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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

**The Library hours: Open every Wednesday from 10-1 and on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10-1.
Staff Personal can assist you with your research.**

UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

"In keeping with current county and state guidelines, masking inside the library is no longer required. Masking for unvaccinated persons is strongly recommended."

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"NEHGS"

**Presentation from
American Ancestors**

www.napagensoc.org

July 21, 2022

1pm

NVGS

Pre-Recorded

Virtual Program

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 2022

July 4, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “4th of July Celebrations”** 11:00am Zoom

July (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

July (2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

July 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

July 21, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “NEHGS American Ancestors, Pre-recorded program ”**
"Zoom Presentation" 1:00 pm

Aug 2022

Aug 1, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Are you among the MAD Genealogists”**
by **Joan Harris** 11:00am Zoom

Aug (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

Aug 12, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Aug(2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Aug18, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “I Finally Found Frank”** by members Sandy & Sue
"Zoom Meeting, 1:00 pm - Brief announcements and discussion precede presentation"

WinePress deadline. Articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, due 26th of each month,

E-mail articles to: info@napagensoc.org In subject line state: Newsletter item.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

First Monday of each Month—at 11:00am

“NVGS Round Table Discussion Group”

There is a different subject each month. This is a Zoom meeting for members only.
A reminder will be sent out before each meeting.

Thursday July 7, 2022 “Methodology & Thorough Research to Uncover a Family Secret”

Presented by the Vallejo-Benicia Genealogical Society. Non-Members: If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to President@gsvb.org to request a Zoom invitation. 1:30 PM
For more information go to <https://gsvb.org>.

July 21, 2022 Thursday at 1:00pm. “New England Historic Genealogical Society”

NVGS will present a zoon program form American Ancestors, this is a free webinar for *members only*. No registration is necessary.

A Reminder

Did you miss our speaker last month? If so, you may view the recording now on our new website, as you sign in as a member. napagensoc.org/Program-Videos

These recordings will be available for only a limited time.



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Susan Ingersoll

Gillan/Gillen, Maguire/McGuire

FREE!

MEMBERS ONLY

FREE!

JULY 6, 2022 is **FREE** Day at the Napa Valley Genealogy Society Library
Come to the Library at 1701 Menlo Ave, Napa, CA on Wednesday July 6, 2022 from 11 to noon.

For one hour we will have a free table, pick as many as you would like.

Books, History, How to, more Books, Maps, Etc.

Membership Cards

If you would like to print your membership card,
follow these steps:

1. Put card stock or a heavy sheet of paper in your printer.
2. Log in to the website. (napagensoc.org)
3. Click on your name (right hand upper corner) to go to your profile.
4. Click on the **Membership Tab**.
5. Click on the **Printable PDF**. It will download to your download folder.
6. Print and cut it out – there will be two printed, one with square corners and one with rounder corners.

MEMBER BENEFITS - TOURS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

New members (or any member wishing a refresher) can request a **library tour** with an experienced staff member. Submit tour requests by email - info@napagensoc.org - or by leaving a message on the library phone, 707-252-2252.

The **Writing Group** has resumed meeting at the library on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. See napagensoc.org and click Meetings and Interest Groups for details.

The **Roundtable Discussion Group** meets monthly via Zoom on the first Monday at 11:00 am. NVGS volunteers lead informal discussions on genealogy topics of interest.

Special Interest Groups are open to NVGS members only.

Mary's Book Corner



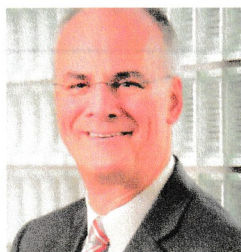
"The Foundlings"

By Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Nathan Dylan Goodwin has done it again! *The Foundlings* is #9 in the Forensic Genealogist Series and this time Morton Farrier is working to find the biological mother of three women, abandoned as babies, who share DNA. One of them he has identified as his own half aunt. It is an intriguing story with lots of twists and turns and is full of recognizable places in England. Genealogists continue to love the clear explanations of where to find relevant records and how to analyze them.

Happy reading, Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS continued 2022



Saturday

13 Aug 2022 10:00am-12:30pm Location: Virtual Webinar on Zoom

Come and learn from Curt Witcher, Director of Special Collection at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, In., how to use the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center and then how to use Periodical Literature.

Session 1: Effective Use of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

Providing a detailed description of the holdings of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, this lecture folds research methodology into an exploration of the resources of the nation's second largest genealogical research facility. Consideration is given not only to materials available for research on-site but also to how researchers can access data about the collection remotely.

Session 2: Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research

Extremely significant quantities of family and local history data are published in the newsletters, journals, quarterlies, and magazines of the world's historical and genealogical societies. Yet, so many genealogists leave periodical literature untouched when conducting their research and investigating secondary sources of data. This lecture identifies the major types of periodical literature, what indices are available and how they can be most effectively used, and where one can find specific publications. Special attention is given to the Periodical Source Index as the largest and most comprehensive subject index in the genealogical field.

Further information contact San Diego Genealogy Society, web site: [SDGS @ att.net](mailto:SDGS@att.net)

Saturday, July 16, 2022

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society

presents

Tristan L. Tolman, AG



**“Reading between the Lines:
Using Indirect Evidence to Help Solve Difficult
Research Problems”**

Learning to use indirect evidence can help you solve tough research problems and become a much better genealogist. In this presentation, Tristan will share case studies in which indirect evidence was the key to solving the case.

Tristan L. Tolman, AG is a professional genealogist, author, editor, and publisher. She has a bachelor's degree in Family History and Genealogy from Brigham Young University and is accredited in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic States through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen).

*She loves working with clients and specializes in U.S. genealogical research, writing personal and family histories, and preparing genealogical information for publication. She currently serves as president of the Utah Genealogical Association, and she is the lead genealogist for the award-winning television series, *Relative Race*.*

For more information go to <https://scgsonline.org>

PUBLICATION NEWS

American Ancestors and NGS Magazine

There are two national associations that publish quarterly magazines covering many topics of interest to researchers. One is *American Ancestors* by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The other is the *NGS Magazine* published by the National Genealogical Society.

Some current articles of interest include from *American Ancestors*: "Using DNA to Identify My Grandmother's Mother", "A Clubwoman's Letters: Middle-Class Feminism in the Early 1900's", "A Glimpse into the Early Life of Pilgrim Sara (Reader) Cushman from Lenham, Kent, 1585-1616", and "Exploring Our Digital Records from Home".

Also from the *NGS Magazine* there are articles about Germanic family history research, identities of transported convicts, the accuracy of online family trees, almshouse records, Federal bankruptcy records and records of old soldiers' homes.

The Napa Valley Genealogical library receives both of these publications. The most current issues are kept on the desk near the computers. When you are in the library take a look to see what you may find that could assist your research.

The library is currently open on Wednesdays and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.



Mare Island Cemetery

In 2021 a group of volunteers completed the restoration and documentation of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery located at the south end of Mare Island.

This is the oldest military cemetery on the West Coast and encompasses military burial from 1856 to 1921. The Mare Island Shipyard was closed in 1996 and the cemetery was abandoned.

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society has received a copy of the publication produced at the end of the restoration. There are approximately 900 burials in the cemetery and all have been restored and tombstones replaced based on the burial records. The publication includes photographs of the tombstones and monuments as well as other photographs. But perhaps the greatest value is in the research completed on each burial with historical details of service and descriptions of the circumstances of the death as well as the detailed location of each grave. At the end of the volume there is some history of events at the cemetery since the closure of Mare Island. The publication is indexed making it much easier to research this site.

The volume is in the Library and available for research. Look it up when you are visiting the Library.

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“I FINALLY FOUND FRANK”

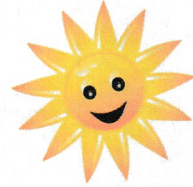


We attended the National Genealogical Society Conference
in Sacramento, CA

After many years of trying to find Frank, member Sue Ziemski
finally found Frank.

What a glorious day that was.

Join us to find out how she did it and what else we
Discovered when we attended this conference.



Zoom meeting on August 18, 2022 at 1:00pm

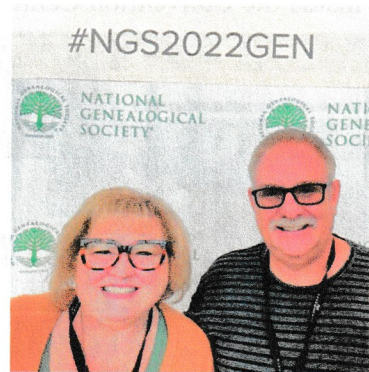
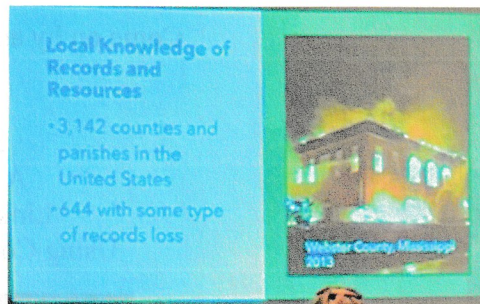


Shari Byrnes &
Sandy Hoover



Sue
Ziemski

3,142 counties and parishes in the
United States.
644 with some type of records loss.



Friends from Reno
Tricia & Greg Bishop



REMEMBER “Napa Valley Genealogical Society” when you shop at Amazon.com

Log onto smile.amazon.com

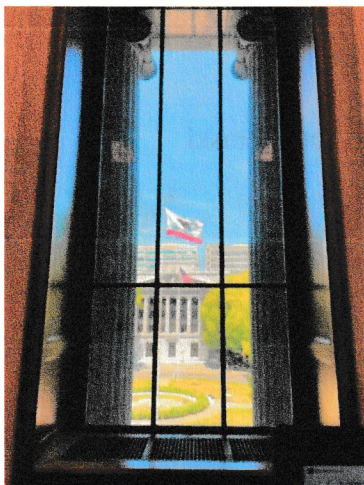
Click Supporting on the top bar,

to register *Napa Valley Genealogical Society* as your current charity.

Then shop to your heart’s content!

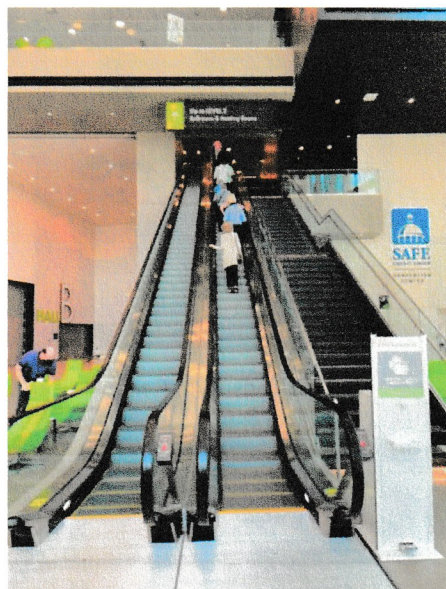
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**Pictures from the NGS Conference
Sacramento, CA May 24-28, 2022**

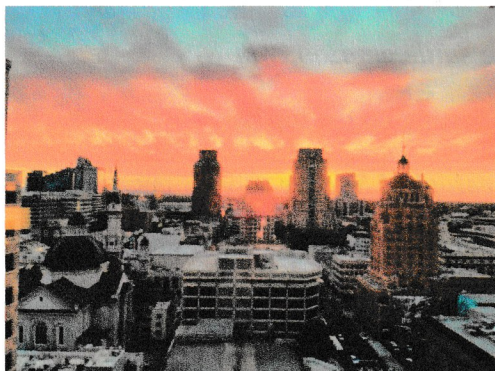


State Capitol

Up the Escalator
Inside the Convention Center



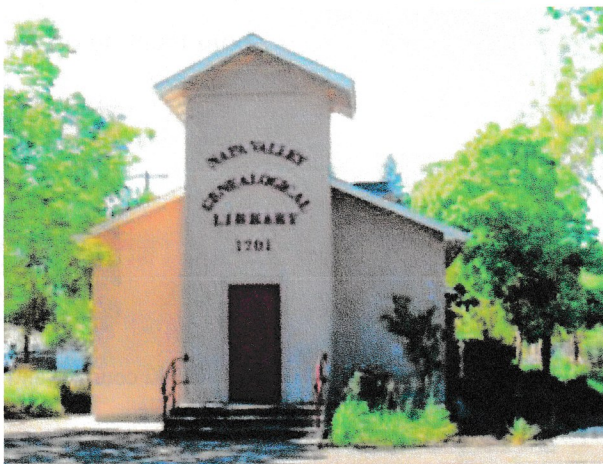
Sacramento skyline from the 18th floor
looking west.



NGS 2022 Family History Conference

I have the **most liked photo**
in the Whoava Photo Contest
at NGS 2022 Family History
Conference!

Ranked
1



Come on by and see what's inside.

Judy Russell
A great speaker..
"Linking Generations"
Using Court and Land Records

