

# KNAPP/NAPP NEWS

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## Greetings, Cousins.

First, my apologies for letting so much time elapse between the 2001 reunion and this newsletter.

Those of you who attended the reunion undoubtedly recall its emphasis on genealogy and family history – especially **Bruce JOHNSON**'s and **Diane JOHNSON Foster**'s unforgettable presentation of photos, charts, maps and music. Resounding applause, a standing ovation and many expressions of gratitude throughout the day were heartfelt, but we can never really say it enough:

*Thank you*



**Bruce Johnson** and daughter **Diane Johnson Foster** (descendants of **Conrad2 Napp** and **Elizabeth Brück**) created a multimedia presentation that was the highlight of the 2001 Knapp/Napp Reunion.

And more *Thanks* —to everyone whose ideas and efforts made the Reunion such a memorable event: Steve & Peggy Knapp, Gerald & Evelyn Knapp, Mark & Gayle Knapp, Beth McCulloch, Jan Bocher, Jen & Andy Wallman, Gale Roesch, Cynthia & Loren Bagley, Mary Martin, Jean Trumm, Susan Bagley, Kelly Sullivan Soley, Ruth Macke, Judy Mathison, Vern & Alice Knapp, Cheryl LaNore & Janice Cramer, Dave Gelbach, Scott & Jean Napp ... thank you all.

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## WANTED

In 1928 or 1929, a feature in a Grant County newspaper (possibly the *Fennimore Times* or *Grant County Herald*) told the story of the 1860 wagon train journey which took **William KNAPP**, **Jasper KNAPP**, and Jasper's wife, **Laura MORRELL Knapp** west to California.

Entitled "Covered Wagon Days," this account was told to Henry Damm by Mrs. Laura Knapp. It may be one long article, or it may have been serialized.

Unfortunately, we have only a partial transcription of the article, ending at the point where the wagon train reaches Omaha. I would like to add the rest of the migration story to our Knapp/Napp archives.

If you live near a library that carries microfilm of Grant County newspapers dating to 1928-1929, please consider working with your librarian to locate this valuable piece of Knapp/Napp family history, and send a copy to:

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[Note: One correspondent specifies that the opening segment of Laura MORRELL Knapp's story appeared in the Feb. 27, 1929, *Fennimore Times*.]

## Time in a Bottle: Connecting with William KNAPP Descendants

If you had an opportunity at the 2001 Knapp/Napp Reunion to look at the white binders (one for each of the nine family lines descending from **Conrad & Maria NAPP**), you may recall the **William KNAPP** “collection” as a pathetically skinny little thing containing only three or four pages. Today it is bursting at the seams! Better yet, Fobe and I recently met William’s great-great-granddaughter, **Bonnie BOURLAND Bowles** and her husband, **Barry**, and together the four of us had the privilege and pleasure of touring the home where William’s family lived for over a century.

Bonnie and I “met” over the phone one weekend when she and Barry were traveling through **Pescadero**, California. She had just discovered her great-great-grandfather’s grave—and a jar containing a few pages of family history that I had left on **William KNAPP**’s gravesite. The jar was cracked and the pages were wet, but Bonnie was able to read my phone number. I sent her the information I had accumulated about the William KNAPP family, and she filled in some of the gaps about William’s descendants.

A few months later, a fellow named **Greg TIMM** came across information I had posted about William KNAPP on internet message boards. He and his wife, Ann, have restored and are living in the house where William’s daughter **May KNAPP** and her husband, **Edmund MOORE**, lived throughout their entire married life. Greg’s research in old county records revealed an even earlier connection. He explains, “We know that William owned the house from 1866 on and that he lived there. We are not certain that he *built* the house because it was almost definitely already built when he purchased the property. Judging from the materials used, it was built between 1861 and 1863.”

The opportunity to meet cousin Bonnie and her husband *and* to see the Knapp-Moore house came this past May, when Greg invited us to the Home and Garden Tour in Pescadero. Both the home and the gardens have been beautifully—and lovingly—restored. We also strolled through town (just a few blocks) to Mt. Hope cemetery to visit William’s gravesite—and to leave a fresh genealogy-in-a-jar.

*An outline of William KNAPP’s descendants appears on the following page; for more details, contact [metaphor4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metaphor4@sbcglobal.net), or write to me at 1025 Benito Ave., Pacific Grove, CA.*



Knapp-Moore House, Pescadero, California.  
May 2005 Home & Garden Tour



Mary THIELE Fobian, Greg TIMM and Bonnie BOURLAND Bowles, at William KNAPP’s gravesite, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pescadero, CA. (Note that an updated genealogy inside a new jar has been placed on William’s grave.)

## Descendants of William KNAPP & Julia COTTER

1 Wilhelm "William" Knapp 1838 - 1885  
 .. +Julia Cotter 1837 - 1917  
 .. 2 Clara E. Knapp 1872 - Unknown  
 ..... +Frank McManus - Unknown  
 ..... 3 Stephen Anthony McManus 1899 - 1944  
 ..... 3 Frank Joseph McManus 1895 - 1948  
 .. 2 Jane Eunice "Jennie" Knapp 1873 - 1898  
 ..... +Niels/Nellis Henning/Henry Hald/Hall 1865 - 1965  
 ..... 3 [2] Myrtle Eunice Hall 1892 - 1980  
 ..... +Leonard Marion "Sr." Edmunds 1892 - 1967  
 ..... 4 [1] Dorothea Elizabeth Edmunds 1912 - 1992  
 ..... +Julian Bernatene Private -  
 ..... 5 Victor Bernatene Private -  
 ..... 5 Andrew Leonard Bernatene Private -  
 ..... 5 Betty Bernatene Private -  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of [1] Dorothea Elizabeth Edmunds:  
 ..... +Harold Kress Private -  
 ..... 5 Robert Francis Kress Private -  
 ..... 5 Baby Kress Private -  
 ..... 4 Leonard Marion "Jr." Edmunds 1913 - 1978  
 ..... 4 Lois Esther Edmunds 1914 - 1992  
 ..... +Percy Alexander Bourland 1910 - 1997  
 ..... 5 Bonnie Leigh Bourland Private -  
 ..... +William Barry Bowles Private -  
 ..... 5 Patrick Allen Bourland Private -  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of [2] Myrtle Eunice Hall:  
 ..... +FNU Austin - Unknown  
 ..... 4 Lili Agnes "Lollie" Austin Private -  
 ..... +Burton Hannagan Private -  
 ..... 5 Baby Hannagan Private -  
 ..... 5 Susan Lynn Hannagan Private -  
 ..... +Michael J Ellis Private -  
 ..... \*3rd Husband of [2] Myrtle Eunice Hall:  
 ..... +Andrew Dudley Babb 1878 - 1940  
 ..... 4 Pauline Frances Babb Private -  
 ..... +Clarence E. Dineen, Jr. Private -  
 ..... 5 Michael Dennis Dineen Private -  
 ..... 5 Karen Louise Dineen Private -  
 ..... 5 Diane Linda Dineen Private -  
 ..... 5 Cheryl A. "Sherrie" Dineen Private -  
 ..... 3 Johanna Hall 1893 - 1992  
 ..... 3 Jennie E. Hall 1898 - 1978  
 ..... +James Charles 1860 - 1980  
 .. 2 Mary S. "May" Knapp 1874 - 1967  
 ..... +Edmond Edmund W. Moore 1887 - 1966  
 ..... 3 Mary Moore 1911 - 1920  
 .. 2 Agnes V. Knapp 1876 - 1897  
 .. 2 William G. Knapp 1876 - 1891  
 .. 2 Baby Boy Knapp 1877 - 1880

A genealogical report for the William Knapp line is available for distribution as an email attachment; send e-mail with "Wm KNAPP Gen Rpt" in the subject line to: [metaphor4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metaphor4@sbcglobal.net). For a printout of the report, send an SASE to: Mary Thiele Fobian, 1025 Benito Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

## Newfound Cousins in France: Gisèle NAPP & Family

Early in July I received email **from Gisèle Napp** of Gattières (on the French Riviera). She had come across data I posted online about our immigrant ancestors Conrad NAPP and Maria NAPP.



**Gisèle NAPP (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and her children, Gael QUERI, Ingrid QUERI and Elsa QUERI**

You may recall that our earliest known NAPP ancestor is **Thiell NAPP**. Our Conrad & Maria lines descend from Thiell's son **Johannes**; Gisèle's line descends from Thiell's son **Philipp**.

Gisèle has done a great deal of genealogical research. Included in the information she has shared are 8 pages of German text from a scholarly genealogical work by Klaus Napp-Zinn investigating whether the **Abbott Franz Cyrill Napp** (a forerunner of **Gregor Mendel**) was connected to the NAPP family of Sankt Goar.



I don't read German, but can follow the names and dates easily enough. It appears that Conrad & Maria weren't the only NAPPs from the Werlau-Sankt Goar area who emigrated to the Americas. References to Argentina and even Hoboken, NJ, pop out of the German script. All will be revealed (i.e., translated) eventually, but in the meantime, if any among you read German, I'll be glad to send you copies.

*New leaves on the family tree:*

- 🌿 Joseph Samuel BERBACH
- 🌿 Benjamin Herbert BURKHALTER
- 🌿 John David KNAPP III
- 🌿 Janaya Christine WALKER
- 🌿 Janessa Lauren WALKER
- 🌿 Nolan David WALKER
- 🌿 Isobel Rhoda TRIPP

If you know of other recent KNAPP/NAPP milestones (births, marriages, deaths), please send names and dates to 1025 Benito Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950, or email [metaphor4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metaphor4@sbcglobal.net).

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This photo graced the cover of *Reunions Magazine*. Posed here around Conrad1 NAPP's gravestone in the cemetery near "Hurricane" are (clockwise from bottom left): Ashley Boetcher, Lindsay Boetcher, Matthias Pallasch, Johannes Pallasch, Christian Pallasch, Maria Pallasch, Ross Ipsen and Tim Ipsen.

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