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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



I have an app on my smartphone that is called Google Opinion Rewards. About every two days I get a notice that I have another survey to answer. Usually it is just one page (screen) long and asks me if I have shopped in a selection of stores recently. Most of the time, the stores are not even related in their merchandising, or in any other way. If there is a second page, it might ask me when I shopped at that store. When I respond, the phone tells me I have earned a certain number of points. Points = money that I can use to buy something. I can assure you it will be a book. Right now I have accumulated \$7.29. (BTW, I have caught onto when the reward will be a few cents and when it might be a dollar.)

Recently I send out a survey to all members who have an email address. For those members who do not have an email address and live locally, stop by the library and pick up a form. . . please.

I want to thank everyone who has submitted a survey to date. Unfortunately, you will not be rewarded with an account that will eventually lead to a book, or anything else. But, you might think of a survey as your opportunity to vote, to express your opinions, to direct change. I know it was not a sophisticated survey, but the answers were ever more important than the form in which they were sent and calculated. Another BTW: I prefer essay answers to bulleted answers. Most of the time my own response is not one of the acceptable choices.

Here is what I have learned: 1. Having evening programs in the summer is all right with you; 2. That you receive your information through email (which would include the newsletter and the emails I send out occasionally); 3. That if you do volunteer time to the Society, you enjoy the work you do; 4. Of those who responded, you either did not do volunteer work or did some volunteer work for us and for one other organization.

There's still time to fill out a form and mail or email it to me.

Karen Burzdak
NVGS President

Thanks for being a member of the NVGS.

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Nov 2015

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

Nov.7, November program, 10 to 2 at Library. See insert.

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

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

Nov 11, (Wed) Veterans Day, Library open 10-4.

Nov 24, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Dec 2015

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

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

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

Dec 17, (3rd Thur) No Monthly Program .

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

WinePress deadline, Dec 18, 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

Nov 7, 2015 “San Mateo County Genealogical Society: Fall 2015 Seminar.” The seminar will be all about DNA, presented by Angie bush, MS (Biotechnology), BS (Molecular Biology). For more information go to <http://www.smcgs.org/programs/seminars>

Jan 16 & 23, 2016 “Beginners Classes” presented by Napa Valley Genealogy Society. For information contact Mary Herzog at herzogm@pacbell.net, and see page 8 of this newsletter.

Jan 30, 2016 “Whittier Area Genealogy Society 33rd Annual Seminar” featuring professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee. He specializes in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research. He advocates the use of these tools as a means of more effectively interacting with others in the family history community. His topics will include: Genealogy Do-Overs, Successful Collateral & Cluster Searching, After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research, and Genealogy: The Future Is Now. For more information www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.

April 16, 2016 “Sonoma County Genealogy Society presents its 24th Annual Spring Seminar.” 8am to 4pm at the Finley Community Center, Person Auditorium with Judy G. Russell, “The Legal Genealogist.” For more information go to <http://scgsonline.org/events.html>.

May 4-7 2016 “NGS Conference.” The National Genealogical Society presents “Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time.” The conference will be held at the convention center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For further information go to www.ngsgenealogy.org.



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

California

979.412 H28ed

Along the Banks of Salt River. This publication includes an index and pictures plus biographies. Area is of Humboldt county, CA.

Canada

971.4 D2r

Our French Canadian Forefathers. Includes bibliographies and an index. Includes the following people: Marie Pontonnier, the Gouin family, the Baudouin family, immigrants from Perche, Mathieu Chauré, the Crevier family, Pierre Rondeau, Louis Guillet and Elizabeth Châteauneuf, Guillaume Couture.

Huguenot

284.5 H28bc

History of the Huguenot Emigration to America. Two volumes in one, and includes an index.

284.5 D48lc

Huguenot Pedigrees. Volumes 1 & 2. Publications include an index.

Ireland

941.5 D27rd

A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors, how to find and record your unique heritage. Includes index.

Rhode Island

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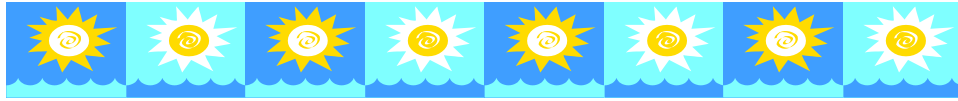
Rhode Island Land Evidences. Volume 1, 1648-1696.

Mary's Book Corner



You never know where you're going to find an interesting book to read. I was in Seneca Falls, New York, recently and had run out of things to read. Crisis time! The library was across the street from our B&B so I ran in, taking a chance they would have some books for sale. *Irish Inheritance* by Paula Martin caught my eye. It had the look of a self-published book but for a dollar, I took a chance. A young English woman and a young man from New York jointly inherit a long uninhabited house in Ireland. You guessed it, they spend most of the book doing genealogical research to find out why they are considered family and how they are related. It's not very sophisticated, but it is most intriguing and kept me well entertained on the long flight home. It's now available in our Lending Library.

*Happy reading,
Mary*



NVGS LIBRARY OPEN ON VETERANS DAY

Wednesday November 11, 2015

We will be open from 10 am to 4 pm

Come on by. Staff will be helping patrons find their military persons.

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Source Notes

Source notes have two purposes:

- To record the specific location of each piece of data.
- To record details that affect the use or evaluation of that data.

Remember to source all your genealogy.

Source: Evidence! By Elizabeth Shown Mills

GoFundMe account!

For years we have relied on our members' dues and the wine raffle to support the Society. Before the time of technology, these two means of support were sufficient. Basic maintenance has become expensive as well as the upkeep of equipment. The wine raffle may not be viable in as short as a couple of years from now.

In light of trying to find new ways of fundraising, the Napa Valley Genealogical Society now has a GoFundMe account! You can access it online at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/zbds48z>

You may also go to <http://www.gofundme.com> and put in our name to find our donation page.

The purpose of this account is to raise money for the Society. The first goal is to upgrade our computers, printers, and the copy machine. The computers have gotten to the point that some of the operating systems are not being supported by Microsoft. Also, upgrading certain programs is prohibited because of the age of the operating systems.

Please go to our GoFundMe page and make a donation in any amount. For this fundraiser to work well, please post the above link on your social media – Facebook, Twitter, or InstaGram. Send the link to people in your email address book, and ask them to also share the GoFundMe link on their social media and email. There is no pressure to donate, but the more people who receive the request, the better chance we have to raise the money we need.

Napa Valley Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization; all donations are tax deductible.

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MINI WORKSHOPS & INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION
FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS

COMPUTER 101

FINDAGRAVE.COM

FAMILY TREE MAKER

NEWSPAPER RESEARCH

ANCESTRY.COM/DNA



AMERICANANCESTORS.ORG

PHOTO BOOKS

FOLD3.COM

ANCESTRY.COM

FINDMYPAST.COM

FAMILYSEARCH.COM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY EXPERIENCED SOCIETY MEMBERS

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR LAPTOP COMPUTER
AND A SACK LUNCH



OUR ANNUAL WINEFEST EVENT

We had our OctoberFest celebration and our annual
Wine Draw event!

All prizes have been shipped to the winners.
Thanks to everyone for your support.

September 17 we ended our fundraiser with a festive WineFest at the Senior Center in Napa.

We celebrated with an OctoberFest
German dinner prepared by the board, wine and beer were donated
That evening we drew all the winners

Thank you to many Napa Valley wineries for their donations.
Raffle tickets were sold at the Wine Train Depot and Napa Farmers Market by our volunteers.
We are just such a small piece in the Napa puzzle. Thank you to all who made it happen.

Bente Shoar, Ways & Means

Jabber from Janice



I am continuing the exploration of Family Tree Magazine's "Sweet 16, 101 Best Websites," Sept. Issue, 2015. This column will focus on States.

CyberDrive Illinois

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/home.html>

This will direct you to the Illinois State Archives. Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales are searchable by surname and the page has very good information for understanding records along with maps. The Illinois War of 1812 Veterans is also searchable. Also available as an ongoing project is Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763-1900.

Digital Library of Georgia <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu>

The search box at the top of the page did an amazing surname search including documents, photos, letters, etc. If your ancestors were in Georgia, you will enjoy this website.

Florida Memory Project <https://www.floridamemory.com/>

This again has a search box to enter a surname that brings up photos, pension applications, court cases, etc.

Massachusetts Archives <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcgen/genidx.htm>

Under Archives, Reference, click on Searchable Collections. You will currently find three databases: Massachusetts Archives Collection Database (1629-1799); Index to Passenger Manifests (1848-1891); Index to Vital Records (1841-1910).

Missouri Digital Heritage <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh>

This site searches through many Missouri archives and libraries. Much is online but searching is tedious. Locating a specific collection to narrow the search is helpful. The site has an amazing amount of resources.

Seeking Michigan <http://seekingmichigan.org/>

This site also has many collections. Using the search box at right top, choosing advanced search will allow you to choose individual collections and then add your search terms.

Portal to Texas History <http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

There are several newspapers and genealogical journals to search. The search box is on top right and has an advanced option. When a paper or volume is found, you can choose it but then on the right of the screen, search within that volume to get the correct page.

Virginia Memory <http://virginiamemory.com/collections/>

My suggestion is to search the Digital Collections A-Z and search the collection of interest separately. Searching may be a challenge on some collection pages. On Chancery Records Index, the search option is at the bottom of the page. Some have few pages and you will need to browse. Do not give up; the site has a large collection that continues to grow. I have been very successful in searching on this site.

Washington State Digital Archives <http://digitalarchives.wa.gov>

This site has the search feature right out front with the ability to search by name, keyword or collection. Very well organized site! You see an index then a free digital image.

Wisconsin Historical Society <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

This site will allow you to see some records digitally but most records give abstracted view and charge for the full record but even the abstract is helpful.

Of course, you can always find an interesting site by Googling the State of your choice with all of words: genealogy or history.

Hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season!

Janice Cox Brown

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Colonial Life

Parents expected some children to die. While death was not uncommon for marriage-age adults, it was almost expected for children. With most Colonial women marrying around the age of 20, they would often have about seven to 10 children. Many children, however, did not survive until adulthood—or even to toddlerhood. One in 10 infants died before they were a year old, and four in 10 children died before the age of six. For slave children, not surprisingly, the outlook was even grimmer. Up to half of all black children in the 1700s died before their first birthday. But even the wealthiest parents had to endure their children’s deaths. First Lady Martha Washington, for example, had four children, all of whom she outlived. Two died before turning five; one died at age 17; the last died of an illness at age 26. Accidents also claimed older children, not a surprising fact considering the size of families and the risks of life on a farm. Colonial court records available to historians and genealogists show children drowning in tanning pits or millponds, falling into hearth fires, and down barn ladders. Because of this, don’t be surprised if the death records available on Ancestry for your extended ancestral family include many children. Source: Ancestry Blog

THIRD THURSDAY EVENING CHAT GROUP **COME JOIN US TO DISCUSS YOUR GENEALOGY NEEDS**



NOVEMBER 19 – DNA—WHAT IT CAN & CANNOT DO
 DECEMBER 17 – PRESERVING PHOTOS/KEEPSAKES

DISCUSSIONS ARE OPEN TO ANY GENEALOGY TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS!!!

Facilitated by Carole Fisher

Napa Valley Genealogy Library, 1701 Menlo Ave.
 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.



Beginner's Class in Genealogy

Coming soon! *The Basics of Genealogy*, starting January 16, 2016. Learn how to get started by using family sources, genealogy software, and Internet resources. Instructors will be members of the society with a wealth of experience and a desire to help others to find out how fulfilling researching one's ancestry can be.

The class will be held at the Napa Valley Genealogy Library, 1701 Menlo Ave., Napa, on two Saturdays, January 16 and 23, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$40.

Class members will be encouraged to also attend the regular monthly meeting on January 21, where the program will be *Using FamilySearch.org*, one of the two largest online resources for genealogical research.

The class is aimed at complete beginners, as well as those who would like a refresher course in the basics. Even if you decide that you cannot make this season, but you know someone who might be interested, please pass this on to them. In fact, this would be a nice gift for a friend or relative.

Please contact Mary Herzog at herzogm@pacbell.net for more information.

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO GENETIC GENEALOGY

For those of you interested in DNA, the following link will take you to the BEGINNERS GUIDE TO GENETIC GENEALOGY. This is a great free "course" that is easy to read, but with some substance to it.

<https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/beginners-guide-to-genetic-genealogy>



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Do you know that you may request a copy of our speaker's handout? If you miss a meeting and would like a digital copy of the handout, send your request to napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org with the speakers handout in the subject line. In the body of the message request the handout.

NEED A RIDE - GIVE A RIDE

I would like to ask our members for some information. It has occurred to me that we might get more people to come to the third Thursday meeting presentations at the Library if we had a group of people who were willing to drive individuals to and from the meeting. I was thinking that it would be helpful to have 3-4 individuals who would be willing to drive.

Please email me if you need a ride or if you are willing to give a ride.

Sharon Marangoni

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THE WEEK OF THE FIRE

April 1906

Early in the morning of April 18th came the Great Catastrophe.

Edith's Story continues from last issue of the Winepress.

The time had come for Therese and the baby to seek some other shelter, and I frantically hurried them in the carriage with Mrs. Morgan, and with a last request to them to be sure and let us know early in the morning where they had found a place, I saw them drive off westward with an aching heart. Mrs. Morgan urged me to go too, but it was not yet time for me to leave. Of course when the dirt and dust settled down, what had really happened was apparent and for a while I felt a little ashamed of my precipitancy, but later when I



learned how well the little party had fared, I was satisfied all was for the best.

Mr. Nolan, the stable keeper, had previously told Mrs. Morgan that if he was burned out, he had a block of land at Lobos and Ninth Avenues where she could keep her horses, so she started to go there but on 5th Ave. Therese noticed some houses that looked comfortable and she asked for shelter at one of them. Mrs. Allen took them in and cared for them well, made them as comfortable as possible and assured T. that there were two rooms in the ground flat that I could have if worst came to worst.

From the time they left until daybreak of Thursday I walked up and down the block or sat on the porch watching the flying cinders, or stood by the gate to speak with the refugees. We had chairs on the walk for those to rest who wished to, but few seemed inclined to stop. Dr. Worth and Mr. Frank King stopped several times during the night to see how we were getting on. When it was light I lay down on the lounge in my bedroom and slept a couple of hours. It was a melancholy waking, no water, no fire, no gas, only bread and water for breakfast and the consciousness of each of us, tho' not expressed, that the fire was sweeping all too surely on the whole city. The sun shone lurid thro' the smoke, larger cinders began to fall and early in the morning of Thursday the whole hillside, west of Leavenworth Street, was a mass of flames. By half past seven Mrs. Morgan and Therese were here bringing us a loaf of bread and some coffee and assuring us of shelter if we had to go. Soldiers, marines and special police were always in evidence with officers hurrying hither and yon on horseback or in the automobiles which ran without speed limit and were undisguised blessings.

Horace and Norris did as before, going constantly to and from the fire line and I resumed my watch by the gate, speaking to all who appeared to be authority, asking if they felt we were in danger. The answer was always the same, "If the fire crosses Van Ness Ave. you had better go while you can save things" but they always added, "We will move heaven and earth to prevent its crossing, even if we have to dynamite every house on the east side of the Ave." Wednesday the authorities had ordered the free use of dynamite and also back firing but with no apparent result.

During the morning of Thursday Horace and I talked over the situation and we carefully arranged a plan in case we should feel it necessary to leave the house. At one, Norris and his friend, Mr. Gillespie, had luncheon with us and at three P.M., Mr. Gillespie, who had gone home with Norris came hurrying down the hill to tell us that the houses on the west side of Van Ness were burning, one at Pine and one at Sacramento too. So the time to go had come!

Edith's story will be continued in the next *Winepress* newsletter/ Jan/Feb issue. Reprinted from NVGS library archives.



Happy Thanksgiving

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