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Sept 12, 2009, (2nd Sat) Genealogy Software Group, 1 pm, NVGBS Library Sept 9 & 23, 2009, (2nd & 4th Wed.) Family History Writing Group, noon,

at NVGBS Library

Sept 14, 2009, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Sept 17, 2009, (3rd Thurs) **NVGBS PROGRAM** at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30PM

Oct 12, 2009, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Oct 14 & 28, 2009 Family History Writing Gp, noon, at NVGBS Library

Oct 15, 2009, (3rd Thurs) **NVBGS PROGRAM** at the Napa Senior Center, 7:30 PM

Oct 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

**Sept 17, 2009** Member Sharon Marangoni will present the results of her family research and how she found her father's birth mother.

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

Oct 15. 2009 Michael Muir of Access Adventure returns to present a film on his trek cross country on the old pioneer trails.

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Oct 17 & 24, 2009 Genealogy Basics Learn how to get started by using family sources, genealogy software, and the Internet. More Info, pg. 3 Napa Valley Genealogy Library 1701 Menlo Ave, Napa, CA

Nov & Dec, 2009 No general meetings

Jan 21, 2010 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!"

Senior Center, Thursday, 1:30 pm, 1500 Jefferson St. Napa, CA

# A Message from our President

Our annual fund raising event in August was an enjoyable evening with the Juliane Trio entertaining us with many old time favorites. As usual, the hors d'oeuvres and desserts were excellent.

The *First Prize* of 50 bottles of wine was won by, Heather Vieau of Napa, CA, Heather is a dispatcher at our Napa Police Dept. Congratulations, Heather

The remaining prizes were as follows;

Second Prize, Pat Strickland, Denham Springs, LA

Third Prize, Josefina Garcia, Dallas, TX

Fourth Prize, Thung Phung Westminister, CA

Fifth Prize, Sharon Marangoni, Napa, CA

Sixth Prize, Joan Barber, Napa, CA

Seventh Prize, Glenn Mattila, Napa, CA

Eighth Prize, Bobbie Mattila, Napa, CA

Ninth Prize, Frank Enriquiz, El Paso, TX

Tenth Prize, Tim Cantillon, Napa, CA



I would also like to thank the wineries that donated the wine for our event.

# THANK YOU

Acacia Winery Judd's Hill

Altamura Winery
Andersons Conn Valley Vineyards

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Markham Vineyards

Andersons Conn Valley Vineyards
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Califa Cellars Panacea
Caymus Vineyards Pina Cellars

Charles Krug Winery Rocca Family Vineyards

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Dominus Estates Raymond Vineyard and Cellars

Elisabeth Spencer Rustridge

Far Niente Shafer Vineyards
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Graiser Winery
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William Hill Estates

Heitz Cellars ZD Wines

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Our fund raising event would not have been possible without the donations and our members and friends who purchased and sold tickets at the Wine Train Station.

Thank you everyone.

We have scheduled a Beginners Class for two Saturdays in October; October 17 and October 24. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in getting started in genealogy, you should contact Mary Herzog at herzogm@pacbell.net.



Dick Bruechert,

NVGBS Fresident

# **Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest**

**September 16, 2009,** Wednesday, 7:30 pm. San Mateo County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting. "**Born Irish**" presented by Cath Madden Trindle. Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1700 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo. See <u>www.smcgs.org</u> for details.

September 26, 2009, Saturday, 9 am—4:30 pm, 2009 Fall Seminar, Unexpected Journeys, by the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Carlsbad, CA Contact: Nina Anderson, at ninaanderson@sbcglobal.net or (760) 599-9958

October 17, 2009 Saturday, all day. Monterey County Genealogy Society, Inc., & Monterey Peninsula College Library/Technology Center. "Heritage Harvest Family History Workshop" featuring Karen Clifford, AG. Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont St., Monterey, CA. Visit www.mocogenso.org or call (831) 206-1602 for details. Registration is \$30 with lunch and syllabus included if you register by October 10. Space is limited to 75, so register early.

*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* 

October 23, 2009, Friday, all day. NEHGS Visits CGS, The New England Historic Genealogical Society is coming to the California Genealogical Society for a seminar and lunch. Michael Leclerc and Christopher Child will speak on "Researching Your New England Ancestors Online," "Western Massachusetts Families in 1790," Migration Through Western Massachusetts," and "Using DNA to Unravel Your Genealogy. Location and Registration Info visit www.calgensoc.org or call (510)663-1358.

# Jabber from Janice



## Newsletter column Sept, 2009

New records are added all the time. Save the sites as bookmarks and check often. This is the Pilot site that I have mentioned before for the LDS Family Search site. It is really amazing and new items are added constantly. It has many more options from their old family search site. http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=home

Wow, on Google Books is a scanned image of the book "A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services with their Names, Ages, and Places of Residence as Returned by the Marshals of the Several Judicial Districts, Under The Act for Taking the Sixth Census Printed 1841" You can look at lists of pensioners still living when the 1840 Census was taken. What a great source this is to help you find pension records. <a href="http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/1840c-01.pdf">http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/1840c-01.pdf</a>

This is a great learning tool for internet searches. It is like taking a class without heading all the way to South Carolina. <u>Bare Bones 101: A Very Basic Web Search Tutorial</u>, written by the Head Librarian at the University of South Carolina (USA)

Try out the National Archives Search Page. Information is constantly changing due to the assistance of many volunteers. If you click on "Family Historians", there is a very helpful tutorial <a href="http://archives.gov/research/arc/">http://archives.gov/research/arc/</a>

To see what is digitized online: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/research/tools/checklist.html">http://www.archives.gov/research/tools/checklist.html</a> Here is the Tips for Searching for people by name: <a href="http://archives.gov/research/arc/topics/genealogy/people-search-tips.html">http://archives.gov/research/arc/topics/genealogy/people-search-tips.html</a>

Visit the National Archives' digitization partner websites.

<u>Ancestry (Institution version)</u> is available free in NARA research rooms and is available free at our NVGBS library

<u>FamilySearch.org</u> is available for free from your home computer or at out library.

<u>Footnote.com</u> includes digital copies of millions of pages of NARA records. They are available free from NARA research rooms and for a subscription or per-document fee from any computer.

Happy Surfing, Janicejancoxbrown@gmail.com

# Our Yearly Dues Supports Our Library. You are Appreciated!

#### Dues Owing for August

As of August 17, 2009, dues for August have not been received from the following: Louise Bea, Dorothy Breitensten, Chris Burditt, Sue Cooley, Dean Goff, Elaine La-Fontaine, Nancy & Burton Mahoney, Joanna Mills, Frank Rhodes, Patricia Salyer, Mary Settles, Clair Thomason, and Louise Walsh Throop.

#### **Dues Owing for September**

The following people owe dues in September: Kathleen Anderson, Charmaine Burdell, Carol Kilby, Marilyn Roman, Diane Sarant, Anita & Curt Semple, Sheridan & Jennifer Shields, Dorothy Soderholm, Gwen Spuehler, Jill Troughton Tarap, Ivylyn Traver, Madeline Vavricka, and Lois Watson.

#### **August Program**

It was a festive evening for the annual raffle ticket drawing, the culmination of six weeks of sales of chances to win the major first prize, 50 bottles of premium wines, and nine additional wine prizes. Proceeds of the sales will support the services of the Genealogy Library.

Society members and guests enjoyed delicious food and wine. Entertainment was provided by the Juliane Band. This trio, led by singer, Juliane Poirier, accompanied by accordion player Steve Steiner, and guitarist Larry Ruch, presented a variety of folk, country and pop rock numbers. So engaging was the music that couples got up and danced.



The highlight of the evening was the drawing. The grand winner is Heather Vieau of Napa. The additional nine winners represented California, Louisiana and Texas. Door prizes of wine were consolation for many members in attendance.

# "Genealogy Basics"

Two Saturdays: October 17 & 24
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Napa Valley Genealogy Library
1701 Menlo Ave, Napa, Ca
(Corner of Menlo & California Blvd)

Learn how to get started researching your family by using family sources, genealogy software, and the Internet.

Register through Napa Valley College Course #59004 Fee: \$40 Or Call: (707)253-3070 ex. 1301 or ex. 1302



# Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)		
Napa County Cemeteries		
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
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 Mary Barron

974.865 H28w A History of Elk County, Pennsylvania. Includes Townships and

First Families

#### Donated by Richard Hildebrand

072.07 A56s Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas

#### Donated by Harold Smith & Gloria Smith

975.5643 V25b Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, part 2 and 3, 1746-1816

955.591 H29p History of Augusta County, VA

975.548 V25r Register of Albemarle Parish, Surry & Sussex Counties, 1739-1778

#### Donated by Carolyn Smock

977.244 H29b History of Clay County, Indiana 977.252 H29L Indianapolis, Pictorial History

#### Donated by Unknown

975.21 V25w Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records, Book 3, 4, & 5. Indexed

#### Purchased by Society

979.419 H28a Images of America, "Yountville"

# WHY BE A GENEALOGIST

#### To Delight in:

- •• The Glorious Experiences of Discovery
- •• To Transform the Unknown into the Known
- •• To Sharpen my Mind on Problems
- •• To Bring my Past to Life

### Wine Train Raffle Ticket Sales

Thanks to all the members of the society who sold raffle tickets at the Napa Valley Wine Train Station during July and August as part of our annual fund raiser. Twice a day prior to the departure of the train, a volunteer manned our special table and offered the many visitors chances to win the first prize of fifty bottles of premium Napa Valley Wines as well as eight additional wine prizes.



Special recognition goes to Margaret Mackenzie who gave many hours of service over and above those requested. Margie expressed enjoyment with the experience of greeting and chatting with tourists and would recommend it to all members.

#### VOLUNTEERS AT THE WINE TRAIN

- Mary Barron
- ◆ Fern Beetsch
- Karol Bruechert
- ♦ Richard Bruechert
  - Pat Clarke
  - Nell Dunn
  - ♦ Anna Gentile
  - Nancy Gillen
  - Eleanor Greig

- ♦ Noreen Hanna
- Ruth Jenkins
- Bobbie Mattlia
- ◆ Loretta McDonald
- Margaret McKenzie
- Kathleen Ransford
  - Patricia Salyer
- Madeline Vavricka

Many thanks goes to *Bob Crampton* for driving all over our beautiful valley and picking up the wine that was so generously donated by our local wineries.

Also may thanks goes to *Mary Herzog* for receiving the monies and tickets for the wine drawing.



#### **INDEX PEEKS**

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

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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 (nygbs@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

William Schilling von Canstatt-Lutz

Surnames: not listed

• James S. Beatty

Surnames: not listed

• Eric Giboney

Surnames: Giboney and Walters

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