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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

We welcome our new board member, Jennifer Roodzant. As of the January Installation, Jennifer is our new Secretary for the Society. Jennifer is studying to become a Certified Genealogist. Way to go Jennifer.

(Our outgoing Secretary, Christine Dunn, is taking time off to enjoy other adventures. Read more on page 6 about Christine.)

**The Library is now OPEN on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10-1.  
Need Assistance, ask the Staff Personal.**

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### "A Genetic Genealogy Success Story"

**By Susan Wight**

[www.napagensoc.org](http://www.napagensoc.org)

**March 17, 2022**

**1pm**

**NVGS**

**Virtual Program**

More Info on page 7.

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Mar 2022

Mar 7, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: "Finding Research Clues in Old Photos"**  
11:00am Zoom

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

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

Mar 11, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Mar 17, (3rd Thurs) **Program: "A Genetic Genealogy Success Story"** by Susan Wight.

Zoom Meeting 1:00pm - Announcements and Discussion; 1:30pm - Program Starts

### Apr 2022

Apr 4, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: "1950 Census"** 11:00am Zoom

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

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

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

Apr 21, (3rd Thurs) **Program: "A Rose by Any Other Name"** by Madeline Yanov.

Zoom Meeting. 1:00pm - Announcements and Discussion; 1:30pm - Program Starts

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

E-mail articles to: [info@napagensoc.org](mailto: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.

### **May 25-28, 2022 "NGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE"**

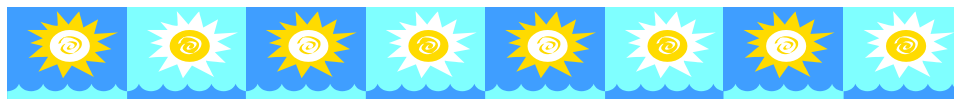
In May 2022 the national genealogy conference sponsored by the National Genealogy Society will be held in Sacramento, California. The theme this year is "Our American Mosaic" with numerous workshops that will be offered. In addition, there will be special events and tours in and around Sacramento.

Details about the conference is available on the website at:  
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

### **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](https://napagensoc.org/Program-Videos)

These recordings will be available for only a limited time.



## Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Cheri Bailly-Jacobs

None Listed

Matthew Towner

None Listed

### NEW MEMBERS MAY SCHEDULE A LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Email to: [research@napagensoc.org](mailto:research@napagensoc.org) or call 707-252-2252

### Last months program was **"Every Home Has A Story"**

Member Karen Burzdak says there are many steps when doing a house genealogy. If members would like help on the specifics, contact her at [research@napagensoc.org](mailto:research@napagensoc.org).

We thank Kathy Nielsen for a wonderful program.

### SAFETY MEASURES AT THE LIBRARY

While we are delighted to welcome you back to the library, your safety is our primary concern. The following guidelines have been established for visitors coming to research or to attend a Special Interest Group:

- Every person must wear a mask, indoors.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front desk.
- Disinfectant spray and wipes is provided to clean equipment before and after use.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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



### *"Picture Them Dead"*

by Brynn Bonner

Brynn Bonner's third and fourth books in her series called *A Family History Mystery*. In *Picture Them Dead* her main characters continue to develop and grow while she introduces some more fascinating people. As usual there is a twist in the end.

Her last book, *Dead in a Flash* did not fail to deliver her usual good story with great characters and a surprise at the end. I thought I had it all figured out but I was wrong.

I'm sorry the series ended because I would really like to spend more time with these people.

*Happy reading, Mary*

## RESEARCH RESOURCES: New England History and Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

NEHGS, specializing on research of American ancestors, is an invaluable resource for genealogists. The current quarterly publication of the Society, [American Ancestors](#) is available near the computers at the Napa Valley Genealogy Society library. Some highlights of the Fall 2021 edition:

- The organization has just published the sixth edition of [The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research](#).
- NEHGS also supports the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center which offers resources on Jewish genealogy.
- [American Ancestors](#) has a large collection of databases available on the website: [americanancestors.org](#).
- An interesting article of family stories entitled "Ancestor Strong: Stories of Resolve."
- Articles about the Mayflower and the pilgrims in Massachusetts.

## FOR ALL MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The captain's journal from the 1620 trip of the Mayflower settlers is now available in a digital format at [catalog.hathitrust.org](http://catalog.hathitrust.org) (search for Record 011536370). This service is available on the computers at the Napa Valley Genealogical Society library.

"People who never look backward to their ancestors will never look forward to posterity."  
by Edmond Burke

## 1950 Census

Steve Morse did a wonderful job of explaining what to look for and how to use the information on the 1950 census, when he gave a talk at the Marine County Genealogy Society last month. BTW, I have appointed myself as the society lead on the FamilySearch indexing project for it and would love to hear from others who are willing to work on it. it's a lot of fun and is completely self paced and you do it at home on your own computer. It will be a little different than it was for the 1940 census ten years ago because they now have OCR capable of reading handwriting so we will start with a machine index and the volunteers will work at verifying and correcting it. Fingers crossed that this will result in a faster and easier job!

Mary Herzog

## Looking for an Irish ancestor??

The Heinz History Center (Pennsylvania) is offering seminar on March 22, 2022 presented by the Irish Genealogy Center. The seminar, which begins at 7:00 am Pacific time, is a full day presentation on numerous Irish resources available.

The cost is \$40.00 for the zoom version.

Go to [heinzhistorycenter.org](http://heinzhistorycenter.org) to register.

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## RESEARCHING CENSUS RECORDS

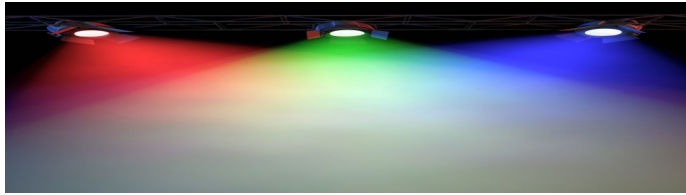
The National Genealogy Society publishes a quarterly magazine with articles about genealogy and genealogy research. The fourth issue of this publication for 2021 focuses on census records.

In **April of 2022, the 1950 census** will become public. This issue includes an article with information on taking the census (the largest ever taken), the types of questions asked, searching the census by location, and a comparison of other years.

Other articles include: The Evolution of US Census Instructions: 1790-1870, Locating Hard-to-Find Census Entries, Using Social Statistics Schedules to Learn About Ancestral Communities, and Mortality Schedules: Death Records Before State Registration.

Additional articles cover finding free online newspapers and a detailed article about holding successful virtual meetings.

NGS is a valuable resource for genealogy researchers. Issues for 2021 and 2022 are available at the NVGS library. ( They are back in the folder)



## **Volunteer Spotlight: Christine Dunn**

For many years Chris commuted from Vallejo to San Mateo where she worked for the San Mateo Transportation District. She has family in both Vallejo and Napa and absorbed many stories about her families; she also spent time in Napa visiting relatives. Upon retirement in 2015 Chris wanted to make new connections to both communities. She joined the genealogy society in Vallejo and the Napa Valley Genealogical Society. She has served as a volunteer and secretary at NVGS.

In 1975 her husband became employed at Mare Island Shipyard as a diver (his dream job), so they moved to Vallejo. Later they bought a home that had been divided and converted to a duplex. Her husband restored the home to its original configuration and they lived there for 40 years where they raised three daughters.

During the last 5 years of her employment with San Mateo Transportation she served as the Public Information Officer. Chris dealt with timetables, schedules, public information flyers and other duties maintaining the public face of the Transportation District. She has brought those numerous skills to her position as secretary of the Society.

Her genealogy research began with the family stories and has expanded from there. The history has proved to be as interesting as the names and dates. She is related to Napa County Pioneers in the Chapman family. [There is a file of information on this family at the Genealogy Library.]

Along with her genealogy, Christine enjoys knitting and sewing.

The US Census Bureau is releasing the scanned images of the 1950 Census population schedule on April 1.

Are you ready to research this long awaited census?



March 13th



NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY PRESENTS:

## A GENETIC GENEALOGY SUCCESS STORY

**Zoom talk by Susan Wight**

**March 17, 2022**

**1:00 - Announcements & Discussion**

**1:30 - Program Starts**

Every once in a while, detailed genealogical work, DNA findings, and a fair amount of Irish luck come together to form an ancestral picture that ties together a family line from nearly 100 years ago to the present. This tale of Susan's hunt for her maternal Irish family includes strategies and resources that may provide the spark you need to knock down a brick wall.



During her 30+ years as a teacher, principal, superintendent, staff trainer, and curriculum director, Susan picked up a thing or two about learning objectives and strategies with children and adults. In retirement, she has used those skills to pursue her personal objective of identifying the birth dates and places of her Irish ancestors.

**Guest Registration:** Go to [napagensoc.org](http://napagensoc.org), click "A Genetic Genealogy Success Story" and "Register." Registration ends March 15, 2022.  
**Society Members** will receive a Zoom link and do not need to register.



NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY PRESENTS:

**A Rose by Any Other Name:  
Using Nicknames to Find  
Your Ancestors**

**Zoom Talk by Madeline Yanov**

**April 21, 2022**

**1:00 - Society Announcements & Discussion**

**1:30 - Program Starts**

Do you think you know who your ancestor was? In this talk, we will explore the wonderful topic of names including nicknames, naming patterns, abbreviations, pet names, and given names. Be prepared to learn something new about your ancestor's name and have some fun along the way!



**Guest Registration:** Click "A Rose by Any Other Name" on the Home Page of [napagensoc.org](http://napagensoc.org). Click "Register." Last day to register is April 19.

**Members** of the Society will receive a Zoom link and do not need to register.

Madeline Yanov, current president of Contra Costa Genealogical Society, has over 30 years experience researching family histories. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and operates Time Travel Genealogy, a full-service genealogy company.



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Pass It On!

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## How to Preserve Family History for Generations to Come

For the second year in a row, the Napa Valley Genealogical Society will partner with the Napa County Library to offer a free online skill-building session for family historians. On Thursday, April 28th, from 6-7 pm, historian and genealogist **Kathy Nielsen** will offer tips and tricks for organizing family documents and heirlooms for future generations. Nielsen works as a reference librarian in the California History Room at the Monterey Public Library. The upcoming program coincides with the American Library Association's National Preservation Week from April 24th-April 30th. In addition to Nielsen's expert advice, participants will learn about useful resources available at Napa Main Library's new Memory Lab and at the Napa Valley Genealogical Society Library.

To join the Zoom meeting, this is the link:

**<https://countyofnapa.zoom.us/j/86409761158>**

**Meeting ID: 864 0976 1158**

A flyer will be sent out separately in the near future.



EARTH DAY  
APRIL 22nd