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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 YOUR BOARD

The Historical Society returned to the restored Goodman Library at an open house on June 14th. Local organizations participated by providing demonstrations of what they had to offer the public. We shared a booth with the DAR and Colonial Dames. There were several interested parties who stopped by to talk and ask questions. The building looks beautiful with all the repairs done after the earthquake. When you get a chance stop by and check it out.

Our Open House and Ice Cream Social was held on a Sunday afternoon. We had an enjoyable day visiting with new and continuing members. Ice Cream bars (It's It) was a real treat. The libraries scanner was demonstrated, showing how you can preserve your photos and documents.

There will be no program in July. It is Vacation time. We wish everyone a cool and happy summer. If you are traveling and doing family research we hope you can break down those brick walls and find some really good information on your family.

The board has been working on upcoming programs for your enjoyment. If you have an idea for a program please send us your request by email to napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org.

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

July 2018

- July 4, (1st Wed) **4th of July** Happy Holiday, Library closed
July 10, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
July 13, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.
July 14, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.
July 19, (3rd Thurs) Monthly program, *No program this month. Vacation time.*
May 22, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug 2018

- Aug 1, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.
Aug 10, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.
Aug 11, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.
Aug 14, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
Aug 16, (3rd Thurs) Monthly Program, **Finding a DNA Signature**, Presented by Jeffrey Paull
1:00pm at NVGS Library.
Aug 28, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library

WinePress deadline, Aug 27, 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

The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County

Saturday, September 8th, 3:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Family History Fair LDS History Center

220 Elk Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Perfect for the whole family. Colorful displays will spotlight various cultures through photos, journals, artifacts, crafts and costumes. Activities will enhance the experience through food, games, music, dances, skits and storytelling.

Stop by the GSSCC table at this event - Free admission!



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Givogri, Karen S.	Baber, Gilbreath
Ladrigan, Miriam	Bremler, Goldmeyer
<u>McCarn</u> , Nancy W.	Brokaw, Custer, Fetterly, Harland, Wilkes
Weaver, Ellen A	Andreyev, Legsdainis
<u>Wieling</u> , Angelika A.	Luchsinger , Schulze, Stottmeister, Wieling

Mary's Book Corner



Death Finds a Way: A Janie Riley Mystery, (Volume 1)

When I discovered that one of my favorite genealogy bloggers, Lorine McGinnis Schulze, of the Olive Tree Genealogy Blog, was the author of a new series of genealogical mysteries, I had to read it right away. I wasn't disappointed. Janie Riley, an avid genealogist, just happens to stumble on a mystery while researching at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Those of us who manage to get to Salt Lake fairly often immediately know where she is when she goes out the back door of her hotel and turns right down the alley on her way to the library next door. The story moves swiftly with some suspense and a little touch of danger but mostly a lot of clever and meticulous research. The time setting for the novel is not clear but it must have been some years ago because it does seem a little strange that she is always carting her laptop in a wheelie while nowadays most people just slip an iPad into their shoulder bags and they are good to go. I'm really looking forward to reading more books in the series.

Happy reading, Mary



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!

1. Gather all paper/genealogy materials in one place.
2. Sort by surnames.
3. Purchase/Use a genealogical software.
4. Enter all available data-one piece at a time.
5. Place original documents in a binder. Work with copies only.
6. Save—Save—Save. Cloud based or external hard drive or CD or Thumb drive.



Strangers in the Box



Come look with me inside this drawer, in this box I've often seen, at the pictures, black and white, faces proud, still and serene.

I wish I knew the people, these strangers in the box, their names and all their memories are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives are like, how did they spend their days? What about their special times? I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time, to tell who, what, where and when, these faces of my heritage would come to life again.

Could this become the fate of the pictures we take today? The faces and the memories someday to be passed away?

Take time to save your stories, seize the opportunity when it knocks or someday you and yours, could be strangers in the box.



IN MEMORY

Carolyn Smock

1932—2018



IN MEMORY

Geneva McCall Douglass

1919 —2018

PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society
July Program



NO PROGRAM THIS MONTH

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PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society
August Program

Thursday August 16, 2018
1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

**Finding a DNA Signature for John Hart,
signer of the Declaration of Independence "**

Presented by *Jeffrey Paull*

He will explain how he did it and what the signature can be used for in identifying people in the future who also descend from John Hart.

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Jabber from Janice



What do you think?

Certainly you have heard the news about DNA apparently solving the case of the “East Area Rapist”. I lived in the east area of Sacramento during his reign of terror. The family dog who slept outside was now sleeping in the hallway. These events 44 years ago prompted our move to the Napa Valley when we realized it was a topic of concern for our 8 and 10 year old daughters.

According to the Sacramento Bee

Solving this case was a convergence of emerging technology and persistence by detectives. Paul Holes, a recently-retired investigator with the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office, said he used a website called GEDmatch to connect crime-scene DNA with genetic information supplied by one of James Joseph DeAngelo's relatives.

GEDmatch is an "open source" database where individuals try to find lost relatives and well as ancestors by uploading the computer files containing genetic information they have obtained by supplying saliva samples to commercial sites like Ancestry, 23 & me, Family Tree DNA and others. These commercial sites have privacy notices on their sites and charge a fee for their services. HINT: read those privacy notices.

Open Source implies a collaboration, a resource that people can modify and share. It is not a closed, privately owned source or company. Anyone can supply information; anyone can use information.

Private commercial sites analyze the sample and send the customer a snapshot of their ethnic background. They also offer a lengthy computer file packed with genetic data that the customer can request. It's the computer file that customers obtain and then upload to a site like GEDmatch.

Since GEDmatch is not a privately held site, they did not need a search warrant and this is how the detectives were able to find the assistance they needed in arresting the potential East Area Rapist after 44 years. Technology had to get to this point. I am ok with this.

What do you think? Opinions welcome.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY



Alaska

979.8 D29f *Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers. 1850-1950. Volume 2 Alphabetical*

California

979.4 X25mw *The Census of 1790. A Demographic History of Colonial California.*
979.461 H29bh *Font's Complete Diary. A Chronicle of the Founding of San Francisco.*

Family Histories

929.2 B674dk *Boggs Family Genealogy of Napa, Napa, California. Pictures included.*

Massachusetts

974.45 V39ea *Cemetery Inscriptions Prior to 1800 from Beverly, Mass.*

Mayflower

369.124 G326g
SAMSON *Henry Samson of the Mayflower and His descendants for Four Generations*

Missouri

977.8335 V29es *Callaway County, Missouri Marriage Records, 1821 to 1871. Indexed.*

Pennsylvania

974.816 P28m *Abstracts of Berks County Wills, 1752—1785.*
874.811 P29hp *Abstracts of Philadelphia County Wills. 1682-1726. Indexed.*
974.841 V29yr *Marriages and Deaths from The York Recorder. 1821-1830. Indexed.*
974.841 P29db *Index to the Probate Inventories of York County, Pennsylvania. 1749-1850*

USA

973.52 M28pc *Known Military Dead During War of 1812.*
977.8124 X29nm *1880 Nodaway County, Missouri Census. Many names are not on line.*

Virginia

975.5922 H29wj *A History of Rockingham County Virginia. Indexed.*

Incorporating Family Heirlooms into Family Decor.

Grandma's bookcase, your great-grandfather's clock, your aunt's vanity—it's easy to see how family heirlooms can stack up in the attic fast. Clean out the attic by incorporating your family treasures into your home decor. They not only tell your story and history, but they can also compliment your savvy style. From creating a vintage gallery wall to giving an antique heirloom a fresh coat of paint, here are some easy, attainable ways to display your family treasures and incorporate them into your existing spaces.

Find Balance

It's easy to think that heirloom pieces will make your home feel like an old, stuffy museum, but by creating balance between old and new, you can make your old pieces feel at home by complementing them with contemporary furnishings, artwork and accessories. Sometimes it's as simple as adding a stylish potted plant or an abstract painting to warm up a darker, elaborate piece. Other times, putting the piece next to a modern rug is all you need to make it feel less like Grandma's old bookcase and more like a unique vintage find.

Update It

One of the easiest ways to incorporate heirloom furniture is to give it a new life. Older furniture is revered for being impeccably made, so take advantage of having a sturdy piece with added character by giving it a facelift. Update your piece with a bold new paint color or a more modern stain. Chairs can be reupholstered with a chic neutral or a funky pattern to bring them from drab to glam. Giving your piece a modern makeover will not only make it much easier to incorporate into your existing decor, but it will also help you preserve your family history and save the piece from ending up in a landfill.

Incorporate Art

Vintage sketches, landscapes and original paintings can look surprisingly modern when paired together as a gallery wall in contemporary living spaces. Mix up the frames with new and old, and feel free to play with gilded, wood and sleek modern finishes. A few framed family photos are easy additions to an open bookcase and shelving. Finish off the look by adding a few smaller antiques next to a selection of photos for a personal touch.

Give It a New Life

Sometimes heirlooms just don't cut it with your decor or needs. But don't write them off just yet—consider giving them a new life as something else. Old rugs are great examples. Instead of sitting in the basement collecting dust, rugs can be great for reupholstering an ottoman or bench. Not only will they show off a wonderfully inviting patina, they'll be a fantastic boho-chic addition to a living room or bedroom. Any typewriters, record players or old-timey speakers in the attic? Why get rid of them when they can be an industrial decorative accent or a unique coffee table base!

Get Creative with Dinnerware

Silver and china sets are classic heirlooms from the bygone era of formal dining and extravagant dinners. While most of us don't have much use for elaborate sets, they're the perfect opportunity to get creative. Cluster a few pieces on a bookcase for a decorative accent or turn pitchers into flower vases. Antique silver trays are stunningly beautiful and great for grouping collections together in a variety of settings. You can use a tray to accent a bar cart, top off a pouf to create a casual side table or house varying jars of lotions and potions on top of a vanity for a glamorous bathroom addition.

Source:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/10/25/incorporating-family-heirlooms-into-your-decor/>