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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

We at the Genealogy society hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Whether you have been researching your family history or just enjoying the summer. With the arrival of fall it is a good time to continue with those difficult areas on your tree. Reminder: the library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am-4pm with staff members available to offer assistance.

Winter is right around the corner with the holidays approaching and all the hustle and bustle that goes with the holidays. So watch for our exciting programs scheduled throughout this season.

Our August program on DNA Signature with Jeff Paul was a very informative discussion on DNA research, how to read our results and what to do next. Thank you Jeff for a wonderful presentation. Plus the society gave out Root Beer Floats to all attendees. Many thanks to member Lanita Stillwell for organizing those wonderful Floats.

Our September program has been planned to provide ideas to use your photos and other memorabilia. We are having a show and tell, hands on crafting day, at the library. There will be displays and examples of different ways to preserve or display family history. There will be information on resources available. The Society has purchased a limited amount of preservation supplies that will be available for purchase.

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Sep 2018

Sep 5, (1st Wed) Genealogy Software Group, 1pm NVGS Library. **CANCELLED DUE TO LABOR Day Week.**

Sep 11, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Sep 14, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.

Sep 15, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

Sep 20, (3rd Thurs) Monthly program, **Craft Show What to do with all that Memorabilia**.
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

Sep 25, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Oct 2018

Oct 3, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

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

Oct 12, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.

Oct 13, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

Oct 18, (3rd Thurs) Monthly Program, **Pioneer Certificates, DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames**
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

Oct 23, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library

WinePress deadline, Oct 29, 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

NEHGS is Coming To Oakland!

The Great Migration: Researching 17th Century New England

Learn about early settlement in New England from two of the topic's top experts: Robert Charles Anderson FASG, Director of the Great Migration Study Project, and Christopher C. Child, Senior Genealogist at the Newbury Press and Editor of The Mayflower Descendant.

Presented in partnership with The New England Historic Genealogical Society

at the Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel, 1 Hegenberger Avenue, Oakland,

on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Information and Registration, <https://my.americanancestors.org/single/eventDetail.aspx?p=641>



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Cole, Rohn	Miller, Stanley
Georgette, Linda	Irvine, Robinette, Shoup, Standish, Stoke Tripp,
Hirsch, Lenore	Kahn, Fribourg, Stoff

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019



Goodwill Bag Ladies Fashion Show, our fundraiser will be held on March 10th at the Elks Club. Stay tuned for more information.

Mary's Book Corner

To The Grave

By Steve Robinson



I'm pleased to have found another series of genealogical mysteries; Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mysteries. Steve Robinson, the author, knows his way around genealogical research in England and a researcher can actually find good ideas about finding family history there. His quest in *To The Grave* is entertaining with lots of twists and turns but I wish the body count was a bit lower. The thriller parts of his plot don't really add much to the story in my opinion. I suppose the fact that he was a crime writer first makes it second nature to him. I requested this book through the new service at the County Library, called Link+, which gives us access to books from their network of libraries throughout California.

Happy reading, Mary



**Keep those plastic bottles and tin cans coming,
all those refunds go to the NVGS fund raising account.**

PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society
September Program

Thursday September 20, 2018
1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



What do you do with all that Family history, Memorabilia and Photos.

Join us in a show and tell and learn how our members preserve their collections.

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October Program

Thursday October 18, 2018
1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



What, Why and Applications

Pioneer Certificates, DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames

Questions and Answers

Join us for a hands on demonstration.

November program we will be covering the
Mayflower Society

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Jabber from Janice



You may not have checked these websites in a while. Many new digitized records and information have been added. **Hint:** if you find something useful, be sure to bookmark it in a Genealogy folder in your browser.

- Free genealogy forms: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms> also at <https://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/>
- Major genealogy index: <https://www.cyndislist.com/> Very large site with leads to all things genealogy. I especially like the location links under the category “United States”, then State, then County for sources of records. Also the Societies and Groups is useful.
- Paid site or free at local library and the NVGS: <https://www.ancestry.com/> More records than ever on Ancestry. **Tip;** Go to Search then choose Card Catalog to use a focused search. You can choose books or databases specifically. This works much better than a general search.
- LDS Family Search is a site full of good stuff...free but log in to get the most information: <https://www.familysearch.org/>
- Free U.S. research: <http://usgenweb.org/>
- United States Digital Maps: <http://usgwarchives.net/maps/> There is a 1908 map of Napa with the old Rancho information.
- Site at our own National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>. This opens to the Research for Genealogists page.
- Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/> Many digital collections for your research.

California Research

- California State Archives: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/family-history-resources/> Even has prison records, not that I expect your family to be on them.
- California Newspapers <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc> Ongoing project, not all counties have been digitized.
- Online Archive of California has many digitized records. Go to Browse the Collection (the eye means it is an online item) <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>

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NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY



California

O 979.463 H29hs *Illustrations of Contra Costa Co. CA with historical Sketch*
979.419 H29ces *Wilson's Inn Atlas, California. A Napa County Watering Place. Indexed*

Family Histories

929.2 S935 Stur *A History of the Sturgill Family*

Kentucky

976.9 B39me *Early Kentucky Newspapers*

Nova Scotia

971.63 H29cs *Planters and Grantees of Cobequid, Nova Scotia, 1761-1780. Alphabetized*

Ohio

977.1535 V28mm *Abstracts of Notices from the Delaware Gazette, Delaware, Ohio, 1821-1874*

Pennsylvania

974.813 P29jm *Wills of Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1766-1778. Indexed*

Utah

979.227 H29mh *My Farmington, A History of Farmington Utah, 1847-1976. Indexed, with Pictures & families.*

Virginia

975.585 V28de *Rockbridge County Marriages, 1778-1850. Alphabetized*
975.585 V29dk *Rockbridge County Births, 1853-1877. V. 1 & 2. Alphabetized*
975.583 V25vj *Botetourt County Marriages, 1770-1858. V. 1 & 2. Alphabetized*

West Virginia

975.478 V39mc *Cemeteries of Monroe County West Virginia. Indexed*
975.488 R49sl *Greenbrier County West Virginia Records. Indexed*
975.5 V28pw *Virginia /West Virginia Husbands and Wives. Indexed*
975.478 H29mo *History of Monroe County West 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/>