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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

We're off to a great start for 2008. The Wolfgang Seminar on February 23rd should be wonderful. If you have not sent your registration, do so today!

Sunday, February 17th, will be our first *Volunteers Only* research afternoon (see page 4). You must be a current volunteer to participate! This is another good reason to find a way to help the Society and Library.

I spent two weeks in Salt Lake City with 44 of my "closest friends" and found the Family History Library offers a new service: one-hour consultations with their staff on specific localities and topics. I chose American Indian, Pennsylvania Mennonites and Norwegian. We found three new generations on two lines and many suggestions to break down brick walls. Wow!!! When you go to Salt Lake City, sign up for these consultations quickly. They are free!

Remember, our Goal for 2008 is increased membership. Bring your friends and acquaintances, the Library and Society sell themselves on first visit!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschleman

Please welcome new members to our organization: William Hopkinson, Martha H Colburn, Marilee Miller, Judy Janson, Daniela Moneta, Donald L Ghareeb, Paul and Lois Tande, Lila and Morgan Johnson, Ken Skidmore, Mary Eberhart, Linda Donato, Betty Douglas, and Tina C Shively. Members who have been reinstated are: Louis Strong, Dan Cable, Laverne Atchison, and Mary McMartin.

LAST CHANCE for *FIDDLER* RAFFLE TICKETS

February 11 Membership Meeting

WIN ONE OF TWO SETS OF TWO TICKETS

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Dinner and the Show

Arizona Broadway Theatre

Saturday Evening, March 1, 2008

Raffle Tickets will be available at February Membership Meeting or at Library. **Drawing will be February 11th.**

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue
Youngtown, AZ 85363

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
9am to 4pm and Tuesday nights, 6 to 9pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Telephone: 623-933-4945

Website: <http://www.azwvgs.org>

Monthly Meetings: September through May

Doors Open at 1:00 pm 2nd Monday of each month

First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103rd Ave., SC

MORTGAGE CHALLENGE UPDATE

Good news just keeps getting better! As of February 17, the amount donated by members reached \$10,820. Add the \$7,000 from the challenge, brings a total of \$17,820 applied to the principal on our mortgage.

A big Thank You to all!

GOODSEARCH AND GOODSHOP

A new way to raise funds for the Society has been recommended by one of our members. GoodSearch and GoodShop have dedicated a percentage of their earnings to go to non-profit organizations. WVGS has registered with them. There is no charge to use this site!

GoodSearch.com

GoodSearch makes use of the Yahoo search engine and works quite efficiently. Please go to their home page and enter "West Valley Genealogical Society" in the second (lower) space. By clicking on the "Verify" button you will be assured that WVGS is the charity of your choice. After the first time or two it will automatically appear for you. Enter in the first (top) blank, the name, subject, etc., for which you wish to search.

Please read on their home page about their organization and their intentions.

GoodShop.com works on the same basis. A percentage of each sale is donated to WVGS.

Remember: GoodShop.com

FEBRUARY 23 SEMINAR

by Barbara Stenberg



I hope you are all planning to attend the seminar on February 3. Meldon J. Wolfgang III is promising to be a most interesting speaker. His biography is very impressive. A native New Yorker, and owner of Jonathan Sheppard Books, Mr. Wolfgang has pursued genealogical interests since 1961. He has spoken at local, regional, and national conferences on topics such as ethnic and urban genealogy, cartography and newspaper research. Currently he writes the genealogy column of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust's magazine *Archives*.

He has served as the Commissioner of Human Resources for the city of Albany, on the Executive Committee of their Tri-centennial Commission, on Albany's Historic Sites Commission, and as a trustee of the Albany County Historical Society as well as a founding trustee-advisor of the joint Albany City-County Archives. He has served as a trustee of the Albany Public Library for nearly 20 years and was president of the Upper Hudson Library System, a consortium of 29 public libraries in upstate New York.

Mr. Wolfgang's topics are: "Getting Out of the Box: Exploring Uncommon Research Resources, Techniques, and Strategies; Sleuthing in the Stacks; Using Uncommon Resources to Uncover Genealogical Clues; Researching "Birds of a Feather:" How Prosopography, Cluster Studies, and Record Linkage Techniques Can Help Put New Leaves On Your Family Tree; "Troy Papers Please Copy:" Newspaper Research for Family Historians.

His topics are intriguing - does anyone know what prosopography is? Mr. Wolfgang will enlighten us and suggest how it might assist our research. He will be giving us techniques for several unusual resources to aid our searches. He will drive here from New York so he can bring some of his books for sale, many that we don't usually see here in the west.

We decided to go with a simpler lunch this year and are ordering those *wonderful* sandwiches and salads from the Paradise Bakery. It will be a substantial lunch and included in your registration cost of \$40 for the seminar.

**Sign up today if you haven't already.
You won't be disappointed!**



FEBRUARY DISPLAY CASE

By Sally Pavia

In February, the display will be on the heritage of members of our Jewish Interest Group. If you have something to display, contact Sally Pavia at 623 974-0195 or sallypavia2001@yahoo.com.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to the family of Joseph L. Brumit, Life Member and Past President, who died January 1st.

Fran Jones Libby, Past Second Vice President, died in December. Our sympathies to her family.



ANNUAL WVGS BOOK SALE

by Ethel Sanders

We had a goal of \$500, but hoped it would be more.

It was exactly \$541.25!

Some of the books remaining will be in the library for a few more days. If you didn't get a chance to buy during the sale, take the opportunity to purchase some for your spring reading pleasure. Thanks to all for your wonderful participation and help.

ASU LIBRARY TRIP

Saturday, February 16, 2008

The WVGS Jewish Special Interest Group announces a trip to ASU in Tempe. Everyone is invited to go, but pre-registration at WVGS is required so we can arrange to carpool. See an aide for the sign up sheet. You **do not** need to be a member of the Library or the Jewish SIG to participate. **You Must Register by February 1st.**

ASU has a large collection of genealogy resource materials for every geographic area. Use this link to access their online catalog in preparation for your trip: <http://www.asu.edu/lib/libraries/hayden/>.

Time: Leave WVGS Library at 8:00 am
Arrive ASU by 9:00 am

Return: Leave ASU at 1:00 pm
Arrive WVGS Library around 2:00 pm

Drivers: Please let us know if you can drive and how many you can take in your vehicle.

Photocopies: You have to purchase a photocopy card in the Main Lobby of ASU Hayden Library and add money to it to make your photocopies. There are no coin machines and the library does not give change. So bring your dollar bills.

We hope to see everyone join in and should you have any questions, please contact Vicki Hilb ajvlh@cox.net or call her at 602-439-9199.

COMPUTER SUGGESTIONS

"MacFamily Tree" Dick Wickenkamp was asked for good software for the MAC. This is the first software that he has found recommended by someone used to other genealogical software programs.

<http://www.synium.de/products/index.html>.



LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors: Kathryn Ybarra, Peggy Morpew, Sue Firth, Penny Williams, Linda C. McCleary, Ruby Gordon, Marion Boshart, Mary Brooks, Lois Gemmell, Mary Riter, Mid-Continent Public Library, Bob Willis, Florence Weber, Sally Pavia, Maretta Troxel, Delbert L. Earle, Jeanne Kirsch, Lee Shinn, Del Kunz, Haydn White, Dee Snook, Richard Covault, Family History Library of Salt Lake City, Fran Surette, Melaine Lewis, Andy and JoAnn Rowe, Geoff Rasmussen, Mona Knight, Dorothy Sprague, and Beverly Craig.

NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

The new books received during January have been entered into the card catalog and will be found on the tables in the back of the Library. As soon as the yearly inventory is completed, they will be shelved. The list will appear in the next issue of Tidbits.

50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Shirley Woodward



The Society pays one-half of the cost of these books; interested members donate the remainder. Members may suggest titles to be added to the list.

Donations for the following will be appreciated:

- Kentucky Genealogical Index (4 periodicals) to 1980*
Total Cost: \$90.00 Balance Needed: \$34.00
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6*
Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$31.50
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14 Part 7*
Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$32.50
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. 5*
Total Cost: \$95.99 Balance Needed: \$48.00
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set*
Total Cost: \$275.00 Balance Needed: \$132.50

The following books were completed and ordered:

- The Georgia Frontier*
- Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*
- District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1877-1885*
- District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1885-1892*
- History of Butler County, Alabama*

NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

- Blackhawk Gen. Soc. Quarterly – Illinois*
- FRECOGS – Frederick County, Maryland*



Can a first cousin, once removed, return?

NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 10084 1751 History of Northumberland Co. Pennsylvania
- CD 199 Family Tree Maker's Family Archives-German
- CD 10110 Index to the Earliest Churches of New York
- CD 302 Family Tree Maker's Family Archives Census disks Microfilm Records: Indiana, 1850
- CD 0114 Indiana Vital Records: Death Index
- CD 1090 Family Tree Maker FamilyFinder Index
- CD 10111 NY Onondaga County Cemetery Records Index
- CD 2007 SAR Patriot Index Edition III
- CD 10112 How to Find Your Family History & Cultural Roots: An Online Guide
- CD 10113 Digested Summary and Alphabetical List of Private Claims Which Have Been Presented to the House of Representatives.
- CD 10114 United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Record Series, Vol. 1 – E. Baltimore Station
- CD 10115 United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Record Series, Vol. 2 – E. Baltimore Station
- CD 10116 Suffolk Surnames
- CD 10117 Sowams: With Ancient Records of Sowams and Parts Adjacent – Plymouth Colony
- CD 10118 History of the First Church, Charlestown in Nine Lectures, with Notes
- CD 10119 Compendium of New England Gazetteers – A Collection of 10 Early New England Gazetteers.



INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE

by Peggy Morpew

Interlibrary Loan Service will begin at the WVGS on January 15, 2008. There are several changes from services previously provided. These changes are necessary because our partnership with the Youngtown Library no longer exists. As a result, the WVGS will handle Interlibrary Loan Requests for **microfilm and microfiche** only.

Those who wish to secure books through interlibrary loan should do so through one of the local public libraries. Most public libraries do not deal with the microforms, only books and periodicals. Interlibrary loan services are free with a valid library card from all the local libraries unless the lending library requests a fee.

Beginning January 15, 2008, written instructions will be available at the WVGS Library on how to place an order for microforms. A major change in the procedure is that **a \$5 postage charge must be paid in advance for each microform ordered.** This charge is necessary since the WVGS must pay for returning the order to the lending library. Leona Gallion is the new interlibrary loan coordinator. If you have any questions, you may contact her at 623-544-2354 or at gallionl@cox.net.

VOLUNTEERS ONLY RESEARCH DAY

by Peggy Morphew and Dorothy Sprague

Our volunteers do so much for our Library and Society that many times they can't find time to do their own research. We will be offering them a Sunday afternoon when the Library will be open for their research only.

Sunday, February 17th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, they may bring their research materials – no volunteer work will be permitted!

Only current volunteers can participate – so sign up as library or society volunteers quickly! Peggy and Dorothy have lots of ways you can help.

HELP WANTED

You will receive training

Library Aides: Welcome and assist members and guests to use our Library research materials. **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP NOW! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** Call Deanna Hill: 623-566-2961
Time: 4-hour periods on a regular basis

Housekeepers: Assist in basic cleaning services at the Library. Men especially needed to do vacuuming. Contact: Billie Fold
Time: 1 or 2-hour periods monthly, 7 am, Mondays

Media Aides: Assist members in use of our computers. Share their knowledge of our software and be willing to learn to operate the other media components of our Library. Carol Allen, 623-933-1695.
Time: 4-hour periods on a regular basis.

Photographers: Take pictures at meetings and events for our Historian and Publicity. Digital camera a must. Call Dorothy Sprague at the Library.
Time: Monthly Meetings and as necessary.

Speakers: Represent WVGS at other associations & make presentations on our behalf. Contact: Bill Hill.
Time: As necessary.



CALENDAR

- Feb. 11** Membership Meeting
- Feb. 14** Brown Bag **Research** Evening
5:00 to 9:00 pm at Library
- Feb. 16** ASU Library Trip (Car Pool)
8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Feb. 17** Volunteer Research Afternoon
1:00 to 4:00 pm
- Feb. 23** WVGS **SEMINAR** on "Getting Out of the Box". Our Keynote Speaker is Meldon J. Wolfgang, III, \$40.00 Fee.

2008 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

by Karla Bartel

Registration for classes that are held at the WVGS Library, can be done at monthly meetings or at the Library. **Checks must be made payable to the instructor** or you must have exact cash.

TBA **Research Techniques I**
Jean White (formerly *Getting Started in Genealogy*)

Jan 25 (Fri) **Novice Genealogy**
10:00-12:00 am \$7 mbr. / \$9 non-mbr.
Barbara Stenberg (Incl \$1 for handouts)

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tues) **Technology**
9:30-11:30 am \$27 mbr. / \$35 non-mbr.
Geoff Rasmussen (Incl \$3 for handouts)

Feb 5, 12, 19 (TuesNight) **Lands & Wills**
6:00-8:00 pm \$20 mbr. / \$27 non-mbr.
Arlene Everett (Incl \$2 for handouts)

Feb 6, 13, 20 (Wed) **Problem Solving**
1:00-3:00 pm \$27 mbr. / \$35 non-mbr.
Jean White (Incl \$3 for handouts)

Feb 22 (Fri) **Novice Genealogy**
10:00-12:00 am \$7 mbr. / \$9 non-mbr.
Barbara Stenberg (Incl \$1 for handouts)

Feb 25 (Mon) **Family Tree Maker Files (Version 16)**
9:30-11:30 am \$8 mbr. / \$10 non-mbr.
Nancy Nielsen (Incl \$2 for handouts)

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 (Mon) **Family Tree Maker Advanced (Version 16)**
9:30-11:30 am \$30 mbr. / \$38 non-mbr.
Nancy Nielsen (Incl \$6 for handouts)

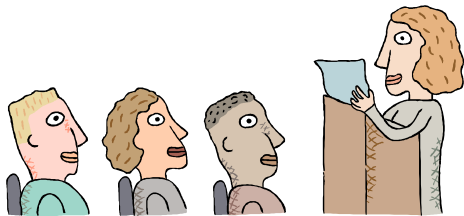
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22 (Tues) **Beginning Legacy**
9:30-11:30am \$24 mbr. / \$32 non-mbr.
Geoff Rasmussen



SALT LAKE CITY TRIP 2008

Please note change of dates

- Date: April 20 – 27, 2008 (Sunday to Sunday)
- Deposit: \$200 due immediately
- Final Payment Due: by February 10, 2008
- Forms: at Library or Web at www.azwvgs.org
- For information call: Cheryl Davies 623-935-5191
or e-mail zoniladi@hotmail.com



FIFTH ANNUAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

by Linda Swain

Twenty Arizonans, one Californian, and two Minnesotans traveled to Washington, DC, on November 28 for nine days of research at the Library of Congress, National Archives, and DAR Library.

We enjoyed the usual private orientations at the Library of Congress, DAR Library, and National Archives. But this year, NARA's Branch Chief, Dr. Kenneth Heger, offered us four optional advanced workshops along with the standard orientation, a major bonus for experienced researchers.

Our hotel, The Capitol Hill Suites is next door to the Madison Building of the Library of Congress. The hotel faces a beautiful white church in a residential neighborhood. The subway (Metro) is one block away. The group dined at restaurants near the hotel, including Bullfeathers, Hunan Dynasty, and Tortilla Coast. Many enjoyed meals at historic Union Station. A lucky few made advance arrangements to dine in the elegant Senate Dining Room (members and invited guests only).

Four extracurricular activities were offered this year. The most popular event was the Friday night performance of "The Capitol Steps," two hours of Mark-Russell style political humor. First-timers signed up for the seasonal "Mount Vernon by Candlelight" tour and the "Washington After Dark" city tour. A small group toured the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at the State Department, a show case of priceless antiques and art work assembled for the enjoyment of foreign dignitaries.

This year's tour is scheduled for December 2-9, 2008. The price is likely to increase slightly to reflect higher rates at the newly renovated hotel. For further information, contact Linda Swain at 480-893-0469 or email lindaswain@aol.com.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

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| ADOPTION: | 4 th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm |
| AFRICAN – AMERICAN: | 2 ND Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm |
| DNA: | Sat. Feb 2nd, 1:00-3:00 pm |
| FRANCE/CANADA: | 3 rd Thursday, 11:00-12:30 am |
| GERMANY: | 3 rd Tuesday, 9:30-11-30 am |
| INDIANA: | 2 nd Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm |
| JEWISH: | 3 rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am |
| LEGACY: | 1 st Saturday, 10:00-12:00 am |
| MARYLAND (new) | Friday, Feb 1 st , 1:00-3:00 pm |
| NORWAY: | 2 nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am |
| POLAND: | Tuesday, Feb 5th, 10:30-12:00 am |
| SWEDEN: | February 7 only, 1:00-3:00 pm 3 rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm |

All interest groups are open to the public (a donation is requested) and meet in the multi-purpose room of the Library. You may register your request(s) for other special interest groups at the Library. You will be notified when they are formed.

The French and Canadian SIG requests materials from our WVGS members to expand the research capability of our Library's French collection. We are in need of census data, parish records, passenger lists, maps, etc. For more information, contact Nancy Reed, keerbrown@cox.net, or call her at 876-8807

WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

- ❖ "Surname Suggestion List"
<http://home.triad.rr.com/combsfamily/sslmain.html>
This is a free download to make it easier to search the internet for a particular surname and its sound-alikes.
- ❖ Danish Demographic Database
http://www.ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm
In the Danish Demographic Database you can search for information in different sources. You can search for individuals when you have some information.
- ❖ Genealogical Society of Finland
<http://hiski.genealogia.fi/historia/indexe.htm>
HisKi project includes lists of christenings, marriages, burials and moves.

LUNCHTIME FAMILY HISTORY LESSONS held at the Carnegie Library, downtown Phoenix

Registration is required.

- Feb 7** Slave Power Conspiracy that Led to Civil War, 1810-1820 by Raymond Carter, VP, Black Family Genealogy & History Society
 - Mar 6** Genealogical Research in Newspapers, Genealogy Staff
 - Apr 3** Genealogical Research in Immigration and Naturalization Records, Genealogy Staff
 - May 8** German Genealogy, Mesa FHC
 - Sep 4** Hispanic Genealogy, Mesa FHC
 - Oct 9** Genealogical Research in Probate Records
- Contact:** Lorin H. Lindsay, Genealogy Librarian
AZ State Library, Archives and Public Records
1700 W Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007-2812
602-926-3982 llindsay@lib.az.us

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100 members once a day, we receive \$1.00!
500 members once a day, we receive \$5.00!
In a month, we could receive \$30 to \$150!
We could pay for the new copier in two years.

And just one penny at a time! Yea!

Recycle: Aluminum cans
Ink Cartridges
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Drop these off at the Library

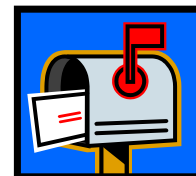
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??? E-MAIL TIDBITS ???

The WVSG Board is *considering* whether to continue mailing issues of *Tidbits* to all our members or making it available via e-mail to those who have that capability.



Those members who do not have e-mail or do not want to use this method would continue to receive their issues through the regular mail. This would result in a considerable savings to the Society.

Send your opinion: e-mail pres@azwvgs.org, or drop a note in the mail or at the Library.

Your comments will help the Board reach their decision and are a valuable input.