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CALENDAR

Jan 8, 2011, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGBS Library
 Jan 10, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library
 Jan 12, & 26, 2011, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon,
 at NVGBS Library
 Jan 20, 2011, Program at 1:30p Senior Center.....
 Feb 9, & 23, 2011 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library
 Feb 12, 2011 (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm, NVGBS Library
 Feb 14, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library
 Feb 17, 2011, NVGBS Program at 1:30p Senior Center.....
 Feb 20, 2011, **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

Jan 20, 2011 **VITAL RECORDS** presented by Karen Burzduk
 Afternoon Program at the Senior Center, 1:30p
Feb 17, 2011 **ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES** presented by Sharon Marangoni
 Afternoon Program at the Senior Center, 1:30p

WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMS DO YOU WANT

Now is your chance to influence the programs for the rest of the year! Do you like to hear about personal experiences in research? Do you like hearing about how to find good stuff on the internet? Do you want to hear new ideas on how to organize your research? Do you have a story you would like to share with everyone?

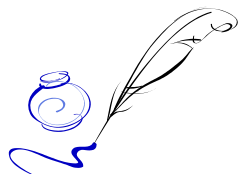
Please contact Mary Herzog at herzogm@pacbell.net and let me know what you would like or what ideas you have for future programs.

A Message from our President

The January General Meeting of the Napa Genealogy Society will be held on January 20, 2011, at the Napa Senior Center. Our speaker will be member Karen Burdzak who will give a presentation on "Vital Records". The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM, in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.

At the January General Meeting we will elect and install the Officers and Board of Directors for 2011. Linda van de Veur has advised us that she is unable to serve on the Computer committee in 2011, and I would like to thank her for her service these past years. Linda will be available for consultation as needed. We still need a Program Chairperson and a Publicity Chairperson for 2011, and if you are interested in either of these positions, please contact me and we can discuss the duties. Also, we will present and adopt the budget of 2011 at the January meeting. We hope you will be able to attend this meeting as there are several items that need to be voted upon.

The February General Meeting of the Napa Genealogy Society will be held on February 17, 2011, at the Napa Senior Center. Our speaker will be member Sharon Marangoni who will give a presentation on "Alternate Methods of Researching". This meeting will also begin at 1:30 PM, in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.



Dick Bruechert,

NVGBS President

NVGBS Programs for January & February

VITAL RECORDS PROGRAM

In January member Karen Burdzak will give a Power Point demonstration entitled Vital Records: Truth or Consequences. Various personal vital records will be shown, demonstrating the myriad clues to locating more resources for genealogists. Karen will also point out that not all information is reliable, often leading us down the wrong path. The genealogy "bug" struck Karen while working for the Napa County Clerk-Recorder's office for ten years. Members are encouraged to bring in specific questions.

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES

In February member Sharon Marangoni will give a Power Point demonstration titled Alternative Resources. Sharon will show you all the other hidden sites that you are not aware of apart from the most popular sites.

Genealogy without documentation is Mythology

Jabber from Janice



Find Your “Ethel” in 2011

In my Genealogy class our assignment, as I previously mentioned, was to write up a Case Study. In tackling the mystery of my Great Grandfather who died in Kern County, California, I had decided to finally attempt to tie up all those loose ends of his life. My instructor, Marcia Holstrom, had told an amusing story about “Ethel”. This is the name she gave to the amazingly helpful person you meet up with in the county courthouse that gives you a box stored under her desk that contains the will of your ggggrandfather. Well, it “kinda” happened to me!

In researching for my great grandfather’s naturalization information, I found a reference to the Great Register of Kern County (at the Santa Rosa Genealogy Library collection, of all places--you have been there I assume). It stated James Edward Gillman was naturalized in San Joaquin County in 1877. I phoned the San Joaquin County Historical Society which houses the library for the San Joaquin Genealogical Society. They had an index but no records and did not know where to look for these records. I Googled for these records and discovered them at the San Joaquin County Court House in Stockton. There I was fortunate to find my “Ethel“ who reported that they did have old books. I drove to Stockton and ventured into the Court House and found “Ethel” who turned out to be a young lady by the name of Heather who checked an old index book and looked up the record. As luck would have it, the page was incorrect. My new friend, Heather, was not to be dissuaded from her task and went to the back and looked through the large very old book of that year, page by page, until she found the correct record. She copied it off and sent me on my happy way with only the charge of copying: \$1.00. I now had proof of several items on my Gillman to do list.

My challenge to you is do a Google Search on just what you want to find. Here is my search in the Google bar: naturalization records “San Joaquin County”
Google Books came up with “Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States” by Christina K. Schaefer. It was digitized so I could read it online and found exactly where to go for the information...double WOW!

Happy Surfing, Janice
jancoxbrown@yahoo.com

Canadian Genealogy Research

<http://canadiangenealogy.blogspot.com/>

This is a nice blog for information, resources and discussion surrounding genealogy research in Canada. It includes a presentation of income generating opportunities to fund continued research and development of delivery systems for archived documents.

NVGBS New Yard Look

A team of volunteers have been working on the front yard at our genealogy library. The grass has been removed and in its place native plants and ground covers have been planted. These native plants require little water. The yard project has taken time but it is now near completion.

Below are some pictures of the volunteers at work.



Thank you Volunteers
Come Spring the yard will take on a new look.

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

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

February 5, 2011 Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHGS) and the **Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group (SVCGG)** are teaming up to provide an all-day seminar featuring four speakers from CSGA at the LDS Meeting House at 875 Quince Ave. near the library. Some of the subjects are, “Using Maps in Genealogical Research” and “Courthouse Records in Cyberspace”. This event is FREE. For more information and to register go to <http://www.scchgs.org>

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

April 6-10, 2011 New England Regional Genealogical Conference “Exploring New Paths to your Roots”, will be held in Springfield, Mass. For more information go to www.nergc.org

May 11-14, 2011 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

New Members

Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome

New Members

Surnames

New or Returning members:

Renewing her membership is Barbara Miller, of Napa. She is searching for surnames of Odell and Paulson.

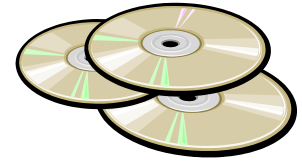
New member Julie Yocum, of Yountville, joined us in November. She is searching for surnames of Noyes, Carlson, Matheu, and Sampson.

Complete addresses and contact information for new members is posted in the hallway, along with members who have been dropped. Please take notice.

Genealogy Resources

- ◆ The Ships List—A very specialized site, The Ships List focuses on passenger manifests on various ships, helping you to trace the comings and goings of your ancestors. Additionally, the site features immigration reports, newspaper records, ship pictures and more, giving you a 3-dimensional view of your high-seas legacy.
- ◆ Ellis Island: FREE Port of New York Passenger Records Search—Originally envisioned by Ronald Reagan as a simple restoration project of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, this project eventually yielded a searchable database of immigration records. Requiring no subscription at all, this site is ideal for retrieving information about your ancestors' arrival to America.
- ◆ CastleGarden.org—Offering a wonderful complementary service to the previous site, Castle Garden offers Ellis Island-related immigration information for the years 1830 through 1892. Subscription-free and easy to navigate, this site lets you begin searching immigration records immediately.
- ◆ The National Archives—This site preserves the 1-3% of documents and materials produced each year by the US Government, forever. In addition to providing valuable information about family histories and military records, this site features amazing information on budgets and rules, as well as a wealth of informational resources.
- ◆ Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild: Bringing Our Ancestors Home. Reuniting Our Families—Another highly-specialized site, the ISTG page offers you an opportunity to search the records of immigrant ships spanning nearly 400 years. As an added bonus, the site helps link you up with genealogists living in the cities of your ancestors, allowing you to form ties across the globe in tracing your family history down.
- ◆ Genealogy Today: Because Your Ancestors Are Waiting!—This site's focus is on very specific searchable collections, in addition to their genealogy search. These collections include funeral cards, railroad employees, and even criminal records!

To be continued.....



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 |

Citing Sources

Citing Sources is one of the most important things you can do in your genealogy researching, because when you or someone else should need to look it up they will know where to go.

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 January

Cyrus & Mary Barron, Barbara Dujardin, Richard Hildebrand, Joan Jinks, Carolyn Kelperis, Leslie Lawson, Peggy Osher, Joan Pieper, Marie Schubin and Dorothy Wogh.

Dues for February

Delores Akins, Leah Alexander, Nell Dunn, Robert Lee Faulk, Lillian Foutch, Eleanor Greig, Robert Hampel, Henrietta Havner, Elizabeth Holmgren, Charles & Boots Jones, Edith Kendall, Neva Kesselring & Gerald Rico, Gail Martin, Marie Reynolds-Yerzy, Wendy Rosenthal, Eleanor Weaver, Rochella Wooster, and Jim Zabriskie.

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

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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 (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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IN MEMORY

Charter member and Life member, Betty Bertagnolli, age 87, died on September 19, 2010 in Redding, California. Betty served on the Board of Directors for many years and was very active with our society while she was living in Napa. Our condolences go out to her family.

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