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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**

Greetings to NVGS Members and Friends!

Marian McGuire founded our society in 1974. She took office in October of that year, which I know because I have a list of all the past presidents. Including Ms. McGuire, we have had 12 presidents leading our society, but none of them has served the length of time that Dick Bruechert has: make that 15 years of service. The other board member who deserves equal recognition is Mary Herzog, who has served as treasurer for 18 years. Dick is continuing service as vice president; Mary no longer is a board member, but she will still be serving us as a staffer, committee chair, and leader of our annual beginners' class. Applause here . . .

Our January annual meeting was attended by approximately 35 people who voted in a new board, approved our annual budget, and watched Lorel Kapke's presentation on using timelines with your genealogical events. What really pleased me from the turnout was the number of people who signed up to help us complete ongoing projects and initiate some new ones. In December the board identified ten goals we would like to accomplish, and with members' help, they will get done. Since the best response comes from our general monthly meetings, I intend to have a sign-up sheet at every meeting. We need your help and appreciate your feedback.

If you are a regular library attendee, you will be pleased to see that as of today, we have a new computer desk, which was built by board member Tom Fisher. Tom will be building four desks in total, which are designed to make better use of the area in the computer room. The other change, which is not a tangible one, comes from an informal "partnership" we have made with the Napa Historical Society. We will be promoting each other's events and exchanging information helpful to our staffers, their staffers, our members, and their members. It's a really good thing!

*Karen Burzdak*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### March

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

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

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

Mar 20, 2014, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, "Y-DNA MATCHES —WHAT TO DO WITH THEM"** A Case Study and Research Tactics—presented by Tony Hoskins  
Come join us on Thursday, 1:00pm at the NVGS Library.

Mar 25, 2014, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**

### April

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

Apr 8, 2014, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Apr 14, 2014, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Apr 17, 2014, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program, "TODAVIA ESTOY AQUI! I AM STILL HERE!** Sense and Sensibility of the Colonial Women on the Second Anza Expedition of 1775-76." Presented by Martha Vallejo-McGettigan. Join us on Thursday, 1:00pm at the NVGS Library.

Apr 22, 2014, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**

Apr 24, 2014, **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

**May 7-10, 2014** The National Genealogical Society holds its annual conference, "**VIRGINIA: THE FIRST FRONTIER**" at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. 3rd St., Richmond, VA. The focus of over 150 lectures will be on Virginia and neighboring states and Southern migration routes. A detailed program is available: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**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](http://www.fgsconference.org).

## *Jabber from Janice*



Do you have an iPad/iPhone or an Android Tablet/cell phone? I have almost entirely replaced my use of my home computer with my iPad. I love how I use it for genealogy, so I am sharing this with you and hope you will find something useful.

- Just taking notes or photos: I use the camera on my iPhone a great deal. It took very high quality photos of pages in genealogy books that I found at the Salt Lake City Family History Library. It saved me from running back and forth to a copier. I was snapping like crazy and then leisurely took my time to look and see if what I photographed was worth saving. If it was, I e-mailed it to myself as I looked at the photo. Later I can lighten or enlarge it as needed. I used Notes, Google Docs, and Evernote to write notes on what books I wanted to use as well as the who, what, where I wished to focus research at the library. This is stored in the “cloud,” so I could access it on my home computer later.
- Genealogy Programs: RootsMagic takes the database of your family and converts to a file you can use on your iPhone RootsMagic app. For Apple folks, Reunion for iPad is available. I always have my genealogy in my pocket. I am ready to check details and share information in the moment. I also use Ancestry.com’s app to look up info on the tree that I posted on its site. I check to see if new “green leaves” show up to indicate new information on someone in my tree. Then with my phone, I access that info.
- I also connect through apps to sites: Mocavo, NGS, Southern California Genealogy Jamboree, and Lisa Louise Cook’s Genealogy Gems Podcast online. Many magazine subscriptions are available through apps, such as Internet Genealogy, Family Chronicle, and Family Tree Magazine are some of my favorites. Most costs are minimal and some are free and might cost to upgrade to a full version. Checking out the coming NGS or SCGS Jamboree Conferences is free.
- There are numerous apps available to help with genealogy. Let us hear back regarding apps that you like.

Dick Eastman did a good article on apps for Android Smartphones. Many of these apps are available for Apple also. Worth exploring.

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/06/genealogy-programs-for-android.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/06/genealogy-programs-for-android.html)

Happy Hunting!

Janice Brown

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## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### NEW YORK

974.795 V38c

A Guide to Chautauqua County, New York Cemeteries and Burial Sites

### OHIO

977.189 V38g

Cemeteries of Gallipolis Township. Gallia County Ohio

### SOUTH CAROLINA

975 H29mb

Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution.

### TEXAS

976.4 N49m

Republic of Texas Poll Lists for 1846



### Mary's Book Corner

Lauren Coodley has done it again; her latest Napa history book, called "*Napa Valley Chronicles*," is her best one yet. The book covers mostly 20th century history, but this time told through the stories of ordinary people. She emphasizes the rich and complex experiences of working people in general and women in particular. The book is well illustrated with interesting photos, many of them family treasures never before published. Anyone who has lived in Napa for awhile will recognize people as neighbors and friends.

Mary Herzog

## From our shelves a BOOK REVIEW

### **Residents of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 1762-1790.**

Kathleen Marler has assembled an alphabetically arranged collection of abstracts of early inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, the parent county of Cabarrus. The principal sources for her book are Mecklenburg County Deed Volumes 1-3 (July 1778 through September 1786), Mecklenburg wills, the 1790 U.S. Census for Mecklenburg County, and several other primary and secondary sources. Although deeds are not as strong in establishing relationships as, say, wills, they have the virtue of placing individuals in a particular place at a moment in time.

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NVGS Library Volunteer Schedules  
MARCH 2014

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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!

### Notice About Upcoming Membership Dues

This is the first of two notices about dues renewal in the *WinePress*, according to our Standing Rules adopted February 11, 2013.



### Please mark your calendars for June 1, 2014

At that time all present members (except Life members) are requested to submit their annual dues according to their present category (single, family, out-of-state, institution). You will have until July 31, 2014 to submit your dues, and members whose dues are received after July 31, 2014, will be dropped from membership. Please remember, if that happens you will need to be reinstated and this will require a new application and electronic consent form. A renewal form may be downloaded from the membership section on our website. A hard copy will also be available in the next newsletter or at the library.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to the Membership Chairman, Lanita Stilwell, at [lkstilwell@outlook.com](mailto:lkstilwell@outlook.com) or call 707/224-5241. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you may call the library.

### Welcome New Members

#### **Member**

Thomas Blair Shoar  
707/254-7669  
Email: [PolrBear7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PolrBear7@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Surnames**

Hoar, Caswell, Haraldson, Sondrall

### ARE YOU RELATED?

Some Family Histories in the NVGS collection:

- Brechinridges of Kentucky, 1760-1981. 929.2 B829k
- The Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island. 929.2 B912b
- Direct Lineage of Edward B. Clark. 929.2 C592ce
- History of the Shuey Family in America, 1732-1876 929.2 S562s
- John Trenchard: Genealogy of John Trenchard born c1760 and his descendants. 929.2 T973j



## ESSENTIALS @bu.edu

(Genealogy “Essentials” online course through Boston University)

I decided months ago that I wanted to take my genealogy knowledge to a higher level and decided that the Essentials course, offered online from Boston University, was something that would serve my lifestyle (four weeks duration) and pocketbook (\$700 approximately).

*This is what I learned. . .*

Within no time I realized that this course was not formatted for “study-buddy” learning. We were assigned readings from two books, but there were no essays nor analyses required from the reading.

My learning style is probably not a good fit for an online class.

Intermediate genealogists, like myself, would find the first two weeks more like a review.

The practical applications presented the last two weeks were more challenging. We were shown pictures and documentation and needed to match names with people in the pictures. We were required to complete a Family Group Sheet and match the information with the attached documentation (extracts, censuses, obituaries). The tests were true/false (50% chance of getting the right answer).

*I also learned. . .*

- The significance of citing your sources and short rules for doing so,
- The Genealogical Proof Standard,
- That genealogy is not a race to see how far back you can locate your ancestors, but rather how much you can learn about the lives of your ancestors. (Dig sideways, not deeper).
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After I completed the course, I gathered up some suggestions that would be helpful materials for a Special Interest Group and ironically received an email from NGS (National Genealogical Society) that it is now offering a 3-part online course in learning to cite your sources. Hey! I’m in!

### Intermediate Class

Would you like to learn some intermediate genealogy skills? If the answer is “yes,” please leave a message with the library or online and include your name and the best day of the week and/or time of day for attending a course. It would probably be in two days, like our beginners’ class. If enough interest is there, Mary Herzog will lead the way.



### 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)

## RootsTech 2014

By Sharon Marangoni, Volunteer Coordinator

I went to Salt Lake City for two weeks on my normal yearly genealogical trek. This year, however, the last three days of my trip coincided with RootsTech 2014. Since I went to RootsTech 2013 with Karen Burzdak and enjoyed it, I decided to sign up again.

The conference was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center, kitty-corner to Temple Square and the Tabernacle. There were over 10,000 people at the conference with an additional 4,000 youth. This year's theme centered on storytelling: how to record and write the stories, and how to make the stories interesting. Almost all of the vendors had some product that would assist one in writing a very comprehensive and compelling family story, with the idea to focus on one person at a time.

I tend to get overwhelmed with the sheer amount of data and names in my Family Tree Maker program, and I would bet this is a common problem. The lectures focused on research, organization, and formulating a plan to write up one's accumulated information. With the "one person at a time" approach, this was akin to eating an elephant. You eat it one bite at a time.

There was also a lot of emphasis on DNA test interpretation, as well as what the results mean and how another researcher is matched with you and your results. *Ancestry.com* has revamped its DNA tests once again, and if you have not tested, it would be a great time to consider doing so.

As with every conference, there are good and bad speakers. I did notice that this year there were far more beginner lectures than last year, but more advanced-level workshops. (A lecture is a talk with audio/visual components, while a workshop is a hands-on class that costs a little extra over the cost of the three days at RootsTech).

One of the best presenters was a woman known as the Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell. She is a lawyer who keeps her finger on the pulse of all legislation that would have an impact on genealogists, and she has a blog called "The Legal Genealogist." She not only was a keynote speaker the second day, but she gave a lecture I attended called "Doing Time: Prison Records as Genealogy Resources."

There is a sponsored night at the Family History Library located right across from Temple Square. The library had special late hours for the night with lots of volunteers to help if anyone needed it.

Anyone can access RootsTech 2014's website at <http://www.RootsTech.org> to watch the keynote speakers and to download any or all of the syllabi.

Next year's RootsTech 2015 will be 12-15 February 2015. The convention is a great place to meet other genealogists, network, and make new friends. I encourage everyone who has a technological curiosity to attend.

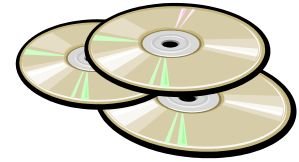
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Library phone 707-252-2252





## Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society

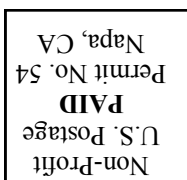


<b>Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)</b>		
<b>Napa County Cemeteries</b>		
Volume 1 – <b>Lower Napa Co.</b> Cemeteries & Index: Napa Memorial Gardens, Tulocay (index only), Napa State Hospital, Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick, God's Acre, Indian Burial Grounds, Perry Burial Site, Wood Family Burial 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*
- ◆ 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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