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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.*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the New Year. I hope everyone's holidays were fun and joyful. Did you accomplish any genealogy?

We have been busy at NVGS getting ready for our Annual Membership Meeting by Zoom on January 19th @ 1:00. Expect two emails providing the following materials prior to the Annual Meeting:

1. A ballot to vote for officers in advance of the meeting.
2. A form to designate a proxy if you can't attend the meeting. Proxies will cast votes on your behalf regarding society business such as approval of the budget.

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### NVGS Annual Membership Meeting

**January 19, 2023**

Nominations will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting on 19 January 2023 where the general membership will vote upon the slate of officers. Plus the budget for 2023 will be discussed and voted on.

### Zoom meeting

**1:00 pm**

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

Please join us for the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting will begin at 1pm, PST. We will also review the 2022 activities and plans for 2023.

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Jan. 2023

Jan. 2, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Aspirations of our Ancestors”**  
11:00am Zoom

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

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

Jan.13, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Jan.19, Thursday **NVGS Annual Membership Meeting. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm**

### Feb. 2023

Feb. 6, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Love Stories from the Past”**  
11:00am Zoom

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

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

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

Feb. 16, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “1890 Census”** Maggie Melaney, will present **“How to get the Most from this Census.” Zoom Meeting, 1 pm.**

**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 2023

### 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.



*Seminar Registration Opens February 2023, at [Rootcellar.org](http://Rootcellar.org)*



## Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Nancy Margaret LaFortune

Lord

### Colorado State Name Means

Named for the Rio Colorado (Colorado River), which in Spanish means "ruddy" or "reddish."

### MEMBERS MAY SCHEDULE A LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Email to: [research@napagensoc.org](mailto: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](http://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](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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS continued  
2023**

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 is open at [Rootcellar.org](http://Rootcellar.org).

**Santa Rosa Junior College**

**SRJC OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM  
Free online Courses in Genealogy OA505  
Spring 2023**

Jan 24—May 23, 2023	Tuesday 10:15-11:45am	Beginners - How to begin your research.
Jan 24—May 23, 2023	Tuesday 1:00-2:30pm	Advanced Genealogy - American Migration.
Jan 24—May 23, 2023	Tuesday 2:45-4:15pm	Roadblocks, Brick walls & DNA
Jan 18—May 24, 2023	Wednesday 10:15-11:45am	Advanced Genealogy - European Migration
Jan 18—May 24, 2023	Wednesday 1:00 0 2:30pm	Tools used in researching Genealogy.
Jan 18—May 24, 2023	Wednesday 2:45-4:14pm	Beginners - How to begin your research.

These classes are designed specifically for **you** if you are interested in learning how to develop methodology to do family research, discover ancestors in migration records, solve “brick walls or roadblocks”, learn about DNA and how to use computer records & databases for genealogy research. Open to all beginners or advanced students! NO computer experience required but recommended.

You may contact the Older Adults Program at (707) 527-4533 or Instructor, Denise Beeson at (707) 694-6828 or [dbeeson@santarosa.edu](mailto:dbeeson@santarosa.edu) for further assistance.

**Start the New Year off right, by learning strategies to keeping your Family History Research Organized**

Tuesday January 31, 2023, 6:00 pm PST      Online– Zoom      Presented by Linda Harms Okazaki

Researching your family history is a labor of love. But do you sometimes feel like you are drowning under a pile of paper, have no idea what to do with all your findings, or worse, can't find those records on your hard drive? There are as many ways to organize your data as there are researchers.

The only “right” way to organize your genealogy is to do it in a way that you will consistently follow! Genealogist and past CGS president, Linda Harms Okazaki, will help you tackle that growing mountain of data. She will share strategies to help you start your research, keep track of your findings, and establish naming conventions for both digital and paper files.

There will be plenty of time for questions. Register at: [CaliforniaAncestors.org](http://CaliforniaAncestors.org).

**March 2-4, 2023    Roots Tech 2023    (Free = Virtual on-line) or In Person \$ 98.00**

Registration is Open! The conference will be in person and virtual this year.

## 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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## EVERY LIBRARY HAS A STORY

Our building on Menlo Avenue has a rich one, it was built in the late 1940s. The Foursquare Gospel Church held services there for the next 16 years, and from then on it housed several different denominations. In 1989, NVGS applied for a permit to establish a library at the little church and it was purchased 1990. The Genealogical Society moved in 1991.

It is here you find your "roots" in our library and the computer room. Speaking of roots, our yard around the building has many trees and bushes. All have roots and they need to be nourished. During the pandemic we lost several trees and plants since to our automatic sprinkler system was no longer working. All the watering is now done by hand.

While watering this summer we enjoyed the butterflies, bumblebees, hummingbirds, and meeting neighbors. We have cleaned up, found bikes, clothes, furniture, yard tools, and also trying to keep our parking spaces free of "long term" autos.

We are in need of large rocks (max 20 pounds) garden help (tree trimming) and donations to hire a professional.

Submitted by your Garden Trolls

## GEMS FROM THE BOOK AISLES

### Index to American Genealogies (929.1 D29m) by Joe Munsell's Sons

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of this book was published in 1900 with a supplement from 1900-1908. It was reprinted in 1967. Joe Munsell began this project and his sons continued the indexing after his death. It is described as “material contained in all works including town histories, county histories, local histories, historical society publications, biographies, historical periodicals, etc. Enabling the reader to ascertain whether the genealogy of any family, or any part of it, is printed, either by itself or embodied in other works”. Because of the time period it mainly covers families in the Eastern United States.

It literally lists in alphabetical order by family name all the publications that are about or mention any person in that family providing the issue and page number. It is an amazing accomplishment that took many years to complete.

Our library has many of the publications identified and therefore can assist in family research of people in the early years of the United States. There are two copies for research use in the stacks. And an additional copy that may be borrowed for a limited time.

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### California Pioneer Register and Index 1542-1848 (920 D38b) compiled by Herbert Howe Bancroft Including inhabitants of California 1769-1800 and a list of pioneers (extracted from Bancroft's seven volume History of California)

Bancroft was an American historian well known for his early histories of the North American West. His huge private collection of 60,000 books forms the basis of the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. (It took 6 people 10 years to complete indexing the collection.) He was born in Ohio in 1832 and died in 1918 in Walnut Creek, California. He is buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colima.

Each entry in the index includes biographical details and the history of their time in California. Some entries consist of a first name only because that was all that was available from the source.

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The NVGS library also has copies of Bancroft's 39 volume History of the Pacific States and Native Races of the Pacific States (this publication covers the area from Alaska down the West Coast and through Central and South America).

We hope everyone is safe from these rains,  
Flooding, Power Outages, ETC.

## NATIONAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY (NGS)

NGS publishes a quarterly magazine with information about the Society and its activities. Each issue includes articles to assist researchers about genealogy and family history. Here are some of the current articles:

### July-September 2022

This issue is devoted to articles about genealogy research tools.

- Timelines can be used to identify gaps in data
- Microsoft Excel is excellent for organizing data, sorting information and importing data
- Resources for researching veterans of the Mexican War
- Using charts and diagrams especially for DNA results

### October-December 2022

This issue has articles about land and property information.

- Searching for ancestral locations
- Researching public land records
- Using Google Maps
- Recreating a home's history
- Utilizing agricultural census schedules

Both of these issues are available for review at the Library.

The Library is open Wednesdays 10:00-1:00, and by appointment.

## Visit the Root Cellar Library



The Library is located at the California State Archives, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA, on the fourth floor. It is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We have over 6,000 books on our shelves. These include all 50 states plus foreign countries, such as Ireland, England, and Germany.

### Unique Headstone

Linda Johnson participated in the Wreaths Across America event on December 17. On her way out of the Roseville Cemetery, she noticed this gorgeous, large monument. The reverse side lists descendants of Lt. Thomas Tracy from 1610 England to Harry Albert Tracy 1928-2012, along with Harry's children and even the family coat of arms. One way to preserve some of your family history!

There are pictures along with this article, I cannot copy and place them here.

To view them: Go to Root Cellar-SGS Monthly Newsletter. January 2023 Newsletter.

## 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 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  
1:00 pm

This meeting is an important meeting we will elect officers and conduct society business. Ballots and proxy forms will be emailed in advance. Please respond to these emails.

Following the meeting will be a social time. Come celebrate a successful year and a look ahead to 2023!



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