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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!

I hope you are enjoying this holiday season and looking forward to a new year full of good health and successful ancestor researching. I love the sense of renewal that January brings, fortunately coming at the beginning of winter, my least favorite time of year.

This last year your board worked hard at creating policies and procedures that would give new structure to the society. Practically speaking, that means that another member could slip into a board position with job descriptions and procedures already written and in place. It also means that staffers should find it easier to assist the public. But, we aren't finished yet. In the next few months the society should benefit economically from a new research policy and building rental policy.

In December of each year the board identifies the subsequent year's goals. I think all members should be aware of these goals and the efforts necessary to complete them. For 2015 they are:

1. Clean up the library. This includes returning all the publications to their rightful place as well as cataloging and shelving books, manuscripts, and publications found in the librarian's area.
2. Prepare for disasters (earthquakes, for instance). Affix heavy items to walls and floors as well as ensure the safety and perpetuity of our electronic media.
3. Purchase and install 3 new computers.

(continued on members page)

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Jan

Jan 7, 2015, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Jan 12, 2015, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Jan 13, 2015, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Jan 15, 2015, (3rd Thur) Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Approval of Budget. Monthly Program, **SAR and DAR, What Are They All About?** Presented by James Beatty, Ruth McIntire-Jenkins, Lanita Stillwell.
Thur. 1:30 at NVGS Library

Jan 27, 2015, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Feb

Feb 4, 2015, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Feb 9, 2015, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Feb 10, 2015, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Feb 19, 2015, (3rd Thur) Monthly Program, Family Search, an Overview. Presented by Sonja Jensen. Thursday 1:30 at NVGS Library.

Feb 24, 2015, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Feb 23, 2015, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor's box library.

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

January 31, 2015 Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) “**32nd ANNUAL SEMINAR**” Presents GEOFFREY RASMUSSEN presenting: Digital Research Guidance and To Do Lists, Googling Around with Google and Other Technologies, Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogy Success, Technology and Techniques for Researching a Common Surname. Seminar will be held from 9am to 4pm at the Masonic Lodge in Whittier, CA. Further info at <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar.html>.

February 12-14, 2015 FGS and RootsTech Conference. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and RootsTech are teaming up for a prime-time special genealogical event at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. Donnie Osmond is slated to be keynote speaker at RootsTech. More info and registration; www.fgsconference.org or rootstech.org.

MAY 13-16, 2015 NGS Conference, **Crossroads of America**. National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri featuring lectures for genealogists of all skill levels. Further info at www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Jabber from Janice

Welcome, 2015!

The digital age is expanding. I find myself using my "smart" devices more and my laptop less. I always have my iPhone with me and frequently my iPad.



I am addicted to their convenience, ease of use, and lack of weight. With that, here are some interesting apps for use in genealogy.

Bamboo Paper* is a notebook app for taking notes using a finger or stylus as a writing implement. A stylus is a tablet/iPad writing device with a soft rubber-like tip. *Amazon.com* has many models. I prefer one with a bit of a pointy tip, but Bamboo lets you choose different tips and line thicknesses. You can set up notebooks for each surname. Then e-mail to yourself, print or keep it in *Ever-Note* and call it up on your computer when you get home. This is free at this time.

Another app is CamScanner*. It takes a photo and saves it as a PDF file that can be read, transferred, printed, faxed. It is free, unless you want to upgrade for more features. The cropping, lighting and clarity features are very easy to use. No more finding a copy machine; instead, just snap a photo and adjust it on the spot. It is easy to save and add to your family research.

*The two apps are from many recommendations by way of Tony Bandy in *Internet Genealogy Magazine*, Oct/Nov 2014, pages 13-17.

Janice Cox Brown

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Round Table Discussion



Would you like to meet with other society members to talk about genealogy? Anything that might interest you related to family history is okay.

Carole Fisher and Roxanne Bay will lead this group on Thursday evenings starting in January. Please watch for further notices in the new year.



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

CALIFORNIA

979.419 H28sc *If Not To History*—Recovering the Stories of Women in Napa, CA

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 G778po *Three Centuries of the Gray Family in America*

929.2 W577tc *The William Whitley House, William Whitley, 1749-1813*

929.2 C588rc *Memoirs of Roger Clap*

IRELAND

P Ireland 941.5 *Irish Family History*

NORTH CAROLINA

975.6 E58pw *The North Carolina Gazetteer. Alphabetical*

NEW YORK

974.742 P29f *Calendar of Wills, 1629-1836. Indexed*

PENNSYLVANIA

974.8 K29l *Catholic Vital Records of Central Pennsylvania, 1793-1869.*

VIRGINIA

975.539 H28gr *Genealogical and Historical Notes on Culpepper County, VA. Indexed*

Mary's Book Corner

**The Secret Rooms, A True Story of A Haunted Castle,
A Plotting Duchess,
& A Family Secret,
by Catherine Bailey**



The Secret Rooms is the magnificent telling of a suspenseful story centered around World War I. General reviewers have criticized Bailey's detailed recounting of her research through multiple archives and thousands of individual documents used in solving the mystery, but that precise attention to detail is just what genealogists will find wonderful about this book. She was unable to answer all the questions she had, but, again, that is what real research is like; sometimes you get lucky, sometimes you reach a dead-end. Besides being a compelling story, there are lessons about research to be learned from this book. *The Secret Rooms* is now available on our Lending Library shelf.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>NOTE:</i>	<i>NEW THURSDAY EVENING HOURS</i>		1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>	2	3 <i>CLOSED</i>
4	5	6 10-1 D. Kuykendall 1-4 D. Hibbert	7 10-1 B. Breuchert 1-4 B. Mattila 2:00 <i>Gene. Software Group</i>	8 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 J. Layland 6-9 P. Woichik	9	10 10-2 G. Martin
11	12 2:00 <i>Board Meeting</i>	13 10-1 K. Burzdak 1-4 M. Herzog 12:00 <i>FW Group</i>	14 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 W. Rosenthal	15 10-1 B. Shoar 1:30 <i>Program Mtg.</i> 6-9 R. Bay/C. Fisher	16	17 10-2 R. Clark
18	19	20 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 D. Varland	21 10-1 B. Mattila 1-4 J. Barber and C. Kluever	22 10-1 C. Setty 1-4 D. Meehan 6-9 P. Woichik	23	24
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FEBRUARY 2015

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IMPORTANT



NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Napa Valley Genealogical Society

DATE: Thursday, January 15, 2015

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:

2015 Budget Adoption

Election of Officers

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

Election of Directors

Tom Fisher

Installation of Officers & Directors

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

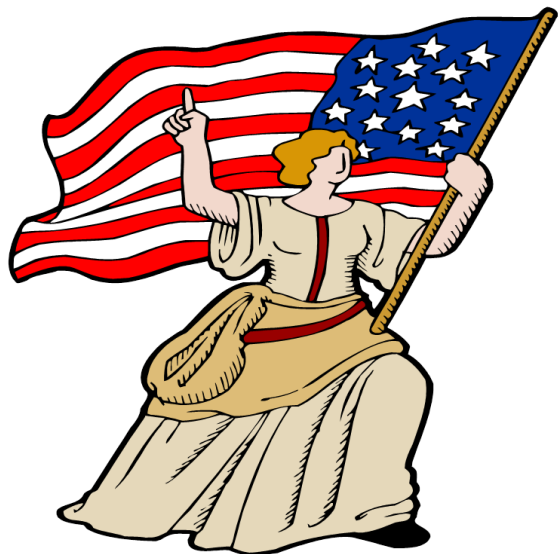
Please join us at 1:00 for refreshments



SAR and DAR, What Are They All ABOUT?

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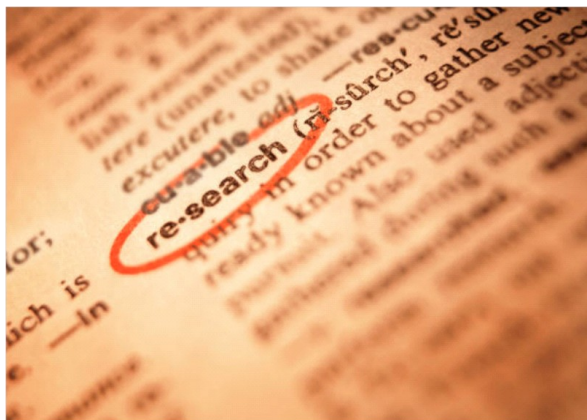
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FAMILY SEARCH: AN OVERVIEW

Including: Puzilla, Research Wiki and Other Updated Features

Presented By

SONJA JENSEN

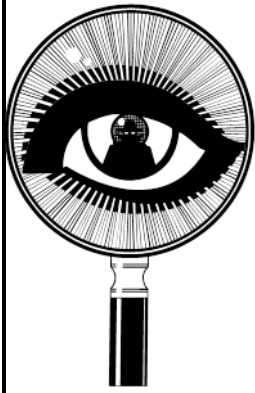


Thursday, February 19, 2015

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THEY FOUND ME

I wanted to share with you that someone was looking for me . . . and found me!! About two weeks before Thanksgiving, I received a Facebook “friend” request from a person whose name I did not recognize. I did not reply and didn’t really give it a second thought. Then the following week, and not knowing how to really move around in FB, I was exploring some of the FB icons and found that this same person left me a lengthy instant message. She was most gracious in introducing herself and proceeded to explain why she was contacting me.

As it turns out, my father’s younger brother (Lloyd Chappat) who died at age 26 and to our knowledge was never married (and one just assumes there are no children), apparently had a short romance with an Italian lady (Angelina), who became pregnant. My uncle left to travel the world (I think he went to Australia to marry the girl of his dreams*), leaving his girlfriend (Angelina) behind, never knowing she was carrying his baby.

Angelina was from Colorado and came out to the Bay Area seeking work. She became a waitress and once found out she was pregnant, was forced to live and deliver her baby at a home for unwed mothers (I think she called it Booth Memorial Hosp.) in Oakland, CA. Darlene Ann Chappat was born, 9/17/47. Angelina realized she could not provide for and raise the baby by herself so she started the adoption process with one stipulation . . . she had to be adopted by an Italian family, since Angelina was of Italian descent herself. At four months Darlene Ann was adopted by an Italian couple who renamed her Francesca Lucia Pistoia, who went on to have a wonderful life growing up in a big Italian family with lots of cousins, big Sunday dinners, church, etc.

Francesca and family moved from Pittsburg, CA to Pacific Grove, CA about the time she started high school. She went on to marry and have two sons, Greg and Ron, who are both grown with families of their own and living in Carmel, CA. Francesca had mixed emotions about researching her birth parents; she never pursued it out of love and respect for her wonderful adoptive parents but did give her okay for her sons and family to do research after her death. Francesca passed on in April of this year and the next generation started their search.

Linda, the wife of Ron, is the one who reached out to me on Facebook. She is the one who went to *Ancestry.com*, found birth records, military records, ship entry records and is pretty sure that the last name was changed from Tschappat to Chappat . . . something I suspected for a long time, but never knew for sure. She also subscribed to *Newspapers.com* to get some of her information, and she also watches “Finding Your Roots” on PBS that provides a lot tips for research.

And how special is Angelina, who was thoughtful enough to give Darlene her father’s last name (Chappat) . . . thus creating the link that made this all possible with the help of a very dedicated, daughter-in-law, Linda, who persevered in this search.

Enjoy the story!
Barbara (Chappat) Fanucchi
Napa, CA

[It's been great fun emailing back and forth with Linda. She's really a special person to do this for her husband and his brother and their children and has even offered to help me with some research tips. BF](#)

NVGS MEMBERS' PAGE

From President's Message

4. Fill in all the missing years of obituaries between 2004 and 2012. Obituaries serve as a source of income.
5. Create another fundraising project. The "what" has not been established. The goal is \$2000 minimally for this next year. We can no longer rely on one major fundraising source.
6. Determine the final outcome of the Voter Registration books.

Please also note that we have some new changes that we hope will help our members, reduce expenses, increase income, and otherwise make good business sense.

Earthlink is being replaced by bundling with Comcast.net (Xfinity). Our computers should work faster, we will be able to make long distance calls, and sending out emails will be faster. **Look for our new email address in the coming weeks.**

Next to the sign-in sheet at the front desk is a list to request a \$5 intermediate short class of your topic choice. Please express your interest and hopefully a leader will be available.

For those who receive a hard copy of our staffing calendar through the newsletter, it may be omitted due to printing costs. A copy will be made available online from our website and will be available through *emailed* newsletters.

Starting this January, we will be open on Thursday evenings. This makes us more accessible to students and interested persons (members or not) who still work during usual daytime hours. Please spread the word.

Programming Changes: Once again we want to provide program to members and the public who are not able to attend during the day. So, to that extent, our programs in May, June, and August will be evening programs. The sun sets no earlier than 8 p.m., so members who do not drive at night should still be able to attend those programs. No program in July.

Last, but definitely not least, our Wine Draw Event will be held the third Thursday in SEPTEMBER. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a themed party.

Please help us achieve our goals and improve the services of the society by volunteering, which is a great way to meet new people, find a new purpose in life, and give back to the genealogy community.

Happy new year, members and friends.

Karen Burzduk, President

Welcome New Members

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Terry Ann Faherty 707-963-4210 Email: terryfaherty@gmail.com	Wilson, Bergstrom, Snyder (USA), Schneider (France)
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Janet Sasaki 707-938-2815 Email: janetsasaki@icloud.com	Cline, Mitchell, Conley, Alexander, Ruyle, Nave
Patrick L. Burke 714-529-7935 Email: plburke@pacbell.net	Fagan (Napa Co.), Burke, Coleman, Miller, Mabey, Hall, McLaughlin, Daly

At the last minute we received notice of the First Annual North Bay Area Family History Fair, which is being held at the LDS Church at 2590 Trower Avenue, Napa. The guest speaker is Geoff Rasmussen of Legacy Family Tree. The fair is free but registration is highly recommended at www.northbayfamilyhistory.com.

We will have a table. If you can volunteer for two hours that day, please leave a message at the library.

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