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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 or by appointment. Call 707-252-2252 and leave a message, or email research@napagensoc.org

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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Nov 10, 2022

**NVGS &
 NV Historical Society**

Hybrid Program

**Featuring Louise
 Dunlap & her book
 titled
 "Inherited Silence"**

**Place:
 Napa County Library**

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Nov. 2022

Nov. 7, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Gratitude is the Heart’s Memory”**
11:00am Zoom

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

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

Nov. 10, Thursday **Special hybrid talk with Napa Historical Soc and Napa County Library,**
“Inherited Silence” with Louise Dunlap. Zoom, 6:00 pm.

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

Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 2022

Dec. 5, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Holiday Traditions”** 11:00am Zoom

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

Dec. 9, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

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

Dec. (3rd Thurs) **Program: No program on this 3rd Thurs. Happy Holidays**

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.

“A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor”

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

SAVE the DATE

Saturday, April 29, 2023 **Root Cellar’s Spring 2023 Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor.**
Fair Oaks Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA

The excitement is building. We’re back in person with a our full day Spring Seminar with D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS.

The four sessions will be:

Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1840.

Vanity Sketches: Sources and Truths Behind County Histories

Essential Technology for Genealogists

When Dates Disagree: 8 Ways to Resolve Conflicting Details.



Look for Registration at rootcellar.org/events



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

No new members

Oklahoma State Name Means

Oklahoma, a Choctaw Indian word for “ red man.”

MEMBERS MAY SCHEDULE A LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Email to: research@napagensoc.org or call 707-252-2252

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



"It's In My Genes"

By Kathy Gillcris

Kathy Gillcris writes an engaging story of her life as an adoptive child and her incredible luck when she submitted her DNA.

Her first positive hit that she reached out to happened to be an avid genealogist with experience in adoptive research who fairly quickly found they were third cousins and eventually found her birth parents and at least six half siblings.

The heart of the book is Kathy's exploration of the combined roles of nature and nurture in identity development.

Check it out on our Member's Lending Shelf.

Happy reading, Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS continued 2022—2023

Thursday, December 8, 2022 Sacramento Genealogical Society presents:

What the Heck Does that Say? The Challenge of Difficult Handwriting with Pan Vestal

7:00pm to 9:00 pm A video conference meeting using Zoom. Registration required.



One of the biggest hurdles to overcome in genealogy is the seemingly illegibly handwriting in our ancestors' records. Whether you struggle to navigate colonial penmanship that doesn't even look like English or wrestle with contemporary documents that are poorly written, a few good strategies can make all the difference. We'll look at more than 20 techniques to help you figure out what the chicken scratches on the page say as well as what the style of writing might reveal about our ancestors. [Registration will open one month prior to the event.](#)

Thursday, January 12, 2023 Sacramento Genealogical Society presents:

Way Down Yonder in the Indian Nations with Nancy Calhoun

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm A video conference meeting using Zoom. Registration required.



**Researching the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma
Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw, and Seminole.**

[Registration will open one month prior to the event.](#)

Continued from Sept. Oct. 2022 Newsletter

The next morning I received a reply from Dan White, who told me how he linked Maria to the Heinz family who appeared below them on the ship’s manifest. (It in-volved many years of detective work on his part and the puzzle was finally solved when he realized the Mary Wold in Peter’s obituary was actually Mary Wolff. He then looked back at the passenger manifest and saw that the Wolff and the Heinz families had made the trip together from Germany). He had also wondered where the missing Wolff daughters were. Once he realized the Wolffs, Heinz and Willmers were all relatives, he looked more closely at the names of the children.

The Willmer family had a small two year old girl, Helena, listed with them as Helena Willmer. Dan determined that she was actually Lena Wolff, just hanging out with her cousins and mistakenly named with that family. And Christina, my great grandmother? The three month old male child with Johann and Maria Wolff must be her. When the passenger list was being made, an infant could have easily been mistaken and misnamed. Maybe she was crying and making a fuss, so the name Maria gave was not heard correctly. It looks like the “M” for male was added after the fact so could have been a guess on the part of the person making out the passenger list. The conclusions made by Dan seemed

reasonable to me, and I was very happy to have learned more about my family.

Another breakthrough came one day when I was looking at 1930 census records for Lena Wolff’s adult children. Her oldest child was Mabel Ambs. Under “Where was your mother born?” Mabel not only listed Germany but also told the census taker the specific city, Wattenscheid! The census taker wrote the name of the city right above the country. (This information did not appear in the indexed version of the census. Another reason to always look at the original images). Now that I had a specific

NAME	SEX	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
Mabel	F	76	Wattenscheid, Westphalia, Prussia, Germany
Lena	F	69	Wattenscheid, Westphalia, Prussia, Germany
Mabel	F	69	Wattenscheid, Westphalia, Prussia, Germany
Lena	F	61	Wattenscheid, Westphalia, Prussia, Germany
Lena	F	67	Wattenscheid, Westphalia, Prussia, Germany

1930 Census record for Mabel Grinnell Ambs showing birthplace of mother, Lena.

city, I was ready to approach the German research specialist in Salt Lake City. In 2017 we met at the library to look through church records. Within three hours she found the baptismal record for Maria Heinz, the record of her marriage to Johann Wolff, and the baptismal records for Christina Wolff and Lena Wolff. There was one note of interest: Maria was baptized not as Maria Heinz, but as Maria Wilmer. Only her mother’s name appears in the record, indicating she was probably illegitimate.

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Was Peter Heinz her biological father? Most likely. Not much more than a year after giving birth to Maria, her mother had a second daughter, Helena, and Peter Heinz was listed as the father. They probably married shortly after Maria was born. I hope to be able to confirm that by examining the amount of shared DNA with people who descend from Maria's siblings. There is still more information to find on this family, but these breakthroughs have been extremely satisfying!

There is still more information to find on this family, but these breakthroughs have been extremely satisfying! Finding the name of the German town in the 1930 census was an unbelievable gift, as was finding a researcher in Salt Lake City who located the church records so quickly. And of course connecting to Dan White and hear from him how he had connected the Wolff, Heinz and Wilmer families. I feel so fortunate to have found this information on my great grandfather's family! It has been fun sharing what I have found with the members of my family and others.

Aufgebotene und Getraute						im Jahre achtzehnhundert siebenzig 1870.							
Nr.	Vor- und Zunamen des Bräutigams.	Namen, Stand u. Wohnort der Eltern des Bräutigams.	Alter des Bräutigams.	Ob Eltern oder der Vormund die Genehmigung gegeben und wie solches geschehen.	Ob er schon verheiratet gewesen u. wie die Ehe getrennt worden.	Vor- und Zunamen der Braut.	Namen, Stand und Wohnort der Eltern der Braut.	Alter der Braut.	Ob Eltern oder der Vormund die Genehmigung gegeben und wie solches geschehen.	Ob sie schon verheiratet gewesen u. wie die Ehe getrennt worden.	Tag der Copulation mit Buchstaben u. Ziffern.	Namen der Zeugen und des Pfarrers, der die Copulation vertritt.	Bemerkungen.
17.	Joh. Wolf Langen.	Joh. Wolf Kleinenberg	25.	ja	Nein	Brechlinghaus Maria Monn geb. Willmers.	Christina Klemer Hersfeld.	20.	ja	Nein	17. Okt.	Pfarrer Georg Schütz Joh. Louis Lemmerling	

Marriage record of Christina's parents, Johann Wolf and Maria Willmers, 7 May 1870 in Wagenscheid, Westfalen Prussia. No. 17. FHL Film 1047672

Geborne und Getaufte						im Jahre 187				
Nr.	Zauf-Namen des Kindes.	Tag und Stunde der Geburt mit Buchstaben u. Ziffern. Stunden.	Ob es ehelich oder unehelich.	Vor- und Zunamen des Vaters, des Stand desselben.	Vor- und Zunamen der Mutter.	Wohnort der Eltern.	Tag der Taufe.	Namen des Pfarrers, der es taufte.	Namen der Taufzeugen.	Bemerkungen.
528	Maria Christina	18. Sept. Morgen	ja	Joh. Wolf Langen	Maria Heinz Langen	Wagenscheid	18. Okt.	Pfarrer Georg Schütz	Nicol. Naarman Joh. Christ. Heintz Wesem. Krieger Herrn. Keller	

Maria Christina Wolf Baptismal Record, 18 Oct 1874, - Wagenscheid, Westfalen, Prussia. No. 528. FHL Film 1047673

Thank you Ruth for sharing this story with us. It took a lot of work for you, to find your family and just where they came from.

SOME GENEALOGY RESOURCES TO EXPLORE

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

From 1805 to 1844, Great Britain began a project of detailed surveys of the entire country. These maps are known as Ordnance Surveys. The goal was to be prepared for an invasion by Napoleon by understanding all resources available especially military needs for transportation of supplies and troops.

Every road and pathway are noted, all villages and other residences and buildings, the topography and every waterway. All of these maps have been digitized and can be purchased or researched on line. There were many series completed over the years. Wikipedia has an article on these surveys and complete sets of the various series.

Survey maps of Ireland are available from Ordnance Survey of Ireland (OSI) which provides public viewing of the maps on its website. In addition, there is a series of 40 volumes entitled *Memoirs of Ireland*. While doing the survey during the 1830's, the engineers and surveyors conducted detailed interviews of residents of Ireland and noted details of the buildings and residences. Because this information was recorded before the Great Famine it includes valuable facts about Ireland prior to this major change. Many of the interviews include family histories and other personal information. These volumes were not published until the 1990's but are now available on various websites.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives in Washington, D.C. encompasses over one million square feet of documents and artifacts. All of this information has been digitized and is on microfiche. The Napa Valley Genealogy Library has numerous books that provide a guide to researching this collection (Call No. 027.5). There are guides to military information, a guide to slavery information, a guide to documents about the War of 1812 and much, much more.

After researching the guides to the collection, there are several ways to access the information. It can be ordered or viewed at a Regional Center. All of this process is discussed in the books in this section. In California there is a Regional Center in San Bruno where the microfiche can be viewed.

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The NVGS Library will be closed for the Holidays

November 20 through November 26

December 18 through January 1st.

**NVGS wishes everyone a
Happy Holiday**

Come join us at the Napa County Library or you may join us on Zoom.

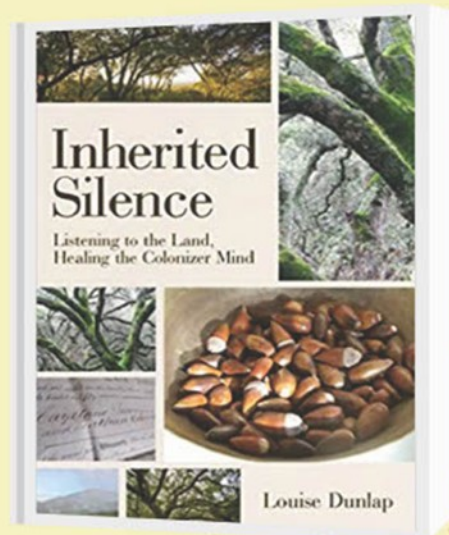
(Link will be sent by Nov 10th)

Thursday—November 10th—6:00 pm

Register — Free — Register

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS: LOCAL AUTHOR TALK WITH LOUISE DUNLAP

As we celebrate Native American Heritage Month, spend time with Louise Dunlap and her new book *Inherited Silence: Listening to the Land, Healing the Colonizer Mind*. A descendant of Napa founder Nathan Coombs, Dunlap looks back at early settlement history, and why the true story of her ancestors and the Indigenous people of Napa Valley was kept silent for so long. Enjoy brief readings from the book followed by a Q&A. Napa Bookmine will have copies of the book to sign and sell.



Sponsored by the Napa Valley Genealogical Society and the Napa County Historical Society.



**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 10
6 PM**

Registration is required. This event is available to in-person or over Zoom. Please specify the type of ticket you would like when registering.

Register at <https://louisedunlap.eventbrite.com>

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Saturday, November 19, 2022

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society

presents

Mark McLaren



“Overview of the Major DNA Testing Company Tools”

The Objective of the presentation is to give an overview of the 4 major DNA testing companies (Ancestry, My Heritage, FTDNA and 23 & me). Focus will be on the advantages and disadvantages of each as well as highlighting the various tools that each currently offer. Talk will be a combination of PowerPoint slides and demonstrations of each company’s website.

Mark’s interest in genealogy began in the early 2000s and has expanded over the years. His current areas of focus are genetic genealogy and Scottish research. He is currently a member of the National Genealogical Society, California Genealogical Society (CGS), and the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (SRVGS). He is a Fellow in the Society of Scottish Antiquities and a member of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco holding a position of Trustee. He is also a member of several Scottish Clan societies. In 2017, he developed an “introduction to genetic genealogy” class and has taught it for numerous Genealogical societies in the Bay area including SRVGS, CGS, Mt Diablo Genealogical Society and Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. He also established and leads a DNA SIG (Special Interest Group) at SRVGS and CGS. He currently is an administrator for 3 projects at Family Tree DNA, including the MacLaren surname project with over 1400 participants. He also manages or supports over 35 individual DNA kits for family, friends, and clients.

Meeting begins at noon; Presentation at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Please register for this presentation at scgsonline.org

Why Join a Genealogy Society?

- Local Records and Local Repositories
- Not all records are on line....
- Virtual meetings
- Special Interest groups (SIGs)
- Educational opportunities
- Publications
- Like minded people

Sharing your great finds and telling someone or a group about them is a great way to share, and it will make you feel great and uplifting, and just plain wonderful. After all the hard work you have done in finding your family member it should be shared and the best way is to share is with like minded people. People who would appreciate it and these people you can find in Genealogy Societies. So join a Society, be it near or far away. With zoom these days you can virtually see and talk with anyone. So, go ahead and join a Society or two or three or more.

General Meeting via Zoom
January 19, 2023
1:30 pm

This meeting is an important meeting. Election of officers.
Proxy will be emailed out, please respond to that email.

Following the meeting will be a social time.
Sign up is required for this Zoom meeting.

Details forthcoming



Napa Valley Genealogical Society
We are in need of a Secretary

We will train you to:

Take notes at our Board meetings.
That's it.

If you think you can do this call
707-252-2252 and leave a message.

Thank you

