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NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical 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



The January General Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at our Library located at 1701 Menlo Avenue. This is an important meeting as we will be adopting our new Bylaws for the Society. Also, we will elect and install the new Officers and Board of Directors for 2013. I would like to welcome the new Board Members who are as follows: Program, Mary Barron; Ways and Means, Bente Shoar; and Publicity, Cecelia Setty. We welcome their willingness to serve on the Board. We hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

I would like to thank Karen Burzdak and Tom and Carole Fisher for all their work on landscaping at the Library. The outside grounds look very good, and it takes a lot of work to keep it up. We appreciate the work that these, and others, have done to keep our Library looking good.

Our Library will be closed for the holidays from December 18, 2012 through January 1, 2013. We will reopen for business on January 2, 2013. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

With the new year we hope all of our members will have a renewed interest in researching their own genealogy and we have several new programs at the Library to assist you.

Dick Bruechert
NVGBS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

JANUARY

Jan 2, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group; NO MEETING THIS MONTH**

Jan 8, 2013, (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Jan 14, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Jan 17, 2013, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program**, "How to Preserve Photographs" presented by Carole Fisher. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library

Jan 22, 2013, (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

FEBRUARY

Feb 6, 2013, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Feb 11, 2013, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGBS Library

Feb 12, 2013, (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Feb 21, 2013, (3rd Thurs) **Monthly Program**, "Finding Women in Your Family Tree" presented by Janice Sellers. Come join us on Thursday, 1:30pm at the NVGBS Library

Feb 25, 2013, **WinePress deadline**, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editors box at library. Email—sandrahoover@comcast.net

Feb 26, 2013, (Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGBS Library

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

17-24 Feb 2013

Annual Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. All are invited to come along. We fly out of Oakland on Sunday returning the following Sunday. Accommodations are at the Salt Lake Plaza right next door to the library. Info, contact Susan Swindell at swindell@value.net or 925-6996. Contra Costa County Genealogical Society.

21-23 Mar 2013

FamilySearch hosts RootsTech 2013, an annual conference focusing on the intersection of genealogy with technology, in the Salt Place 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

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.

Jabber from Janice



This came to me in my newsletter from Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group. I am taking genealogy classes through Campbell Adult Continuing Education and Richard is my current instructor. He agreed to allow me to share his letter.

Dear genealogy friends:

Sometimes we wonder if what we do makes a difference. As we were sitting at our group's booth/table at a recent genealogy conference, we talked with conference-goers about how they were enjoying the conference classes. One mentioned that she'd been in a Google Books class taught by my wife some time ago. She said she'd gone home and tried a book search herself and had great success.

At the seminar where my wife taught the well-attended Google Books class, she also was supposed to teach another class, but no one came to it. She was discouraged that she'd prepared a class no one attended, even though the Google Books class seemed to go well enough.

Sometimes it may seem that our family history efforts go unnoticed and unappreciated by others in our family -- as if we're preparing a class no one will attend or writing a book no one will read. Some in our family who don't understand the impact of genealogy may think we're a bit obsessed. If we're lucky, they indulge us, odd as it may seem to them.

We need to remember not to judge ourselves by others' apparent acceptance or rejection of our interests. Rather, we can take pleasure in each incremental bit of information we learn, and we can enjoy the journey. Someday we may be pleasantly surprised to learn that our efforts have been meaningful to others, even if they don't know it yet.

*Richard D. Rands
President, Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group*

Happy Hunting!
Janice Brown

VOLUNTEERS MESSAGE

Hello Volunteers and Happy New Year!

The calendar for January and February may contain some errors. Please feel free to email me and/or make changes on the calendar in the library. There are five weeks in January, so we need people to cover the last week. I took the liberty of placing those who worked the extra weeks last year in those slots; if you cannot or do not want to do it, please let me know as soon as you can. Additionally there is an open slot from 1-4 on the second Wednesday of the month that needs to be filled at least through March.

Have a safe and wonderful New Year, and happy Ancestor Hunting.
Sharon Marangoni, Volunteer chair

NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

CALIFORNIA

979.419 H28mc History Moments from the first 100 Years of the Napa First United Methodist Church, 1852-1952, with pictures.

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 N532
NEW Our Legacy from William and Elizabeth New. Family names, New, Neat, Nate, Passey, Oakey, and Ellsworth families. Vol's 1 & 2.

929.2 T454
THOMAS Our Kith & Kin; Genealogies of Thomason, Rogers, Wintson, Roberts, Mosteller & Miller families.

HOW TO

929.1 D27nn Locating Your Revolutionary War Ancestor: A Guide to the Military Records.

929.1 D27ba In Search of Your European Roots: A complete guide to tracing your Ancestors in every country in Europe.

929.1 D27nj American Naturalization Records, 1790-1990. What they are and how to use them.

ILLINOIS

977.3991 V29l Pope Country Illinois Marriage A-E, 1813-1877, Vol.1.

977.3996 V28lf Johnson County Illinois Early Marriages, Vol. 1, 1834-1877 and Vol. 2, 1878-1885

977.398 D28rm Early Newspaper Clippings of Hardin County, Illinois

MISSOURI

977.865 V38ws Index to St. Peter's Public Grounds Burials, St. Louis, Missouri

CD STLGS 113 St. Louis Burials, Vol. 3

CD STLGS 114 St Louis Burials, Vol. 4

More than 600,000 people buried in 40 different cemeteries are listed in these 2 CD's.

OHIO

977.1 M29rc Official Roster of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866.

977.196 D28fc Monroe County, Ohio Genealogical Records, Vol's 1 through 15. A compilation of records from various sources; cemetery inscriptions, land records, births, court records, pension applications and newspapers to name a few.

Mary's Book Corner

I had a very pleasant surprise the other day when I searched our local County Library's catalog for a book called *Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA*. I didn't find it, but another book called *Finding Family*, a juvenile novel by Tonya Bolden came up so I ordered it. It is a delightful story of a twelve year girl at the turn of the 20th century learning about her complex family and coming to terms with it. Of even greater interest than the story itself is the "hook" that the author uses. Tonya Bolden collects vintage photographs and she chose many unidentified ones to illustrate this story; assigning them names, relationships, and stories of their own. If you are still trying to figure out the relationships, at the end, she provides a wonderful pedigree chart to explain it all. You'll find the book shelved in the Children's room.

NVGBS Library Volunteer Schedule January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>CLOSED</i>	2 10-1 B. Bruechert 1-4 B. Mattila	3 10-1 M. Woods 1-4 O. Meyers	4	5 10-2 C. Fisher
6	7	8 10-1 K. Burzduk 1-4 M. Herzog <i>12:00 FW Group</i>	9 10-1 S. Marangoni 1-4 _____	10 10-1 J. Layland 1-4 D. Bickford	11	12 10-2 R. Clark
13	14 <i>2:00 Board Meeting</i>	15 10-1 C. Fisher 1-4 D. Varland	16 10-1 G. Martin 1-4 J. Barber & C. Kluever	17 10-1 B. Shoar <i>1:30 Program Mtg/ Election</i>	18	19 10-2 R. Clark
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EXCITING NEWS

We are now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library!

Just what does that mean? It means that now when you want to order a film from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, you can specify that it be sent to our library where you can use it to further your research. Films on short term loans are available for 90 days, beginning when they are shipped, at a current price of \$8.08. It is now easier than ever to order films. Go to the FamilySearch.org website, find the film you want to borrow, and then order online, paying with your credit/debit card, or through your PayPal account. You will be notified by email when the film has been shipped. We are working on getting the printer part of our microfilm reader/printer repaired but in the meantime, you will be surprised at what good copies you can obtain using your digital camera to take screen shots. In the future FamilySearch hopes to extend access to many subscription websites to Affiliate Libraries as they do to local Family History Centers. They are currently negotiating with their contractors towards that goal.

Requests for Research

You may send your request to NVGBS, 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 nvgbs@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

MEXICAN GENEALOGY



The FHL's coverage of civil registration records has a few gaps: The states of Baja California, Nayarit, Quintana Roo, Sinaloa and Tabasco haven't been filmed; some Morelos records are missing; Campeche records were mostly destroyed; and most Tabasco records were burned. You may need to seek your Quintana Roo ancestors in the microfilm for Yucatan. Note, too, that the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca archived their records at the district level rather than the *municipio* level; the FHL's research outline for Mexico has details on locating these records (www.familysearch.org/eng/search/rg/guide/mexico.asp).

As with parish records, the information recorded in civil registrations can be quite extensive. In addition to the basics about the date, place, child and parents, birth records may include the parents' ages and birthplaces, and even facts about the grandparents. Especially in later records, marriage entries might contain the couple's ages and birthplaces, occupations, and parents' and grandparents' names. Death records may list the spouse and parents of the deceased. Even if your ancestor was born before civil registration started, you might find key genealogical facts about him or her in death records.

The usefulness and availability of other Mexican records pale in comparison to parish records and civil registrations. But if you come up against roadblocks, investigate these resources:

- Cemetery Records: Few cemetery records have been transcribed or microfilmed, so you'll need to try *municipio* archives, local parishes and historical societies or libraries. The FHL has records for some cemeteries in the *Distrito Federal* (Mexico City, the Federal District).
- Censuses: Except for 1930, Mexico lacks access to comprehensive national censuses of the sort US researchers are used to. That 1930 enumeration—the only post-independence census whose records are open to the public—is on FHL microfilm and online at (pilot.familysearch.org). For Mexico's colonial period, you can consult special censuses, such as that of Spaniards living in Mexico City in 1689, or the various *padrones* (censuses) taken since 1752. *Padrones* were often for special groups, such as men eligible for military service, and continued into the early years of Mexico's independence. The FHL has 110 volumes of these censuses, from 1752 to 1865, on 41 microfilms grouped by district.
- Divorce records; Don't bother looking for divorce records prior to 1917, when divorce was first legalized in Mexico. Whereas marriages appear in civil registrations, divorces get recorded in *municipio* courts. Contact the clerk of the town or *municipio* where the divorce took place to find them.
- Immigration: The FHL has passenger lists of early Spanish colonists in Mexico as well as some passport records of immigrants arriving between 1821 and 1873. Records of Mexicans leaving for the United States didn't begin until the early 1900s, when the first immigration service were set up in border towns. The National Archives and Records Administration (archives.gov) keep these records; some are on Ancestry.com and Footnote.
- Local histories: Local chroniclers kept histories of most towns dating back to colonial days. You can find some of these at the FHL and at major libraries.
- Land records: The FHL has some microfilmed land records, the originals of which are mostly at the national archives in Mexico City. The Texas General Land Office in Austin (www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/archives.html) houses original 1720-to-1836 land titles for what's now Texas. Check the New Mexico state archives (www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/archives/ancestors.htm) for 1693-to-1821 Spanish land records and 1821-to-1845 Mexican records for present-day New Mexico.



VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Each one of the Society's members was sent a copy of our proposed bylaws either by postal mail or by an email sent to you using the postal or email address furnished to us. Another notice of our proposed changes has been posted in the library. As the notice stated, it is imperative that a quorum of 25 members in good standing attend the meeting, which includes the election of officers and directors, approval of bylaws, and a Restated Articles of Incorporation which will be filed with the Secretary of State's office. Many volunteer hours went into the creation of these documents. The Board especially wants to thank Diane Dillon, attorney and Life Member, for her expertise and contribution to the Society.

Please read the section on **Membership**, in particular, Article 6, Sections 3 and 4, and Article 7. Take notice that members shall be dropped from membership by July 31 for non-payment of dues. Furthermore, should payment be received after that date, a new application and a new Electronic Consent form will be required to rejoin the Society (per Standing Rules). Your membership is important to us, so please take notice of all the upcoming reminders in the WinePress.

You may notice that the old form for renewing membership, which was sometimes used as an application, has been deleted from this newsletter. If you know someone who would like to join the Society, please have him/her appear at the library or go online to napavalleygenealogy.org and complete the form (joint membership requires both individual's names). Since dues are collected annually July 1, new members pay half price if joining us January through June.

Karen Burzdak, Membership Chairman

New Members

Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome * Welcome

New Members

Surnames

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New members:

- Jan Janek  
707-812-2172  
email: iamjanj@yahoo.com
- Waken, Dornet, Morrison, Buck, Turner;  
Napa County: Biddenback, Douglas



PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 201

Complete addresses and contact information for new members is posted in the hallway, along with members who have been dropped. Please take notice.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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