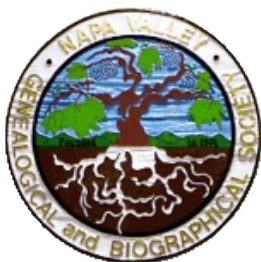


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CALENDAR

Nov 8, & 22, 2011, (2nd & 4th Tue.) **Family History Writing Group**, noon,
at NVGBS Library,

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

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

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Nov 21 to Nov 26, 2011 **NVGBS Library Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday**

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

Dec 19 to 31, 2011 **NVGBS Library Closed, Christmas & New Year Holiday**

Dec 28, 2011, **Wine Press 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 19, 2012 "Psychic Roots" Experiences presented by member Janice Brown. Come hear about her unusual and never to be forgotten experiences while re-searching her family history. Join in the fun and share your unusual experience.

NVGBS Library, Thursday, afternoon 1:30 pm, 1701 Menlo Ave. Napa, CA

Feb 16, 2012 "Celtic Roots Online" (Ireland & Scotland) Presented by Cath Madden Trindle, CG. Cath is treasurer of FGS and Projects chair for California State Genealogical Alliance and SMCGS. She is well known as a speaker and researcher throughout California. Cath will show the various records that are available online and the online finding aids and indexes. Bring your family names to look up. Join us for this fun and informative program.

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A Message from our President

We will not have a General Meeting in November and December again this year. The Board of Directors has decided to have our meetings in the afternoons at our Library, starting this coming January. 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa. The only evening meeting that will be held at the Napa Senior Center is the Wine Drawing in August. Members will be reminded of this evening meeting date.

At the January General Meeting at our Library, we will elect and install the Officers and Board of Directors for 2012. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors please let me know as we have several openings.

Our Library will be closed for Thanksgiving Week from November 21 through November 26, and for the Christmas Holidays from December 19, 2011 through January 2, 2012. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday January 3, 2012.



*Dick Bruechert,
NVGBS President*

“Toys for Genealogists” was our program last month.

Member Mary Herzog put on a wonderful program showing all the gadgets you can get to help with your genealogy researching. Just in time for you to place some of these toys on your Santa wish list, gifts for yourself or someone special. She also showed her favorite selection of genealogy related books. Below is a list of some of her favorites.

- ◆ “Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath.”

By John Colletta

It can be read solely as a "Whodunit," and will keep the reader guessing with each new theory put forth. It's a fascinating detective story -- and it's all true. It can be read on a historical level with its wealth of mid-19th century history in the South. It is an excellent example of documentation. But, most of all, "Only a Few Bones" is a fascinating read.

- ◆ “The Lives They Left behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic” By Darby Penny

Patient suitcases found in a State Hospital were saved from destruction. The vast museum in Rotterdam New York became the operating theater to sort through and research the owner's history. This is a fascinating read showing the research and history of these lost and forgotten souls that once had just a suitcase to their name.

- ◆ “The Family Tree” By Margo Glantz

At the heart of this brilliant and colourful Mexican novel lies the search for a family history. Using Ancestral recollections, flashbacks through history, and personal memory, the author traces her family roots from Pre-Revolutionary Russia to contemporary Mexico.

From emigration out of the Jewish Ukraine to life in post-revolutionary Mexico, Margo Glantz reconstructs her family history. The story and the way it is built, relative by relative, is a joy to read.

Jabber from Janice



Last issue I talked about the updated <https://www.familysearch.org/> site. I want to continue that conversation with additional info on the site that you may not have checked. The following information is on the “Wiki” sites on FamilySearch

When you first go on the site, you see the title, “Discover Your Family History”. This is where you do the search for family names. Above the title is a choice of options. Click on the “Learn” option where you will see “Learning Resources” (or go directly to the Research Wiki with the following link-https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

The search box is an opportunity to search FamilySearch Wiki with over 63,000 pages of information about records, localities, subjects and methods to help with your research. Use the Search Box and type in a place, subject, record type or name of article in the keywords box. I typed Henrico County Virginia and was led to a site full of information as well as links to other sites. Included were links to digitized books, one through Google Books, where I found information on one of my ancestors. I also found a personal property tax list.

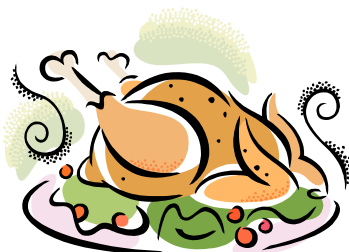
https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States Clicking on this link will take you to the Wiki for research on the United States where you can then choose the state and county. Information on sites varies but usually links exist at the bottom of the page to take you to other sites.

Also on the Learn page are free Research Courses. Clicking on this link takes you to a page of video lessons on a wide range of topics (see list on left side of the window) or browse the ones on the page. The videos make take a couple of minutes to load onto your computer depending on the speed of your connection. Some lessons are a couple of minutes long, some close to an hour.

Enjoy exploring the new offerings at the FamilySearch site.

Happy hunting! Janice

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NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

America

973 D4s New Dictionary of American Family Names

Arkansas

976.713 J29j Benton County Schools That Were, Vols 1,2,3,4 & 5
976.714 V39na Cemeteries of Washington County, Arkansas, Vol. 12

Biographies

929.2 B877be Descendants of James Brown (Senior) (17_-1833), Who
settled in Augusta County, Virginia.
929.2 N974n From Danvers to Denver, The story of Dr. Stephen K. Nurse
929.2 D931m Memories of the Old Plantation Home & A Creole Family Album

California

979.419 E44n Napa County City Directory, 2006 & 2007

Great Britain

929.7 D58d Debrett's Peerage & Baronetage, Illustrated

New England

974 V25s supp. Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior
to 1700.

New Brunswick

971.51 H29w The Loyalists of New Brunswick

North Carolina

975.675 R29m Anson County, NC Abstracts of Early Records: Land Grants,
Deeds, Court Minutes. Indexed

South Carolina

975.73 V39s Silent Cities A Tombstone Registry of Old Lexington District,
SC. Vol. 1

Tennessee

976.895 P29l Hawkins County, TN Circuit Court Minutes, 1822-1825

West Virginia

975.426 X25c 1870 Census of Wirt County, West Virginia
975.459 V25c Barbour County, WV Marriages, 1843-1892
975.422 V29w Wood County, WV Marriages, 1880-1925
975.4 D49h Early Lewis & Harrison County, WV Families, Vol.3

Publishers of Genealogical related Books and Materials

- ◆ Big Tree Books www.bigtreebooks.com
- ◆ Closson Press www.clossonpress.com
- ◆ Family Roots publishing www.familyrootspublishing.com
- ◆ Genealogical Publishing/Clearfield Co. www.genealogical.com
- ◆ Heritage Books, Inc. www.heritagebooks.com
- ◆ Higginson Book Co. www.higginsonbooks.com
- ◆ Janaway Genealogy Books www.janawaygenealogy.com
- ◆ Masthof Bookstore Catalog www.masthof.com
- ◆ Mountain Press www.mountainpress.com
- ◆ Park Genealogical Books www.parkbooks.com
- ◆ Picton Press www.pictonpress.com
- ◆ Southern historical Press www.southernhistoricalpress.com

MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

On October 14th, I mailed out 16 notices to members who are either in arrears or have not paid dues according to the new dues guidelines. Need a reminder? We (the Board) allowed all members whose dues expired January 2011 through June 2011 a bye; they did not need to pay until July 1, 2012. Those members whose dues expired July through December 2011 paid at a reduced rate. If you received a notice, please slip that check into the envelope provided before December 31, 2011 so your membership may be continued. We would hate to see you leave.

Therefore, be it resolved...except for new members joining us now, I hope to expect many, many checks July 1, 2012, when all memberships come due.

Karen Burzdak, membership chair.



Attending our NVGBS Program

Pictured is long time member Alverda Scriven and her daughter-in-law Karen Scriven. Alverda is 99 years young. Alverda we hope to see you at many more of our programs.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Afternoon Programs

Starting in January 2012 all our monthly meetings/programs will be held
at our library on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm.
1701 Menlo Ave. Napa, CA

Except for the month of August which is our Wine Drawing and Social Event.
This event will still be held at the Senior Center.

We have made these changes due to members request.

GARDEN PARTY AT NVGBS LIBRARY

Several of our library members came out on October 7 to groom the library's extensive garden. We will probably make this an annual event, the first Friday in October. The prior 1.5 inches of rain made the job somewhat easier; the grounds were ready to give up the agapanthus! Thank you to the following for helping out: Sandy Hoover, Ruth Jenkins-McIntire, Don Meehan, Sharon Marangoni, Dick and Karol Bruechert, Walt Burzdak, Bente Shoar, Carole and Tom Fisher. Special thanks go to Tom, who hauled off two truckloads of prunings to the dump. More work may be scheduled. If interested in joining us, please contact Karen Burzdak at karenb@napanet.net.



Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

Nov 12, 2011 Scanning Photos and Documents Solano County Genealogy Society presents Linda Todd with her program Scanning Photos and Documents. The program is held at 11 am at the Vacaville Town Square Library, 1 Town Square, Vacaville, CA. Open to the public. Questions call 707-448-8614.

Nov 13, 2011 Jewish Family History Open House. The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society will host a Jewish family history open house in celebration of International Jewish Genealogy Month at the Oakland Family History Center. Researchers will be on hand to assist, and a representative from the U.S. Bureau of the Census will have informational materials. Bring copies of your documents and questions. Also, Author Ron Arons will present “**Putting the Flesh on the bones: Researching Why Our Ancestors Did What They Did.**” Oakland FHC, 4766 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. Sunday, 1-5 pm. For details, visit www.sfbajgs.org or contact Janice M. Sellers at publicity@sfbajgs.org.

Nov 15, 2011 SCCHGS presents “**The Cherokee Oral History**” presented by Jacquie Archambeau, Chair of the Leadership Council of the Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area. Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA, in the Cedar Room on the 1st floor. Open to the public and FREE.

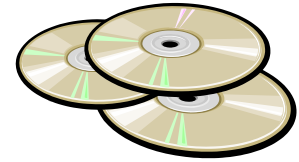
Nov 19, 2011 San Mateo County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting, presents “**Brick Wall Breakthroughs.**” Saturday, 10:30 am, Grace Lutheran Church Hall, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA. For information go to www.smcgs.org for details.

Apr 21, 2012 Sonoma County Genealogy Society presents their **Spring Seminar** featuring Connie Lenzen. For more information go to www.scgs.org.

Apr 21, 2012 Sacramento German Genealogy Society’s annual **Spring Seminar** presents Warren Bittner, CG—“**Tracking down Our German Ancestors**”. For more information for to www.SacGerGenSoc.org.

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
- ◆ Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library (252-2252) and leave a message. Help is always needed.



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

Genealogy Resources

- ◆ Illinois State Archives—This Illinois-specific site offers a wealth of information on Illinois war veterans. Additionally, the site links to records in a variety of Illinois universities, offering a selection of academic resources beyond measure.
www.illinois.archives.com
- ◆ Maine.gov: Official Website of the State of Maine—Obviously focused on Maine records, this site offers genealogical research drawing from court, census, land office, military, and local records. One nice feature of this site is the ability to instantly consult librarians, making your own genealogical research that much smoother.
www.maine.gov
- ◆ Making of America—This digital library focuses on the social history of America from the antebellum period to the reconstruction period. You can search for specific terms or people, or simply skip to a subject search, making this no-frills site as navigation-friendly as it is browser-friendly.
<http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/>

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