was a long time member of our society, she died on September 11, 2009 in Napa, CA. She staffed at our library and helped out with different projects, she will be missed.

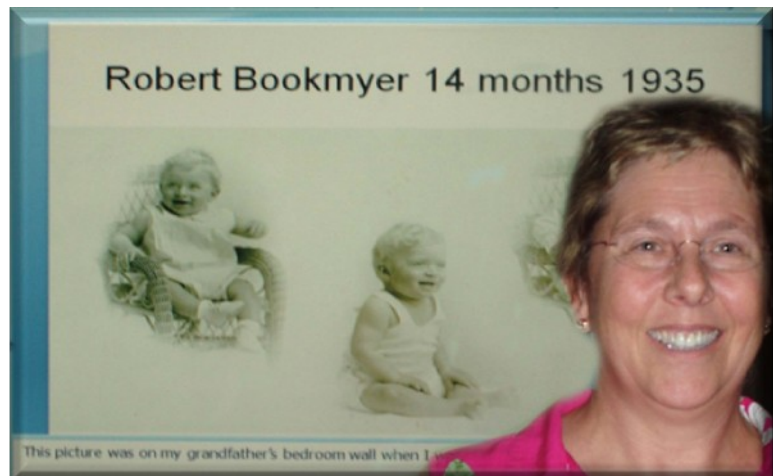
Barbara was born in Oakland, CA and she was 83 years old.

September Program

Sharon Marangoni, society member, described her fascinating research in her attempt to find the birth mother of her late father, Robert Bookmeyer. Son of a teen age unwed mother, he was taken from an orphanage at about six months of age by foster parents who were able to adopt him when he was fourteen months old.

Sharon's grandparents regarded little Robert as their own son, and as an adult he was surprised to learn that he had been adopted. Sharon and her father made some attempts to trace his origins, but it wasn't until after Robert's death that she began to search in earnest.

Using Power Point Sharon displayed a number of documents which she was able to obtain with persistent efforts to penetrate various government bureaucracies. These records of birth and adoption and those of the Census Bureau led her to the family of the young mother, Dorothy Wittman, living in San Francisco where her father was a motorman. The home is still there, now occupied by another, unrelated family.



Sharon also learned a bit of information about the person who fathered Dorothy's child; his age (seven years older than Dorothy) and ethnic background. Sharon ultimately found the grave sites of Dorothy's parents in Colma, Ca. with dates of birth and death. It was a shock to learn that Dorothy also had a memorial marker there revealing that she died at the age of twenty one!

Like most genealogists Sharon hit some brick walls and has numerous unanswered questions. Why was Dorothy living in Los Angeles at the time of her death? What was the cause of death? Just who was the man who was the father of her child? The audience was very caught up in Sharon's story and had numerous questions and suggestions for further avenues of research. Sharon has agreed to keep the group informed of additional revelations.

It was a wonderful family history with both happy and sad endings. Thank you Sharon for sharing your family story.



Michael Muir Returns

for the October Program

Muir, Director of Access Adventure, a unique program which provides wheelchair accessible horse drawn carriages for handicapped persons to access rural and wilderness areas, displayed a video of the remarkable 3,000 mile carriage journey he made across the country with fellow handicapped persons.

At the time Michael was president of the United States Driving for Disabled, Inc.

Beginning in January 2001 from Mission San Diego, California, the group retraced pioneer trails first followed by Muir's ancestors, the Hanna family, who had begun the westward trek from Virginia several generations ago. Ending the journey in November in Washington, D.C. was a triumph of the will, effort and enthusiasm of a group of physically challenged persons representing several countries, Sweden, England, Germany, Mexico, as well as the United States, who joined the trek at intervals

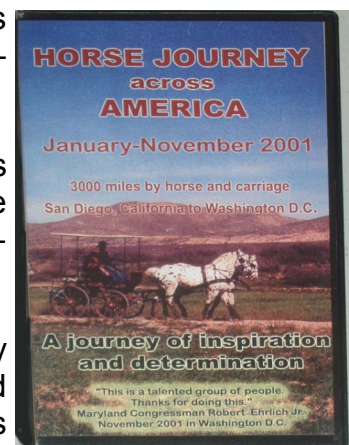
The heroes of the journey were the wonderful spotted horses, bred by Muir, who pulled the carriages and bore the riders the complete distance and ended the journey in excellent condition. The horses delighted the many patients at the various hospitals and rehabilitation centers that the group visited along the way.

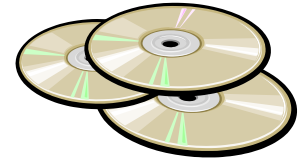
A major goal of the journey was to offer hope and inspiration to all physically and mentally challenged persons and to encourage them to become active in the out of doors. Muir said that the group members were welcomed with enthusiasm every where they went (except for hostile Tombstone, Arizona officials) and received much assistance along the way.

Michael Muir continued to travel ancestral trails. Two years later he drove along the trails followed by his great grandfather, John Muir, the great naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, who walked from Indiana to Florida and wrote of his observations in his book, *A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf*, published in 1867.

Muir became interested in his family genealogy through his horse breeding activities. When filling in the horse pedigrees he thought, "Why not do my own?" This interest led ultimately to re-tracing his ancestors' journeys.

Following his presentation Michael responded to many questions from his appreciative audience. He invited Interested person to visit his ranch. Information and directions are on his website, <http://access-adventure.org/>.





Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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 member who joined us recently.

Family Surnames Researching

- ◆ Lynne Harrington-Bullock from Sonoma
Surnames: Bullock, Morgan, Phillips, Wingfeld, Booram, Earle, Chase

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[] Family/Joint – \$40.00 [] Life Membership, Family/Joint – \$500.00
[] Out of State – \$15.00 [] Junior – \$15.00 [] Patron – \$75.00

Please remit dues separately from any other remittances to the Society
Remit by the 15th of the month to ensure changes go into effect the following month!

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

March 2010

North San Diego County Genealogical Society & Carlsbad City Library present
“**Family Tree DNA & You,**” a Spring Seminar to be held *Saturday 27 March 2010* at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine St., Carlsbad, CA. Topics include: Y-DNA & mtDNA Genealogy and Website Tools, Deep Ancestry & Migration Patterns, Medical Testing & the Future of Personal DNA Testing, and Without a Surname to Follow; What Can You Do?
For more information contact: Nina Anderson, ninaanderson@sbcglobal.net, 760-599-9958.

April 2010

2010 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The National Genealogical Society announces its 2010 Family History Conference, “**Follow Your Ancestral Trails,**” which will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, *28 April-1 May 2010* at the Salt Palace. Special workshops for Eastern Europe, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Hispanic countries will combine lectures and hands-on research planning and problem solving, combines with lab time at the Family History Library. Supporting the conference’s international and American theme, other lectures focus on Great Britain, Poland and Germany, immigration, African American research, DNA, and Technology initiatives. The Family History Library will offer extended research hours Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

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