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NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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 library serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.

A Message from our President



At the January General Meeting we elected the following Officers: Dick Bruechert, President; Sandra Hoover, Vice President; Carole Fisher, Secretary; Mary Herzog, Treasurer. The Board Members are as follows: Building and Grounds, Tom Fisher; Computers/Web, Ruth Jenkins-McIntire; Education, Mary Herzog; Librarian, Sandra Hoover; Membership, Karen Burzdak; Program, Mary Barron; Publications, Sandra Hoover; Volunteers, Sharon Marangoni; and Ways and Means, Bente Shoar. We appreciate the dedication and commitment that all board members provide over the years.

Volunteers at the Library have completed a number of projects this past year. Tom Fisher has been keeping the grounds and building in good shape. Also, Diane Dillon, Carole Fisher, Karen Burzdak, and others have completed the revision to our bylaws which has been a major undertaking. Our bylaws have been in need of updating for some time and this has finally been accomplished.

We thank Carole Fisher for presenting the program on "How to Preserve Photographs" at the January General Meeting and Janice Sellers for presenting the program on "Finding Women in your Family Tree" at the February General Meeting. Both of these programs were informative and educational.

Dick Bruechert
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

March

Mar 6, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library

Mar 11, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Mar 12, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Mar 21, 2013, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program**, March is Women's History Month, Local 8th Graders Essay Contest. Winners will present their winning essays. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGS Library.

Mar 26, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

April

Apr 3, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGS Library.

Apr 8, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library

Apr 9, 2013, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library

Apr 18, 2013, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program**, TBA
Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGS Library.

Apr 23, 2013, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Apr 25, 2013, **WinePress deadline**, 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

21-23 Mar 2013

FamilySearch hosts **RootsTech 2013**, an annual conference focusing on the intersection of genealogy with technology, in the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, UT. Currently, an early-bird rate of \$149 is available for the entire 3-day conference. Over 250 class sessions to choose from. Details at <http://rootstech.org/>.

8-11 May 2013 "Building New Bridges"

The National Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Conference, "Building New Bridges," at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. The hotel and conference center are under one roof. Details at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

6-9 June 2013 "Follow the Path to the Past" 44th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree. The popular conference will be held at the home of Jamboree, Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, California. With about 1600 attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and volunteers, Jamboree is one of the largest genealogical events in the United States. On **Thursday, June 6, 2013** held in conjunction with The Southern California Genealogical Society and the International Society of Genetic Genealogy will have an outstanding one-day DNA conference, "Family History and DNA: Genetic Genealogy in 2013."

Further details at www.scsgenealogy.com

Jabber from Janice



2013! Wow, how did we get to this year so quickly? Speaking of time passing, this article will review some sites for newspapers which assist genealogists in the events in their ancestors' lives.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

This is a free site from the Library of Congress using the newspaper collection of over 4.8 million pages from 1836 to 1922 (and earlier but these have not yet been digitized). You can search by state and year or do an advanced search for specific papers. Opening page allows you to enter a state and time frame (default is the entire range available), then you can add any term you wish (a surname or city or event). After results appear, you can sort by title of paper. I had over 500 and by quickly scanning the group, I could eliminate newspapers that I thought would not be useful. The surnames (I added 2) were highlighted in red as well as pages searched which made the search easier. Since my mouse has a wheel, I scrolled to enlarge the pages and holding down the left button gave the user the ability to move the page around.

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/>

This is also free and has over 94,000 pages of historical newspapers. This site has articles contributed for searching. It is more limited but you might hit the jackpot. You can search by country, state and county to see the newspaper articles. A short synopsis is posted. When viewing the article, you can use the Find option from your internet browser to search for a specific surname. The article I looked at was transcribed and not a digitized image but it primarily listed the articles on birth, marriage, death (must have been done by a genealogist). They were easily searched. I found myself reading the whole article as it was in an area that I had lots of interest.

www.genealogybank.com

This is a subscription site that specializes in old newspapers with over 600 million articles. I signed up for a 30 day trial. After the trial it is \$5.83 a month for a year subscription. At the end of the 30 days the trial is over and a phone call must be made in order to avoid the subscription charge. I was successful with several items. One was an obituary for my grandmother in The Riverside Daily Press. She had died in Stockton and lived in Tracy but her daughter lived in Riverside as well as several relatives named in the obit who lived in that area.. Good find!

Many state websites are also free and include newspaper collections. Also library websites often have newspaper collections that have been digitized. Most require a library card that some will issue without an in person visit. With that card, you will be able to access their database collection from home.

<http://www.freewebnewspaperarchives.us/>

This is a comprehensive site that has links to holdings at various locations. Newspapers are listed by state, most at libraries or state archives. Searching on the various site location requires patience as each is different, some easier to use than others. Worth checking.

<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cdnc/>

The California Digital Newspaper Collection which is a freely accessible repository of digitized California newspapers from 1846 to the present. Searching can be done in a specific newspaper. These digitized pages are also in the Library of Congress project. Work is done by volunteers. See how you can help on the website.

freegreenlibrary.newspaperarchive.com

This site appears to be a free sampling of the newspaperarchive.com site. Easily searched site with lots of pages with a few newspapers. You may get lucky. A trial membership on the <http://newspaperarchive.com/> will give you access to one of the largest collections of newspapers. An introductory subscription for a year is available for \$19.95. I have not tried this site but have heard it is impressive. If a "find" is saved as a pdf, it can be read very clearly and saved on your computer. I plan to test it out.

Happy Hunting!
Janice Brown



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

ARKANSAS

- 976.743 X2m Abstract of 1920 Federal Census, Montgomery County Arkansas
 976.743 P28m Montgomery County Arkansas Loose Probate Records, 1842-1930
 976.743 V38m Montgomery County, Arkansas Cemeteries. Indexed
 976.743 V28m Montgomery County, Arkansas Marriage Records, 1843-1899 & 1900-1925
 976.743 H28m Montgomery County, Our Heritage

BIOGRAPHIES

- 929.2 J38j Three Generations, Jarvis Family

CALIFORNIA

- 979.419 H28s Murder and Mayhem in the Napa Valley
 979.442 H28a Logan's Alley, Amador County Yesterdays In Picture and Prose, V.II

IOWA

- 977.787 H28a Pages and Pictures from the Past, Ringgold County, Iowa, 1855-2005

VIRGINIA

- 975.576 P28c Russell County Virginia Deed Book I, 1787-1795

Mary's Book Corner

I just finished reading **Ryan Littrell's Reunion: a Search for Ancestors**. I had a hard time putting this book down but I must confess that I skipped over most of the chapters on Scottish history in order to get to the exciting part - finding those elusive ancestors! Littrell had never done any family research until an old letter happened to fall into his hands and his quest to understand it and find the people mentioned in it became almost an obsession. At first I was a little put off by the ease with which he managed to get back from one generation to the next and his seeming ability to travel at the drop of a hat and to hire experts along the way to help him. It reminded me of the TV show, *Who Do You Think You Are*, that made family research look so easy. But then I realized that if he could find where in Kentucky his Pike County Missouri William McDonald came from in the 1830s, then I might just have a chance of finding where in Kentucky my Pike County George Johnson came from. I'm going to go back and study his technique more closely!

SONOMA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S

2013 SPRING SEMINAR April 27, 2013

Featuring : Barbara Renick Nationally known genealogical lecturer and writer.

Topics Will Include:

- ◆ Cloning your family tree on the Internet
- ◆ Online tools for genealogists
- ◆ Online: How you get there does make a difference
- ◆ Overcoming idiosyncrasies of genealogy database sites

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Registration at 8:00 a.m.)

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts (Henry A. Merlo Theater) Hwy 101 at River Road, Santa Rosa, CA

For more information visit the SCGA web site at www.scgsonline.org



**NVGS Library Volunteer Schedule
March 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10-2 C. Fisher
3	4	5 10-1 M. Ricci 1-4 D. Hibbert	6 10-1 B. Bruechert 1-4 B. Mattila 2-3 Software Group	7 10-1 M. Woods 1-4 O. Meyers	8	9 10-2 G. Martin
10	11 2:00 Board Meeting	12 10-1 K. Burzdak 1-4 M. Herzog 12:00 FW Group	13 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 G. Martin	14 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	15	16 10-2 R. Clark
17	18	19 10-1 C. Fisher 1-4 D. Varland	20 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 J. Barber & C. Kluever	21 10-1 B. Shoar 1:30 Program Meeting	22	23
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Napa Valley Genealogical Society 2012 Fiscal Report

Operating Fund Carry Over from previous years
Unrestricted \$33,375.62

Temporarily Restricted \$5,066.66
Total \$38,442.28

Revenue

Donations \$1,177.00
Dues \$3,910.00
Fund Raiser \$5,597.00
Investment Income \$2,310.59
Sales \$540.18
Total \$13,534.77

Expenditures

Designated Funds \$1,009.47
Fund Raiser Expenses \$612.92
Accountant \$730.00 Assets
Acquisitions \$739.10
Catalog Service \$395.00 Umpqua Checking \$3,721.74 Unrestricted
Dues.Subscriptions \$95.00
Equipment Maint. \$593.24 UBS \$147,034.28
Insurance \$1,568.00 Reserve Operating Fund \$27,034.28 Unrestricted
Internet Service \$359.40 Building Fund \$120,000.00 Temporarily Restricted
Misc \$100.00
PG&E \$1,950.57 CFNV Library Fund \$11,987.19 Temporarily Restricted
Phone \$466.32 CFNV Life Endowment Fund \$12,453.96 Capital Permanently Restricted
Program \$1,229.21
Property Maint \$4,301.79 Total Assets \$175,197.17
Sales Tax \$46.00
Property Tax \$511.60
Special Projects \$1,576.90
Supplies \$1,558.08
Water \$225.00
Wine Press \$1,694.12
Total \$19,761.72

Carry Over for 2013
Unrestricted \$26,698.83
Temporarily Restricted \$4,057.19
Total \$30,756.02



Your Tombstone stands
among the rest; neglected and
alone.

The name and date are chis-
eled out on polished, marbled
stone.

It reaches out to all who care,
It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I'd
exist, You died and I was
born.

Yet each of us are cells of
you in flesh, in blood, in
bone.

Our blood contracts and beats
a pulse entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you
filled one hundred years ago-
Spreads out among the one
you left who would have
loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and
loved, I wonder if you knew
that someday I would find
this spot, and come to visit
you.

~Author Unknown~



NVGS 2013 Fundraiser

Once again requests for donations have been mailed to the Napa Valley wineries.
Many excellent bottles of wine have started to come in for our
2013 Wine Drawing to be held August 15, 2013.

We will be looking for extra help in July and August with our ticket sales at the Wine Train Station.
Contact me for further information. I will be happy to hear from you, phone 707-254-7669

Bente Shoar
Ways and Means

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU



The Board would love to know how we've been doing and where you would like to see us go. I often wonder...

- ◆ Would you like to see the library open a couple of nights each month? Other times?
- ◆ What articles would like to see or not see in the newsletter?
- ◆ For those who attend our monthly meetings, what programs interest you?
- ◆ Is there a piece of equipment that we should consider buying?
- ◆ Are the computers working well enough? Subscription sites you would like?
- ◆ Would you be interested in some educational videos, such as the ones produced through Legacy Family Tree (www.legacyfamilytree.org)?

You may leave anonymous suggestions on the library's phone, or send your email responses to Karen Burzdak, kjburzdak@comcast.net.

Welcome New Members

New Members

Surnames

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- Marie R. Barth
Email: organizer@organizedpro.biz Surnames: Barth, Fink
 - Robert W. Evans
Email: R.W.Evans1@comcast.net Surnames: Evans, Roulley, Carven, Werth, Jones
 - John A. Holt
Email: johnholt3@gmail.com Surnames: Holt, Peninger
 - Fred Holz knecht
Email: vince39@earthlink.net Surnames: Holz knecht, Woelz
 - Elizabeth "Liza" Parker
Email: annablythej@comcast.net Surnames: Duncan, Jennings, West
 - Patrick Smith
Email: smith205@sbcglobal.net Surnames: NS
 - Mike VanWormer
Email: None Surnames: NS
Phone: 707/257-0590

Requests for Research

You may send your request to NVGS, Attention Dick Bruechert, 1701 Menlo Ave. Napa, CA 94558, or email Dick at, kbruechert@aol.com

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

- ◆ Staffing opportunity at the Library. 10 am-1 pm shift or 1 pm-4 pm shift once a month. Meet new people and learn about your library. Training provided. Call the library at 252-2252 and speak to the staff on duty.
- ◆ Volunteer your expertise in an area of your choice to help with questions or e-mail. Leave an e-mail for the Staff at napagen@earthlink.net
- ◆ Help out at the Library with shelving or special projects. Call the Library (252-2252) and leave a message. Help is always needed.

Call Before Visiting our Library

Sometimes we are short on library staffers. We recommend that you call the library before you visit to make sure a staffer is on duty. Library phone # 707-252-2252

NOTICE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES

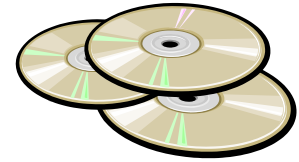
This is the first of two notices about dues renewal in the WinePress, according to our Standing Rules adopted February 11, 2013. You may read the Rules (and our bylaws) in their entirety on our website, www.napavalleygenealogy.org. in the About Us Section.

All present members who are not Life Members should submit annual dues **no sooner than June 1, 2013**, according to their present category (single, out-of-state, family, institution). Members whose dues are not received by July 31, 2013, will be dropped from membership. Reinstatement requires a new application and electronic consent form. A renewal form may be downloaded from the *Membership* section on our website. A hard copy will be available in the next newsletter or in the library.

You may send your comments to Membership Chairman Karen Burzdak, 707/326-0919 or kjburzak@comcast.net. If you prefer to remain anonymous, please call the library.



Publications of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society



Computer CD's (in MS Word and RTF Formats)		
Napa County Cemeteries		
Volume 1 – Lower Napa Co. Cemeteries & Index: Napa Memorial Gardens, Tulocay (index only), Napa State Hospital, Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick, God's Acre, Indian Burial Grounds, Perry Burial Site, Wood Family Burial Grounds, Christian Brothers	One CD	\$25.00
Volume 2 – Middle Napa Co. Cemeteries and Index: St. Helena Catholic, St. Helena Public, Monticello, Bradshaw, Grace Episcopal, Wragg Canyon, Wooden Valley, Capell Valley, Martinelli, Los Pasadas (does not include the Calif. Veterans' Home	One CD	\$25.00
Volume 3 – Upper Napa Co. , Cemeteries and Index: Pioneer, Bothe, Cyrus Family, Earl Wilms Property, Duvall, Biter Burial Ground, Lommel Road	One CD	\$25.00
All Volumes of Napa County Cemeteries and Indexes	One CD	\$60.00
The Great Register of Napa County, 1880-1894: substituting for the 1890 Census includes (when given) name, age, nativity, registration date, occupation, naturalization place and date, & residence	3 Volumes	\$35.00
BOOKS—Soft cover		
Index of Births Registered in Napa Co. through 1905 – includes sex, year born, page number of the county recorders record book	53 pages	\$7.00
Napa County Tax Assessment Records Index, 1884-1893 – includes name, rd. district, year and page # of book & microfilm pages (located at Society Library) Vol. 1 incl. A-Z, Vol. 2 incl. A-Leg, Vol. 3 incl. Leg-Z	478 pages	\$52.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, St. Helena Public Cemetery, Vol. 1 Office Records	184 pages	\$22.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, George Yount Cemetery, Yountville incl. information from old Cemetery Assoc. ledger. Indexed.	56 pages	\$7.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County: Stephen Broadhurst, Partrick and Redwood Cemeteries, Indexed	20 pages	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pope Valley, Monticello, Wragg Canyon, Capell Valley and Wooden Valley Cemeteries , Indexed	41 pages	\$6.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Pioneer and Bothe Cemetery, Calistoga, includes information from old Pioneer Cemetery ledger. Indexed.	30 pages	\$4.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena. Indexed	47 pages	\$6.00
Cemetery Inscriptions, Napa County, Napa Valley Memorial Gardens, Napa. Indexed	82 pages	\$10.00
Funeral Home Records of W.F. Mercier Permelee of St. Helena, Napa County, pages are copies of the original sheets c1920's. Indexed	219 pages	\$32.00

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