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

A Message from our President



Question: What does a hot day in summer have in common with a rainy day in winter? Answer: The opportunity to organize your genealogy, of course!

In preparation for last Thanksgiving dinner, I had assembled all my loose genealogy papers and thrown them into the lime green plastic tub purchased from Target, which elicited two sets of memories: putting the grandsons (barely able to sit alone) in it in place of a wading pool, and the August 24 earthquake causing the chipped edges on one side. Still usable.

To keep myself from becoming overwhelmed by this daunting task, as well as quickly giving up, I did a very simple sort: Arkansas (me); Massachusetts (husband); Educational; and one specific, very small family to complete VERY soon. I also completed my two-year task of organizing six inches of paperwork collected and unsorted, which started before the Society building was purchased in 1991. The method I used initially to complete this project was a chronological sort. It quickly became apparent that there were DUPLICATES as well as papers that were not necessary for the Society to retain. Done!

Within the next several months, the Board will adopt a retention policy that will include the process of scanning records for easy computer access as well as cloud preservation.

Advice from Thomas MacEntee's book, *The Genealogy Do-Over Workbook*: "Set aside those crucial one to two hours a month and commit to a plan to get organized." Point well taken.

Karen Burzdak
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

July 2016

July 4, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, **VACATION, no meeting.**

July 11, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm, NVGS Library.

July 12, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

July 21, (*Saturday*) Program, **VACATION, no program.**

July 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug 2016

Aug 3, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, **VACATION, no meeting.**

Aug 8, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm, NVGS Library.

Aug 9, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug 18, (3rd Thur) (*Evening*) Program, **Back by popular Demand: "Napa 1912 As Seen Through Her Eyes."** Presented by Patty Woichik, **7 pm**, at NVGS Library.

Aug 23, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

WinePress deadline, Aug 25, 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

July 29-30, 2016 "DGS 2016 Summer Seminar" Preserving and sharing our family treasures, featuring Denise Levenick, The Family Curator, and author of *How to Archive family Keepsakes*. Dallas Genealogical Society. For further information go to dallasgenealogy.com.

Aug 31-Sep 3 2016 "FGS Conference" Will be held in Springfield, Ill. For more information go to <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

Aug 17-20, 2016 "Northwest Genealogy Conference, Family History Uncovered-Lost History Found." Brought to you by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society in Arlington, Washington. For further information go to www.nwgc.org.

Sep 22-24, 2016 "Montana Genealogical Society Annual Conference" Judy Russell will speak on Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows & Orphans, How Old Did He Have To Be...", What does THAT mean" Understanding the Language of the Law, DNA and the Golden Rule. Amy Crow will speak about After Mustering Out: Researching Civil War Veterans, Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records, Timelines: The Swiss Army Knife of Genealogical Research, and How Do I Know That's My Ancestor? Conference will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Missoula, MT. More information at www.montanams.org/conferences.



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

California

- 979.419 H28nw *Napa Valley Wine Country, Images of America.*
979.419 H28nf *Napa Valley Farming, Images of America.*
979.419 V39gj *Winton Cemetery. Winton Merced County California. Indexed.*

Family Histories

- 929.2 C543 *Descendants of Matthias Chitwood.*
929.2 T238 *The House of Taylor.*
929.2 M817 *200 Years of Moomey Family History, from 1792 to 1992.*
929.2 L848 *Edward Henry Long, his ancestors and descendants.*
929.2 B581 *The descendants of John and Susanna Bibbee, of West Virginia, Ohio.*
929.2 M961 *Mulvany Migration in North America from the Land of the Shamrock.*
929.2 S559 *Leonard Shoun and his wife Barbara Slep of Johnson County, Tennessee and their descendants.*

Mayflower

- 369.124 D28ak *Alden Kindred Magazine, 1927-1930.*

Ohio

- 977.128 P28b *Richland County, Ohio Abstracts of Wills, 1813-1873.*

West Virginia

- 975.429 P29s *The First Law Order Book. Calhoun County Court, Apr-July 1856*

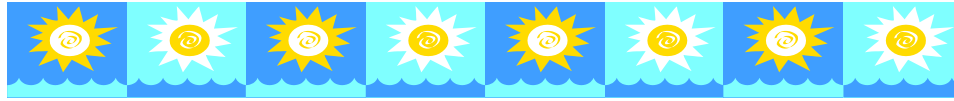
Mary's Book Corner



The Beauty of What Remains: Family Lost, Family Found

Susan Johnson Hadler uses her skills as a researcher to unlock the closely held secrets of her family. With the help of her husband, an Episcopal priest, and her own skills as a psychotherapist, she comes to understand how knowledge of three key people in her mother's life came to be hidden away and to be taboo subjects. *The Beauty of What Remains* is a very engaging book that carries you right along with its compelling story as it unfolds. It is now available in our Member's Lending Library.

*Happy reading,
Mary*



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Lawrence & Carol Walters

Clayton, Mason, Wray

LIBRARY TIP

The library has numerous periodicals on the shelves. They are very informative, with lots of vital records, bible entries, deeds, plat maps, family histories, family journals, etc.

These periodicals are published by genealogy societies that have access to many materials that you will not find online.

They are shelved by state and a Dewey decimal number. Check our online catalogue for the location number, or wander the shelf in the state that you are interested in. You will be surprised with what you can find.

IT'S FARMERS MARKET TIME



Sign up to staff our table at the market on one these days.

Meet people and share our library information.

Meeting other vendors is fun and enjoyable.



All Saturdays

July 9th

July 30

Aug 13

Aug 27

Sep 3rd

Oct 1st

For more information contact Wendy at wendyjr@comcast.net or call the library, 252-2252.

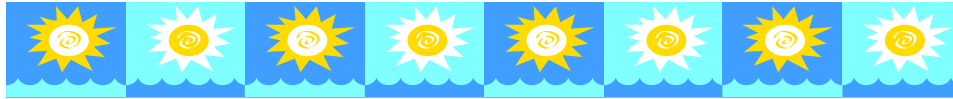
NEW HOURS IN SEPTEMBER!

We have decided, based on library use, to change the hours of operation to the following. The change will start September 6, 2016:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11am–5pm

Monday evenings 5—8 pm

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays 10 am—2 pm (no change)



Napa Valley Genealogy Society
July Program

There is no July Program,
off for this month.



WINE DRAW FUNDRAISER 2016

This fundraiser is an important event. We hope that all of our members will support us by buying raffle tickets, which will be available at the library. We will also be selling them at the Napa Farmers Market on scheduled days. First prize is 30 bottles of Napa Valley premium wines. We have not changed the price of the tickets, price is the same as last year, \$5 for one ticket or 3 for \$10. Quite a bargain!

Again this year we are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Wine Train Depot. We will need volunteers starting July 28 until September 14. The times are 9:40 a.m. daily and 4:40 p.m. Friday through Sunday. You will be there less than two hours per shift. Sign-up sheets are ready at our library. Instructions are attached to the sheets.

If you have any questions, please call Bente Shoar at 707-254-7669 after July 13.

Have a happy summer.

**Napa Valley Genealogy Society
August Program**

Back by popular demand:

“Napa 1912 As Seen Through Her Eyes”

Presented by member and teacher Patty Woichik

Thursday, Aug 18, 2016
Evening at 7 p.m.
Napa Valley Genealogy Library
1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA

PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 pm FOR REFRESHMENTS
www.napavalleygenealogy.org

EVENING PROGRAM

Jabber from Janice

This article is about the Library of Congress digitized books section.

<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/digitized-books/digital.php>



Statutes at Large

"The Law Library of Congress has digitized this collection of laws passed by the United States Congress and aims to make historic Statutes at Large accessible to the public in this ongoing project."

Just doing a surname in the search box turned up many pages. Combining a surname with other appropriate terms will narrow a search. Bills of relief, hearing for pensions, bills presented for reimbursement of road work, petitions presented before Congress are a few of the items that could mention an ancestor. I was very fascinated by what items were included and the details, especially in searching the earlier records. The short synopsis of the item often contained the full name. Search terms found are in bold, which makes skimming through easier.

Happy hunting!

Janice Cox Brown

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Membership dues are due

NOW!



Remember!

By now you should have received your invoice for the NVGS 2016-2017 dues.

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues, remember if your dues are received

after July 31, 2016,

you will be dropped from membership, and will need to be reinstated if you wish to remain a member.

How to Start a SIG (Special Interest Group)

This is a fantastic way for members to exchange information as well as discover new methods of research, learn new skills, etc. And it's all for free.

This information is an abstraction of an online website entitled "Establishing a DNA Interest Group." More details to create a DNA group can be found at <http://www.genie1.com.au/blog/73-establishing-a-dna-interest-group>.

1. Starts with one person who invites a couple of people to attend a meeting.
 - a The group will evolve over time.
2. At the first meeting, determine the following:
 - a Is the SIG designed for members only
 - b Is it designed to find new members (DNA DIGs are especially enticing to non-members who might later become members of the Society)
 - c One subgroup or two or more?
 1. In the case of DNA SIG's, researchers? Non-testers? Already-tested?
 2. Or can the SIG accommodate all levels of knowledge and experience?
3. All groups need a leader, but determine whether leadership will be the function of one person, rotate positions? The level of responsibility
4. When and where will the group meet?
5. Assign different areas of responsibility early on (notification, topic selection, publicity, etc.)
6. Meeting frequency and duration
 - a This differs by SIG, but DNA groups are recommended to meet monthly
 - b Meeting by Internet email?
 - c Meeting length of two hours is about right
7. Meeting content
 - a Casual
 - b Presentation
 - c Handouts
 - d Allow time for questions and meeting content suggestions
8. Attendees
 - a Use sign-in sheet including contact information
 - b Name tags

This should be enough information to get any group started. If meeting at the library, please make sure that you are meeting at a time that is not used by other groups and that the newsletter publisher can make note of those times in the WinePress.

ITEM FOR SALE

The Napa Valley Genealogical society has an extra card cabinet for sale. This is a Solid Oak cabinet with 30 drawers. It is in excellent condition.



(The top is another cabinet sitting on the 30 drawer cabinet. Disregard that piece.)

Call to make arrangements to see this cabinet.
Napa Valley Genealogical Society. 707-252-2252.

Family Tree Maker and RootsMagic

By now we've all heard that Ancestry.com will be discontinuing its Family Tree Maker software. Never Fear...Ancestry.com will be working with, but has not bought out, RootsMagic in the near future.

You'll be able to search and sync RootsMagic to Ancestry.com, and directly import your Family Tree Maker files and download online trees from Ancestry.com to RootsMagic.

Family Tree Maker should work online with Ancestry.com through 2016, and the current version of RootsMagic (version 7) will include free upgrades that will soon be able to do all this interfacing. What this means is that:

- If you have Family Tree Maker, you will need to consider your options about what to move to when it becomes obsolete.
- If you have a version of RootsMagic that is older than version 7 and you want to keep up with the latest Ancestry.com options, you'll need to upgrade.
- If you have RootsMagic 7, you are good to go.

How Many Backup Copies of Important Files do You Need?

Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

3. 3 copies of anything you care about—Two isn't enough if it's important.
2. 2 different formats—Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or hard Drive plus Memory Stick or CD plus Crash Plan, Carbonite, or more.
1. 1 off-site backup—If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?



It's Party Time

*Save the date & mark your calendars
for
September 15th, 2016*

Thursday evening 6:30 p.m.

*Location: Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St.
Napa, CA*

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society

will be having its annual fundraiser, "WineFest."

This year the theme is "Celebrating your American Roots."

The society and board members will be providing a BBQ dinner.

*There will be social time, fun and games, dinner and the wine draw, with many
other non-wine prizes from local businesses.*

*The society encourages you to bring something to display about your ancestors.
This could be an event, a memento, a picture, a piece of clothing.*

If you wish, you may come dressed as an ancestor.

Was your ancestor a judge, a cowboy, or a bandit, or maybe a Native American?

It will be fun to see what appears at the door for this fun evening event.

Come on down and join us for this evening of fun and food.



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