



# WINEPRESS

## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NVGS Library 707-252-2252  
1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA 94558-4725

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

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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

#### Happy New Year

As we begin a new decade, the new term for Officers and the Board of Directors will begin at our January meeting/program. As you will notice we are short in some of our positions. (see left panel) If you would like to volunteer for any of these open positions for our society please contact our President, Sandra Hoover or anyone presently on the board.



**Save the Date! Sunday March 15, 2020** NVGS presents a Vintage Fashion Show. Doors open at 12:00pm noon at the Elks Club, 2840 Soscol Ave. Napa, CA. Tickets are available on -line and at the library at 1701 Menlo Ave. for \$50.00 each. This event will be a catered luncheon with champagne. (optional), and other beverages will be available. Luncheon is a three course meal. Choices are Rosemary Baked Chicken or Baked Salmon w/ Lemon herb sauce or a vegetarian plate. Select your choice of Entrée when you purchase your ticket. We will have a silent auction where there will be quilt items and baskets with goodies.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE  
Credit Card Online: <https://napavintagefashion.brownpapertickets.com>  
In person: Napa Valley Genealogical Society, 1701 Menlo Avenue,  
Napa, CA 94558  
Questions (leave message): 707-255-1959

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### Jan. 2020

Jan 1, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, **Cancelled due to Holiday**

Jan 10, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.

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

Jan 15, (3rd Wed) **Irish Interest Group**, 1pm at NVGS Library.

Jan 16, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program, Meeting/Program** Board installation and social  
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

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

### Feb. 2020

Feb 5, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

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

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

Feb 19, (3rd Wed) **Irish Interest Group**, 1pm at NVGS Library.

Feb 20, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program, IMAGING presented by Don Silverick**  
1:00pm at NVGS Library

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

**WinePress deadline**, Feb 25, 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

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Root Cellar– **Sacramento Genealogical Society 2020 Spring Seminar presents:  
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS**

Josh Taylor, President of the new York Genealogical and Historical Society, Co-Host on the PBS “Genealogy Roadshow” Series, started researching his family history when he was 10 years old. Josh, an experienced International Speaker, has stated that Genealogy Societies are the “most underutilized genealogy tool”

Topics for the 2020 seminar are:

**Bridging the Gap:** Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1789 and 1840.

**Online Resources for Colonial America:** Help to break through your brick walls.

**Beyond Belief:** The Wealth of Information in Genealogical and Historical Societies.

**Online Library Catalogs:** A genealogist Best Kept Secret.

Seminar registration will open in January 2020. [www.Rootcellar.org](http://www.Rootcellar.org)



## Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Patricia Ruegg Parker	Bennett, Buck, Pfof, Ruegg

The end of year donations are still coming in and we wish to thank all of you for your donations to our Society. Every bit helps us to keep our doors open and provide ongoing research and assistance with your family research.

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

### Mary's Book Corner



#### Review of The Census Book - a new Library acquisition 929.1 X25dw

William Dollarhide has done it again. After twenty years he has completely revised his reference book on the US Census to reflect how we do research in the internet age. This book has almost everything that you ever wanted to know about census records; Why, How, What, and Where you can find them today. Information on Non-Population Schedules (Agriculture, Mortality, Industry/Manufactures, Slave, Social Statistics) provide insight into additional resources. He even includes a table of censuses taken by individual States between 1884-1896, which can serve as partial substitutes for the lost 1890 census. It is disappointing that he did not include State censuses which were taken before and after those dates. Here is a link to an online list:

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other\\_resources/state\\_censuses.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html)

*Happy reading, Mary*

**PROGRAM**

Napa Valley Genealogy Society  
January Program

Thursday January 16, 2020

1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

**Election of Officers  
and reviewing The Yearly Budget**

**Following the business meeting will be a social.**

**Meet your board members and new members and a great thank you to all our  
Volunteers.**

**Genealogy questions and help will be available**

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**PROGRAM**

Napa Valley Genealogy Society  
February Program

Thursday February 20, 2020

1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



**IMAGING**

Presented by Don Silverick

Further information to follow

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## ***Jabber from Janice***



Two articles both on FamilySearch which is quickly matching Ancestry for information and is free.

### First One:

I found some newly digitized databases on FamilySearch.org and I want you to find something also. “Collections” option is new to me and maybe you also.

1. Go to FamilySearch.org. At the home screen, hit the “Search” in center of top menu.
2. You will now be on the general “Search Historical Records” page. Scroll down to “Find a Collection” and choose the “Browse the Collections” link below. Click on it to see all the many collections. (You can also use the map to locate an area.)
3. If you went to “Browse” screen, on the left you are able to narrow down your browsing by different topics. (I choose United States, then Ohio and browsed the various choices until I found one of interest. I then entered my ancestors surname and up popped a list of entries.) You can narrow it down as you wish. It even made general allowances for slightly different spellings.

This huge collection is in process of scanning and indexing for online use so if you find one that can only be used in book form, keep checking back. Many volunteers are working on this monumental project with new databases added often. Thank a volunteer next time you see one, they are amazing!

### Second One:

I am having a difficult time finding some of those great archives and genealogy sites that were so useful in the past. Locations on the web have moved, organization changed their name or disbanded, site is no longer maintained due to loss in volunteer help. Not to be deterred, I again turned to FamilySearch. This time using their Wiki site for at <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/>

If you are new to Wiki, you can check out the guide by scrolling to bottom of screen. I chose to just jump in and clicked on the graphics. First North America, then United States, then the state, then, lo and behold, a wonderful map of counties. I clicked on one. I then found after reading on the county formation that it was created from other counties, I clicked on those counties. Wow, I found some info on my early pioneer family in Indiana when it was still Indian Territory.

This is not a task to be taken lightly, I am still in my jammies working on Wiki info. It is so rewarding when I find a link to a library, historical society or genealogy society. All three usually have volunteers willing to do lookups. Of course, we, as genealogists, always send a donation for their time which usually goes to their society or library fund.

*Janice Cox Brown*

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# VINTAGE FASHION SHOW

Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Noon to 3 pm

Napa Elks Lodge  
2840 Soscol Avenue

Tickets: \$50  
Includes luncheon and  
champagne  
Silent Auction

“100 Years of Vintage Fashion” is an entertaining and informative show featuring an outstanding collection of museum-quality vintage clothing. Ballgowns, day dresses, wedding gowns, lingerie, wool bathing suits and men’s clothing are set off by vintage accessories including furs, shoes and hats. A notable collection of Worth gowns also will be presented.

All proceeds benefit the Napa Valley Genealogical Society and  
Goodwill of the Greater East Bay.

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## **CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!!!!**

**We are accepting donations of champagne and or sparkling cider to be served at the Fashion Show in March. Please bring your donations to the library during open hours.**

**Last year the Silent Auction was very successful and we hope to meet that goal again this year. We are asking members to donate themed baskets or items for the auction tables.**

**To facilitate planning this major fund raising event it would be helpful to make your donations as early as possible.**

**Contact Sue Ziemski at the following telephone # 707-255-1959. LEAVE A MESSAGE with your phone number and she will return your phone call.**