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Mission Statement

The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society is dedicated to the promotion of genealogical, historical, and biographical research, and the preservation of family history. The library serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.

A Message from our President

At the January General Meeting we elected the following Officers and Board Members: Dick Bruechert, President; Sandra Hoover, Vice President; Mary Herzog, Treasurer; Carole Fisher, Secretary; Karen Burzdak, Membership; Sharon Marangoni, Volunteers and Ways and Means; Ruth Jenkins-McIntire, Computers; Tom Fisher, Maintenance; and Nell Dunn, Parliamentarian. I would like to welcome Tom Fisher to the Board as the Maintenance Chairperson. We still have openings for Program and Publicity if anyone is interested. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Volunteers at the Library have completed a number of projects this past year. Included are the completion of the shed in the back yard, revisions to the landscaping around the Library, and revisions and upgrade to the interior of the Library. Bookshelves have been installed in the Marion McGuire Room and in the storage shed. These improvements have been very beneficial to our Library.

We thank Janice Brown for presenting the January program and Cath Trindle for presenting the February program. Both programs were very informative and enjoyed by all those who attended.



Dick Bruechert
NVGBS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Mar 12, 2012, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library.

Mar 13, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Mar 10, 2012, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGBS Library.

Mar 15, 2012 Monthly Program, “**Napa County Small Cemeteries**”, presented by Peggy Meister. Peggy will present information on small private and public cemeteries in our valley. Thursday 1:30pm NVGBS Library.

Mar 27, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Apr 9, 2012, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Apr 10, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Apr 14, 2012, (4th Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGBS Library.

Apr 19, 2012 Monthly Program, “**Research At Sutro Library**”, presented by Pam Dallas. Pam will present information on how to make full use of this wonderful genealogy library. Thursday at 1:30pm NVGBS Library.

Apr 24, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Apr 28, 2012, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editors box at library. Email—sandrahoover@comcast.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

Apr 21, 2012 **Sonoma County Genealogy Society in Santa Rosa, CA** presents its **Spring Seminar** featuring Connie Lenzen, nationally known genealogical lecturer and writer. Connie’s topics in order of presentation will be: Vital Records on the Web, The Do’s and Don’ts of Genealogical Research Online, Location, Location, Location, and Proving a Maternal Line. 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.

Apr 28, 2012 **San Mateo County Genealogical Society** presents its **Spring Seminar** featuring Lisa Louise Cook. Lisa will present “**A Cooks Tour of Google**”. For more information go to www.smcgs.org.

Jabber from Janice



Looking for information on a friend's grandfather led me to a search for old City Directories. Now it would be fairly simple if I was looking for City Directories in the San Jose area where I could go to the library but no, this was Chicago. Fortunately, I had read a recent article in Family Tree Magazine on "Calling Your Kin" by David A. Fryxell that focused on City Directories. It reminded me of the usefulness of the World Library Catalog website WorldCat at www.worldcat.org. Here I did a search that turned up an ebook (digitized copy of a book), *Reversed Directory of the Elite of Chicago, 1883-4*. It was on the Internet Archive site and gave me the option to: Read Online, PDF, B/W PDF, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, Full Text, and DjVu. I just read it online (first option) to see if it would be helpful. If it was something about my family, I would have saved it as a PDF file and enjoyed checking out the info at my leisure as I could save it on my computer. I am amazed at the books that I have found in ebook format for specific research. Sometimes it is on an location (Shenandoah Valley, Warren County, Ohio) and sometimes a surname turns up in an ebook.

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Do a search using the words: *ebooks free* to see the options. Many of the books can be downloaded on your computer in PDF format or may be read online.

Happy Hunting!
Janice Brown

PONDER THIS

The children of a prominent family chose to give the patriarch a book of their family's history. The biographer they hired was warned of one problem. Uncle Willie, the "Black Sheep," had gone to Sing Sing's electric chair for murder. The writer carefully handled the situation in the following way: "Uncle Willie occupied a chair of applied electronics at one of our nation's leading institutions. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a true shock. - from Ka Pupa Nihonih (Mayflower Quarterly - Nov 1990)



From our Library Shelves

973 W3d Ships from Ireland to Early America, 1623-1828, by David Dobson.

David Dobson sets out to overcome some of the obstacles facing North Americans attempting to trace ancestors in Ireland prior to 1820. Researchers with colonial Irish ancestors must contend with the fact that no official records of arriving immigrants exist for the United States prior to 1820, nor prior to 1865 in Canada. On the other hand, if the researcher can establish that an immigrant ancestor lived in or near a certain port of entry at a particular time, he may be able to "jump" the Atlantic by utilizing the records of the very vessels known to or likely to have transported passengers from Ireland to North America between 1623 and 1850. This publication is modeled after a similar volume compiled by the author for Scottish vessels of this era, *Ships from Ireland to Early America* is an alphabetically arranged list of 1,500 vessels known to have embarked from Ireland to North America. For each vessel we learn the dates and ports of embarkation and arrival and the source of the information, and frequently the number of passengers and the name of the ship's captain. In the compilation of the volume, Mr. Dobson combed through contemporary newspapers, government records in Great Britain and North America, and a small number of published works. The author's sources are itemized and coded at the front of the volume, where the reader will also find an informative essay on the conditions of colonial transportation to North America.

Want your own copy, then this publication is available at Genealogy Publishing Company, 1-800-296-6687 or order at www.Genealogy.com

NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

CALIFORNIA

979.455 V49s 1915-1922	Index to Burial or Removal Permits, San Joaquin County CA
979.455 V49s 1898-1907	Certificates of Death City of Stockton, CA, 1898-1907
979.455 V49s 1893-1897	Certificates of Death City of Stockton, CA 1893-1897
979.455 J28s 1870-1930	List of Graduates, Stockton High School, 1870-1930 and Lodi High School, 1898-1930, San Joaquin County, CA

CONNECTICUT

P Conn 974.6	Connecticut Genealogy News; A Quarterly Publication of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists
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WEST VIRGINIA

975.45 H29m	A History of Marion County West Virginia. This unique book contains numerous historical articles that include communities and churches, many family sketches rich in genealogical data, a large number of pictures of bygone days, and reproductions of Marion County maps from the now rare atlas of Marion and Monongalia Counties.
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1940

It's Almost Here

What, you say? The 1940 Census! That's right, the most exciting thing to happen in genealogy research in the past ten years. The 1940 census will be released April 2, 2012. Initially the digital images will be available free of charge on the NARA website. A consortium of organizations including Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org will immediately begin indexing the records. In contrast to the 1930 census, the indexing will be done by a massive group of volunteers, all working from their own computers, one page at a time. We all know how frustrating it has been to try to find certain individuals in the 1930 census because the index is full of errors due to several factors, including it being a rush job by paid workers, many of whom were not native English speakers. FamilySearch is predicting that it will take tens of thousands of volunteers to accomplish the indexing in as short a time as possible. This is where YOU come in! Our Society has signed on as a group willing to participate. Mary Herzog has been appointed as our Group Administrator. Just think, if 100 society members signed up and indexed just one page a day, in three months we could have the entire Napa County 1940 census indexed! Contact Mary at herzogm@pacbell.net to find out how you can join in this vital project. Tell your friends about it and remember, the more people who get involved, the faster we will reach our goal of a complete index available to everyone!

Creating Chronologies and Why

The widespread availability of so many records allows us to really delve into our ancestors' lives. The trick is to organize what we know in such a way that it puts their lives into perspective. Independently, the records we find are just scattered pieces of the puzzle, but when we organize them and make them fit together, we begin to see the picture taking shape.

Chronologies or timelines allow us to view an ancestor's life in context. While many family history programs and online trees do this to some extent, they typically don't include all the details. Creating a timeline in a word processor is a simple and effective way to organize the details you've collected. As a bonus, when you take the time to put a chronology together yourself (as opposed to having a computer program automatically do it for you), you'll be examining the details in the records more closely and clues are more likely to jump out at you. (Tip: Keep a to-do list handy to capture new research ideas as they pop up.)

Getting Started

Census records can create a great framework to start your chronology. Then fill in the gaps between them with birth dates (estimated from censuses where necessary), state census records, city directories, immigration records, and other records. Record all dates—both those that are directly stated in a record and those that are implied (e.g., a date of immigration as referenced by dates and varying places of birth).

Be sure to include sources for each event. As you add entries, you may run into contradictory information from other sources. Having the sources included allows you to weigh the evidence and determine which record is more likely to be accurate.

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Add Non-Family Events

Once you've filled in births, marriages, immigration dates or moves, occupation changes, deaths, and other family events, it's time to add in some non-family events. Knowing what was happening in the places where your family lived can add to the story and provide clues as to where you will find your ancestor's records. Consider adding these events to your timeline.

County Formation. Your ancestor may have lived in different counties without even moving to a new location. Over the years many county (and some state) boundaries have been redrawn and new counties formed from parts of older ones. These boundary changes could impact where the records your ancestor left are kept.

Church Formations and Closings. If your ancestor was part of a religious community, knowing the formation dates and closings of churches in the area can be helpful in locating religious records. Your ancestor may have changed congregations as new churches opened, particularly if that church shared their ethnic background.

Weather and Other Natural Phenomena. Significant weather events and other forces of nature are important to include and can lead us to a better understanding of the family. For example, following a severe drought in 1860, many former Iowans who had moved to Kansas, were reported to be returning to Iowa in an article from the "The Burlington Weekly Hawkeye," (Burlington, Iowa), 25 August 1860, page 1.

THE RETURNING TIDE.—On Monday last we noticed a train of movers, with some fifty head of cattle and other stock, returning from Kansas, whither they went from Cedar county, Iowa, last spring. The great drouth [sic] and other discouraging circumstances in Kansas induced them to leave that Territory after a short residence . . . The returning tide from Misouri and Kansas into Iowa is large and increasing . . . Those who leave Iowa expecting to find a better land will almost surely be mistaken.—[Oskaloosa Herald.]

To locate weather events, simply consider the area in which they lived. Were there waterways nearby that may have flooded? Those ancestors involved in agrarian pursuits may have been affected by drought, pests, or blights that ravaged crops, heavy rains, cold and extended winters, and any other event that could have disrupted their livelihood. Did they live along a coastline that may have been hit by hurricanes? Were tornadoes or earthquakes a common hazard in their part of the world?

Epidemics also had a huge impact on many of our forebears, particularly those in urban environments where contagious diseases were easily passed to others. Not only could our ancestors have lost family members to diseases, some may have chosen to leave during an outbreak rather than risk infection.

If you're trying to understand a period when your ancestor went missing, making note of events like gold and silver rushes, the availability of land, new modes or routes of transportation like railroads, canals, new roads, faster ships and other advances may provide the clues we need to follow up in other locations.

War. Did a military conflict impact your ancestors? Including wars in your timeline can alert you to the possibility of a family member's military service. If great-great-grandma's brother served in the Civil War, his pension papers may include a wealth of information on other family members. Also look to see what battles took place nearby the places where your ancestor lived.

Local events may have altered the course of our ancestors' lives. Learning about them can help us to better understand our ancestors and the decisions they made and will provide vital clues in seeking more records to document their lives.

Source: Ancestry.com Learning Center

NVGBS Library Volunteer Schedule March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10-1 M. Woods 1-4 O. Meyers	2	3 10-2 C. Fisher
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April 2012

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Membership Report for Calendar Year 2011

In early 2011 the Board decided to change the membership dues collection to once a year, beginning July 1. In order to roll out the new formula, all members whose dues were due January 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011 would pay nothing. For those whose dues were due August 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, a pro-rated system would be incorporated (approximately \$2 per month). For those whose dues were due in July, the amount was the usual single or family rate. New or returning members would pay the pro-rated amount until the following July 1. The purpose of the change was to make the membership chair's position less time-consuming and complicated.

All members were notified of the changes in the newsletter, at the sign-in desk at the library, and individually by (snail) mail if necessary.

The number of members varied little throughout the year, with two months at a low of 213 and one month, November, at a high of 220 members.

In October we offered a beginners' class, of which approximately seven participated, with one participant becoming a member. As a comparison, we gained four new or returning members when the class was offered in 2009, and none in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Burzduk, Membership Chair



We changed our dues structure so that all members pay by July 1.
I am not accepting membership dues received before June 1, 2012.

New Members

Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome

New Members

Surnames

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New or Returning members:

William Foreman, PhD

Email: *dr.will.foreman@gmail.com*

Surnames: Foreman, Bosley, Troxell, Cassel

Charlotte VanZant-King

Email: *snowcreekstudio@gmail.com*

Surnames: ns

Present membership: 221

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

## 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.

### General Information

The *San Francisco Public Library* has recently posted historic photos online at <http://www.oldsf.org/>

Check for online resources at the local libraries in the areas you are researching. Use the GenWeb network to find them.

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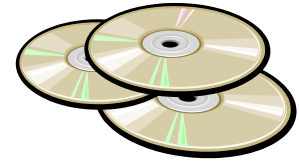
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**Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.**



## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

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| <b>Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |         |
| <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 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |         |
| <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       | \$7.00  |
| <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      | \$22.00 |
| <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,</b> Indexed                                                                                                                                                   | 20 pages       | \$4.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries ,</b> Indexed                                                                                                                    | 41 pages       | \$6.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery,</b> Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.                                                                                                         | 30 pages       | \$4.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery,</b> St. Helena. Indexed                                                                                                                                                                       | 47 pages       | \$6.00  |
| <b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens,</b> Napa. Indexed                                                                                                                                                                    | 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 |

**Access to the Social Security Death Index Threatened!**

Check out <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/01/29/ssdi-call-to-action/> to find out all about the legislation currently pending which would curtail our access to the SSDI and find out what **YOU** can do about it!

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