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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 OUR PRESIDENT

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society has been closed during the recent fires here in Napa County. Everyone here at the society sends our well wishes to everyone effected by this terrible disaster. We have now reopened the library and resumed our regular hours.

Our program for October was cancelled. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday November 4th at 1:00pm. The program is "Obstacles and Barriers, a panel discussion." So come on down and bring your questions and answers. Share with others your successes and or failures.

September was our annual fundraiser the Winefest. We had lots of food, door prizes, gift baskets and a silent auction. Plus the drawing for our special Napa Valley wines. The winners were:

5th place Jeff Ruedy
4th place D. Cummings
3rd place Chris Butler
2nd place John Hazen

1st place for the 30 bottles of wine was
Doug Lockhart. Congratulations Doug.

Sandy Hoover
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Nov 2017

Nov 1, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

Nov 4, (Saturday) Monthly program, “**Obstacles and Barriers**” A panel discussion.

Presented by member Mary Herzog. 1:30pm at NVGS Library

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

Nov 11, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

Nov 14, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Nov 28, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Dec 2017

Dec 6, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

Dec 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.

Dec 9, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.

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

December No program this month. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Dec 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, **CANCELLED**

WinePress deadline, Dec 18, 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

Mar. 17, 2018 “**Rootcellar 2018 Spring Seminar-Discover Your Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestors**” with the Ulster Historical Foundation. This event will be held at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Fair Oaks, CA. More details will be forthcoming at: Rootcellar.org.

May 2-5, 2018 “**NGS 2018 Family History Conference, Paths to Your Past**” Conference registration opens 1 December 2017 and the registration brochure will be available a few weeks earlier.

Sign up for the conference blog at <http://ngsgenealogy.org> so you don't miss any conference announcements.

Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the DeVos Place Convention Center.

Hotel Reservations now open. Go to www.ngsgenealogy.org for further information.



ON OUR BOOK SHELVES

The Winthrop Fleet of 1630 by Charles Edward Banks

An Account of the Vessels, the Voyage, the Passengers and Their English Homes, from Original Authorities.

This is an authoritative list of the 700 passengers who are believed to have come to New England with John Winthrop in 1630. Based on research undertaken in England and America, it provides as much data as could be verified on each passenger--name; place of departure; places of residence in England and America; occupation; church affiliation; dates of birth, marriage, and death; and relationships to other passengers.

This publication is located on our book shelves under 974.4 H29bc.

ON-LINE CATALOGUE

Remember that our library has a completely searchable online catalog. Users may access the search function from their home computers, their smart devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) or from the PC's available in the NVGS library. You can print out a list of the publications you wish to view while you are at the library. Go to: napavalleygenealogy.org. Tab *Library* to reach our library catalogue online.

Mary's Book Corner



Not My Father's Son: A Memoir

by Alan Cumming

I picked this up simply because I liked Alan Cumming as the host of Masterpiece Mystery only to find that it is centered around the filming of his episode on the British version of *Who Do You Think You Are?*

What could be better for an avid genealogist? I remember watching the heartbreaking story of his grandfather but of course had no idea what he was going through at the time with his own father. This is a compelling book, by turns witty and heart-wrenching.

It is available at the Napa County Library and our Member's Lending Library.

*Happy reading,
Mary*

PROGRAM

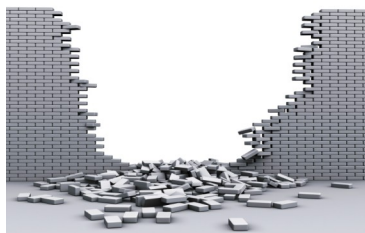
Napa Valley Genealogy Society
November Program

Due to the fires in Napa this program
has been rescheduled to November 4th.

Saturday November 4, 2017

1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm



Program: "Obstacles and Barriers"

Presenting: A Panel Discussion

Bring your brick walls
and questions.

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The Napa Valley Genealogical Society
wishes everyone

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Emigrants

For information on Emigrants go to:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/emigrants/>

This is a brief guide to help you find records of someone who emigrated from Britain. Large-scale emigration has taken place from Britain and Ireland to the USA, the West Indies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Around 25 million people are believed to have emigrated between 1600 and 2000.

Jabber from Janice

Happy hunting!



Finding Old Web Pages

Remember when you did a search on a surname and the results turned up names that were not familiar. Now you are thinking, he is your uncle and you do not know where you saw that article.

Good News! There are search engines for just this issue.

Way Back Machine <https://archive.org/web/> web pages from 1996 to recent.

Archive-It-Collections <https://archive-it.org/explore?show=Collections> obscure collections from all over. I saw a 1853/54 Nashville, TN City Directory.

Google, Bing, Yahoo - all go back only for about 3 months.

*Source Search Engine Showdown, Cache Sources, <http://searchengineshowdown.com/archives/>

And then we have those fall back search sites that you may not have checked lately:

National Archives:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/nara-resources.html>

California Historical Society: http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/research/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwvuDPBRDnARIsAGhuAmZHWL_ohCkzeujgQNo8Ug516Wg5RnK0IBApPZcC5CAb7UkuIhopx3UaAqPfEALw_weB

National Museum of American History: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries/Archives: <https://libraries.ok.gov/state-government/archives-and-records/> you will need to sign up but if this is your state go for it.

Archival Records of State of Oregon: <http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records.aspx>

Do a Google Advanced Search on your area of interest using in “any of these words” type: genealogy records archives history. Every State has something as do many counties.

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A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse. The dining room table with clutter was spread With pedigree charts and with letters which said... "Too bad about the data for which you wrote Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such Were proof that my work had become much to much. Our children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads. And I at my table was ready to drop From work on my album with photos to crop. Christmas was here, and of such was my lot That presents and goodies and toys I forgot. Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills, I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills. While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer; I'd spent time researching those birth-dates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight, A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright. Away to the window I flew in a flash, Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash. When what to my wondering eyes should appear? But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew, With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too. And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs. The TV antenna was no match for their horns, And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned. As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash, Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH! "Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck, And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!) Spotting my face, good old Santa could see I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk). Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy; When I'd been too busy for even one toy. He spied my research on the table all spread "A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned. As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned. I gazed with amazement - the cover it read "Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead." "I know what it's like as a genealogy bug," He said as he gave me a a great Santa Hug. "While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry, I do some research in the North Pole Library! A special treat I am thus able to bring, To genealogy folks who can't find a thing. Now off you go to your bed for a rest, I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee, I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me. While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle, To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight, "Family History is Fun!

Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

(Author unknown)

