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CALENDAR

Nov 8, 2010, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Nov 10, & 24, 2010, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon,
at NVGBS Library

Nov 13, 2010, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, *NO MEETING THIS MONTH*

Dec 8, & 22, 2010 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Dec 11, 2010 (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm, NVGBS Library

Dec 13, 2010, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Dec 27, 2010, **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 18, 2010 No Program, off for the Holiday

Dec 16, 2010 No Program, off for the Holiday

In January or February we are looking for a speaker on how to really organize those piles of paper you have lurking around your computer and what to do with all those little notes.

We are also looking for program topics that you would like, please submit any suggestions to the library or email the library at nvgbs@earthlink.net

Happy Thanksgiving

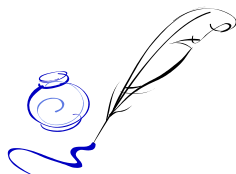


A Message from our President

The Board of Directors decided to cancel the General Meetings in November and December, due to the confliction of the Holidays, so there will not be any more General Meetings this year. At the January General Meeting which we will meet at the Napa Senior Center at 1:30 PM on January 20, 2011, we will elect and install the Officers and Board of Directors for 2011. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors as the Program Chairperson, please let me know as we do not have a person in that position.

Our Library will be closed for Thanksgiving week from November 24 through November 29, and for the Christmas Holidays from December 20, 2010 through January 2, 2011. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday January 4, 2011.

*Dick Bruechert,
NVGBS President*



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- World War I Draft Registration Cards
- Native American Records
- Census Pages

Genealogy without documentation is Mythology

Jabber from Janice



My San Jose Genealogy class is going well. I am really enjoying it, but we have an assignment: do a case study. My first thought was “Oh no, homework!” Now, I view it as an opportunity to learn while accomplishing something on my “Genealogy To Do’s” list. We have been learning about case studies and documentation. I have chosen to do the study on my great-grandfather, James E. Gillman, who immigrated from Ireland and ended up in Kern County working on the railroad until 1899 when he was hit by a train on his way home after buying a round or two of drinks for his coworkers at the local pub and died. I have researched his death on a trip to Bakersfield and even managed to copy the inquest...great information.

For my case study, I have chosen to attempt to find information on his birthplace in County Cork, Ireland. I am searching for his naturalization records which he reported in the Great Register that he was naturalized in San Joaquin County on June 30, 1887. As I plan my search for naturalization records, I am compiling websites on the immigration and naturalization which I am sharing with you in hopes that you will also look for those naturalization records that will reveal the origin of your ancestor. Many older records are still maintained in county court houses.

- ◆ Ellis Island: www.ellisland.org 12 million immigrants 1892-1954.
- ◆ Castle Garden: www.castlegarden.org 11 million immigrants 1820-1892.
- ◆ Joe Beine’s websites: www.germanroots.com/onlinelists.html Passenger lists online
- ◆ Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild: www.immigrantships.net/ Over 11,000 passenger manifests, transcribed by volunteers (even one by me)
- ◆ New York City Naturalization Database: www.italianguen.org/databaselist.stm Another volunteer contributed data base of naturalization records for NYC and many areas around it.
- ◆ Steve Morse’s One-Step: www.stevemorse.org An effective search of various immigration records.
- ◆ Immigration to the U.S. 1789-1930 from Harvard University Library: <http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration> Books, photographs, maps, manuscripts.
- ◆ Immigrant History Research Center (Univ. of Minnesota): www.ihrc.umn.edu References for American immigration experiences (need library card or use interlibrary loan through your local library).
- ◆ And, of course, National Archives and Records Administration: www.archives.gov

These are from Internet Genealogy, June/July and Oct/Nov 2010.

I found great new info on some of these sites. Happy hunting!

Happy Surfing, Janice
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Orphan Train History



Between 1854 and 1929 an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, and homeless children were placed out during, what is known today as, the Orphan Train Movement. The name is derived from the children's situations, though they were not all orphans, and the mode of transportation used to move them across forty-seven states and Canada.

When the orphan train movement began, it was estimated that 30,000 abandoned children were living on the streets of New York City.

Two charity institutions, The Children's Aid Society and The New York Foundling Hospital, determined to help these children.

The aid institutions developed a program that placed homeless children into homes throughout the country. The children were transported to their new homes on trains which were eventually labeled "orphan trains."

This period of mass relocation of children in the United States is widely recognized as the beginning of documented foster care in America.

What Led to the Need for the Orphan Trains?

Mass Immigration - Part of the Problem

In 1853, the United States began surveying railroad lines to the Pacific, mapping four different routes. Posters, flyers and advertisements were sent to Europe and the rest of the world extolling the virtues of coming to America and getting "free land." Many were led to believe America was the "land of milk and honey" they so desperately wanted for themselves and their children. As a result the United States received a larger number of immigrants than any other country in history. Between 1841 and 1860, America welcomed 4,311,465 newcomers. Many left their homelands because of poor harvests, famines, political unrest and revolutions. Agents of steamship lines along with the railroad companies attracted thousands to the United States with words such as "the land of opportunity" and "land of a second chance." This brought laborers for the factories, tenants for western lands, and often chaos to young families when housing became a problem.

It wasn't until 1882 that congress passed the first general immigration statute.

As early as 1830, some states passed immigration laws of their own but in 1872 the Supreme Court decided these state laws violated the constitution.

Ellis Island, located in New York Harbor, opened in 1892 as property of the United States Bureau of Immigration (later the Immigration and Naturalization Service) but the main structure was gutted by fire in 1897, reopening in 1900 processing 2,251 immigrants the first day.

In 1907, a record number (1,285,349) of immigrants were admitted to the United States. Ten years later, Congress passed a law that required an immigrant to prove that he could read and write at least one language. Physically handicapped and children under 16 did not have to meet this requirement.

The 1921 quota law allowed up to 357,000 aliens from countries outside the Western Hemisphere to enter the United States and by 1924, the total was down to 150,000.

Ellis Island closed in 1954 but became part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument in 1965.

Source: www.orphantraindepot.com


Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

2010, November 10 Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogy Society presents, "**Born Irish**" with Cath Madden Trindle. She will discuss the importance of finding the county and even townland for your Irish born ancestors and will suggest post immigration sources that might provide necessary information. She will also talk about Civil registration and Church records and census and census substitutes. This program promises to be interesting and helpful. Please join us! 6921 Sylvan Rd. Citrus Heights, CA 7 pm. www.rootcellar.org

2010, November 30 **Lake County Genealogical Society** presents, Lake County Clerk-Recorder, Doug Wacker, guest speaker, talking about the records held at the county courthouse, especially land records. This meeting will be at the Tuesday Afternoon Class held at the LDS church on 16th Street in Lakeport, CA at 1:15 pm.

2011, January 29 **Whittier Area Genealogical Society** Presents their **28th Annual Seminar** with "Lisa Louise Cooke". For more information: w.cagenweb.com

2011, March 26 Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society Presents their 2011 **Spring Family History Seminar**. UNLV Campus Las Vegas, NV. [http://sfbevents.unlv.edu/](http://sfbevents.unlv.edu/contact/directions.shtml)

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2011, April 6-10 **New England Regional Genealogical Conference** "Exploring New Paths to your Roots", will be held in Springfield, Mass. www.nergc.org

2011, May 11-14 National Genealogical Society 2011 **Family History Conference** to be held in Charleston, South Carolina. "*Where the Past is Still Present*"

Presented by the National Genealogical Society and Local Host Society: South Carolina Genealogical Society. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information

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New Members

Surnames

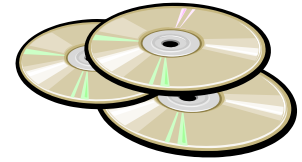
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Stone, Walters, Henricks, Elson

Genealogy Resources

- ◆ The USGenWeb Project: Land of the Free...Genealogy—This easy-to-navigate site provides access to free genealogy websites at all levels. This includes state, county, and even national searches, making this volunteer-run site an impressive wealth of info. www.usgenweb.org
- ◆ USGS: Geographic Names Information System—Another government site, USGS epitomizes the no-frill site. This resource lets you search, by name, for various landmarks, from woods to bars and everything in-between. www.usgs.gov
- ◆ Special Collections and Family History—This specialized site lets you search by groom and bride marriages to delve further into genealogical history. It also lets you browse by counties and states, letting you track Cupid's arrow through your family history. www.byui.edu/specialcollections
- ◆ Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online—Offering a unique way of searching for genealogical history, the Getty Thesaurus specializes in finding information about family when you have too little or—ironically—too much information. You can search by multiple names (ideal for families that experienced a name-change), but you can also search by limited info—if you know a city a relative lived in but do not know what the corresponding state is, it will search all possible matches, helping you narrow things down. www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research
- ◆ Genealogy Insider—Sponsored by Family Tree Magazine, this blog offers non-stop genealogy news from around the world. For researchers on the go, you can subscribe to their RSS feed for updates, and even follow them through Twitter. www.familytreemagazine.com
- ◆ Now what? Expert Answers to Your Genealogy Questions—Another Family Tree blog site, this page focuses primarily on what to do after your genealogy has been researched. These focused entries include how to read old documents, converting old slides to digital formats, and even which for-pay database sites are really worth it. www.familytreemagazine.com
- ◆ Family Tree Magazine Forum—This links you directly to Family Tree Magazine's active community of forum-goers. The primary focus is on questions regarding various software and databases, from how to conduct surname searches to how Google Earth can help trace ancestry. www.familytreemagazine.com

To be continued.....



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 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. 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

Under Construction

Napa Valley Genealogy Library is undergoing some improvements. If you have been to the library lately you may have noticed the front lawn is missing. We are in the process of repairing the watering system and drought-tolerant plants will be planted over the next few months.

Inside the library we have moved the CD's. They are now located on the back wall of the computer room. We are in the process of finding new stands for the CD's. A task that is taking longer than expected. If anyone has an idea where to find stands that will fit on the shelves and hold the CD's upright, please contact the library with the information.

Lost a living relative?

Try the reverse address searches at www.whitepages.com.

Enter the last known address, and the current resident will be presented.

Perhaps they know where your relative moved!

Our Yearly Dues Supports Our Library. You are Appreciated!

Membership Report

I am now posting a copy of the Membership Report in the library's hallway. Please check it occasionally to see if you or a friend has been dropped from membership unintentionally.

Dues for November

Joan Barber, Marie Bowen, Marilyn Buschini, Mike Hardester, Jeanine Layland, Norma Neil, Jack Oliveres, David Page, Martha Ricci, Agatha Thomas, Dot Varland, Roy & Mignon Wagner, Maurice, Verna Steward, DAR Library.

Dues for December

Deana Huenerbein and April Ruygt.

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

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

- ◆ Staffing opportunity at the Library. 10 am-1 pm shift or 1 pm-4 pm shift once a month. 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 questions or e-mail. Leave an e-mail for the Staff at nvgbs@earthlink.net
- ◆ Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library (252-2252) and leave a message. Help is always needed.

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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**Happy Holidays
Everyone**



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