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## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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### Mission Statement

The Napa Valley Genealogical 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 May General Meeting, our annual open house, was well attended again this year. Both members and visitors were able to learn about our library collection and the various web links available on our computers. Our staffers are always eager to help people with their genealogy questions.

The June General Meeting was a presentation by Dr. Jeffery Paull. Dr. Paull focused on his personal journey as a new author: what first motivated him to write a book, how he reached out to family members, the ups and downs of the research and writing processes, and his experience with self-publishing, including lessons learned along the way. The final result of his four-year journey was his book *A Noble Heritage*, which is now part of our library collection.

We hope you will be able to support our only fundraising effort by selling raffle tickets at the Wine Train station. This is your opportunity to help the Society and make a positive impression on the public regarding the joy that can be found through researching family ancestry. Members will soon receive their raffle tickets in the mail to sell to family or friends or purchase for yourself. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00, the same as last year. The first prize is 30 bottles of Napa Valley wines, the second prize 15 bottles of Napa Valley wines, and several others, including golf for two at the Silverado Country Club. Please contact any board member for more direction.

Our annual Wine Drawing fundraising event will be held on August 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Members should bring an hors d'oeuvre, with the Society providing lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. Entertainment will also be a part of this year's social event. This is always an enjoyable evening.

*Dick Bruechert*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### July

July 3, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, *No meeting, summer vacation.*

July 14, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

July 9, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

July 18, 2013, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, Forensic Genealogy**, presented by Janice Sellers. Join us on Thursday, 1:30 pm at the NVGS Library.

July 23, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

### Aug

Aug 7, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, *No meeting, summer vacation.*

Aug 11, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library

Aug 13, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library

Aug 15, 2013, (3rd Thur) **WINE DRAWING Social Evening & Annual Fundraising Event**  
Held at the Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Ave, 6:30 pm. Evening gathering.

Aug 27, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug 26, 2013, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor,s box at library. Email—[sandrahoover@comcast.net](mailto:sandrahoover@comcast.net)

### Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

**14, July 2013 “How ‘Pyschic Roots’ Became an ‘Unsolved Mystery’”** presented by Henry Z. “Hank” Jones, Jr. at 2 pm at the Immigrant Genealogical Society, 1310 W Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA. [www.ImmigrantGenSoc.org](http://www.ImmigrantGenSoc.org).

**15-19 July 2013 “German Research”** The St. Louis Genealogical Society is holding a special week-long Research Institute with focus on German Research. Local German specialists will assist attendees, and there will be fourteen lectures throughout the week on topics such as finding your local village and uncovering clues in German religious records. Three major St. Louis libraries will be available for research time and assistance.

For more information go to [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org) or email questions to [programs@stlgs.org](mailto:programs@stlgs.org).

**21-24 August 2013 “Journey Through Generations”** A conference for the Nation’s Genealogists. Presented by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, “FGS,” in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with local hosts Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana and the Allen County Public Library. For more than thirty years FGS has held conferences for anyone and everyone interested in family history. This year they are hosting the conference in the heart of American genealogy, Fort Wayne, Indiana, just steps away from the world-renowned Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL). A diverse conference program offers genealogists of all levels an opportunity to learn from some of the nation’s leading genealogists and local subject experts. Add social activities and a bustling exhibit hall, and the FGS Conference is the place to be for genealogists in August 2013. For those eager to research, ACPL holds one of the nation’s largest genealogical research collections, and includes a dedicated staff ready to help you tackle your family tree. For more information [www.FGSConference.org](http://www.FGSConference.org).

## *Jabber from Janice*



Not to drag on a subject, but I came across a few more newspaper sites as I was reading the April/May 2013 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

Virginia Gazette for 1736-1780 at the Colonial Williamsburg site at <http://research.history.org/digitallibrary/browsevg.cfm>.

North Carolina Newspaper Digitization project at <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/newspaper/index.html>.

I was also reminded that Godfrey Memorial Library has an extensive collection of genealogy information including newspapers at: <http://www.godfrey.org/index.html>. You need to subscribe as a “Scholar” for a very reasonable amount to have access to their many databases but browsing their catalog is quite interesting.

Also, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, has many online databases available for searching at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases.aspx> and searching is free.

As most of you know this is one of the largest collections of genealogy information in the US. The Federation of Genealogy Societies is holding their amazing conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-24 with ample opportunity to visit this library: <https://www.fgsconference.org/>.

Happy Hunting!  
Janice Brown

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest, con't**

#### **Local News Bulletin**

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Society publishes monthly the “San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar.” It is a collection of local genealogical society classes, workshops, and meetings within a 75 mile radius of San Francisco. Go to <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com/> to view the calendar.

#### **Save the Dates**

Saturdays October 26 and November 2. NVGS is again sponsoring beginner genealogy classes at the library. Look in the Napa Park and Rec’s fall catalog for more information about registration. Tell your friends!

### **DO YOU KNOW**

*Google Earth* lets you fly anywhere on Earth to view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, 3D buildings, from galaxies in outer space to the canyons of the ocean. Want to know more about a specific location? Dive right in -- *Google Earth* combines satellite imagery, maps and the power of Google Search to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. Search for schools, parks, restaurants, and hotels. Fly from space to your neighborhood. Type in an address and zoom right in. Get driving directions.

Tilt and rotate the view to see 3D terrain and buildings. Save and share your searches and favorites. Even add your own annotations. Go to [www.google.com/earth/download-earth.html](http://www.google.com/earth/download-earth.html)

Also you can Travel back in time with Historical Imagery in Google Earth. Visit <http://www.google.com/earth/learn/> to learn how.



## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### CALIFORNIA

- 979.419 V45nv Napa Valley Obituaries and Vital Statistics for the year 2012, from Valley 2012 Newspapers. Indexed.
- 979.419 N45nv Great Register, Napa County, California, 1908-1919. Alphabetical.

### FAMILY HISTORIES

- 929.2 C323mj The Descendants of Captain Thomas Carter of "Barford," Lancaster County, VA, with Genealogy notes of many of the allied families including, Armstrong, Hampton, Dillard, Love, McCarty, and Strong to name a few.
- 929.2 H913th Hulls In 1850, A directory of Persons Surnamed Hull in the United States in 1850.
- 929.2 C116cj The George Cabots, Descendants of George Cabot (1678-1717) of Salem and Boston, Massachusetts.
- 929.2 P778pj A Noble Heritage. This is a well-researched and fascinating account of the history of the Polonsky and Paull families.

### NORTH EAST US

- P 974 AM Gen The American Genealogist, back issues, 1934 to 1937.



### Mary's Book Corner



I just finished reading Steven Roberts' memoir called *My Fathers' Houses*. It's not a typical genealogy book in that he does not go researching in public documents, but he does travel to Poland and Israel to flesh out his grandfather's stories. He knew his immigrant grandparents and grew up hearing their stories. As a professional journalist of some standing, he is able to tell his family story in rich, textured layers. He is able to tie his story together with the places and times in which his family lived. He has a great deal of insight about how they influenced his own life and career. As a personal note, I really enjoyed reading about his father's rather short-lived venture into publishing children's books. During the 1940s, he specialized in creating children's books that were also toys in an attempt to fill in the gap from rationed metals. Unfortunately, today they are so rare that I can't afford to add any of them to my collection.

Mary Herzog  
NVGS

NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules  
JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10-1 M. Ricci 1-4 D. Hibbert	3 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 B. Mattila	4 <i>Happy 4th Library Closed</i>	5	6 10-2 C. Fisher
7	8 <i>2:00 Board Meeting</i>	9 10-1 K. Burzdak 1-4 L. Parker <i>12:00 FW Group</i>	10 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 G. Martin	11 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	12	13 10-2 G. Martin
14	15	16 10-1 C. Fisher 1-4 D. Varland	17 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 J. Barber and C. Kluever	18 10-1 B. Shoar <i>1:30 Program Meeting</i>	19	20 10-2 R. Clark
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AUGUST 2013

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**Napa Valley Genealogical Society  
Presents  
*Forensic Genealogy***

**The term "forensic genealogy" is used by many people, but what does it actually mean? Learn the definition of forensic, how it applies to genealogy, and who is using (and misusing) the term.**

**Guest speaker..... Janice Sellers**

**Thursday, July 18, 2013**

**1:30 P.M. at NVGS Library**

**NVGBS had an Open House on May 16, 2013**

Mary Herzog explains our extensive library collection to a visitor.



Members and visitors enjoy refreshments while visiting with other genealogists.

Others prefer researching tips from our knowledgeable staffers.



I want to extend my appreciation and thanks to all of you who have been keeping the Library open regularly. You have done an amazing job of being there for others!

Keep your eye on your mailbox for your Wine Raffle tickets, to be sold starting July 5. If you wish, you may simply buy the tickets we send to you instead of trying to sell them. We do not need your unsold tickets back. Oh! Speaking of raffle tickets, the Wine Train ticket sale schedule is at the Library. Please either go to the Library in person, or call during open hours and have someone sign you up for a slot. There are a lot of slots left to fill between July 5 and August 14. It only takes about an hour or so at the train station, either at 9:30 or 4:45, depending on the day. Remember, the Library is funded by donations, and we need everyone, current and future volunteers, to help us sell raffle tickets and sell ourselves!

One last thing, Society dues are now payable for the 2013-2014 year that starts July 1st. Be certain to get your dues into the membership chairman soon as possible. July is here!

Sharon  
Volunteer Chair

### FINALLY IT HAS ARRIVED

We just received our copy of our filed (May 20, 2013) Restated Articles of Incorporation!!!!  
We are now officially the **Napa Valley Genealogical Society.**

### Welcome New Members

#### New or Returning Members

#### Surnames

- Thelma Stiles  
Email: [thelmas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thelmas@sbcglobal.net)      Surnames: Parrant, Stiles, Jackson, Duckett, Peters, Bourne-Vanneck

Did you know that our library has members from Napa, from Sonoma, from parts of California, and states as far away as Virginia? And we have members who use the library frequently, some that use the library infrequently, and some that have connections to the Napa Valley and don't live here (Out-of-State members). We have Life Members, Annual Members, and even the DAR pays annual dues to continue its collaboration with us.

Our members are important to us, and we certainly don't want to lose that connection that we have with each other. As of today's writing, less than 25% of our annual members have paid their annual dues, payable on July 1 and delinquent on August 1 of this year. August 1 is my second granddaughter's birthday, and I would prefer to celebrate that than go to my computer and drop members from membership. Late payees will be required to complete a new application, a new Electronic Consent Form, and submit the appropriate dues.

Karen Burzduk  
Membership Chairman



## Requests for Research

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

### Did You Miss Our June Program? If so, here is a review.

Dr. Jeffrey Paull's presentation at the Program Meeting on June 20, 2013, left his audience eager to learn more of his fascinating family history. He diligently researched his ancestors for four years, knowing only his parents' and grandparents' names. Dr. Paull was able to trace his family's lineage back to the medieval French biblical commentator *Rashi* (1040-1105).

One of the things that his audience learned was that until the late 1880s, Jewish families had no surnames. It was not until they came under the rule of the Russian Empire that they were assigned surnames, generally in reference to the communities in which they lived.

Dr. Paull has inspired us to move forward with our desire to publish our family histories. His book *A Noble Heritage* is a wonderful addition to our library.

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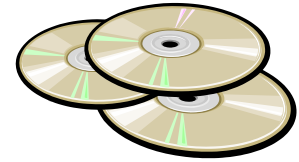
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***Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.***





## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society



<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- umes	\$35.00
<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, Indexed</b>	20 pages	\$4.00
<b>Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed</b>	41 pages	\$6.00
<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	\$32.00

## 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, [napagen@earthlink.net](mailto:napagen@earthlink.net).
- ◆ Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library at 252-2252 and leave a message. Help is always needed.

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