

# WINEPRESS

## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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### **Elected Officers**

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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 Annual Wine Drawing at the Napa Senior Center was a successful event, and we believe that everyone had good time. THANK YOU to all our members for supporting this year's fundraiser. Our ticket sales at the Wine Train Station and Farmers' Market raised \$6,323, a bit short of our goal of \$10,000, but there is always next year. The annual fundraiser is an important and critical element for our society. Thank you again for your support.

By now all the prizes have been shipped to the lucky winners. The first prize of 30 bottles of wine was won by Isabel Ortego of Sacramento, CA. The remaining prizes are as follows: second prize was won by member Susan Chilton of Napa; third prize was won by D. Pina of Rutherford; fourth prize was won by James Moura of Berkeley; fifth prize was won by Pam Ozawa of Long Beach; sixth prize was won by Eric Larsen of Wisconsin; seventh prize was won by member Sam Jones of Napa; eighth prize was won by member Lora Levin of Napa; ninth prize was won by member Kenneth Chilton of Napa; tenth prize was won by Dare DeLorefice; eleventh and twelve prizes were won by Hal Phipps, an out-of-state member from Maryland. We hope that all of the winners enjoy their prizes.

Our Library will be closed for Thanksgiving week from November 25 through November 30, 2013 and for the Christmas Holidays from December 22, 2013 through January 6, 2014, reopening on January 7.

*Dick Bruechert*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### Nov

Nov 6, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

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

Nov 12, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Nov 21, 2013, (3rd Thur) **NO Monthly Program, HAPPY HOLIDAY**  
No program this month due to the holiday.

Nov 26, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, no meeting, library closed.

### Dec

Dec 4, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Dec 9, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Dec 10, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Dec 12, 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)

Dec 19, 2013, (3rd Thur) **NO Monthly Program, HAPPY HOLIDAY**  
No program this month due to the holidays.

Dec 24, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, no meeting, library closed.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

#### **14 November 2013, Thurs. 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm “Ancestry.com – DISCOVER THE POWER.”**

Do you sometimes feel lost with how to use Ancestry.com? Come and hear the presentation by Tamara Noe, presented by the Sacramento Genealogical Society, meeting at the Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA. For more info go to [www.rootcellar.org](http://www.rootcellar.org).

#### **28 January 2014, Thur. 1pm-3pm. “THE A B C’S OF READING GERMAN”** by Warren

Bittner, C.G. This is strictly a fun session to line up in beginners' minds some basics of reading old German documents. Yes, these are only some very basic learnings, but you'll walk away ready to build on these core German language features at a future session. Location: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, at 2391 Lusk Drive, St. Mark's Way, in Sacramento, CA presented by the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. [www.sacgergensoc.org](http://www.sacgergensoc.org).

#### **1 February 2014, Sat. 8am to 4pm, “GENEALOGY NOW.”** New Millennium Skills to Grow Your Family Tree. A one-day seminar presented by the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society. To be held at the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Featuring: JUDY G. RUSSELL, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist; SHARON HOYT, MLIS, Professional Genealogist; GEOFFREY D. RASMUSSEN, Legacy Family Tree.

Visit online at <http://www.slocgs.org> for updates and information about this event.

## *Jabber from Janice*



WORLDCAT (too good not to share from Tracy Area Genealogy Society):

<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/>

WorldCat is a free catalog of 1.5 billion items at more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. This is a global catalog of library collection and a wonderful tool for locating books, manuscripts, microfilms and other family history resources. WorldCat does not cover the catalogs of the Family History Library. Once you find the item you will have several options to access it. WorldCat automatically identifies your location and tells you the closest library that holds each item. If you can't visit the library, you can use Inter Library Loan (this service is for free or at a small cost per item), but first check with Google Books, <http://www.books.google.com> and the Internet Archive, <http://www.archive.org> to see if you can find the item for free.

A few tricks in using WorldCat:

- ◆ Search on a last name plus the word *family* to find genealogy related materials. You can add places they lived in in quotations (just like using Google) for exact phrases and hits.
- ◆ Catalog descriptions don't usually list every name mentioned in the book but usually just the most prominent ones.
- ◆ Search on the name of a town, county, or state plus the word *history* to find local histories.
- ◆ To locate indexes, abstracts and transcriptions of local records, search on a place name along with the word *genealogy*.
- ◆ If you're searching for a specific item, click on Advanced Search. You can also limit matches to just manuscripts by selecting Archival Material as the Format.

From TAGS Newsletter, V.14, Issue 4.

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

Website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~catags](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~catags)

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown

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### **ARE YOU RELATED?**

Some Family Histories in the NVGS collection:

Allen Family Circle	929.2 A425af
Davidson Brown Descendants	929.2 B877b
Burnetts & Their Connections	929.2 B964b
Gill Family History	929.2 G475
Haas Family Heritage Book	929.2 H112w



## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 C323 CARTER      *Ancestors of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter*  
929.2 T917 TULPEH      *The Hub of the Tulpenhocken [family]*

### KENTUCKY

976.922 R28s      Index to Survey Books A,B,C & D. Floyd County, Kentucky, 1804-1911.



### Mary's Book Corner

*Middling Folk: Three Seas, Three Centuries, One Scots-Irish Family* by Linda H. Matthews is a fascinating look at one "middling" family; no heroes no famous people; actually, there is nothing much to distinguish them from any other family. However, this family's journey from Scotland to Ireland and finally the colonies has been meticulously researched and many types of records discovered, enough to make any genealogist envious. When the author laments not being able to find enough details to satisfy her desire to flesh out the people, she confesses that her historian side puts down her pen and she allows her novelist side to imagine how and why a particular event happened. It is a very effective way to deal with the story of a family over a very long period of time.

Mary Herzog

### From our shelves: a BOOK REVIEW

*Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration Accounts*  
of Frederick County, Virginia, 1743-1800  
Compiled by J.E. King

The probate records, which comprise the bulk of this work, cover the period 1743 to 1800. Data provided in the abstracts include the name of the testator, dates of instrument and probate, names of spouse, children and other family members, names of executors and witnesses, and detailed references to the disposition of the estate. It also includes the Rent Roll of 1746, cemetery inscriptions (Winchester), a brief list of survey warrants, and an index of approximately 5000 entries.

*Abstracts of Wills* is on our shelves at the NVGS Library  
Catalogue # 975.599 P28k

NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules  
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## NVGS MEMBERS' PAGE

### To Our Local NVGS Members:

Watch for emails or notices in the library for upcoming work days at the library. They will be planned for Mondays and/or Fridays for 2 to 4 hours each session. Even tedious work is more fun when friends are along. Please join us!

### To All our NVGS Members:

An election of officers and directors takes place at our January general meeting. A proper notice of our election including a slate of nominees will be listed in the *WinePress* in mid December 2013.

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## Youth Outreach, Napa Valley



- ◆ Do you know a child in 4-H, Scouts, or in elementary school who might be interested in completing a Family History project or badge?
- ◆ Do you have a grandchild or close relative living in the Napa Valley who might be interested in learning Family History during Christmas vacation 2013-2014?
- ◆ Would you like to participate as a leader using your experience in researching your ancestors and passing that along to youth?

Leave a note at the library or contact [kjburzdak@comcast.net](mailto:kjburzdak@comcast.net) if interested.

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## Welcome New Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Surnames</i>
Susan Wight 707/486-4277 Email: <a href="mailto:swight@napanet.net">swight@napanet.net</a>	Hunter, Lane, McGugan, Lewelling, Wight
Robert Zeller 707/252-6633 Email: <a href="mailto:rhzeller@zhzlaw.com">rhzeller@zhzlaw.com</a>	Zeller, Ferrogiaro, Gibb (All Napa Co)
Donna Wade 707/681-5009 Email: <a href="mailto:donnawade1965@gmail.com">donnawade1965@gmail.com</a>	None submitted
Hilary Wardlaw 707/226-9350 <a href="mailto:napawardlaw@sbcglobal.net">napawardlaw@sbcglobal.net</a>	None submitted
Jim Powers (see prior newsletter)	Umbdenstock

## 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)

### Study Buddy Wanted



I have registered for the online “Genealogy Essentials” course through Boston University with the 4-week course beginning January 14, 2014. The deadline to register is December 18, 2013. This course is a bit pricey, but I wanted to get a more formal training in genealogical research. Two books are required for the course: *The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy*, 3d ed., by Greenwood and *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*, 2d ed., by Powell. If you study along with me, we can probably share the books. For more information, go to <http://genealogyonline.bu.edu>.

Please contact Karen Burzdak at [kjburzdak@comcast.net](mailto:kjburzdak@comcast.net) or 707/326-0919 if interested.

### Six members studying their research lessons at our fall Beginners’ Class



### 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

## Volunteer Opportunities Abound

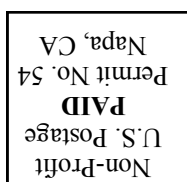
- ◆ Staffing opportunity at the Library. 10 am-1 pm shift or 1 pm-4 pm shift once a month. Meet new people and learn about your library. Training provided. Call the library at 252-2252 and speak to the staff on duty.
- ◆ Volunteer your expertise in an area of your choice to help with questions or e-mail. 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.

### *Looking for a publication?*

A complete list of our publications is available online under *Publications* from our website: [www.napagenealogy.org](http://www.napagenealogy.org)



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