

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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WINEPRESS

HOURS

Tuesday 10-4 pm
Wed. & Thurs: 10-4pm
1st & 2nd Sat: 10-2pm

NEWSLETTER

Web Site
www.napavalleygenealogy.org

Other Saturdays as staffing is available.

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CALENDAR

- May 10, & 24, 2011, (2nd & 4th Tue.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library
- May 14, 2011, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGBS Library
- May 9, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library
- May 19, 2011, NVGBS OPEN HOUSE at our library. 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Jun 11, 2011 (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, *No meeting, off for Summer*
- Jun 13, 2011, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library
- Jun 14, & 28, 2011 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library
- Jun 16, 2011, NVGBS Program at 7:30p Senior Center.....
- Jun 24, 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

May 19, 2011 OPEN HOUSE at the **NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY**
Come see what we are all about. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and show you the libraries many sections of research.
Check out our new landscaping, and new interior paint.

NVGBS Library, Thursday afternoon 1 to 3pm 1701 Menlo Ave. Napa Ca

Jun 16, 2011 Mysteries Revealed: FamilySearch.org. We asked for program suggestions and one of them was a plea for how to deal with the all new FamilySearch.org website. Come learn about all the wonderful new content and how to find **YOUR** ancestors on it! Presenter: Mary Herzog

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

A Message from our President

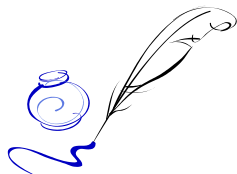
The May 19, 2011 meeting of the Napa Genealogy Society will be our annual Open House at the Library, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers will be available at the Library to answer questions and give brief tours for those who have not been able to visit our Library recently. Refreshments will be available at the Open House. This has been a successful event in past years and we hope to continue in the future.

For our annual fund raiser and Wine Drawing, we have been collecting wines from the donor wineries. Members will be receiving their raffle tickets in June and our drawing will be on Thursday evening, August 18, 2011, at the Napa Senior Center. We will need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Napa Valley Wine Train Station and a signup sheet will be available at the Library. We hope you will be able to support our annual fund raising effort again this year.

We have some openings on the Board of Directors for Program Chairperson and Volunteer Chairperson. If anyone is interested in serving in one of these positions on the Board of Directors, please contact me or any member of the Board.

Dick Bruechert,

NVGBS President



“ NOTICE “

NVGBS Library

Our library will be getting new carpeting, sometime in June. The library will be closed for installation. A notice will be sent out to all members regarding the dates of closure.

If you are planning to visit the library in June call the library at 707-252-2252 to make sure it is open.

Genealogy without documentation is Mythology

Jabber from Janice



In Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Blog [blog.eogn.com], he mentions Mocavo, Genealogy Search found at www.mocavo.com, which is a dedicated genealogy search engine. **Only free** genealogy sites are included in the results.

This does not replace other search engines such as Google, Bing or Yahoo but it does narrow the field down. Searching for a surname will not call up those totally out in left field list of sites trying to sell you a "Vest" or giving you an *in"vestment"* opportunity, as is my experience.

I tested this site using "John Vest" Iowa (quote marks are encouraged to isolate names). Many sites were listed including one through *Internet Archive*. The book, "Story County, Iowa" by Goodspeed Publishing produced a most interesting account of my Vest Family including John and his father, Thomas G. Vest. I had the option of downloading the entire book to my computer to examine. I could also search this book using my internet search or find option, then copy pertinent details and add to my RootsMagic database. Also listed were messages I had posted on various message boards through the many years. This was a great way for me to see if anyone had posted replies to my messages and also correct any old e-mail addresses.

This site is very new. It debuted last month from beta testing. Dick Eastman had this quote from Cliff Shaw, creator of Mocavo.com, "Mocavo.com has the capacity to index every single piece of free genealogy content found anywhere on the web, and will be growing by leaps and bounds in the coming months. We expect Mocavo.com to shortly offer all of the web's free genealogy information, searchable and accessible to all – something that has never been done before. It's set to become the go-to search engine for every family history enthusiast." [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/03/mocavocom-a-genealogy-search-engine.html]

The Mocavo site is updated frequently with new connections. I checked back in a few weeks after my original search and found more than several new pages of sites. Navigation is easy with a Mocavo logo and a "<<Back to Results" clickable link at the top of the linked page.

Happy hunting! Janice

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California History Books Online

Cath Madden Trindle, CG

I am sure I have mentioned Internet Archives (<http://www.archive.org>) in the past. I am a constant visitor to the website and a great supporter of their mission to make historical collections permanently available in digital format to the public.

When I found a book I was looking for, I would download it in PDF format and file it away on my computer. So I hadn't kept up with the improvements in their online reader. I don't think I'll be inclined to download again.

With the reader, you can search for a word and it will create bookmarks anywhere that word is found. When you mouse over a bookmark, the text from that page is shown in a box, saving you the trouble of turning to the page if it isn't really of interest.

Not that navigating to the pages is difficult. You can click on a bookmark to go directly to a page, or you can use the scroll bar on the bottom to navigate to the middle or end. Arrows allow you to turn pages one at a time and you can choose single or double page views for reading. If your text is too small, you can make it larger. Are your eyes tired: Click the microphone and the computer will read to you.

There are other helpful tools. Click on the "i" and a screen pops up with information about the current volume and links to download in various versions, such as Kindle, EPub and PDF. Multi-page view allows you to quickly find an index and a "share" button gives you links to embed the book in a single or double page reader on your own website or add a link to the book on your website or in an email. All in all it is a great reading experience.

So back to the topic at hand, California History Books online. Some of the titles you will find available include: Helen Bandini's *1908 History of California*; Theodore Hittle's *1885 History of California*; Gertrude Atherton's *1914 California; an Intimate History*; all 5 volumes of Eldredge's *History of California*; and many if not all of Bancroft's *History of California* as well as his *California Pastoral*.

This is just the beginning. You are likely to find any California history that is out of copyright as well as biographies, genealogies and county histories. Be as specific as you want with the search engine and eliminate words if you want to see more selections.

If you find a version of a history that isn't searchable, search again for that specific title. Often there are two or more copies of the same volume, digitized by different institutions.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

June 10-12, 2011 **42nd Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree** returns to the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank. Go to www.scsgenealogy.com for details.

June 14, 2011 Upcoming Program at the **Napa City-County Library: Local Resources for Genealogical Research** presented by the Education Committee of the Napa Valley Genealogy Society. Mary Herzog, Christine Patterson, Carole Fisher, Ruth Jenkins-McIntire, Sharon Marangnoni, and Karen Burzdak will explain about all the places in Napa County where documents and other items of interest to genealogists may be found. Tuesday, June 14 from 10:30 to 12:00 Noon. There is no charge for the program. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. For further information, please call 707/253-4389.

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

Sept 7-10, 2011 **FGS 2011 Conference: Pathways to the Heartland** A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists with local host The Illinois State Genealogical Society. Will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois. For more information go to www.fgs.org/2011conference.

To learn more about Springfield, Illinois go to visit-springfieldillinois.com

New Members

Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome

New Members

Surnames

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New or Returning members:

Wendy Beltrami      Email: [wbeltrami@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbeltrami@sbcglobal.net)      Surnames: Beck, Gardner, Beltrami

Claudia Cooley      Email: ns      Surnames: Brown, Brae, Stevens

Returning

Dick & Judie Rogers      Email: [nvredwine@comcast.net](mailto:nvredwine@comcast.net)      Surnames: ns

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

## ATTENTION

### CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES Effective Immediately



The board of directors has decided to change the membership dues structure from July 1 to June 30.

All members who have paid their dues January through April will have a renewal date of July 1, 2012.

Members who will be paying their dues in May & June will have a renewal date July 1, 2012.

July renewal dates remain the same.

Aug renewal dates will be due July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$23.

Sep renewal dates will be due July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$21.

Oct renewal dates will be due July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$19.

Nov renewal dates will be due July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$17.

Dec renewal dates will be due July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$15.

**All JULY to DECEMBER DUES ARE DUE JULY 1, 2011**

## Tidbits

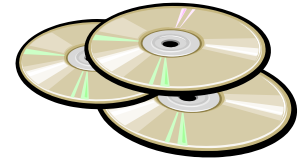
First cartoon in America published, 1754

'Join, or Die' is a well-known [political cartoon](#), created by [Benjamin Franklin](#) and first published in his [Pennsylvania Gazette](#) on May 9, 1754. The original publication by the Gazette is the earliest known pictorial representation of colonial union produced by a British colonist in America. It is a [woodcut](#) showing a [snake](#) severed into eighths, with each segment labeled with the initials of a [British American colony](#) or region. [New England](#) was represented as one segment, rather than the four colonies it was at that time. In addition, [Delaware](#) and [Georgia](#) were omitted completely. Thus, it has 8 segments of snake rather than the traditional 13 colonies. The cartoon appeared along with Franklin's editorial about the "disunited state" of the colonies, and helped make his point about the importance of colonial unity. During that era, there was a superstition that a snake which had been cut into pieces would come back to life if the pieces were put together before sunset.



The cartoon became a symbol of colonial freedom during the [American Revolutionary War](#).

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

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| <b>Computer CD's</b> (in MS Word and RTF Formats)                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |         |
| <b>Napa County Cemeteries</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |         |
| 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 |
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| <b>The Great Register of Napa County, 1880-1894:</b> substituting for the 1890 Census includes (when given) name, age, nativity, registration date, occupation, naturalization place and date, & residence                                                | 3 Vol-<br>umes | \$35.00 |
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| <b>BOOKS -Soft cover</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |         |
| <b>Index of Births Registered in Napa Co. through 1905</b> – includes sex, year born, page number of the county recorders record book                                                                                                                     | 53 pages       | \$6.45  |
| <b>Napa County Tax Assessment Records Index, 1884-1893</b> – 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 |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, St. Helena Public Cemetery, Vol. 1 Office Records</b>                                                                                                                                                              | 184 pages      | \$21.50 |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, George Yount Cemetery, Yountville</b> incl. information from old Cemetery Assoc. ledger. Indexed.                                                                                                                  | 56 pages       | \$7.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries, Indexed</b>                                                                                                                                                   | 20 pages       | \$3.25  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed</b>                                                                                                                    | 41 pages       | \$5.40  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery, Calistoga,</b> includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.                                                                                                         | 30 pages       | \$4.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena. Indexed</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | 47 pages       | \$6.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens, Napa. Indexed</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | 82 pages       | \$10.00 |
| <b>Funeral Home Records of W.F. Mercier Permelee of St. Helena, Napa County,</b> 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](mailto: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 May

Kay Arnold, Deanna Bickford, Rose Clark, Russell Daugherty, Kim Farmer, Judy Syllenskog, Bette Jean Harvego, Mary & Michael Herzog, Darlene Hoffmark, Richard Katzner, Cheri Kluver, Sharon Marangoni, James Moore, Richard Murray, Paula Norton, Thomas Quinn, Patricia Renait, Diane Sarant, Danda Winford, Sue Ziemski, and Arlene Stark-Pettit.

#### Dues for June

Janice Cox-Brown, Dave Finigan, Carole Fisher, William French, Deane Janzen, Cheryl Jones, Loretta McDonald, Jerome & Pat Miller, Duane Murray, Mark & Sally Perkins, Jennifer Pina, Karen Scriven, Lanita Stilwell, and Louise Wagner.

Karen Burzdak , [karenb@napanet.net](mailto: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 the library at 252-2252 and speak to the staff on duty.
- ◆ 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](mailto: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.



## Genealogy Resources

- ◆ eHistory—Run by the Department of History at Ohio State University, this site features a rare treat: a searchable database of “The Official Records of the War of Rebellion” (the Civil War). In addition to this awesome resource, eHistory features book reviews, timelines, maps, and more Civil War info than anyone can process in a single sitting.
- ◆ United States Department of Veterans Affairs—The primary focus of this governmental site is allowing you to search for the gravesites of deceased service men and women. Additionally, it offers info about military burials—from honors and burial benefits to (and this is most important to genealogy) obtaining military records and medals.
- ◆ The American Civil War: forging a more perfect union—The official National Park Service Civil War web site, this site serves as an all-purpose destination for information regarding the Civil War. This information comes in the form of info about Civil War parks, Civil War lesson plans, and information about how you can participate in preserving historic American battlefields from the Civil War.

### 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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*Please return this with your dues payment by the 15th of the month.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Joint - \$40.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership, Family/Joint - \$500.00                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State - \$15.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior - \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron - \$75.00 |

### Check one box below:

- I am renewing my membership    I am a new member    I am a past member

***Include only changes/corrections in your address, email or telephone***

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***Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.***



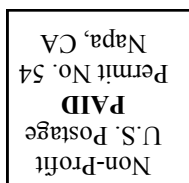
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Thursday May 19, 2011

1 pm to 3 pm

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