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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 next society meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014. This meeting is our Annual Meeting at which time we will elect officers and board directors for 2014. The nominating committee selected the following slate of officers: President, Karen Burzdak; Vice President, Dick Bruechert; Treasurer, Jeanine Layland; Secretary, Carole Fisher. Directors are as follows: Roxanne Bay, Sandra Hoover, Ruth Jenkins-McIntire, Sharon Marangoni, Wendy Rosenthal, and Lanita Stilwell. Nominations may also be taken from the floor. As you may recall, directors now serve for one, two, or three years, according to our new bylaws. This meeting requires that we have a quorum to elect. If you cannot attend, please stop by the library and sign a proxy, which will be situated at the front staffers' desk.

In January we will be sending letters to Napa Valley wineries requesting donations of one or two bottles of wine for our annual fundraiser. Once again we will have our wine drawing and raffle at the Napa Senior Center in August. We are also working on the redesign of our logo and setting society goals. We should have these presented to the membership soon.

As you may have noticed, our library was closed the week of November 16 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and we will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 21, 2013 through January 4, 2014. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

The Board wishes everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dick Bruechert
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

January

Jan 1, 2014, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, *Cancelled due to the Holiday*

Jan 13, 2014, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Jan 14, 2014, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Jan 16, 2014, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program**, “**Timelines & Sort Your Story**” Understanding & Presenting our Family History With New Perspective!—presented by Lorel Kapke. Election of officers and directors precedes the program. Come join us on Thursday, 1:00pm at the NVGS Library.

Jan 28, 2014, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**

February

Feb 5, 2014, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Feb 10, 2014, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Feb 11, 2014, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Feb 20, 2014, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program**, “**From DNA To Genetic Genealogy**” Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask—presented by Steve Morse. Join us on Thursday, 1:00pm at the NVGS Library.

Feb 24, 2014, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor's box at library. Email—sandrahoover@comcast.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

February 6-8, 2014 RootsTech Family History and Technology Conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. **RootsTech** is a global family history event where people of all ages learn to discover and share their family stories and connections through technology. At RootsTech, there is something for you, regardless of your experience in family history or your skill in technology. Check out this event at www.rootstech.org for further information and registration.

August 27-30, 2014 Gather with the nation's genealogists in historic San Antonio, Texas, for the **Federation of Genealogical Societies 2014 Conference, Gone to Texas!** Join us August 27-30, 2014, as together we experience four days of genealogical learning, networking, and discovery, deep in the heart of Texas. Our local co-hosts for 2014 are the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Together we will continue our tradition of providing exceptional educational opportunities for genealogists from across the nation and beyond. Conveniently located in downtown San Antonio, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will host the conference's workshops, lectures, and exhibit hall. 200 East Market Street San Antonio, TX 78205. For further information go to www.fgsconference.org.

Jabber from Janice



This past month, I received a request from a friend on finding divorce records. I tried to find some websites for her and thought the information I gathered might be useful for acquiring vital records. Knowing the state and county where the birth, death, marriage or divorce action originated is the most helpful piece of information. Remember that older records may not be gathered by the county but may be in genealogy or historical society records for that area.

- ◆ Go to that county website to see dates for their records. Hopefully, there is an index for the county. If you require a certified copy, you may need to prove a relationship with proof of identity otherwise, an “informational only” copy may be enough. You may need to fill out an application and pay a fee. <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/pages/certifiedcopiesofmarriageanddivorcerecords.aspx> is the vital records connection for the State of California. You may be very lucky finding information here for your ancestor.
- ◆ For links to States sites go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm> . Here you can click on a State to see what is available and how to order a copy directly. Costs anywhere from \$8-\$25.
- ◆ Also, search for records on the county genealogical or historical websites using Google or your favorite search engine or use this list http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_historical_societies . The database is often free but they may not have access to the original record or you may need to donate to the society for a volunteer lookup. *Be sure to follow up with a thank you to both the society for gathering the information and the unpaid volunteer.*
- ◆ When searching on Ancestry, try using the card catalog database to see items that may not turn up in the regular search: my steps were to choose: Search at top menu, choose Card Catalog, use the filter USA, State, even County (although a State search may reveal more sources). A list of their collection that meets your database will appear. Choose the one you want to search then enter a name to search that source or browse the item page by page. When you are on a page, choose “>” at the bottom of the screen to go to the next page.
- ◆ Ancestry.com often uses VitalChek, an official service provider for over 400 government agencies throughout the United States and US Territories that provides official government certificates of birth, death, marriage and divorce. <https://www.vitalchek.com/> There is a cost for a copy of the record, typically \$30.
- ◆ There are other sites that offer vital records searching. One is www.archives.com which offers a 7-day unlimited search for free but after 7 days if you do not cancel it will charge your credit card \$7.95 each month you do not cancel.

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown

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NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

FAMILY HISTORIES

- 929.2 F855m Freeman John Freeman of Norfolk County, Virginia, His Descendants in North Carolina and Virginia, and Other Colonial North Carolina Freeman Families.
- 929.2 T482t Thomason John D. Thomason, 1775-1832, His Ancestors and Descendants.
- 929.2 W427w Weiser Weiser Families in America, Prepared for the Three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Conrad Weiser (1696-1760). Vol's 1 & 2



Mary's Book Corner

Torie O'Shea mystery series. Fans of Rett MacPherson were dismayed to learn earlier this year that there will not be any more books in the series because "the publisher is not interested in anymore books about Torie." Ms. MacPherson wrote eleven "cozy" mystery stories about Victory O'Shea, amateur genealogist, from 1997 to 2008. The books are fun and *genealogists* will recognize the research techniques that Torie uses to solve all the mysteries that seem to drop at her feet. Each book is complete in itself, but because the main characters live, grow, and change all through the series, it is more fun to read them in order. I have read the first and the tenth books and am now inspired to read the whole series in order. All but the first book can be borrowed from the Napa County Public Library. Here is the list for reference: *Family Skeletons* 1997, *A Veiled Antiquity* 1998, *A Comedy of Heirs* 1999, *A Misty Mourning* 2000/01, *Killing Cousins* 2002, *Blood Relations* 2003, *In Sheep's Clothing* 2004, *Thicker Than Water* 2005, *Dead Man Running* 2006, *Died in The Wool* 2007, *The Blood Ballad* 2008.

Mary Herzog

From our shelves a BOOK REVIEW

Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858.


These bonds for Franklin County, Virginia, which commence shortly after the county's formation, are arranged in a single alphabet by the surname of the male. Data furnished with each entry includes the full name of the bride-to-be, the exact date of the marriage bond, and the names of the parents and sureties. Approximately 9,500 brides and grooms are identified.

Call number is....975.568 V28w

NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules
JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i> <i>Library closed</i>	2 <i>Library Closed</i>	3	4 <i>Library Closed</i>
5	6	7 10-1 M. Ricci 1-4 D. Hibbert	8 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 M. Varicka	9 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	10	11 10-2 R. Clark
12	13 2:00 <i>Board Meeting</i>	14 10-1 K. Burzdak 1-4 M. Herzog 12:00 <i>FW Group</i>	15 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 J. Barber and C. Kluever	16 10-1 B. Shoar 1-4 <i>Program Meeting</i>	17	18 10-2 R. Clark
19	20	21 10-1 D. Wade 1-4 D. Varland	22 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 G. Martin	23 10-1 C. Setty 1-4 D. Bickford	24	25
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FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10-2 C. Fisher
2	3	4 10-1 M. Ricci 1-4 D. Hibbert	5 10-1 D. Bruechert 1-4 B. Mattila 2:00 <i>Genealogy Software Gp</i>	6 10-1 M. Woods 10-4 O. Meyers	7	8 10-2 R.. Clark
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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!

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 if interested.

Welcome New Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Surnames</i>
Linda Jaeger 707/968-9223 Email: linda.jaeger@gmail.com	Lowe, Morgan, Jaeger, Foster
Ann Nye Stacey 971/255-1091 Email: neenye@comcast.net	Marity, Riggins (Napa Co)

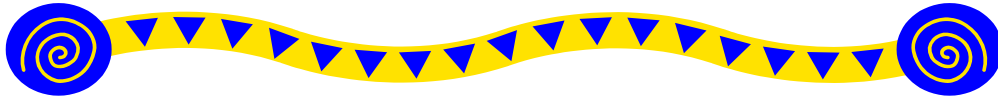
ARE YOU RELATED?

Some Family Histories in the NVGS collection:

- Bennett Family, Sussex County, Del.929.2 B471h
- Boudrea, Descendants of Exzelia Elizabeth
 Boudreu's Paternal & Maternal Grandparents.....929.2 B756m
- Brewster—Ellis Genealogy &
 The Matthias Morgan Genealogy.....929.2 B848s
- Bridge Genealogy, An Account of the Descendants of
 John Bridge, of Cambridge, 1632.....929.2 B851b
- Brown, Davidson, Descendants, 1785-1984.....929.2 B877b



IMPORTANT



NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING Napa Valley Genealogical Society

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2014
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: NVGS Library, 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA

The Board intends to present the following items for action by the members:

2014 Budget Adoption

Election of Officers

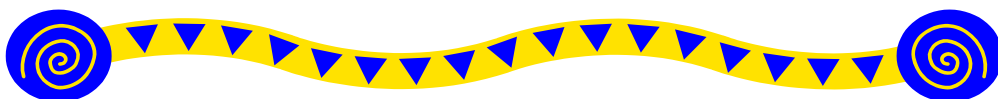
President – Karen Burzdak
Vice President – Dick Bruechert
Secretary – Carole Fisher
Treasurer – Jeanine Layland

Election of Directors

Roxanne Bay
Sandra Hoover
Ruth Jenkins-McIntire
Sharon Marangoni
Wendy Rosenthal
Lanita Stilwell

Installation of Officers & Directors

No other business will be transacted. Following the business portion of the meeting we will adjourn to the program meeting.



PLEASE ATTEND

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2014 Proposed BUDGET

CARRY OVER \$5,000.00

INCOME:

DONATIONS:

CLASSES \$100.00
 FACILITY USE \$150.00
 GENERAL \$1,000.00

DUES \$3,800.00

FUNDRAISERS:WINE DRAW \$6,000.00

CFNV INCOME \$1,000.00

SALES: COPY/FORMS \$300.00

PUBLICATIONS \$200.00

TOTAL INCOME \$12,550.00

RESERVES

TOTAL AVAILABLE \$17,550.00

EXPENSES:

ACCOUNTANT \$800.00
 ACQUISITIONS \$0.00
 CATALOG SERVICE \$0.00
 DUES.SUB \$150.00
 EQUIPMENT MAINT \$960.00
 INSURANCE \$2,200.00
 INTERNET SERVICE \$360.00
 MISC \$200.00
 PGE \$2,000.00
 PHONE \$400.00
 PROGRAM \$1,200.00
 PROPERTY MAINT \$3,500.00
 PUBLICATION \$100.00
 SALES TAX PD \$50.00
 SEWER FEES \$530.00
 SPECIAL PROJECTS \$2,000.00
 SUPPLIES \$1,500.00
 WATER \$300.00
 WINE PRESS \$1,300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$17,550.00



NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2014 PROGRAM SCHEDULE



JANUARY 16	TIMELINES & SORT YOUR STORY— Understanding & Presenting our Family History with new Perspective!	LOREL KAPKE
FEBRUARY 20	FROM DNA TO GENETIC GENEALOGY— Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask	STEVE MORSE
MARCH 20	Y-DNA MATCHES—WHAT TO DO WITH THEM A Case Study and Research Tactics	TONY HOSKINS
APRIL 17	"TODAVIA ESTOY AQUI! I AM STILL HERE! Sense and Sensibility of the Colonial Women on the Second Anza Expedition of 1775-76".	MARTHA VALLEJO- MCGETTIGAN
MAY 15	OPEN HOUSE—NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY— 40TH ANNIVERSARY	
JUNE 19	AMERICAN MIGRATION TRAILS: WESTERN UNITED STATES	KATHRYN MARSHALL
JULY 17	TITLE TBA	DIANE DILLON
AUGUST 21	WINE DRAW	NVGS
SEPTEMBER 18	U.S. NATURALIZATION RECORDS	CHRISTINE BELL GREEN
OCTOBER 16	TITLE TBA	LISA LOUISE COOKE

**ALL PROGRAMS (EXCEPT WINE DRAW) HELD AT NAPA GENEALOGY LIBRARY
1701 MENLO AVENUE
1:30 P.M.**

**••• Meet & Greet: 1:00 P.M. •••
Join us for Refreshments**

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

Study Buddy **Still** Wanted

I have registered for the online “Genealogy Essentials” course through Boston University with the 4-week course beginning January 14, 2014. Since the deadline has passed, join me in the learning experience and knowledge. If you study along with me, we can probably share the books as well as the knowledge.



Please contact Karen Burzdak at kjburzdak@comcast.net or 707/326-0919 if interested.

What Are Genealogy Blogs and How Do You Manage Them?

A blog is simply a personal web site or web page on which an individual records opinions, links to other sites, etc., on a regular basis. Genealogy blogs are ones where the writer concentrates on some aspect of genealogy. Some bloggers detail personal research as a way of teaching by example, some tell about the latest technology, which can be useful for research, others give up-to-date news about important web sites like Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, etc.

By far, the easiest way to keep up with blogs is to subscribe to them—it’s free, you don’t have to constantly check to see if there’s something new, and if you want to click over and read on the actual site, you can—the link comes to you in whatever inbox you use to receive the blog’s feed. I use NetNewsWire, which is an RSS (Rich Site Summary a.k.a. Really Simple Syndication) reader for *Mac*. *Windows* user will want to try Feedly or something similar. These programs are free to download, and then when you find a blog you want to read regularly, look for a button (usually orange) that says “Subscribe.”

My favorite Genealogy blogs include Ancestry.com Blog, FamilySearch Blog, Findmypast blog, Genea-Musings, Genealogy Insider, Genealogy’s Star, and Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter (both free and fee-based.) Experiment with various blogs to find out which ones interest you. You’ll discover lots of things useful for your research

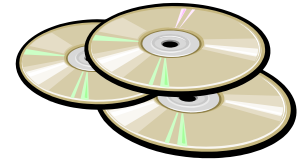
Mary Herzog

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.



Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society



Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)		
Napa County Cemeteries		
Volume 1 – Lower Napa Co. 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 – Middle Napa Co. 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 – Upper Napa Co. , 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
The Great Register of Napa County, 1880-1894: substituting for the 1890 Census includes (when given) name, age, nativity, registration date, occupation, naturalization place and date, & residence	3 Vol- umes	\$35.00
BOOKS -Soft cover		
Index of Births Registered in Napa Co. through 1905 – includes sex, year born, page number of the county recorders record book	53 pages	\$7.00
Napa County Tax Assessment Records Index, 1884-1893 – 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
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, St. Helena Public Cemetery, Vol. 1 Office Records	184 pages	\$22.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, George Yount Cemetery, Yountville incl. information from old Cemetery Assoc. ledger. Indexed.	56 pages	\$7.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries, Indexed	20 pages	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed	41 pages	\$6.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery, Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.	30 pages	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena. Indexed	47 pages	\$6.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens, Napa. Indexed	82 pages	\$10.00
Funeral Home Records of W.F. Mercier Permelee of St. Helena, Napa County, 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
- ◆ Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library at 252-2252 and leave a message. Help is always needed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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