

# WINEPRESS

## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Hours: Tue. Wed. Thur. 10 to 4  
Saturdays: 1st, 2nd & 3rd. 10 to 2  
And by appointment

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Ways & Means: Vacant

### 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

Vacation time is just about over. I hope everyone had a chance to re-search their family lines this summer. This is a busy time for a lot of us with the activity of getting children and grandchildren ready for the coming school days so family research may be put on hold for awhile. Don't fret you will get back to your research and we will be available at our library to help you if needed.

This past month of July our library has seen some out of state visitors on vacation and doing their family research. They were able to discover some valuable links to their families.

It is rewarding to have our library and great volunteers to help with the valuable research materials we have to offer.

This year our annual WineFest and Social will be held at the library on Saturday Sep 23rd. from 4 to 7 pm. Ticket sales are coming in as are the wine donations. We will have 10 baskets for auction plus a donation from Van Windens Nursery and Trader Joe's Market. Mark your calendars so you will not miss this special event.

*Sandy Hoover*  
*NVGS President*

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### Sept 2017

Sept 6, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library. **CANCELLED**

Sept 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.

Sept 9, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

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

Sept 23, (Saturday) **WineFest and Social**, 4 pm at the Napa Genealogy Library

Sept 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

### Oct 2017

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

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

Oct 13, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.

Oct 14, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

Oct 19, (3rd Thurs) Monthly program, “**Obstacles and Barriers**” a panel discussion.  
1:30pm at NVGS Library

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

**WinePress deadline**, Oct 28, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor’s box at library. Email: [sandrahoover@comcast.net](mailto:sandrahoover@comcast.net)

### Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

**Sept. 23, 2017** “**Judy G. Russell: The Legal Genealogist Seminar**” will be held at the California Genealogy Society and Library in Berkley, CA. 9:45 am to 4:00 pm. For more information go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/judy-g-russell-the-legal-genealogist-seminar-registration-33072744469>

**Oct 13-15, 2017** “**Great Canadian Genealogy Summit**” The summit will be held at the historic Lord Nelson Hotel in downtown Halifax. We have a great line up of speakers and topics. Join us for Genealogy Learning, Research Opportunities, Food and best of all Networking! For further information go to: [cangensummit@gmail.com](mailto:cangensummit@gmail.com)

**Mar. 17, 2018** “**Rootcellar 2018 Spring Seminar-Discover Your Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestors**” with the Ulster Historical Foundation. This event will be held at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Fair Oaks, CA. More details will be forthcoming at: [Rootcellar.org](http://Rootcellar.org).



## NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

### California

979.473 B55s

*The Stanford Quad, 1917 & 1918.* University yearbooks

### Family Histories

929.2 B789bc

*Ancestral Lines Third Edition, Carl Boyer Family*

### Germany

943 W38s

*The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, volumes 2,3,4,5*  
These volumes complete the set of 5 at the library.

### Mississippi

762 P28mm

*The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805*

### Missouri

977.885 V25cm

*Howell County Missouri Cemeteries, 1795-1987*

## ON-LINE CATALOGUE

Remember that our library has a completely searchable online catalog. Users may access the search function from their home computers, their smart devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) or from the PC's available in the NVGS library. You can print out a list of the publications you wish to view while you are at the library. Go to: [napavalleygenealogy.org](http://napavalleygenealogy.org). Tab *Library* to reach our library catalogue online.

## Mary's Book Corner



*The Prussian Captain* by Ann Brough is a special book. It is romantic historical fiction with a touch of family saga and class conflict. So, what does it have to do with genealogy? A couple of years ago a woman in Canada contacted the Society looking for help in researching her great grandfather's connection to Napa. As a part of our paid research service I found some deeds, vital records, and newspaper stories about him. She and her husband made a trip to the Bay Area and visited the property which he held in Wild Horse Valley and two other very large parcels in Sonoma County. It was a delight to meet them and share her enthusiasm for the information that I had found. Last fall I received an email from her nephew announcing that his mother, her sister, was finishing up a novel about the family. It is all about the great grandfather, Francis Wrightson, and centers on the story of one of his sons, Edgar (Edward in the book). It is the best kind of historical novel, using all the primary sources; vital records, census returns, deeds, newspaper accounts, wills, and protracted probate proceedings as the foundation of the story. It is fully fleshed out by creating personalities and dialogue. One delight was the thorough research that went into describing how a large well-to-do family would travel between England and Napa in 1877. I was provided a pre-publication eBook but it will go into general release on September 12, 2017.

Be sure to look for it!

*Happy reading,  
Mary*



## Welcome New Members

Name


Surname Searches

Linda Dietiker-Yolo	Dedini, Dietiker, Guest, Jowett, Knapp, May, Mitchell, Price, Yolo
Michael Drew	Crivelli, Partridge, Zeller

IN MEMORY

Cyrus J. Barron


1939-2017



IN MEMORY

Dolores M. Hibbert

1928– 2017



### INK/TONER RECYCLING

Do you recycle your ink and toner cartridges? Do you get money for them? If not, please consider turning them in at membership meetings and we will recycle them at Staples in return for Staples Rewards. Staples will accept all brands of ink and toner cartridges to be recycled. If we turn them in to Staples with the Society's Staples Rewards card, we get points that turn into cash rewards. We can use these to offset our printing costs. It makes a big difference. So please remember us next time you are about to toss that used ink or toner cartridge!

**Sell**

**MEMBERS** please remember to sell your fundraiser tickets.  
This is our only fundraiser for the year.

**Sell**

Sell to your friends, neighbors and family members.

**Sell**

Get your tickets and monies into the library prior to September 23rd.



“A cemetery is a history of people—a perpetual record of yesterday  
and sanctuary of peace and quiet today.  
A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering—always.”  
Author unknown

**PROGRAM**

## Napa Valley Genealogy Society September Program

Our September program is our annual fundraiser and will be held  
Saturday September 23, 2017 at our library.  
4 pm to 7 pm

The festivities will include Refreshments, Silent Auction  
Door Prizes and Gift Baskets

Tickets will be available to purchase  
at the event.

Drawings will start at 6 pm.



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**PROGRAM**

## Napa Valley Genealogy Society October Program

Thursday October 19, 2017

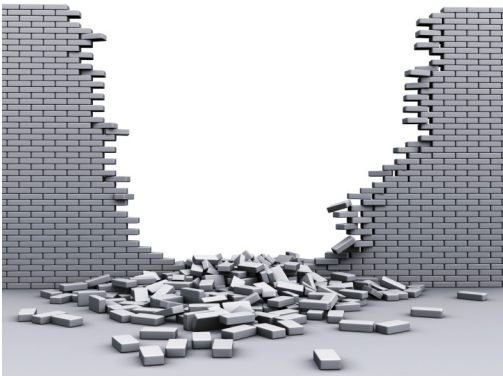
**1:00 pm** Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

Program: "Obstacles and Barriers"

Presenting: A Panel Discussion

Bring your brick walls  
and questions.



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## *Jabber from Janice*

Happy hunting!



Sassy Jane Genealogy ( <https://www.sassyjanegenealogy.com/place-research-tool-for-genealogy-research/>) introduced a new Places tool from Family Search located at this website: <https://familysearch.org/research/places/>

With a large database of useful place related websites, you will be able to find links to GPS-generated maps, variant spellings, and changes to place names over time, timeline and most excitedly links to area research.

From Sassy Jane Genealogy

I first tried a county that had only a history timeline. Next I tried Butler County Ohio and found basic info as to county origin, statistics from last census, sites with info on Butler as well as a map. I chose the option, "Search for Records on this Place at FamilySearch." Then I chose Collections tab after narrowing down my search to a time period in the Search box to narrow. A name can be added also. I also searched for County Cork Ireland. Then I spent an hour searching info. How time flies when we are having fun.

Now the other big news from FamilySearch is that microfilm ordering will be discontinued as they are including nearly all of the images online. "On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. (The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017.) The change is the result of significant progress in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology." From familysearch.org website.

*Janice Cox Brown*  
*jancoxbrown@gmail.com*



We are no longer open on Monday afternoons due to other commitments by our members and the general public.

Mondays seem to be shopping and doctor days.

We want to thank staffer Chris Burditt for trying this afternoon time slot.

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27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

FOOD  
DOOR PRIZES

WINEFEST AND SOCIAL

SILENT  
AUCTION  
SOCIAL

Saturday

SEPT 23, 2017  
4 PM—7 PM

LOCATION: Our Library  
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Drawings will begin at 6:00 pm

There will be door prizes, silent auction and the wine drawing  
for famous Napa Valley Wines.

RSVP to the library at 707-252-2252  
and a \$ 4.00 per person donation requested.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**