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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



*(In Dick's absence, Carole Fisher updates us with some collaborative efforts our library is taking.)*

Members from Napa, Lake, Sonoma, Marin and Vallejo-Benicia Genealogy Societies who attended the Spring Seminar in Santa Rosa, met during the lunch break to brainstorm on how we could combine our efforts to promote and improve our societies.

On June 24, we hosted a follow-up meeting at our library. As a result, we have created the North Bay Family History Alliance (NBFHA). The focus of our first meeting was to share speaker resources. Each society in attendance provided other attendees with their speaker information and meeting strategies. We will meet again in October.

In a further effort to collaborate with other genealogical and historical societies, Mary Herzog and Carole Fisher joined with the Napa Valley Historical Society to present "Tracing Your Roots." The 3-hour seminar was designed to introduce research techniques to beginning genealogists. Emphasis was placed on interviewing techniques and creating family history sheets with Ancestry.com.

*Dick Bruechert*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### Sept

Sept 4, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, *No meeting, off for the summer.*

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

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

Sept 19, 2013, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program**, “**British Genealogy on the Internet**”, presented by Christine Bell Green. Join us on Thursday, 1:30 pm at the NVGS Library.

Sept 24, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

### Oct

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

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

Oct 8, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Oct 17, 2013, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program**, Lisa Louise Cook will present a program on “**Google Earth for Genealogy** “ Join us on Thursday, 1:30 pm at the NVGS Library.

Oct 22, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Oct 28, 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

**7 Septemeber 2013 The British Isles Family History Society—USA** will hold its annual seminar at the Masonic Lodge in Whittier. Michael Gandy, a well-known British genealogist, will be the speaker. For info on registration, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bifhsusa/seminar/>.

**19 October 2013 Clark County Genealogy Society** presents 2013 Fall Seminar. Speakers Crista Cowan speaking on “Solutions to Difficult Research Problems Illustrated.” Dan Poffenberger speaking on “When the Wave Crashes Down – Strategies for Searching for your Ancestors on the Internet.”

Location of seminar: Stan FULTON Building, UNLV Campus, 801 E. Flamingo Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV FREE PARKING

For directions call 895-3903 or check <http://sfbevents.unlv.edu/contact/directions.shtml>

**26 October 2013 Napa Valley Genealogical Society** offers a beginner genealogy classes. Sign up soon, seating limited. (See inside article)

## *Jabber from Janice*



Do you Blog? I have been very curious about this internet communication technique. According to [www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com) (one of my favorite sites for getting quick answers to any question), “A blog is a frequent, chronological publication of personal thoughts and Web links.”

It is a journal kept online and most often open to the public. It is typically an online, ongoing work of a person that allows others reading the blog to leave comments. I subscribe to a few and find them very useful. One I enjoy is from a new quilting friend that taught a class for beginners. She is quite talented, and I enjoy seeing the images of her projects and the how-to instructions. She also posts upcoming items of interest and expects comments and interaction on her site. There are many genealogy blogs with familiar authors out in the wide world of the internet.

Now, to my point in bringing this up, would this be a good way to work on a collaborative genealogy? Why not start a blog on your work and see if you can entice information out of those genealogists researching your same surnames. Listed below are some blogs for you to explore to get the idea of blogging. Next newsletter we will talk about getting started with your own blog.

(And this is just on searching the internet with [www.genealogy.about.com](http://www.genealogy.about.com) by Kim Powell, a very interesting site in itself.)

- ◆ <http://www.genealogyblog.com/> Created by Leland Meitzler, who was one of the founders of Heritage Quest Magazine in 1985. He has been involved in many genealogy publishing projects.
- ◆ <http://www.geneamusings.com/> by Randy Seaver, includes genealogy research tips and techniques along with his family history stories.
- ◆ <http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/> The unofficial, unauthorized view of [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).
- ◆ <http://blog.eogn.com/> by Dick Eastman, touted as “The DAILY genealogy technology newsletter for genealogy consumers, packed with straight talk - hold the sugar coating - whether the vendors like it or not!”
- ◆ <http://www.genealogywise.com/> by Lisa Louise Cooke, who is famous for her Google Earth for Genealogy and Genealogist’s Google Toolbox. (I listen to her podcasts on my iPod.)

I do a sort of blog or website that involves my husband’s very large family.

Using <http://www.classic.myfamily.com/>, very simple as it is already configured and I (or anyone else that receives a link) can add photos, news, documents, family trees, etc. I limit it to family members who can invite other family members. I am the administrator which requires very little effort and a small yearly fee. We have had this site up and running for almost 20 years. I have decided to start using it as a place to share my research on my lines as well as my husband’s. It won’t do much good just sitting on my shelf or on my computer, so I am getting it out there.

Check out the websites of genealogy researchers using your surnames and also the links above to explore blogs (I Googled [surname] family genealogy blog). You might want to jump in with both feet to share your research information.

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown

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## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### CALIFORNIA

979.419 H28h Images of America, St. Helena, CA. Every page has a picture, 1849-1965.

### ILLINOIS

977.3794 R29kk Marion County, Illinois Landowners Index, 1892. Including Epitaphs of fourteen cemeteries of Omega and Meacham township areas.

977.3991 H29pc Pope County Illinois, Family Histories from 1816 to 1989. Every family entry has a picture. Indexed.

### NEW YORK

974.731 H29bc Minisink, A Bicentennial History, 1788-1988. The town of Minisink, Orange County, New York. Indexed with pictures and maps.

974.762 H29sg Early Histories and Descriptions of Oneida County New York. Indexed with illustrations and maps.

### PENNSYLVANIA

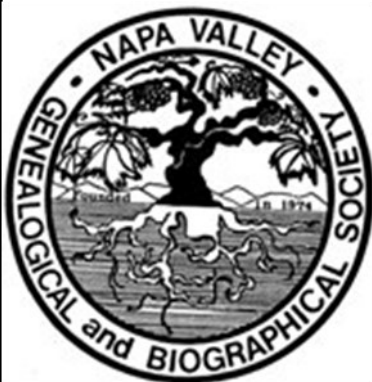
974.825 H29db The Minisink: A chronicle of one of America's first and last frontiers. Includes pictures and maps.

### RHODE ISLAND

974.59 V25b Washington County, Rhode Island Births, 1770-1850. Containing nearly 600 birth entries.

### TENNESSEE

976.879 V39hh Marion County, Tennessee Cemetery Records. Indexed.



## We're Having a Contest!

...and there might not be a prize, just lots of thanks and recognition. When we changed our name, our logo was no longer useable (see left). We'd like to have a logo that references our beautiful Napa Valley but also moves genealogy forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Please submit a drawing, or, even better, an electronic transmission of your creation to us at [nvgbs@earthlink.net](mailto:nvgbs@earthlink.net) or "snail" it to us at 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA 94558, Attention "Logo Contest."

NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules  
SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 10-1 M. Ricci 1-4 C. Fisher	4 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 B. Mattila	5 10-1 M. Woods 10-4 O. Meyers	6	7 10-2 C. Fisher
8	9 2:00 Board Meeting	10 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 M. Herzog 12:00 FW Group	11 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 G. Martin	12 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	13	14 10-2 G. Martin
15	16	17 10-1 D. Meehan 1-4 D. Varland	18 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 J. Barber and C. Kluever	19 10-1 B. Shoar 1:30 Program Meeting	20	21 10-2 R. Clark
22	23	24 10-1 M. Barron 1-4 L. Parker 12:00 FW Group	25 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 G. Martin	26 10-1 C. Setty 1-4 D. Bickford	27	28
29	30					

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29 10-1 M. Barron 1-4 C. Fisher	30 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 M. Herzog	31 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 J. Layland		





Willis Adriance  
 Clara Brew  
 Ruth Coffield  
 Harry Corlett  
 Clyde Falconer  
 Celia Falk  
 Margaret Farman  
 Clarence Gladden  
 Blanche Grigsby

Rodney Henry  
 Dorothy Hillman  
 James Hindes  
 Elizibelh Jones  
 Percy King  
 Joe. Lowery  
 Ed. Maeshner  
 Bessie Mayfield  
 Glayds McConnell

Agnes Rustigan  
 Benj. Springsteen  
 Edward Stockman  
 Delpha Switzer  
 Ruth Switzer  
 Lousie Tessin  
 Vivian Washburn  
 Elaine Young

### Class Poems

- ◆ We're the class of 1913, and I want to say to you, for twenty-seven girls and boys, we are a jolly crew.
- ◆ James K. Hindes is our student, and we love our dear old Jim; Clyde Falconer is our sprinter and we are mighty proud of him.
- ◆ Clarence Gladdens all our lives when Clara comes to Brew; and Percy sits up like a King and tells us what to do.
- ◆ Our hearts are filled with pleasure when Harry's song is sung, and we beam with satisfaction, because Elaine's so Young.
- ◆ So many Kids at school this year to good old Eddie run; now can you guess the reason why? Because he is our Stock-man.
- ◆ Now Vivian's Wash will always Burn when'er she starts a fire, so she's arranged to send it out; Rodney Henry'll pay the hire.
- ◆ "I'm going to lead a farmer's life," quoth Joe, "My land shall richly yield; December's frost will never harm My blossoming Mayfield."
- ◆ Our winsome, girlish, Gladys Real soon will take her leave; she'll live in Berkeley by the bay, so will Carleton Gildersleeve.
- ◆ Our artists all are passing on, we hope to make a name. Good luck—Elizabeth and Louise, and may your art win fame!
- ◆ A hustling little doctor Will Chicken Springsteen make; and Dorothy will consult him if Alan gets an ache.
- ◆ Then there's our brainy pupils—of course, we all are smart, But Blanch and Willis Adriance have had brains from the start.
- ◆ Now when it comes to music, no matter haow we talk, we greet with pride, Ruth Switzer, Elaine, and Celia Falk.
- ◆ Agnes is our sweet-voiced girl, we love to hear her sing; we fear we'll lose Ruth Coffield, for we hear she has the ring.
- ◆ We've a dainty little seamstress, who'd rather sew than eat; and she is Delpha Switzer, who is always prim and neat.
- ◆ And then we have a charming girl, one whom we all hold dear-Sweet Margaret Farman-wer're so glad your're in our class this year.
- ◆ "Last but not least," Ed Maeshner! We tease you, Ed—but then these "Mama's boys' are those who make the very best of men.

*This class of thirteen to this school too soon must say Bood-bye; but we'll cherish loving memories of dear, old Napa High.*

—V. Washburn, '13

*Ed.note: original spelling from yearbook*

## Welcome New Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Surnames</i>
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The City of Napa Parks and Recreation Services Department Recreation Guide just landed in my mailbox; that means it's time again for our Beginner's or Basic Genealogy class. Check out page 21, class Code #2369; registration information is on page 40. It is a two-session class, held on Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2 from 10 to 3 at our library. Tell your friends about it or sign up yourself for a refresher. Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$40.

### MEMBERS REMINDER



If you are a member with an email address, gave consent to be notified by electronic means AND changed your email address since giving consent, you must complete another Electronic Consent Form. You may scan it and email [kjburzdak@comcast.net](mailto:kjburzdak@comcast.net) or drop it off at the library. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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)



### Mary's Book Corner

*Shaking the Family Tree: Blue Bloods, Black Sheep, and Other Obsessions of an Accidental Genealogist*, by Buzzy Jackson.

Today's book doesn't fit into any of the standard categories of genealogy books, i.e., How To, Memoir, Family Trees, etc., so, for the best description, here's the quote from the book jacket:

“WHO ARE YOU AND WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?”

As a historian, Buzzy Jackson thought she knew the answers to these simple questions—that is, until she took a look at her scrawny family tree. With a name like Jackson (the twentieth most common American surname), she knew she must have more relatives and more family history out there, somewhere. Her first visit to the Boulder Genealogy Society brought her more questions than answers . . . but it also gave her a tantalizing peek into the fascinating (and enormous) community of family-tree huggers and after-hours Alex Haleys.

In *Shaking the Family Tree*, Jackson dives headfirst into her family gene pool: flying cross-country to locate an ancient family graveyard, embarking on a weeklong genealogy Caribbean cruise, and even submitting her DNA for testing to try to find her Jacksons. And in the process of researching her own family lore (Who was Bullwhip Jackson?) she meets legions of other genealogy buffs who are as interesting as they are driven, from the boy who saved his allowance so he could order his great-grandfather's death certificate, to the woman who spends her free time documenting the cemeteries of Colorado ghost towns.

Through Jackson's research, she connects with distant relatives, traces her roots back more than 250 years, and in the process comes to discover—genetically, historically, and emotionally—the true meaning of “family” for herself.

It is a delightful book; I learned some new things as well as just enjoying it thoroughly.

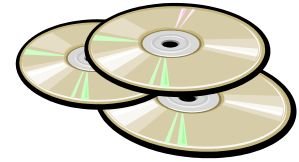
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## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society



<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,</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	\$32.00



## Volunteer Opportunities Aboard

- ◆ 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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