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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 society serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.



A Message from our President

Greetings to NVGS Members and Friends!

Change. Do you know how you relate to change? If you're not sure, and live locally, maybe a walk downtown Napa will answer that question for you. Some of those changes (you would see) were uncontrollably the effects of the 6.0 earthquake from August 24, 2014. Other changes (improvements?) were and are the result of the democratic process(es).

I find that I need variety and change but preferably when I can participate in the process. I know why the change is needed, what the options are, the consequences of no action, the necessary compromises.

What I am leading up to are the changes that many of you have told me you have seen (experienced, observed). For the better, I hope.

Let's start with rules, regulations, procedures. Over the past two years the membership has accepted a new set of bylaws (thank you, Diane), established Standing Rules, created board job descriptions, and various policies and procedures. The purpose of these efforts are to establish organization and structure of our society and enable us directors to pass on the baton with supportive guidelines.

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Karen Burzdak
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Sept 2015

- Sept 2, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Sept 3, (1st Thur) **Baltic States Group**, 1pm NVGS Library, cancelled.
Sept 14, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Sept 15, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
Sept 17, (3rd Thur) **“Winefest” 6:30pm at the Senior Center**. RSVP
Sept 22, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Oct 2015

- Oct 1, (1st Thur) **Baltic States Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.
Oct 7, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Oct 12, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Oct 13, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
Oct 15, (3rd Thur) **Monthly Program**, presented by Sierra Pope. 1:30pm at NVGS Library.
Oct 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

WinePress deadline, Oct 26, 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

Sept 26, 2015 California Genealogical Society and Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Class: “Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust: What’s Buried in Cemetery Records,” by Janice Sellers. Sponsored by California Genealogical Society and Library. Register online at www.californiaancestors.org.

Oct 17, 2015 “**FCGS Annual Seminar.**” The Fresno County Genealogical Society and the Fresno County Public Library, San Joaquin Valley Heritage and Genealogy Center, will co-sponsor its 12th Annual Genealogy Seminar October 17, 2015, 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presenting Lisa Louise Cooke. Lisa is host of the “Genealogy Gems”podcast, author, blogger and national speaker. Look for more information coming soon to the website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cafscgs/index.html>.

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.smegs.org/programs/seminars>

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

America

973 W28wh *Genealogical Guide to the Early Settlers of America, with a brief history of those of the first generation.* Includes references to the various local histories.

California

979.463 H28mh *Images of America Martinez.* Martinez, Contra Costa, California, 1851 to 1951. Includes pictures.

979.463 H28mc *Martinez a California Town.* This publication has pictures and names and is indexed.

979.427 C48m *One Hundred Years of Masonry in Molino Lodge No. 150, Tehama, California.* Includes photographs.

Collective Biography

920 D38th *American Ancestry: Giving the name and descent, in the male line, of Americans whose ancestors settled in the United States previous to the Declaration of Independence, AD 1776.* Volumes 1 through 12.

Connecticut

974.69 D28dj *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield.* Volumes 1,2 & 3.

Heraldry

S 929.7 D59bb *Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage & Baronetage, the Privy Council, Knightage and Companionage.*

Mayflower

369.124 V.21 *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, John Billington.*

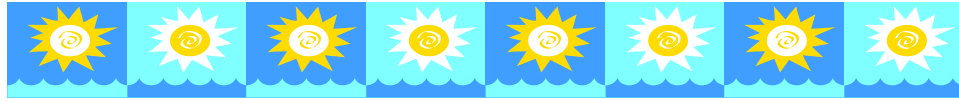
Mary's Book Corner



Ian Frazier, well known writer and frequent contributor to the New Yorker, has written a book simply titled *Family*. It explores the lives of his ancestors, starting with great grandparents, within the context of history. What makes the book important is his skillful blending of what he knows about the individuals and what careful research tells about the time and place each lived. Like many of us, his ancestors were part of many of the defining moments of U.S. History, such as the western migration and the Civil War. There is enough documentation to satisfy a genealogist and a compelling story to engage everyone else.

Family will be available in our Lending Library.

*Happy reading,
Mary*



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
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Christine Dunn	Chapman
Nikki Derr	Brewster, Dauber, Derr, Dietrich, Holdredge, Howland, Stegelin, Wales, Wallace
Yvonne Irwin	Bennett, Buffum, Crawford, Fellows, Hinderks, Potter, Rasmus(sen), Wertzbaugher
Armond & Winifred Phillips	Davila, Felipe, Marques, Pacheco, Phillips, Serpa, Silvey
Mark Powers	Greer, Nellie
Marvin Sheperd	A. Clark (pioneer 1818-1905)

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Now I'll mention physical changes you might have noticed inside the library. We have new computer tables (thank you, Tom) with a fifth computer station established. There is more signage (with more to come) and a lending library for members. We took advantage of the earthquake's upheaval and rearranged the stacks (thank you, Sandy and several volunteers).

Although progress is very slow in the outreach and education sector, we are making connections with some key players in the community. For the second year, we have an informational table at the Napa Farmers Market. We have made a presentation at the Yountville branch of the Napa County Library. We were invited by and made presentations to students at New Tech High School, a church youth group, and students from Napa Valley College. We are now open Thursday evenings to allow students and working people time to use our resources. And member Mary H. promised me should would continue to speak to second-graders at Bel Aire Elementary, a magnet school.

In the near future I hope you will see our efforts focusing on students as well as on the Hispanic community. Our mission is primarily focused on education, and assisting youth with their family history modules and the interest expressed by Hispanic teens certainly keeps us active and focused.

In the next newsletter, I will continue this subject.

*Karen Burzduk
NVGS President*



WINEFEST 2015

Our Annual fundraiser will be held at the Senior Activity Center

Thursday evening - September 17, 2015

6:30 pm.

1500 Jefferson, Napa, CA

We will be serving German food, great wine and beer.

Drawing of the lucky winners will be at 8pm.



A festive night honoring our German ancestors.

Come in your ancestor,s costume, if you wish and bring pictures, trinkets.



See you there.

PROGRAM

GENEALOGY BLOGS:

How they can help in your Genealogy Research

Presented By:

SIERRA POPE

Thursday, Oct 15, 2015

Afternoon meeting



Napa Valley Genealogy Library
1701 Menlo Avenue Napa, CA
1:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US AT 1:00 pm FOR REFRESHMENTS
www.napavalleygenealogy.org

Jabber from Janice



If you are like me, you tend to keep going to the familiar websites. *Family Tree Magazine*, Sept. 2015, had some good info on both old and new sites. I tested many but have space to review only a few, so here goes some free sites:

- www.genealogycenterinfo You know this one, Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, but have you checked it lately? I had not. This is a direct link to 10 free databases you can explore. Home will take you to the Genealogy Center. Just poking around, I found a burial permits list from Stanislaus County, California, from 1917.
- www.dp.la It is a large collection of digitized media from the Digital Public Library of America. I did not have to login or sign up. I found books and photos to explore using the Search the Library box using my surname and the word “genealogy.”
- <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc> The California Digital Newspaper Collection at UC Riverside has many old California papers. Using Advanced Search and quote marks around the name (“William Smith”) works well. Without quotes the name is divided and you will find William Groves and Tom Smith highlighted. Try varying the name (Smith, William or Bill Smith).
- <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/> This is through Colorado State Library and works with Search Operators instead of Advance Search. Choose a first name and the operator **Near** and then a surname, and it will bring those terms closer together.
- <https://www.elephind.com> This site has several sites included in one search engine. You can choose from several areas and time periods. Enlarging (just click) helps to make the article readable. The OCR (Optical Character Recognition) does not do a great job of interpreting print, so you need to look at the article.

Here are more worthwhile sites to check out:

- **Heritage Quest Online.** *Get a library card and using your name and barcode on the card, check into your library of choice from home and login to its genealogy databases.* “Heritage Quest” is a large database for genealogy research that is available at most libraries. It is on the Napa County Library Site: <http://countyofnapa.org/library/> Choose the green Databases button, scroll down to Heritage Quest Online. You will then need to enter the barcode number from your library card. You will find an amazing assortment of books, records and census information along with many useful tips. If you use this at a library, you can even e-mail it to yourself by choosing Send Document.
- <http://freelibrary.org/> This is for the Free Library of Philadelphia. Different libraries have different databases so I collect library cards; most do not require you to reside in the area...some do. On this site is a large digital collection including old maps, and many databases (on left of screen under **Find**).

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- <http://www.usgenweb.org/> still around. You will initially enter the site to choose a state. Then you may venture into a county in that state. Some sites have amazing information; others are looking for volunteers to manage the site (called orphan counties) or enter data. You can often enter some interesting bit of data from your ancestor, such as a will or verified fact. Each site is managed individually so finding links is not uniform nor is what is on the site.
- <http://www.dar.org/> Daughters of the American Revolution has open information available to search. You can search ancestors or bible records. Under the Library heading, check the Online Research link.
- Family Tree Magazine in online at <http://familytreemagazine.com/> And you thought I just made this up!

*Janice Cox Brown
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THIRD THURSDAY EVENING CHAT GROUP



COME JOIN US TO DISCUSS YOUR GENEALOGY NEEDS

OCTOBER 18 – EXPLORING ANCESTRY, FAMILY SEARCH,
and FINDA GRAVE

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 Roxanne Bay & Carole Fisher
7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.*

Family History Writing Group

Members are invited to attend the Family History Writing Group every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:00 pm at our library. Attendees inspire all to get started in family story writing. While attending this group you can share your story and learn from others. For info, contact the library at 707-252-2252

CITY DIRECTORIES AND YEARBOOKS HAVE MOVED

The California city directories and the Napa county yearbooks have moved to a new location at the library.

These editions are no longer located on the book stacks, in the book room. They are located on book shelves in the computer room. Look for them on these shelves that are located in the north east corner of the room.

Having the California city directories together makes for easier location and research. Locate them by their call number.

The yearbooks are for Napa county and they are shelved by the name of the school then the call number.

Signage for this area is being updated.



REMEMBER THE
NAPA FARMER'S MARKET
IS NOW ON GOING FOR THE
SUMMER



Our table is up and running at the Farmers Market. We have informational material for visitors who stop by. Sign up at our library to staff the table and have fun with the many visitors who will stop by and ask questions, or share their genealogical researching.

Two people staff the table on Market Day, so no one is left alone.

Our Market table days start on May 30th and go through September 12th.

Contact Wendy Rosenthal to volunteer.
wendyjr@comcast.net or call the library, 707-252-2252

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

email: sbookie@pacbell.net

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*.

About five in the afternoon I went again to Norris' home to have the family come to us for the night, and a little later N. and I started down Sacramento to Franklin, each pushing a baby carriage well loaded with clothing and bottles of milk for Margery, while Therese, Margery and nurse went in Mrs. Morgan's carriage. On Franklin Street I had a little talk with Mrs. Boardman. At Jackson I stopped a moment to ask for the members of Mrs. Talbot's family. The night before Norris and I sat behind Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Walker at the opera—Carmen. We were all so happy in our fine clothes and general consciousness of prosperity and anticipating such pleasure in the season of opera we were to enjoy!!! And now all was changed in the twinkling of an eye. And so on home, dodging wires, and getting around piles of bricks as best we could.



We made up a bed for little Margery on the lounge in the red room and a mattress on the floor made a resting place for Therese or Mrs. Tenbrook, the baby's nurse. We had some bread and water again at half past six but no one had any appetite.

As the daylight faded away, the bright light of the fire made it so light, out of doors, one could easily read coarse print. Mrs. Morgan came to our house with her carriage and kept it waiting at the door in case it should be necessary to take Therese and the baby to a place of greater safety, and most of the time she sat in the carriage herself. And now when night had really come our hardships began in earnest, as we were forbidden by official proclamation to have even a candle lighted in doors, and groping about in the dark, intensified our dread and fear.

Toward one in the morning of Thursday, April 19, Horace lay down to get much needed rest as we estimated he had walked, during the day, considerably over twenty miles. Norris went back to the fire line returning about three o'clock after travelling approximately thirty miles since the earthquake. I sat out of doors on the steps, or walked up and down in front of the house, or sat in Mrs. Morgan's carriage with her always with a sinking at my heart as the lurid glare of the fire cast an unearthly light over everything.

All this time a steady stream of people was passing westward, and from time to time a familiar voice would call my name and some friend who had been burned out, stop a moment to rest before taking up again, the weary march toward safety. Order was preserved by United States soldiers and marines who were placed at the disposal of the city authorities as soon as the magnitude of the tragedy became apparent; and it gave us all a sense of greater security to know that our streets were patrolled by disciplined troops.

Norris had just gone to rest when, at about four o'clock an explosion of sewer gas on Gough Street between Vallejo and Green made a startling noise, tore up a portion of the street, threw a column of flame and dirt into the air, and as I saw it confirmed in my mind the idea I had had all day that the earthquake was volcanic so that I really believed, for the time, that a crater was opening beneath our feet.

Edith's story will be continued in the next *Winepress* newsletter/ Nov/Dec issue.

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