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NEWSLETTER

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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

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.

Purchase tickets now call the society at (707) 252-2252

Recently the library received the donation of a new printer. Ruth will be installing this in the near future. Hopefully this will solve the issues we have been having with the printer.

The clean up in the McGuire room continues. The special collections which is housed in that room are being critiqued and organized. These books can be accessed with staff assistance. In the card catalogue these books are designated with an "S" before the Dewey number.

FASHION SHOW 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.

March 2020

Mar 4, (1st Wed) **Library Committee Meeting**, 12pm NVGS Library

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

Mar 13, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.

Mar 18, (3rd Wed) **Irish Interest Group**, 1pm at NVGS Library.

Mar 19, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program, "African American History"** in our community.
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

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

April 2020

Apr 1, (1st Wed) **Library Committee Meeting**, 12pm NVGS Library.

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

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

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

Apr 16, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program, "400th Anniversary of the Mayflower"**
1:00pm at NVGS Library

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

WinePress deadline, Apr 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

Friday, March 6, 2020 Napa Valley Genealogy Society hosts the Senior Activity Center of Napa. Time: 9am to 11am. Tour the library, start a family tree, check online your family names, all this and more will be available. Volunteers will be there to assist you.

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 under-utilized genealogy tool"

Topics for the 2020 seminar are:

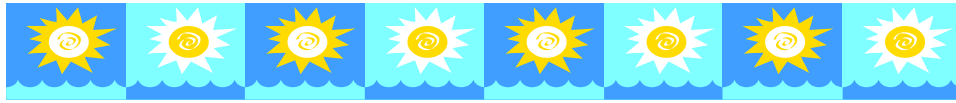
Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1789 and 1840.

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.

To registration for the seminar go to www.Rootcellar.org



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Myrna L. Baldwin	None given
Dan Darling	None given
Jeanette Flowers	Bates, Bean, Chevalier, Dodge, Doty, Flowers, Gifford, Gilmore, Guillemin, Landrus, Roesbery
Marti Al. Schumacher	Boren, Fischer, Hewitt, Morris, Schumacher, Wilson

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

Mary's Book Corner



A Family Apart - Sleuthing the Mysteries of Abandonment, Adoption, and DNA

A Memoir by Craig A. Steffen

This is an incredible book. Although published six years ago when personal DNA research was in its infancy, it is a must read for genealogists and especially those who are trying to solve mysteries around adoption.

Steffen tells the story of his less than ideal childhood in a nuanced manner, seeking to understand the various adults in his life rather than trying to blame them. He is tenacious in his search for his birth family and uses all the tools of good research and DNA available at the time.

The book is available on the Member's Loan Shelf—check it out.

Happy reading, Mary

PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society March Program

Thursday March 19, 2020

1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



Sharon McGriff Payne

Woman of the year award in 2018

Sharon is recognized for her work to tell untold stories of African American History.

She has made telling these stories her life's work, researching and writing about the rich history in our community.

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PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society April Program

Thursday April 16, 2020

1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



400th Anniversary of the Mayflower

Presented by members Mark and Sally Perkins

Please join us for this Historical Remembrance.

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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.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

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Close up picture of the handmade Quilt that will be raffled at the
Vintage Fashion Show on March 15th. 2020

This quilt pattern is a variation of the Postage Stamp pattern called "Around the World." It has a saw tooth edging. It is a pattern that was popular in early 20th century. Particularly in the 30's. These squares are very small.

The squares are 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch. There are approximately 5,776 squares to make up this quilt. Can you imagine stitching together all those tiny squares and by hand? The quilt measures about 64 inches by 67 inches. The quilt covers a queen bed and hangs over a twin or double bed.

Tickets for this raffle are available at the Napa Valley Genealogy Society and will be available at the fashion show on the day of the event.

Tickets are 1 for \$ 5.00 or 3 for \$ 10.00

Do not need to be present to win

Maynard Bibles

While volunteering at the Genealogy library one Wednesday afternoon, our librarian Sandy handed me a bible. She asked me if I thought it was something that should be part of the library's collection. The Bible had been donated by a man who goes to yard sales, he looks out for items that the Genealogy library might have an interest in.

I looked it over and thought it should find a home with someone who was related to Timothy Lamb who is recorded as having owned the bible in 1772. It records births, marriages and deaths for many family members. Births were listed on the first page, the handwriting was very much the same for the top part of the page. That leaves me to believe that that part was written at the same time. Further down on the page were added in a different handwriting, William Maynard indicating that the bible had changed hands in 1894 next was written Ida Maynard's bible 1925. The Bible had been passed down from son to son then to a daughter who married a Maynard.

I was able to check on Ancestry and found many trees. The family had lived in Connecticut and then I found part of the family that had settled in Napa county.

The next week when I came to the library to volunteer, there was another bible. This one was different, it was the Maynard family but it started with the part of the family that had lived in Napa. It had wonderful photos. None of the photos had the names of the people but some had the photographers information on the back.

The first one was of a man and woman, the second had three children and on the back side was the photographers, Sutterley Bros., Photography Napa City, Cal. I deduced that the couple were William Maynard and his wife Adelia Lamb. The children's ages matched for the couples first three children. I found a picture of the daughter at an ancestry tree and I was confident enough to say that it was the same person. The other photos are harder to match. If I had to guess I would say that they are the couple's parents and possibly great grandparents. Two of the older photos were tintypes making them before the Civil war, they are very old.

I told Sandy that I had found a tree at Ancestry and the home person was a close match to the Maynard family. I asked her, if the owner of the tree was interested should we offer her the Bible . Sandy said to go ahead and make contact.

My first email sounded a little cryptic. I said the library had received a donation regarding your family. If you are interested let me know. I wanted to keep it short, I never know if people will respond to requests at Ancestry. She responded that she was interested and that she drove past Napa once in awhile on her way to Santa Rosa. She hopped to make it down before the end of the year. It was January 4, 2020 when she made it to Napa. We exchanged phone numbers and made a date and time to meet at the genealogy library.

Her family had been vacationing in Sonoma County and were on their way back to Nevada. She arrived with her husband and son right at the designated time. She was thrilled to have the bibles and thanked me.

I feel that the bibles will have a good home with her and maybe she will be able to pass them down to her son.

NVGS member and volunteer Bobbie Mattila

14 January 2020

1984: A Very Good Year for Our Society

In George Orwell's famous futuristic novel, 1984 was an ominous year, a time of stunted growth and creativity. For the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1984 was a year full of earnest work and joyful celebration. Here are some highlights from that auspicious year taken from the Society Archives, now located in a series of binders shelved in the Main Library Room.

May 1984

The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society (NVGBS) hosted the National Genealogical Society's three-day annual conference at the historic Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Napa Valley Society members staffed the registration booth and organized a welcoming reception with Mayor Bob Pelusi serving as host. Sandi Ogle, past-president of NVGBS, chaired the local arrangements committee charged with managing logistics and planning an optional wine tour in Napa Valley.

In recognition of the contributions made by NVGBS members to the success of the conference, the National Genealogical Society presented Napa president Tom Wakeman with a certificate that hangs near the copy machine in the library's Book Room. A complete photo record of the conference, including images of participating members from Napa, can be found in a binder on the Society Archives shelf.

June 1984

NVGBS staged its first fashion show fundraiser, "Tracing Your Roots through Fashion," at the Holiday Inn of Napa. As we prepare for our upcoming fashion show nearly 36 years later, we can thank our Society's early members for their foresight and hard work in establishing this tradition.

July 1984

Society members celebrated the organization's 10th anniversary with a picnic, awards meeting, and lecture at a private home in Alta Heights. Membership had grown to over 250 members.

Note: Future editions of the **Wine Press** will feature other milestones and inspirational moments from our Society's history. Feel free to check out the Society Archives shelf in the Main Library Room.

The above article was researched and compiled by member Mark Perkins.

When you are at the library make sure you look at the Societies Archives they are really interesting and have many pictures of our past activities and members.

[Next page is a picture of some of the past members.](#)



Marian McGuire, Virginia Wakeman, Sandra Ogle, Tom Wakeman, & ?

Who is the person to the left of Tom Wakeman ?

If you know please tell us. And if there is a wrong name above tell us that also.

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