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## NEWSLETTER



**NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL and  
BIOGRAPHICAL 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**



We will have our annual Open House on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at our Library, 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa. This annual event lets members and non-members review the resources that are available at our library. The Open House begins at 1:00 PM and refreshments will be available.

Our Program Chairperson is unable to continue with her duties, and we are in need of someone who is willing to assume these duties. If you are interested in this position, please contact me or any board member.

The April General Meeting was a presentation by Todd Shulman on his book, *Murder and Mayhem in the Napa Valley*. Todd advised that the first documented murder trial in the Napa Valley occurred in 1850. It was also the first criminal case heard before the California Supreme Court. Included in the book is an account of the Zodiac Killer and the murder of Nicola Fagioli in 1969. Todd's presentation was very interesting, and his book was available for purchase at the meeting. The book can be purchased from the History Press at [www.historypress.net](http://www.historypress.net) or from Todd Shulman at the Napa Police Department.

There are several conferences coming up in the near future. The Southern California Genealogy Society will be having its "Jamboree" on June 6-9, 2012, and the National Genealogical Society Conference "Building New Bridges" will be held in Las Vegas on May 8-11, 2013. These can be very interesting conferences if you want to attend.

*Dick Bruechert*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### May

May 1, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library

May 13, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

May 14, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

May 16, 2013, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, NVGBS OPEN HOUSE**, come see our facilities and what we have to offer. Join us on Thursday, 1:00pm at the NVGS Library. A special meeting convenes at 12:45.

May 28, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

### June

June 5, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library.

June 10, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

June 11, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

June 20, 2013, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, A NOBLE HERITAGE**, presented by Dr Jeffrey Paull  
Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library.

June 25, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library.

June 25, 2013, **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

#### **8-11 May 2013 Building New Bridges**

The National Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Conference, *Building New Bridges*, at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. The hotel and conference center are under one roof. Details at [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info).

#### **6-9 June 2013 Follow the Path to the Past 44th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree.**

The popular conference will be held at the home of *Jamboree*, Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, California. With about 1600 attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and volunteers, *Jamboree* is one of the largest genealogical events in the United States. On **Thursday, June 6, 2013** held in conjunction with The Southern California Genealogical Society and the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, will have an outstanding one-day DNA conference, ***Family History and DNA: Genetic Genealogy in 2013***  
Further details at [www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com).

#### **28-29 June 2013 Northern California Family History Expo**

"Come join us at the Northern California Expo and learn how to research your family history and extend your pedigree!" Event held at the Crown Plaza Sacramento NW, 5321 Date Ave. Sacramento. 916-338-5800  
<http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/62>

## *Jabber from Janice*



I am so excited to report back on my adventures with my free trial subscription to Genealogy Bank at [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com). I found a letter from my great aunt, Mildred Batty Olinger. Apparently, she wrote several letters to Lieutenant Colonel John H. Gardner, the recruiting officer in Portland, Oregon (she lived in Roseburg). She wrote regarding her desire to drive a truck or an ambulance for support abroad during WWI and states she had been in communication with the Red Cross and both she and her sister wish to enlist (that would be my other great aunt, Goldie Batty Cheney). She states she is a strong girl and past 18 and used to hard work. Also, she writes: "Both my sister and I know something about automobiles." The entire letter was reproduced in the San Francisco Chronicle on March 22, 1918. She ended the letter with a P.S. "I have wanted to go and have nothing else in view for the future, only this. If I were a boy I would have joined long ago with my brothers."

Well, I was amazed at the tenacity and courage of my Aunt Millie. She ended up living with her two sisters across the street from my parents. My children as youngsters had the privilege of knowing both of their great great aunts and their great grandmother, who all lived together for several years. They certainly were impressed with the letter. So check out those newspapers, you never know what will turn up.

Some states have historic newspaper sites that include significant collections. A few searchable sites:

- ♦ Colorado [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)
- ♦ Washington State [www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx)
- ♦ Utah [www.digitalnewspapers.org](http://www.digitalnewspapers.org)

This site information is from Family Tree Magazine, December 2012, page 61.

Also: [www.cyndislist.com/newspapers](http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers) for a list by the name of the newspaper. This location will also direct you to archives. Also Google has a site that is helpful for the path to old newspapers:

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa/> Some are free; some require a paid subscription.

If you find a useful newspaper site, please pass it on to me at [jancoxbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jancoxbrown@gmail.com) to share in our newsletter.

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown

## ROOTS TECH CONVENTION

As many of you know, on March 17th Karen Burzdak and I, Sharon Marangoni, took a wonderful 16-hour train ride to Salt Lake City for *RootsTech*, a convention in which the focus is how to use technology to better our genealogy. It was a fun-packed 3 days with myriads of speakers and presentations. You can go to <http://www.RootsTech.org> to see what all of the different lectures were about, and if you see one that looks interesting, you can go to <http://www.RootsTech.org/downloads> to download the syllabus for that lecture, or, if you prefer, all of the syllabi for the entire 3 days.

There were 6700 people at *RootsTech*, NOT including the 2000 young people just getting started in genealogy! The youngsters all came on Saturday, the last day of the conference and apparently were in a different area of the Salt Palace Convention Center, as we did not see a lot of them. It was very exciting to see young people getting involved. I am making a big assumption that not all of those 2000 were Latter Day Saints. I certainly could be wrong! One of the main focuses in the conference was finding ways to get young people involved in genealogy and to foster a lifetime hobby for them.

The conference was great with lots of vendors and good information, including tips on organization, search engines, preservation, how to use mobile devices in research, and more.

It will certainly be worth going again next year. *RootsTech 2014* will be at the Salt Palace Convention Center February 6, 7, and 8, 2014. The nearest hotel is the Salt Plaza Hotel, which is right next to the Family History Library and across from the Mormon Temple. If you think this is something you might want to do next year, I would suggest making reservations now as the hotel will fill up fast!



## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 T761 TRACY

*Tracy Genealogy, Ancestors and Descendants of Lieutenant Thomas Tracy of Norwich, Connecticut, 1660.*

929.2 M985t MUSANTE

*The Musante Chronicles, A Historical Record of an Italian Family.*

929.2 G212g GARMAN

*A History of Garman Families from Germany to Gravette, Arkansas.*

### NEW YORK

974.795 D28b

*Gleanings, a collection of marriages for miscellaneous years from 1812 to 1879 with sources.*



### Mary's Book Corner

I couldn't find a book with genealogical connections this time, so I'm going to stretch it a bit. The book *The World's Strongest Librarian* by Josh Hanagarne is a memoir of Tourette's, faith, strength, and the power of family. The author, Josh Hanagarne, is a librarian at the Salt Lake City Library, and the day after I finished reading his book, I flew to Salt Lake City to do some research. Out of curiosity I jumped on the free tram and went to the City Library. Indeed, it is a beautiful and functional building; I rode the glass elevator up to the third floor, and who should be manning the reference desk but Josh Hanagarne, himself. We chatted for a few minutes; he was surprised that I had read his book because it will not be released until May of this year, and he confessed that he was a little nervous about his first TV interview scheduled for the next day. In other words, he was very much like his book: warm and friendly and willing to admit that he has had obstacles to overcome in his quest for a productive and satisfying life. I enjoyed reading his story immensely and particularly liked the structure, or gimmick, if you like, of his table of contents, using the Dewey Decimal System to show the topics covered.

By Mary Herzog

### From our Shelves, a BOOK REVIEW

North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665-1900.

Corrected and revised edition, by Thornton W. Mitchell

This is an index to more than 75,000 persons who died and left wills in North Carolina between 1665 and 1900. With the possible exception of census records, it is the single most important finding-aid in North Carolina genealogy. In one alphabetical sequence it lists the names of the testators, the county in which their wills were proved, the date of probate, the precise location of the recorded copy of the will in each of the counties (by book and page number), and the location of the original will. Dr. Mitchell has also provided a concise history of the probate records of all 107 North Carolina counties, giving the date of the county's formation, the territory it was formed from, the dates wills were first filed and recorded, the various record book designations, the status of the records, and the location of the original, recorded and copied wills.

NC Wills is on our shelves at the NVGBS library.

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NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules  
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# In Our Father's Footsteps

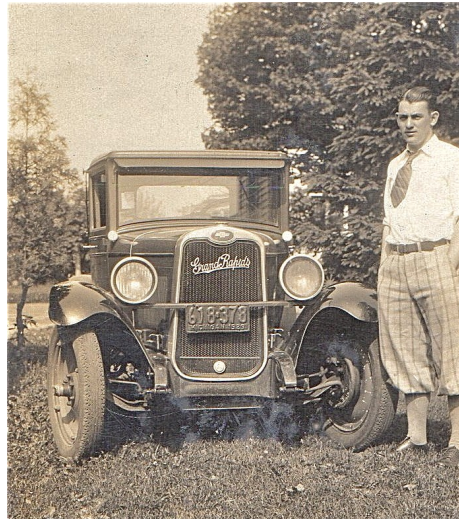
My brothers and I decided to honor our highly esteemed father on his 106th birthday. Of course he's been dead now for 34 years, yet we strive to keep his memory fresh in heart and mind.

This year we chose a new approach: take photo enlargements of his boyhood days and, using them as references and introductions, visit those places where he grew up in the small town of Kewanee, Illinois – to walk in his youthful footsteps, visiting the streets, stores, schools, factory, YMCA, library, home, and relatives who nurtured him.

We were overwhelmed by the welcome wherever we went, in spite of his long absence. We walked his streets and showed photos of his first 30 years. When we gave copies to the people living in the home of his birthplace, they entertained us while we talked of the house in his day. The YMCA gave us a tour where he once played basketball and learned to swim. The caretaker of the city cemetery located his grave, while providing a commentary of the town folk buried nearby. The newspaper editor looked up articles about his sports achievements. His high school principal provided a tour of his old classrooms. And the library located his school yearbooks for us in their Henry County Genealogical Society's reserve room.

It was an inspiring visit. We felt a need to express our gratitude to the town for clarifying our awareness of its influence on our dad. So upon returning home, we team-wrote his "Hometown Biography" including his parentage and genealogy. We shared copies with his extended family and sent a copy for the Kewanee Library Genealogy Reserve through the Henry County Genealogical Society. The Genealogical Society's president brought the addition to the attention of its members, including a request for further research of the names Patterson and Ashlee. We are now members of the Henry County Genealogical Society, enjoying their support in our ongoing historical search.

– Bill Patterson - Willing to assist members in planning their trips "back home."



Dad with his Chevrolet, his first car (1929)

This article first appeared in the January 2013 Issue of the Genealogy Society of Santa Cruz County Newsletter. It is reprinted here with permission from Bill Patterson.

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## ***Reminder About Membership Renewal and Rules***



Mark your calendars for **June 1** as the day to write your membership renewal check. Please attach it to a renewal form found on the back of the newsletter or go to our website, [www.napavalleygenealogy.org](http://www.napavalleygenealogy.org) and click on Membership. This is also the location for the new-member application form (the one you want to give to your genealogy friend who is not a current member but should be).

The website is another place to read our Standing Rules and Bylaws (should you be so patient) that outlines our procedures for dues acceptance and late payments.

**And...**if you completed an electronic consent form and your email address has changed, please complete another as the prior is no longer valid.

### *Looking for a Book on Genealogy?*

There were many well-known vendors at the *RootsTech* conference in SLC in March 2013, but this one was new to NVGBS members Sharon and Karen, who attended the conference. The vendor had several books on genealogy and genealogy-related materials, including the Flip-Pal mobile scanner, which sold out fast. So try this publisher instead of those old stand-bys that we all use:

[www.familyrootspublishing.com](http://www.familyrootspublishing.com). Flip-Pal mobile scanner info at: [www.flip-pal.com](http://www.flip-pal.com).



### **NVGBS 2013 Fundraiser**

Once again, requests for donations have been mailed to the Napa Valley wineries. Many excellent bottles of wine have started to come in for our 2013 Wine Drawing to be held August 15, 2013.

Along with the collection of fine wines, we have some tour and tastings at several wineries. Very new this year there is a B&B stay for 2 nights, plus golf for two, and many other excellent prizes for this year's drawing.

We will be looking for extra help in July and August with our ticket sales at the Wine Train Station and at the Napa Farmers Market.

Check your calendars and be ready to sign up on your favorite days to volunteer your time.

Contact me for further information. I will be happy to hear from you by phone at 707-254-7669 or email me at [napagen@earthlink.net](mailto:napagen@earthlink.net)

Bente Shoar  
Ways and Means

## **Welcome New Members**

### **New or Returning Members**

### **Surnames**

- 
- Connie Donovan  
Email: [Connie\\_donovan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Connie_donovan@sbcglobal.net) Surnames: Donovan, Conklin, Dome, Fredrichson, Gerspacher, Funk

### SPECIAL MEETING

Members needed to Vote on Restated Articles of Incorporation



A special meeting of the Napa Valley Genealogical & Biographical Society will be held May 16th at 12:45 p.m. at the library. This meeting will take place before the Open House. The Secretary of State has returned our Restated Articles of Incorporation with required changes. The membership will be asked to approve the changes so that we can move forward with changing our name.

A quorum is necessary to approve these changes.

If you cannot attend, please stop by the library and sign a proxy before May 16th.

### 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](mailto:kbruechert@aol.com).

### 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 and write MEMBERSHIP on the envelope.*

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

### ***This is a renewal form only:***

- I am renewing my membership*

***Include changes/corrections only in your address, email, or telephone***

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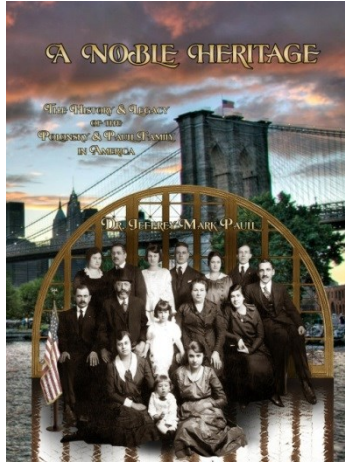
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***Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate our members.***



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*A NOBLE HERITAGE*



Written by Dr. Jeffrey Paull



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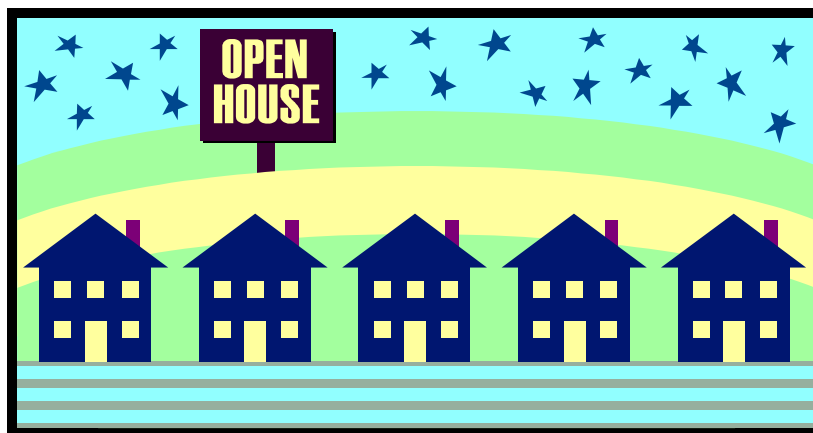
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*Dr. Paull will focus on his personal journey as a new author—what first motivated him to write a book, how he reached out to family members, the ups and downs of the research and writing process, and his experience with self-publishing, including lessons learned along the way.*

*Dr. Paull's book will be available for sale at the presentation.*

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