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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

The November General Meeting of the Napa Genealogy Society will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 1:30 PM at our Library, 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa. At this meeting, we will nominate and elect the officers and Board Members for 2013. The slate of officers is as follows: President, Dick Bruechert; First Vice President, Sandra Hoover; Second Vice President, Sharon Marangoni, Recording Secretary, Carole Fisher; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Jenkins-McIntire; Treasurer, Mary Herzog; and Registrar, Karen Burzdak. We have several new Board Members that will be introduced at the this meeting. We will also present the current efforts to amend the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. This is an important meeting and we hope you will plan to attend so that we will have a good turnout to comply with our bylaws requirements.

The program for November will be a presentation by Rebecca Yerger, Napa's own journalist and historian, on how she unearths interesting items from obscure and mostly unindexed sources and turns them into compelling stories about our past. This should be an interesting meeting and we hope you will be able to attend. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

Our Library will be closed for Thanksgiving Week from November 19 through November 24, 2012, and for the Christmas Holidays from December 17, 2012 through January 1, 2013. We will resume our normal operation on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Dick Bruechert
NVGBS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

November

Nov 7, 2012, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library. (Note new time and day)

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

Nov 13, 2012 (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Nov 15, 2012 (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, Rebecca Yerger** Napa's own Journalist and Historian presents "**Found: Historical Gems.**" She will share how she unearths interesting items from obscure and mostly unindexed sources and turns them into compelling stories. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library.

Nov 27, 2012 (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

December

Dec 5, 2012, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library. (Note new time and day)

Dec 10, 2012, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Dec 11, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Dec 20, 2012 **No Monthly Program for the month of December**

Dec 25, 2012 **Merry Christmas**



Dec 20, 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

Tue Nov 13, 2012

Senior Wing of Maidu Center, 1550 Maidu Dr., Roseville, CA 95661

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting: *Writing & Publishing Your Family History*, Richard Handon

Sponsored by Roseville Genealogical Society. For more info go to www.rgsca.org

Sat Nov 17, 2012

Finley Community Center, 2060 W College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting: *What's New in Technology for Genealogical Research*

Sponsored by Sonoma County Genealogical Society. For more info go to www.scgs.org

Wed Nov 28, 2012

Marin Family History Center, 220 North San Pedro Rd, San Rafael, CA 94903. 7:00 p.m.

Meeting: Brick Walls & Success Stories

Sponsored by Marin County Genealogical Society. For more info go to www.maringensoc.org

Jabber from Janice



More Google Goodies (From Tracy Area Genealogy Society):

Google.com is the search engine for the United States.

Google.ca is the search engine for Canada.

Google.co.uk is the search engine for the United Kingdom.

There are over 130 different search engines through Google:

http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/genealogy_guide_to_google_country_search_engines_page3.html

Google Advanced Search: A free search engine. Enter as much or as little as you would like.

Google Images: A search engine to find photographs tagged with labels such as location, name of subject, etc. Use to locate ancestor photos posted on other sites.

Google Patents: A search engine indexing patents and patent applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Was your ancestor an inventor?

Google Translate: This is a free translation service that allows you to enter text and translate it to and from a variety of languages. You can also use this site to understand the meaning of foreign words and phrases.

Google Maps: A search engine that provides free maps of locations around the globe. Use this to track where your ancestors lived. You can also create your own personalized map with pinned stories and photos about your ancestors.

Google Earth: A search engine that uses satellite imagery to map geographical locations with real images. The site now includes historical imagery you can overlay onto modern maps.

Google Books: You can search Google Books for surnames, locations and other topics involving your genealogy. You can search almost 130 million books in their entirety. (If you are interested in copying a page you will either need to download the entire book to your computer or else I just take a digital photo of the pages I want a copy of).

Google News: A search engine that covers news sites including News Archive which has newspaper articles going back 200 years.

From TAGS Newsletter, V.14, Issue 4.

Tracy Area Genealogy Society, Tracy, San Joaquin County, California

Happy Hunting!
Janice Brown



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

ILLINOIS

- 977.3991 P29f Pope County Illinois County Court Record, 1816-1831
977.3991 X29l Pope County Illinois State Census, 1845, 1855, & 1865
977.3991 D29a Pope County, Illinois Forgotten Records
977.3991 V39p Pope County, Illinois Cemeteries, Vol's 1,2,3,4
977.3991 V29l Pope County, Illinois Marriage Register, 1878-1888, Vol's 2 & 3
977.3991 P29a Pope County, Illinois Probate Records, 1836-1845

KENTUCKY

- 976.9893 V28j Crittenden County, Kentucky, Births, Deaths, Etc., Vol's 1 & 2
976.9893 V29j Crittenden County, Kentucky, Marriage Records & Wills, Vol. 1
976.9893 B38j Crittenden County, Kentucky, Newspaper Abstracts, Vol.'s 1 & 2
976.9893 P29j Crittenden County, Kentucky Deed Book A, 1842-1847
976.9695 P29wp Green County, Kentucky, Abstracts of Circuit Court Records, Vol's 1 & 2
976.9695 P28w Green County, Kentucky, Abstracts of Deed Books 3 & 4, 1801-1806

New Websites added to our Library Computers

Did you know that as a member of our library, these paid websites are free to you? We now have added two more subscription websites on our computers, available for members: **Fold 3** (emphasis on military records) and **Genealogy Bank** (newspapers) are “loaned” to us through the generosity of two members. The log in information is located on the bulletin board on the wall above the computers. Another paid subscription site is in the offing.

How's Your Spam Filter Working For You?

As a board member I have been working on our by-laws changes (we all have). As membership chair I have been working hard on collecting an Electronic Consent Form from every member, even members who do not have or do not give consent to receive certain notices electronically. It had not occurred to me that many members who have email may have their spam filters set so that emails with an attachment go into their **SPAM FOLDER**. There are many members I have never heard from. If you have email and did not receive such a notice from me from my personal email address, please check your spam filter so that you can receive attachments from me **and** from the library.

We have an important election coming up at our November general meeting and by-laws changes at our January annual meeting of which notice must be given first.

Thank you for your help.

Karen Burzdak

kjburzdak@comcast.net

NVGBS Library Volunteer Schedule November 2012

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11	12 2:00 Board Meeting	13 10-1 K. Burzduk 1-4 M. Herzog 12:00 FW Group	14 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 C. Fisher	15 10-1 D. Bickford 1:30 Program Meeting	16	17 10-2 R. Clark
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Should I Stash Away or Share my Family History?

After a trip to New Market, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, which included stops in some antique shops, I felt to write the following...

If I take my family history and lock it away in a box for safe keeping, is this what my ancestors would have me do with their pictures and memories?

How often I pass through an antique shop and find countless numbers of old photos, birth, marriage, and death certificates. When I inquire of how they came in possession of these items, the answer is always the same..."some estate or yard sale of one that has passed away and most likely recovered from their attic." And very likely the same for those thousands and thousands of old family pictures selling on eBay. Is my great-great grandfather's picture that I have sought after in someone's attic or antique store in California? With no writing or indication on it of who is portrayed in the picture?

Indeed, we naturally hold those things we cherish close to us. However, making copies of those pictures, documents, and sharing those stories make them no less valuable. In fact, when we discover and share family history, it keeps our ancestors' memories and legacies alive. This is what our ancestors would have us do with the precious symbols of their life experiences. Share.

Not long after I wrote this, a cousin of mine discovered a box that had been in his family for some time. In this box, he found pictures of the very great-great grandfather I mentioned in my write-up.

It gives me great pleasure to share the two photos found of John Butler Giboney. The first is likely his wedding photo taken in St. Helena, CA of his marriage to Eve Lola Walters, daughter of Jerdon J. Walters and Mary (Grogan) Walters. The second picture is of him plowing the field where he lived in Pope Valley, CA. This field is located just across from the Pope Valley Cemetery, where unfortunately two of his children rest, Maud Giboney and Johnnie Giboney. This Giboney family resided in Napa County from around 1868 until 1880, then moved to Kernville, CA.

NVGBS Member, Eric Giboney





MEXICAN GENEALOGY

You can find clues to your ancestors' parish in old family letters and papers. US records such as naturalization documents and border-crossing records—available on FHL microfilm, Ancestry.com and Footnote—can help you determine your ancestral city of town. They also might contain the name and address of the nearest relative back in Mexico.

Having an idea of where your ancestor came from and a range of dates will help you search in FamilySearch's Record Search (pilot.familysearch.org). The collection includes baptisms, marriages and burials transcribed from Mexican Parish records covering 1659 to 1905. Baptism records include name, birth date and place, plus both parents' names. Marriage records have the groom's name, age and parents, and the same information for the bride, as well as the marriage location and the couple's residence. Burial records provide the name of the deceased, death date and place, and often information on spouse, parents and children of the deceased.

But don't stop there: Check the FHL's microfilmed church records to verify the extracted information and look for more genealogical gold. (If you don't find an ancestor online, don't give up on finding answers in parish records, either; you may just have to some scrolling. Identify the microfilm you need by doing a Place search in the FHL catalog (www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlc/frameset_fhlc.asp.)

The record entries on FamilySearch's Record Search contain an FHL microfilm number as well as a batch number. The film number lets you order the correct roll through your local Family History Center. Use that batch number to find other family members and to navigate the huge pile of parish records. Knowing the batch numbers for your ancestor's town in Mexico can take you to the right records even before you've found any individual ancestors. Find batch numbers using FamilySearch's Vital Records Index for Mexico and International Genealogical Index (IGI) too. It's worth checking all three, as each one gives you different results.

Besides double-checking original documents, seek out the premarital documents called *información matrimonial* (marriage information). These documents may go on for three or four microfilmed pages, including statements from the couple's witnesses. If the bride and groom were related, you may find evidence for a dispensation (special permission), such as genealogical charts and data going back several generations.

Other church records worth seeking: confirmation registers (*confirmaciones*), ecclesiastical censuses, wills and testaments, and records of the Inquisition. Trial proceedings of the Inquisition can contain detailed genealogical information the accused provided to prove their pure Hispanic-Catholic origins. Try an FHL catalog keyword to place search to identify available microfilms.



The other genealogical goldmine for Mexican researchers is civil registrations of births, marriages and deaths. President Benito Juárez established the Civil Registration Office (*Registro Civil*) July 28, 1859, as part of his sweeping governmental reforms. Because Mexicans were accustomed to parish records, however, compliance was slow, and civil registration wasn't widely enforced until the restoration of the Mexican Republic in 1867.

The FHL has microfilmed civil registration records from thousands of local offices (*municipios*), across Mexico. Each *municipio* could encompass several towns; you may need to consult a gazetteer to find your ancestor's *municipio*, then search the FHL catalog by place.

To be continued in the next Winepress edition.

Source: Family Tree Magazine, Jan 2009, article by David A. Fryxell

Requests for Research

You may send your request to NVGBS, Attention Dick Bruechert, 1701 Menlo Ave. Napa, CA 94558, or email Dick at, kbruechert@aol.com

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.

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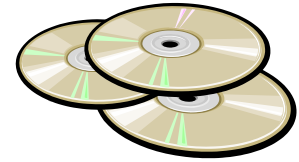
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Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.



Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

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	\$7.00
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	\$22.00
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	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed	41 pages	\$6.00
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

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