



# WINEPRESS

## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Hours: Tue. Wed. Thur. 10 to 4  
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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 YOUR BOARD

Thank you to everyone. We are happy to announce that all the tickets for our fundraiser the "Vintage Fashion Show" have been sold. If you were not able to get a ticket we apologize but the room only holds a certain amount.

A lot has been happening at the Society.

Last months program was with Nancy Levenberg talking about the Chinese in our Napa Valley. The program was well attended and very informative. Thank you Nancy for another good program.

The Meadows Retirement Home has a Mystery Tour every month. They came to our library in February and were greeted by many volunteers who showed them the library and our function. We are sure they were surprised with all we do. Thank you Meadows for coming to our facility and checking us out.

Many visitors have been using our facility for their family research. The restricted records from the Family History Library have been very helpful. These records can only be viewed from a Family History Center or an affiliate library such as ours.

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](mailto:napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org).

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### March 2018

Mar 7, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

Mar 9, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.

Mar 10, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, **Cancelled, due to prep for Fashion Show.**

Mar 11, Sunday **Vintage Fashion Show**, 2-4 pm at Native Sons, fundraiser for NVGS.

Mar 13, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Mar 15, ( 3rd Thurs) Monthly program, *In Search of William Wolfskill: Journey to Find the Legacy.*  
1:00pm at NVGS Library

Mar 27, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

### April 2018

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

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

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

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

Apr 19, (3rd Thurs) Monthly program, **TBA**, watch for announcement in your email.  
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

Apr 27, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library

**WinePress deadline**, Apr 26, 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

**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).

**May 2-5, 2018**      “**NGS 2018 Family History Conference, Paths to Your Past**” Conference registration opens 1 December 2017 and the registration brochure will be available a few weeks earlier.

Sign up for the conference blog at <http://nsgsgenealogy.org> so you don't miss any conference announcements.

Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the DeVos Place Convention Center.

Hotel Reservations now open. Go to [www.nsgsgenealogy.org](http://www.nsgsgenealogy.org) for further information.

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## LET'S US KNOW



If you change your E-mail address, phone number or street address let us know.

We have been getting some emails and mail as returned as undeliverable.

## Do you order from Amazon or know people who do?

Do you have Amazon purchases to make? *AmazonSmile* is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Napa Valley Genealogical Society every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at *smile.amazon.com*, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as *Amazon.com*, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the NVGS.

To shop at *AmazonSmile* simply go to *smile.amazon.com* from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.

You may also want to add a bookmark to *smile.amazon.com* to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at *AmazonSmile*.

On your first visit to *AmazonSmile* (*smile.amazon.com*), you need to select the "Napa Valley Genealogical Society in Napa, CA" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at *smile.amazon.com* will result in a donation to our society.

## Mary's Book Corner



### *It's All Relative*

I thoroughly enjoyed "*It's All Relative*" by A.J. Jacobs. It is unlike any other book that I have come across about genealogy and family history research. A.J. Jacobs is a professional writer who likes to pick large projects and then write about them. In this case, he did his DNA and then became fascinated by the idea that we are all related to one degree or another. He came up with a plan for staging a world wide family reunion based on the people who showed up as matches to him. I remember seeing announcements about the reunion held in New York in 2015. The book chronicles how he managed to gather together enough volunteers to put on an event which attracted 3700 people, not counting the ones attending 44 simultaneous reunions around the world. Each chapter in the book is a riff on some facet of the planning or some random thought that flitted through his mind as he researched his own family. Some are light and funny while others are quite profound. Thanks to Sue Ziemski who brought to my attention the squib about this book in VIA magazine. I found a copy in the Napa Public Library.

*Happy reading, Mary*



IN MEMORY

Shirley Hurd Penland

1926 - 2018

### **A Little Family History Humor**

By Kip Sperry

*After many years of working at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and teaching family history at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, I have encountered some humorous family history experiences. Although I am not able to document or verify these events, perhaps some of them will lighten your day. Finding a little humor when researching your ancestors may provide some much needed research relief.*

#### Letter to Libraries

*Librarians often receive humorous letters and telephone requests. A few examples are:*

- “Do you have anything on the Looney family, because I am a Looney too.”
- Would you please send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?”
- “My grandfather died at the age of three.”
- “I am mailing to you my aunt and uncle and three of their children.”
- “I’ve been looking for Grandpa for over twenty years. Do you have him there in your library?”
- “Enclosed please find my grandmother. I have worked on her for over fifty years without success. Now see what you can do.”
- “The wife of Amos Smith could not be found. Someone suggested to me that she might have been stillborn. What do you think?”
- “Do you keep a record of branded cattle? I’m trying to find my grandfather.”
- “Could you please tell me on which row in the library my ancestors are located on?”
- “Dear whoever you are: I would like to know the person who married John Felshaw and Frances Croft. Please send me the person soon.”
- “Please run down the Wheelers and I will send three more dollars.”
- “W are sending you five children in a separate envelope.”
- “Further research will be necessary to eliminate one of the parents.”
- “I would like to find out if I have any living relatives, dead relatives or ancestors in my family.”
- “Please send me everything you have on the Smith family. I want to include it on my Web site.”

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**PROGRAM**

Napa Valley Genealogy Society  
March Program



Thursday March 15, 2018

**1:00 pm** Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

Conchita Marusich will speak about a book she has published called

*In Search of William Wolfskill: Journey to Find the Legacy*

Throughout the book, she includes information that helped her dig deeply into her family's roots and find pieces of her genealogical puzzle.

Page 6 tells more about this book and its California History.

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### March Family History Research Retreat in Salt Lake City

Mark your calendar, save the date, pack your bags, and register today for your seat at the March Family History Library Research Retreat in Salt Lake City, Utah, being held March 12-17, 2018.

This event is being held at the world renowned Family History Library.

Holly T. Hansen and Arlene H. Eakle will be present with hands-on research instruction. You will learn procedures with an expert at your side eight hours a day for a full week.

We will enjoy instruction each morning followed by several hours of personal research guidance in the Library.

<https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/184>

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#### March Program, continued from page 4.

Conchita Marusich will speak about a book she has published called *In Search of William Wolfskill: Journey to Find the Legacy*. William was her great-great-grandfather and a trail blazer over the Santa Fe Trail and the Old Spanish Trail. Famous for his Wolfskill citrus orchards and vineyards, William is recognized as the founder of California's citrus industry and is also seen as an important figure in the growth of California's early wine business.

The book combines two stories. The first part of every chapter is Williams's story, which recounts his amazing life. Conchita spends a whole chapter on his expedition over the Old Spanish Trail which included George Yount, who later founded Yountville. The second part of every chapter tells about her journey of discovery as she and Rich, her husband, retraced William Wolfskill's footsteps. Throughout the book, she includes information that helped her dig deeply into her family's roots and find pieces of her genealogical puzzle.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**STARTS**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2 AM**

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT**



1790

Citizenship required a 2-year residency in the U.S. and one year in the state; the applicant had to be of good character, and the procedure to be performed in a court of record.

## *Jabber from Janice*



### Cloud Computing

In today's world we expect or at least hope to have instant access to our information. One way of doing that is through *Cloud Computing*. We have already been using *Cloud Computing* in our e-mail programs and some of us have used Facebook, Twitter or other social networking applications or stored photos on the internet using Picasa. In this way we have put information on a "hard drive" that is not our own allowing us (and others) to retrieve that information on a cell phone, iPad, your cousin's computer, a library computer or any device connected to the internet with a service provider and logon info. I can go to Starbucks for a latte and log onto my genealogy information on my iPhone using the iPhone app, *Shrubs*. There are many ways to use *Cloud Computing* for genealogy purposes.

Ancestry.com is one of the genealogy online communities using this technology. When you upload your family tree onto Ancestry's site, it is "in the Cloud". Others can access your information (with your permission) and share their research with you. Using Ancestry.com will require you to logon using a username and a password to secure your privacy. Any genealogy website that has you enter or upload information has stored that information in "the Cloud" for others to access. This is what makes those message boards and surname forums on [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) and [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com) so very useful.

I have addressed the use of passwords in past columns but as a reminder, make it difficult for others to determine, use symbols with numbers and letters. The symbol element (& # %) makes it more challenging. Some websites have specific requests for passwords such as number of characters or use of at least one upper case so you will need to follow their guideline.

Most of us use Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) – In this model of cloud computing, the provider provides a platform for your use. For my use, my e-mail is with Google where the platform is provided and the e-mail is stored unless I choose to download it to Microsoft Outlook. At that point it is downloaded off the web onto my laptop.

The concerns are:

Where exactly is the data stored? Who has access? It must be stored in a physical location. Various countries have different laws regarding security and access. Read the agreement offered by your provider. What is the backup plan; not only the providers but your own? Do have your e-mail stored on your computer as well as on the provider site? Do you back up your own data on something other than your laptop? Those cute little USB memory sticks now come in large size storage at a very reasonable price. (Some genealogy programs such as RootsMagic even provide a program that will go on a memory stick and will allow you complete access to all your information; very helpful when visiting a library.)

For more information on Cloud computing, check out these informative sources:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/2012/01/understanding-cloud-computing>  
<http://www.infosecisland.com/blogview/5300-Top-10-Security-Concerns-for-Cloud-Computing.html>

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Repeat from 2012 archives

## PRESERVATION TIME



The recent earthquake and fires has reminded all of us of the need to protect and preserve critical documents and family archives. NVGS has a remedy to assist with this preservation.

“Snapscan” is a quick and simple paper scanner now installed at the NVGS Library.

Get ready to scan and protect those important photos and documents.

The scanner will scan 20 double-sided pages or 40 single-sided pages in under a minute. These can then be converted into PDF format if you wish. The scanner can do both sides at once on all photos and documents. The documents can be either typed or written. To protect paper that is delicate or wrinkled, it can be placed in a transparent sleeve to go through the scanner.

Certain library staff have been trained to assist you during this process.

To Prepare:

- You will need to make an appointment with one of these staff members.
- Bring a memory stick ready to receive your scanned documents and/or photos. You should determine file labels for the items to organize them for easy retrieval. A method to label your files is by Surname, an event or just “unknown photos.” This step can be done at the Library with the help of the staffer if you have a list of the titles you would like to use.
- Remove all staples, paper clips and any other foreign object from the photos or documents.
- Heavier photos on cardboard will need to be copied to paper before they can be scanned. This can be done on a flat-bed scanner which is available at the library.

With your photos and documents stored on a memory stick you can then view, print or read them on a computer. You can also copy the items to another memory stick to be stored in a safe deposit box or given to someone to be maintained safely.

The cost for this service will be a flat rate of \$30.00 for a half hour of staff time.



LET'S BE PREPARED