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## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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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 annual wine drawing was held at the Napa Senior Center on Thursday, August 16, 2012 and members and guests were treated to pizza, salads, and drinks. We believe that everyone had a good time at the event. The first prize of thirty bottles of wine was won by Barbara Frasier from Everett, Washington. The remaining prizes are as follows: second prize was won by D. Pina of Napa; third prize was won by Susan Chilton of Napa; fourth prize was won by Gerri Darroca Bracton of Carmel, Indiana; fifth prize was won by Larry Tessier of Enterprise, Alabama; sixth prize was won by Glenn Mattila of Napa; seventh prize was won by Denise Jackson of Yountville; eighth prize was won by Joanne Mills of Napa; and the ninth prize was won by Stephanie Carville of Grand Junction, Colorado. We hope that all of the winners enjoy the prizes that they won.

We are in the process of updating our bylaws and everyone will be receiving an updated copy of the bylaws by email or regular mail. We have been working on these bylaws for sometime and we hope that they can be reviewed and adopted at the January Annual Meeting at the Library.

The Board wishes to thank everyone who contributed to our annual fundraiser this year. We thank everyone who purchased tickets, helped out by selling tickets at the Wine Train Station, and/or assisted with the dinner preparation and clean-up at the Senior Center. Special thanks go to Sharon Marangoni for collecting the wine that was donated.

*Dick Bruechert*  
*NVGBS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### September

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

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

Sept 15, 2012, (2nd Sat) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGBS Library. (Cancelled for the summer months)

Sept 20, 2012 **Monthly Program, "Google; A goldmine of Genealogy Gems I"** presented by Lisa Louise Cooke. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library.

Sept 25, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

### October

Oct 3, 2012, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library. (Note new time and day)

Oct 8, 2012, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Oct 9, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Oct 18, 2012 **Monthly Program, "Newspapers, Online & Offline,"** presented by Janice Sellers. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library.

Oct 23, 2012 **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

Oct 28, 2012 **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editors box at library. Email—[sandrahoover@comcast.net](mailto:sandrahoover@comcast.net)

### Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

**Sep 9, 2012 "Genealogy On the go with the iPad or Tablet"**, Genealogy Programs, presented by the Sacramento Central Library, 1:30 to 3:00pm. Info at [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org)

**Sep 16, 2012 "Build Your Own Genealogy Blog"**, Genealogy Program presented by the Sacramento Central Library, 1:30 to 3:00pm. Info at [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org)

**Oct 18- 20, 2012 "Understanding Our Past to Grow Into the future"**, presented by the International Black Genealogy Summit (IBGS). The 2nd IBGS—Conference w/many black genealogical societies from around the world will come together to search, read, learn, share research sources and methods, and find ancestral family members. Location: Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown. Salt Lake City, Utah. For more info go to [www.BlackGenealogySummit.com](http://www.BlackGenealogySummit.com) or call (520) 401-2177.

**Oct 20, 2012 "Family History Seminar"**, Family History Center, 3700 concord Blvd, Concord, CA. For more info call Jackie at (925) 827-4729.

## *Jabber from Janice*



### INTERNET INFORMATION:

**TCP/IP:** Internet Protocol Suite, invented in 1974, to allow computers to send information back and forth and share.

**Cloud Computing:** The collective power of thousands of super large computer servers that collect and distribute information to your computer.

**Web Apps:** Open platform that allows computers to share applications from any browser or web connected device. Apps are running in the browser and cannot interfere with your computer or tablet's overall performance. Your computer is better protected from viruses, malware, spyware as the apps are on an outside server.

**Browsers:** connect your computer to the internet. What do you use? Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Opera or Google Chrome. Do you have the latest version and update as needed? This will help protect your computer from attacks, adds features that you will allow you to use the web applications, and run apps at a faster speed.

This information is provided by Google and the following website will allow you to check which browser you are using and what version you have:

<http://www.whatbrowser.org/en/>

The entire article in entertaining book form is filled with helpful information on using the World Wide Web: <http://www.20thingsilearned.com/en-US/old-vs-new-browsers/4#/en-US/home>

Now for some common Search Engines:

I used the search terms ***whedon genealogy or history*** in the search box for each of these. In place of *whedon*, put the name you are researching.

**bing.com:** 1,600,000 results. First and second page had some interesting results. Offered some related searches that may be helpful. I skipped the Ads section.

**google.com:** 5,500,000 results. Also had good hits on the first several pages. After my search results came up, Advanced Search was offered at the bottom of the screen. This is what I would typically use to more easily narrow down the results. When I added an ancestor's name in the Exact word or phrase, Google suggested an alternate spelling and produced one hit that was an amazing ancestor chart with detailed notes that included my searched for great great-grandfather.

**volunia.com:** about 76,000 results. I did not see an advanced option but did find a rather obscure fact on a gggggrandfather and his wife.

**yahoo.com:** 1,670,000 hits. Similar websites to Google. Did not have an obvious advanced search. Did have an option to search BLOGS.

**mocavo.com:** dedicated to genealogy. Basis search is free but you will need to register, more advanced \$\$.

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown



## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### CALIFORNIA

979.419 H29j            Calistoga 1944, A Small town during a Big War. This book records events in and about a small town in California's Napa Valley during 1944. Stories, history, military personnel and articles. All about Calistoga and its people during 1944.

### IRELAND

941.5 E29bm            A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland. Ancestral research in Ireland requires familiarity with historical records and an understanding of how these records are organized. To achieve this, knowledge of geography is crucial, because historical records were gathered by the various administrative divisions.

929.1 D27bm            Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy. An indispensable tool for tracing ancestors in Ireland.

941.5 E39jr            Richard Griffith and His Valuations of Ireland, with an inventory of the books of the General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland.

### NEW YORK

941.5 D29dh            Irish Relatives and Friends, from "Information Wanted" Ads in the Irish-American, 1850-1871. The Irish-American was a weekly newspaper published in New York City for the Irish immigrant population. It was started in August 1849. The paper contained a popular classified section for people seeking information on relatives and friends. These ads, which ran in a column entitled "Information Wanted," are useful to researchers since they often state the Irish county, townland, or parish from which an immigrant came.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

975.7 X39mm            Migration to South Carolina —1850 census, from England, Scotland, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Russia, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland.

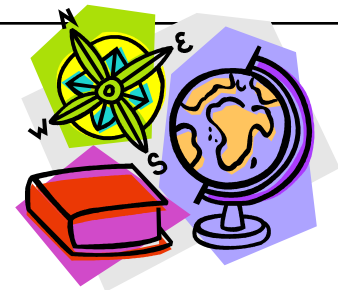
## GENEALOGY CLASSES

Save these dates for this year's Genealogy Classes!  
Two Saturdays, one on October 27 and one on November 3, held at the NVGBS Library. Recommend the classes to your friends who are just getting started or consider refreshing your own skills.

The classes will be sponsored by Napa City Parks and Recreation this year and details for registration will also be posted in the library.

Saturday Oct 27    9 am to 3 pm, bring a bag lunch.  
Saturday Nov 3    9 am to 3 pm, bring a bag lunch.

Register: [www.naparec.com](http://www.naparec.com)      Fee: \$40



# NVGBS Library Volunteer Schedule Sept 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 <i>2:00 Board Meeting</i>	11 10-1 K. Burzduk 1-4 M. Herzog <i>12:00 FW Group</i>	12 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 M. Vavricka	13 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	14	15 10-2 R. Clark
16	17	18 10-1 C. Fisher 1-4 D. Varland	19 <i>10-1</i> 1-4 J. Barber & C. Kluever	20 10-1 B. Shoar <i>1:30 Program Meeting</i>	21	22
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## ***Ordering Naturalization Papers for an Ancestor***

At the Society's July program, I showed a document that was part of naturalization papers ordered for my husband's grandfather. Since someone asked me how to order these documents, I shall tell you the most recent process, which may be done online with a credit card.

But first, some background. After checking the pertinent census records, verify the year the person said he/she arrived (check more than one census) and also be sure that "Pa" is written in the column to right of the arrival date. "Pa" means the first papers have been filed (the declaration of intent). "Na" stands for naturalized. "Al" stands for "Alien." (Note, if an American-born female married a foreigner, her status becomes "Al," depending on the years in question.)

The process has changed, becoming a bit more complicated, and definitely being more expensive since I ordered my husband's grandfather's records. You should expect 3 records: Declaration of Intention, the Certificate of Arrival, and the Petition for Citizenship. These documents are replete with information, including the name under which the applicant arrived. This was, perhaps, the most important piece of information from which I could move forward on my genealogy search.

### **Making a genealogy request from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office.**

Online, go to [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). At the bottom of the page in the blue box, click on "genealogy." Then, click on "Make a Genealogy Request" found on the left side of the screen. You will learn that this is a 2-part request. The first part is having the applicant's name searched. This is a \$20 fee, which may be ordered through the mail or online. If records are located, you will be charged more for the records. The instructions are very clear. Don't worry if you don't have all the information and/or the applicant used more than one name. The site gives you the opportunity to give unknown dates and various names.

Good luck. My request, which was mailed to me, returned: "Unfortunately we could not locate any index references that exactly match the facts described in your request." In follow-up, they said that all names that I furnished were searched. Personally, I have problems relying on others' research.

Karen Burzdak

## **Did you know?**

In the 17 & 1800's Childbirth was not the most common cause of a woman dying. Burns were. A woman had twice the likelihood of receiving burns as her life revolved around cooking and washing fires.

In 1895, the United States life expectancy for a woman was 35 years, for men it was 32 years.

Babies were fragile and often not given a name in the first year, often the first birthday was a day to receive a name.

Good records were kept in Massachusetts, and from these we learn that from 1850-1900 141 infants died for every 1000 births. In the 1700-1850 period it had been twice that. By 1920 it was down to 77 per 1000 births.

Source: Fannin County Texas, Flashback Sep 2003 issue.





## MEXICAN GENEALOGY

Before you begin your research into Mexican records, you first need to become familiar with the multiple parts of Mexican names.

Surnames tend to follow Spanish patterns, typically deriving from a parent's name (adding *-az*, *-ez*, *-iz*, *-oz* or *-uz*—such as Martínez, son of Martín), an occupation (Herrera, a word for blacksmith), a description or nickname (Calvo, meaning bald), or from a place (de Córdoba or del Río).

Also, as in Spain, people might use compound names, combining paternal and maternal surnames. These often are indicated by *y* (and), a dash or a preposition (*de*, *del*, *de la*). When searching for surnames that include a preposition, be sure to check under both alphabetizing possibilities: *Vega*, *de la* as well as *de la Vega*.

Historically, wives kept their maiden names and simply tacked their husbands' surnames on the end. So Rosa Hernandez became Rosa Hernandez de Martínez when she married Raul Martínez. A widow would be noted by adding *viuda* or the abbreviation *vda*, such as "Rosa Hernandez viuda de Martínez." Into the 20th century, Mexican women were typically recorded under their maiden name when they came to the United States.

Given names can similarly pile up. At baptism, a child might receive one or two extra names, such as the name of the saint associated with the baptismal day—that child might never in his or her life be called by the baptismal name (*nombre de pila*). In church records, you might also find the parish priest added a superfluous José or María to the child's name.

You've probably already noticed the proliferation of diacritics in Mexican names. Accent marks don't affect alphabetical order in Spanish, but the language does have three letters English doesn't: *ch*, *ll* (both treated as single characters) and *ñ*. The Spanish Genealogical Word List at, [www.familysearch.org/eng/search/rg/guide/wlspanis.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/rg/guide/wlspanis.asp), can help you get started in Spanish.

Once you've grasped your ancestors' *nombres*, you can begin your journey into Mexican records. Until 1859, Roman Catholicism was Mexico's only recognized religion, and it continues to dominate today. Before the advent of civil registration—government vital records—in 1859, the church was also the only authority recording life's major events. Even for ancestral events after 1859, be sure to check church records as well as civil registrations.



Parish registers—known as *registros parroquiales*—include baptisms (*bautismos*), marriages (*matrimonios*), deaths (*defunciones*) and burials (*entierros*). The FHL has microfilmed most pre-1930 Mexican church records, which often include two or three generations of the *familia*.

To start searching church records, you need to know your family's town and parish. Larger cities encompass multiple parishes, and sometimes records show up in adjoining parishes. You might even find your ancestors in the civil registration records of one town and in the church records of another. Be aware that administrative boundaries shifted frequently in Mexico—see an animated map of the evolution of its territory at, [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/mexico).

To be continued in the next Winepress edition.

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



## Important Membership Maintenance

Have you all been reading your newsletter? From top to bottom? How 'bout the page with the large smiley face reminding you about paying your dues? Just once a year, in July!!!

For those of you who have not sent in your dues, please do so immediately. If you receive a letter in the mail, it will be your last reminder. Should you be dropped from membership, you will be asked to reapply. Maybe that sounds a bit harsh, but it abides with our bylaws.



At the last board meeting, it was unanimously approved that new members would join at the following rates.

Joining from July through December pays the full rate

Joining from January 1 through June 20 pays half rate.

Please notify me or the library if your address or email changes. It is definitely a time and money saver to have your correct information.

Karen Burzdak, Membership Chairman  
kjburzdak@comcast.net  
707/326-0919.

## New Members

**Welcome \* Welcome \* Welcome \* Welcome \* Welcome**

### New Members

### Surnames

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New or Returning members:

- ◆ Rosalie Brown  
Sacramento Surnames: NS
- ◆ Lora Levin  
Email: lorablevin@comcast.net Surnames: Franklin & Shames
- ◆ Genji Schmeder  
Email: genjinapa@att.net Surnames: NS

Present membership: 226

## 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State – \$15.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior – \$15.00                         |

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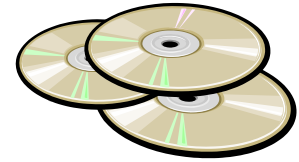
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***Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.***



## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society

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| <b>Computer CD's</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       | \$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 |

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