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NEWSLETTER

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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



Ta Da! Drum roll, please.....

(Hope I have your attention)

Starting with the January 2, 2017, issue of the NV Register, our genealogical society will have a monthly column called *Finding Family*. After many starts, I finally finished a copy I liked and sent it to the Register. Based upon the article, our final editor is now convinced that she is "hooked."

This is a project that I am coordinating; I am still looking for member writers, so please contact me personally for suggestions, your desire to submit an article, need to vent. Accolades are welcome! So is humor.

I will co-write the second article with Cecelia Setty about our society in general and our library in specific. After that, articles will include process generalizations and stories about your own family research and findings.

If you, too, have never tried writing something for publication, I find it to be mighty heady. It requires concentration, methodology, many starts and stops, and creativity. I never would have realized my latest attraction had I not had this forum over the past 3 years. And I am sorry that I registered too late for Thomas McEntee's online program for writing your memoir, but apparently it has met with such approval that it will be offered again.

I am looking forward to a new year with more free time, a less cluttered brain, and more personal real estate surrounding my computer. It has been mostly fun, always challenging. TY.

Karen Burzdak
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Jan 2017

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

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

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

Jan 14, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am –12:30am at NVGS Library.

Jan 19, (3rd Thurs) Monthly Program, Election of Officers and Directors followed by a Webinar.
1:30pm at the Senior Center. 1500 Jefferson St. Napa, CA

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

Feb 2017

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

Feb 11, (2nd Sat) **Beginners Class**, 10-3 at NVGS Library. A second Saturday TBD.
Registration is needed for this class.

Feb 13, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Feb 14, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Feb 16, (3rd Thur) Monthly program, **FamilySearch.org**, a follow-up.
1:30pm at NVGS Library.

Feb 28, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

Jan 5, 2017 “Easily Create a Video of Your Family Research” Presented by Santa Cruz Genealogical Society. The program will be from 1pm to 3pm. Presented by Dr. Jan Joyce Ahrens. Go to www.scgensoc.org/event for more information.

21 Jan 2017 “Santa Rosa Family History Fair-Linking Generations 2017” Keynote Speaker: Brad Lowder, FamilySearch Director of Integration & Collaboration. 8:30am-4:00pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1725 Peterson Ln, Santa Rosa, CA. For more information go to <http://scgsonline.org/event-2380900>

Feb 8-11, 2017 “RootsTech 2017 in Salt Lake City” at the Salt Palace Convention Center. For more information visit <http://www.rootstech.org>

Apr 22, 2017 “Sonoma County Genealogy Society presents their 25th Annual Seminar” The speaker will be Thomas W Jones. PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA . For more information go to <http://scgsonline.org/flyers> or email Sonoma.seminar@gmail.com.

May 6, 2017 “San Mateo County Genealogy Society presents their Spring Seminar” “Not Your Usual Records”



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

California

979.461 H28hw San Francisco's Mayors, 1850-1880, including a missing mayor discovery.

Germany

943 X28mr German Census Records, 1816-1916. The When, Where & How of a valuable genealogical resource.

New York

974.741 K28hw Second Presbyterian Church of Troy, New York. Historical Sketch, 1916.

United States

On Our Bookshelves

Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families from The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine

In this three-volume work are all of the family history articles published in *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* from its founding in 1895 through 1980. The nearly 200 articles reprinted here --virtually all contributed by genealogists of professional standing--touch on families of English, Welsh, Scotch-Irish, German, Dutch, and French origins. Also included are over 400 pages of Bible records, which dwell on hundreds of additional families, many of them interrelated. To enhance the value of this exceptional work, we have added an introduction by Dr. Don Yoder, a noted authority on Pennsylvania genealogy.

Find it on the book shelves in the Pennsylvania section, call # 974.8 D28g

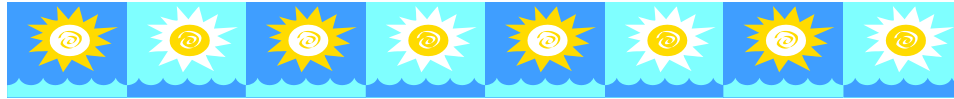
Mary's Book Corner



Family Shadows

John Nixon is a British genealogist who has taken to writing novels. *Family Shadows* is the first of five that I read on my Kindle during our recent travels. I enjoyed them because of the lovely British settings and the variety of research methods used in solving the mysteries. The writing gets smoother as the series progresses. *Family Shadows* contains a warning for genealogists: there may be severe consequences to what you discover and the results can be devastating. Additional titles, all Madeleine Porter Mysteries, are *Stolen Futures*, *The Cuckoo Clock*, *Another Summer*, and the *Cost of Silence*.

Happy reading,
Mary



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Vicki Baird	Baird, Baughman, Beonget, Kelb, Luebking, Schneider, Watson.
Catherine Brown	Brown
Dianne Fraser	Bruce, Carter, Curtis, Deming, Foote, Williams
Pat Smith	None given

New - Irish Interest Group to start in January 2017

Join us on Saturday January 14th. Our latest group is an Irish interest group to meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Meetings are at 11am in the Napa Valley Genealogical Society Library. There is no charge for the group, but you must be a member of NVGS. Come and bring your knowledge and questions to share with other researchers.

For more information contact the society at 707-252-2252 or email to napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org.

Napa Valley Genealogy Society presents

Beginner Classes 2017

Beginners' classes will be held on February 11 and 18, 2017.

These two Saturday classes will be appropriate for all beginners, intermediate and advanced genealogists.

Sign-ups for this class will start now. A sign up sheet is at the library or you may sign up on line at napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org.

The course fee is \$ 20.00.

Space is limited to the first 10 signups.

Classes 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a 1/2 hour lunch break.

Refrigerator available for your lunch.

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CRAFTING DAY
AT
NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY



Members Roxanne and Karen gathered supplies and scheduled a crafting day.

Family pictures were decoupage on tiles for coasters. Tea cups were made into candles.

Family pictures can make wonderful family gifts.

It was a very informative and fun day. Plan on joining us when we schedule another

Thank you, Scott Sedgley Napa's Vice Mayor

Scott took the time to tour our genealogy library this past month.
He was impressed with our abundance of materials and knowledge.
We hope to see you again, Scott, at our facility.

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Researching UK Birth & Death Records

Thanks to "UpFront with NGS" for this tip! On November 21st they announced that the General Register Office (GRO) Online Historic Indexes of births (over a century old) and deaths (up through 1957) are now accessible from the GRO website. These indexes have been created from records which have already been digitized. And so, while it is still possible for patrons in England and Wales to visit the seven supported public libraries or records offices to search microfiche, having indexes online dramatically widens the reach of this important repository. Use of this index is free, but does require registration at this address:

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/Login.asp>

NAPA HIGH SCHOOL
1916 GRADUATES



Class Motto: "Impossible is un-American."

Class Flower: Pink Carnation and Fern.

Class Colors: Pink and Green.

Class Officers:

President: Gladys Murphy

Vice President: Martha Clarke

Secretary: Harry Edgerley

Graduates

Roy Bauer

Mary Lowery

Irene Beyers

Albert Lyons

William Braun

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Martha Clarke

Theresa Massa

Harry Edgerley

Benjamin Michelson

John Farman

Gladys Murphy

Merle Godwin

Samuel Newson

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James Hartley

Edwin Shively

Robert Lange

Lorene Smelser

Albert Lernhart

Letha Thomas

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Due to the high cost of snail mailing our newsletter, this issue will be its last mailing. All future newsletters will be electronically sent to our members and friends.

A limited supply of hard copies of the newsletter will be available at our library.

The newsletter is also available on our website at www.napavalleygenealogy.org.

PROGRAM

**Napa Valley Genealogy Society
January Meeting & Program**

Our Annual Meeting, at which time we elect officers and directors and approve the budget, will take place on January 19, 2017, at 1:30 pm, Napa Senior Activities Center.

Members eligible to vote must be of record and in good standing by November 30, 2016. You will receive a notice either by email or by post.

A program follows, which will be in the form of a webinar, **“Who is that Tick Mark, Using Early Census Records 1840 and back.”**

At this meeting there will be a silent auction of local wintery tours and tastings. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior Center has been reserved between 1 and 4 p.m. only. Please take notice of the location of this important meeting.
1500 Jefferson St., Napa, CA

PROGRAM

**Napa Valley Genealogy Society
February Program**

**FamilySearch.org
Revisited**

This program will be a follow-up to last year’s program that Mary Herzog presented to the society.

It will be a hands-on program, so bring your laptops.

Mary says there are lots of new information and changes with Family Search.

Don’t miss out. Mark it on your calendar.

Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

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