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CALENDAR

Mar 9, & 23, 2011, (2nd & 4th Wed.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Mar 12, 2011, (2nd Sat) Genealogy Software Group, 1pm NVGBS Library

Mar 14, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Mar 17, 2011, Program at 7:30p Senior Center.....

Apr 9, 2011 (2nd Sat) Genealogy Software Group, 1pm, NVGBS Library

Apr 11, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Apr 13, & 27, 2011 **Family History Writing Group,** noon, at NVGBS Library

Apr 21, 2011, NVGBS Program at 7:30p Senior Center.....

Apr 22, 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

Mar 17, 2011 **Find-a-Grave**, presented by member Denise Jackson. Denise has been a volunteer with Find-a Grave for many years, she knows all the ins and outs on how to use this site. Denise will show us how to use, search, and submit requests on this valuable research site.

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

An Introduction to Preservation Napa Valley, presented by Apr 21, 2011 Wendy Ward from the Preservation Napa Valley Society. The City and County's newest historic preservation organization. Through a terrific power point slide show, we will look at who we are, what do we do and what we are doing this year. You will love our spring community preservation project which is a photographic and film documentation of Napa Valley Old Timers.

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At the January General Meeting we installed the following Officers and Board Members for 2011, Dick Bruechert, President; Christine Patterson, First Vice President and Volunteer Chairperson; Sandra Hoover, Second Vice President and Librarian; Mary Herzog, Treasurer and Education Chairperson; Carole Fisher, Secretary; Karen Burzdak, Membership Chairperson; Vince Hangman, Maintenance; Ruth Jenkins-McIntrire, Computer Chairperson; Sharon Marangoni, Ways and Means Chairperson; and Nell Dunn, Parliamentarian. I would like to thank Linda Van der Veur for her service these past years. We are looking forward to another successful year.

The March General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the Napa Senior Center. The program will be a presentation by Denise Jackson on the Find-a-Grave site. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and. Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting

The April General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Napa Senior Center. The program will be a presentation by Wendy Ward from the Preservation Napa Valley Society. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.

We hope you will be able to join us at these General Meetings.



Dick Bruechert,

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Thanks to Ruth our computer Guru, she has fixed the printer problem concerning Barnabas Blue. Barnabas will not appear from the printer archives any more. He has been exiled to another planet and we hope he will never appear again.

Where did he come from in the first place? Well one of our members had secretly told me that she only hit the print button once and every since then Barnabas has shown up every time the printer was turned on. How did he get stuck in the printer? It's one of those outer space things. So all of you that looked forward to seeing Barnabas you can now lay him to rest.

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Genealogy without documentation is Mythology

Jabber from Janice



I learned something new to me today in my genealogy class from my exceptional instructor, Marcia Holstrom. It is called "The Five Themes of Geography", created by the National Council for Geographic Education and the Association of American Geographers in 1985. http://geography.about.com/od/teachgeography/

Teach_Geography.htm (Choose "Five Themes of Geography) Using the themes consisting of location, place, human-environment interaction, movement and region, gives genealogists techniques to understand research using maps. Using each of these themes, we can look at maps with a new set of eyes.

Some useful map websites:

http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html There are many maps but not all are digitized. Some will need to be ordered through the Library of Congress. It is fascinating to search and find a map of your area of research.

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/This is from the University of Texas at Austin. Search through the amazing online maps. The entire Historical Atlas by William R. Shepherd, 1911, is online.

http://www.davidrumsey.com/ David Ramsey Map Collection

Lots of choices; I searched for Ohio and found a great map of my area of research. I could save it or order a copy.

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Addendum to the Vital Records Presentation

At the January meeting I showed a few examples of vital records with misinformation and how that misinformation made it difficult to locate the correct family line. I also stated that not all information on a vital record can be changed by family members, such as birth and death dates, and causes of death. But any misspellings, for instance, can be changed through the amendment process. If you have a California vital record (birth, death, marriage) that you would liked amended, you may request a packet from the Napa County Clerk-Recorder's office that will give you the form and the information necessary to submit the amendment. The State Office of Vital Records will send the amendment to the California county in which the original certificate is located and will be made a part of that record. Other states undoubtedly have a similar process.

As for original birth certificates for adoptees, California is a closed state and does not allow, except by good cause before a judge, the original birth certificate to be unsealed. The new birth certificate contains information that to an adoptee is "fake." In my case, my original birth certificate contains many errors, such as my mother's "married" name and "maiden" name. I suppose I can rely on my birth date and time of birth (Pisces rising). So, what I have is a legal document, and not one that reflects on truth at birth and after adoption.

Government offices now "talk" to each other. Everyone should have a certified copy (on Bank Note Paper) of their vital records and also ensure that the information for all parties is correct.

Karen Burzdak, member NVGBS

My Summer Vacation in Italy By Sharon Marangoni

I spent three weeks in Italy this past summer, from June 24-July 18. I was there for an immersion school in a little town called Urbania. Urbania is located in the central eastern portion of Italy in a region called Le Marche. It is a beautiful area with rolling hills and vineyards, not unlike the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. All one has to do is compare the countryside in both our area and Italy to understand why so many Italians came here in the late 19th and early 20th centuries!

The main purpose for my visit was to learn Italian. I have taken many classes over the years and, while I am by no means fluent, I can get around Italy fairly easily. It was fun to be with people who spoke little or no English and who helped me better my speech.

As it turns out, my husband Jim's cousins live in a town called Pesaro which is also in Le Marche. Pesaro is a little resort town on the shore of the Adriatic Sea. I had a free weekend from school so I took the bus for 1 hour and 15 minutes from Urbania to Pesaro to meet with "i cugini"-- "the cousins". I stayed with Filippo, his son Luca, his brother Marzio and their mother Karin.

Since I had so little information on Jim's family, I wanted to get all I could from his cousins. Even though it was 106 degrees (with 100% humidity) they graciously took me to the Cimitero Centrale di Pesaro where the family is buried. They showed me where Jim's great uncle Ferruccio Marangoni and Ferruccio's mother Annunziata Olivieri are entombed along with Ferruccio's son Marzio, who died at 4 years of age during an allied bombing raid in WWII. The great thing about finding Ferruccio is that he is Jim's grandfather Guerrino's brother! This means that Annunziata is Jim's great grandmother, and Olivieri is her maiden name. I had been at this cemetery the year before and had seen Jim's grandparents' tomb, but his cousins had never seen it. I took them to the tomb of Adelaide and Guerrino Marangoni and I was able to give the cousins some information about Jim's grandparents that THEY didn't know. It was great to add a little more information on Jim's side of the family to my research.

One nice thing about Italian genealogical research is that the women tend not to take the husband's last name. That makes it much easier to find them in records. What makes research a little tougher is that one must go to the records office in the region where the event occurred to get records. That means that you must know where the event took place!

We are going to go back to Italy next year to visit the cousins. I hope by that time to have a little more information (and a lot more time!) so that I can go to the local records offices to get birth, death, and marriage documents for Jim's grandparents and other relatives.

Italy is beautiful and the people are wonderful. I would suggest if you are going there to travel in late spring or mid to late autumn as summer gets very hot. The winters are similar to ours here in the Bay Area, so if you don't mind getting rained on winter is not a bad time either. Transportation is easy too. Trains and buses run almost everywhere, and if you have a well defined plan about where you are going to be doing research, it is easy to design a travel plan that can encompass the sites you want to see along with the records you intend to seek.



Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

<u>March 26, 2011</u> Spring Seminar North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library present Spring Seminar 2011, with Stephen P. Morse. Carlsbad Senior Center 799 Pine St. Carlsbad, CA. Further info contact Tom Gordinier at tgordinier@san.rr.com

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

<u>April 6-10, 2011</u> 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

<u>April 9, 2011</u> Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society 20th Annual Spring Seminar, featuring Geoff Rasmussen from the Millenia Corp who will discuss Legacy Software. 9:00 am-3:34 pm at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks. go to www.rootcellar.org for further info and registration form.

<u>April 19. 2011</u> Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents Christine Rose. Topics include Addicted to Courthouses! Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions. Using Little known and neglected sources, a potpourri. Solving the problem in 25 hours or less. Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Santa Rosa, CA For more info email <u>audreyray@comcast.net</u>.

<u>May 11-14, 2011</u> 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 <u>www.ngsgenealogy.org</u> for more information

New Members

Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome

New Members Surnames

New or Returning members:

Don Meehan Email: ac6le@napanet.net Surnames: Meehan

Eric Risch Email: eric@risch.com No surnames submitted (researching winery/

winemaker)

Carol A. Alfaro Email: carolalfaro@gmail.com Surnames: Adamson, Ohlson, Bean,

Hansen, Graf, Laubengier, Bark, Rou

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

2011 Workshop Schedule National Archives Pacific Region At San Bruno, CA

March 18th, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm Census Records Research

April 15th, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records

May 13th, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Military – Part 1, Revolutionary War to Civil War

June 17th, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Military – Part II, Spanish American to Viet Nam

July 15th, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Federal Land Records

July 29th, Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Freedmen Bureau Records

August 12th, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Preserving Your History

All workshops will be held at the National Archives and Records Administration – Pacific Region (San Bruno), 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066

To register and reserve a space contact: Rose Mary Kennedy 650-238-3488 Fees are \$15 payable in advance

Come tour the California State Archives!

One Friday each month the California State Archives [1020 "O" Street Sacramento, CA 95814] will be providing a free, behind the scenes tour of the California State Archives! Everyone who is interested in California's rich history and its state government is invited to tour the State Archives' collections of historic records, which include more than 100 million documents, 20,000 maps and architectural drawings, 250,000 photographs and thousands of video and audio recordings. Our tours will begin at 12:00 noon and will last approximately one hour. Right now, we are scheduling tours for:

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Archives Tour Coordinator (sebastian.nelson@sos.ca.gov) or call (916) 653-2385. http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/tour.htm



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		\$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		\$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		\$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.		\$7.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries, Indexed		\$3.25
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed		\$5.40
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery, Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.		\$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.

A brief word about Membership Dues:

It was becoming more confusing to keep members on the books for up to 3 months after dues had expired, so I am now sending out reminder notices at the beginning of the month after dues are due and unpaid. If you no longer wish to continue membership, please leave a voicemail at the library, return your late notice, or email me at karenb@napanet.net. And thank you for your cooperation.

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 March

Janice Bosso, Nancy Brennan, Rosalie Brown, Lola Cornish-Nickens, Connie Elliott, Jean Golding, Fred Holzknecht, James Kyser III, Lora Levin, Shirley Penland, Angela Pieper, JoAnn Wade, and Jane Wallace.

Dues for April

Deloris Barclay, Lenora Gemmell, Denise Jackson, Skip & Jean Keyser, Bernie Mason, and Thomas Price.

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.



New Acquisitions to our Library

Donated by Dolores Hibbert

967.4274 V2i Hopkins County Texas Marriage Records

Donated by Sandy Hoover

979.8 H28sa Chilkoot Pass, the Most Famous Trail in the North and the Meanest 32 miles

in History and the Most Beautiful. Shows who blazed the trail and why.

Includes Pictures and is Indexed.

Donated by Cheryl Jones

977.2 H29c Indiana, 1816-1850, The Pioneer Era

Donated by Community Projects

979.419 J25v Vintage 2001 School Year Book

Purchased by Society

941.5 K28j The Palatine Families of Ireland 979.4 D36e Encyclopedia of California

973 J4j A Medical Miscellany for Genealogists

974.191 V3jw Burial Records, 1717-1962 of the Eastern Cemetery Portland, Maine.

Indexed.

Family History Library Salt Lake City, Utah

Do you know that there is a Christmas Tour of the Family History Library in SLC? It is sponsored by Leland and Patty Meitzler. It is held the first full week in December. The weather and associated travel can be a little iffy, but it's worth it. There are classes you can take and there are professional genealogists to help you. Temple Square is brilliantly lit with Christmas lights and there is music everywhere you go. Now in it's 27th year the tour is renowned for the genealogy research success of its attendees, many who come back year after year.

For information on this tour go to: http://sites.google.com/site/saltlakechristmastour//

NVGBS OPEN HOUSE

May 19, 2011 Open House, Napa Valley Genealogy Society will have an open house at their library. This will be an afternoon event, 1pm to 4pm.

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Genealogy Resources

- Family Tree Connection—Offering subscriptions for as little as \$2.50 a month, Family Tree Connection offers it own special blend of highly specific databases. These include school records, church memberships, employment and tax records, and even old telephone directories!
- AfriGeneas: African Ancestored Genealogy—Devoted to African-American genealogy, Afrigeneas offers interactive chats with other members in addition to its vast array of searchable records. The specialty of the records is finding the last slaveholder and first African in every family, offering an amazing link to the past.
- Documenting the American South Homepage—Sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, this site features uniquely southern perspectives on history and culture in America. Offering text, images, and other material, this site is invaluable for students, teachers, and genealogy researchers alike.
- Lowcountry Africana—This specific site is dedicated to documenting families and heritages of African-Americans in "the historic rice-growing areas of South Carolina, Georgia and…northeastern Florida." This site offers a valuable mixture of informative articles, key websites, and research materials.
- Afro-Lousiana History and Genealogy—Run by Dr. Gwendolyn Hall (professor emeriti of history at Rutgers University), this site features a search engine derived from her own extensive research. Tracing the genealogy of African-Americans in the Louisiana area from 1699-1860, this site is amazing for scholars and genealogical researchers alike.
- American Battle Monuments Commission—This government-run site has a very specific purpose: letting you research information about soldiers interred overseas.
 Offering a wealth of information, this site specializes in overseas-interred soldiers from World Wars I and II as well as the Korean War.
- Civil War: Soldiers and Sailors System—Another government-run site, this page focuses on quick searches for simple information regarding sources on both sides of the Civil War. In addition to specific searches, the site features specific soldiers, sailors, regiments, battles, and more.
- American Civil War—The focus of this site is community interaction. It features interactive battle maps, forum discussions, insightful polls and links to the most recent Civil War information.

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http://usgwarchives.org/maps/table2.html

USGenweb site with a US map. Click on the State you wish to search and check out the amazing maps. Since it is a volunteer site, expect some sites "Under Construction" or looking for a volunteer to get it up and running. I found a very nice Ohio "Between the Miamis" map.

http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo/index.html

This the the USGS site for the Topo maps of the United States. You can download free and manipulate the maps. This is an ongoing site so not every state is completed.

http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/browse.asp?id=12

The State of Missouri has kindly digitized many of their heritage collections, including Missouri Plat books by W.W. Hixson & Co. These diagram the property and list the property owners. You can choose the county of your choice, FREE!

"Google" plat maps and see what you find for your area of research. Be specific, ie: plat map ohio. You can always narrow (by adding search terms) or expand (by deleting terms) to change your search.

See what turns up!

Happy hunting! Janice

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Call Before Visiting our Library

Sometimes we are short on library staffers. We recommend that you call the library before you visit to make sure a staffer is on duty. Library phone # 707-252-2252

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