



TIDBITS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Summer has arrived with all the excitement of travel and reunions with friends and family. What an opportunity for family historians to gather information and oral reports, visit repositories to discover special collections, and take photographs to enhance your family tree.

Your Library will be open all summer. New books, CDs and periodicals will be arriving. See the listing for the Special Interest Groups that will be meeting. There are some area groups that will meet during the summer for the first time.

We welcome Dorothy Seaward and MaryJo Johnson as our new *Tidbits* editors with this issue. They are a fine team.

Alice Foust is preparing two books for publication. In the fall we will be seeking help with extracting records and cemetery recordings for some old and new projects.

Your use of GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com will be a valuable assist to the funding of the Society. Just go to GoodSearch.com and read the easy instructions. In the top blank enter your search query. In the lower blank enter "West Valley Genealogical Society," and then hit the "search" button. The next time you go to the site the WVGS will come up automatically. We will receive a penny for every time you use this search engine. Please read about this website and their dedication to aiding non-profit organizations.

See you all in September and hope to hear reports of many falling Brick Walls.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelma

Please welcome new members to our organization: Marcia Wright, Michael A Sheetes, Betty Asato, Darlene Goodrow, Dorothy G Seaward, Donna Corea, and Tena & Mike Hanna.

A reminder to all members – please send any address changes to R. Herschelma by August. We don't want anyone to miss event notices, and receiving *Tidbits* and *Desert Tracker*. Bulk mail is not forwarded or returned.

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

Hours: 9a – 4p Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
Tuesday nights, 6p – 9p; Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Call Library to verify summer hours

Telephone 623-933-4945

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

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

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

September through May Doors Open at 1:00 pm

CIRCLE MAY 12 ON YOUR CALENDAR

GINA LACZKO & SHALIYAH BEN

SPEAKERS ON AMERICAN INDIANS

Quite a few of our members have indicated an interest in how to search for ancestors from American Indian tribes. We are fortunate to have as our May 2008 speaker, the Director of Education of the Heard Museum.

Gina Laczko has worked at the museum for 19 years; she will be joined by Shaliyah Ben, Navajo, who began her career as a Native Student Guide at the museum and has been working part-time in the curatorial department while completing her degree at Arizona State University.

Their discussion will center on the differences between American Indian kinship, based on clans, and American ideas of ancestry. They will also comment on historical events that have complicated research of family connections, including Boarding Schools, relocation policies, prejudice, and adoption programs.

Invite your family members, your friends, and your neighbors to accompany you to the May 12 membership meeting of West Valley Genealogical Society. Our final meeting of this 2007-2008 series will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City, AZ (location is just 2 blocks south of Grand on 103rd Avenue.)

Our brief meeting begins at 1:30pm; speaker begins presentation at 2:00pm, concluding with a question and answer session until 3:00pm.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

by Alice Foust

YOUR NAME PUBLISHED IN A BOOK!! Get bragging rights! Send this book to everyone on your Christmas list – they will be so impressed! This is how we're going to do this!

The WVGS members will create a cookbook which we hope to sell before Christmas. It will contain recipes from our own ethnic backgrounds or our American roots, e.g., Cajun, Mexican, Italian, Danish, Soul, Atlantic or Pacific seafood, Alaskan, Hawaiian, etc. -OR- submit a recipe that dates way back to the 1700/1800's – like mine for “starter yeast,” which was handed down from my great-grandmother. This recipe was used to keep a batch of living yeast available so she could always have baked bread.

Each member is invited to submit no more than five (5) recipes, preferably each from a different category – breads, salads, soups, entrees, vegetable and sides, cookies, pies and cakes, other desserts, or other recipes. Your name will be listed next to the recipe. If the recipe is ethnic, please specify which location.

We will be selling these cookbooks for \$9.95. They will be printed professionally with a colorful cover. It will be indexed and include other useful items. We need to develop a number indicating how many to have printed. We would like to know how many each of you would like to order. Of course, nobody is under any obligation to buy the cookbooks. They will be a great fundraiser for our society and serve as an excellent book for what we hope are fantastic and rare family recipes. If you estimate that you'll buy 4 and then, find out you only need 2, you are not obligated to purchase the 2 extra. We are asking that you help us by sending your estimate at this time to cheshirecats2@peoplepc.com.

The estimate is very important. It tells us the number of books that we will ultimately purchase and sell. A greater number of books cost less to print which increases our profit from the sale. I hope to hear from every member ... for your recipe contribution and the number of books you might order.

REMEMBER – submit the recipe(s) to Alice Foust at the May meeting or send them via e-mail to cheshirecats2@peoplepc.com.

CONDOLENCES

Member John Brooks' wife, Elizabeth, passed away several weeks ago. The Society extends its deepest sympathy.



CALENDAR

- May 5 Board Meeting at Library, 1 pm
- May 8 Lunchtime Family History Lesson*
German Genealogy @ Carnegie Center
- May 12 Membership Meeting
- May 15 Research Dinner, 5-9 pm at the Library
- May 16 Lunchtime Family History Lesson*
Phoenix's Mexicano Roots, Carnegie Center
- Sept. 4 Lunchtime Family History Lesson*
Hispanic Genealogy @ Carnegie Center
- Oct. 9 Lunchtime Family History Lesson*
Genealogical Research in Probate Records, @ Carnegie Center

* For more information and registration, please call 602-926-3938. Carnegie Center is located at 1101 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DESSERT

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dessert, hosted by the Board, where the Society volunteers were honored for their service to the West Valley Genealogical Society and Library, was held on April 14. Volunteers were recognized according to their areas of volunteer service during 2007 and 2008.

The collection Development Committee honored Dee Snook and Del Kunz for their service of over five years as members of the committee. A book of their choice was donated to the Library.



Dee Snook – Jean White – Del Kunz

Peggy Morphew was especially honored for her service of 12 years on the Board as 1st Vice President, President, and Library Administrator. A plaque listing the names of our Library Administrators will be placed in the Library in her honor.

Vera Elgin was recognized for having entered and won the Ugliest Sign Contest which will result in new and better signage outside the Library.



LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors:

In memory of Dick Daly by Carol Daly, Family History Library – SLC, Sue Firth, Lorraine Harpur, Kansas City, MO Public Library, Mona Knight, Del Kunz, Marilyn Leighton, Martha Mercer, Mid-Continent Public Library, Dean Miller, Peggy Morphew, Rosalie Ogden, Sally Pavia, John Post, Ken & Nancy Reed, Dee Snook, Sun Country Master Genealogist User Group, Maretta Troxel, Jean White, Fran Willis, Mac Young, and Kathryn Ybarra.

NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *Adam's Curse; A Future Without Men* (DNA)
- *Arkansas Times, A History of Arkansas in Stories and Pictures*
- *Beneath the Polar Star, Glimpses of Finnish History*
- *Big Book of American Irish Culture, The*
- *Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington. Indiana**
- *Birth of France, The; Warriors, Bishops and Long-Haired Kings*
- *Central Michigan University, Alumni Directory 1992*
- *Clark County Washington Marriages 1910-1913, Vol. 4**
- *Clark County Washington Marriages 1914-1915, Vol. 5**
- *Collinsworth County (TX), 1890-1984*
- *Countdown to Discovery, A World of Hidden Treasures 2003, FSG Conference Syllabus*
- *Dutch Colonists in the Americas 1615-1815**
- *Family History with Name Origin and Lineage Lines* (Lewis)
- *Farmington (MI): A Pictorial History*
- *German Maps & Facts for Genealogy*
- *History of a Village, Ridgewood, New Jersey*
- *History of Jericho Vermont, The*
- *History of Ogden, Utah in Old Post Cards*
- *History of Washington Township (CA), The*
- *History of Winona, Olmsted, & Dodge Counties.* (MN)
- *Huguenot Settlements in Ireland**
- *Inventory of Church Archives in the District of Columbia; The Protestant Episcopal Church, Vol. 1*
- *Klapper op het Repertorium Van Familienamen in 1811-1812 in Friesland aangingomen of bevestigd*
- *Lachendes Lossetal: Erlauschtes und Erlebtes*
- *Later Scots-Irish Links 1725-1825**
- *Louisiana, A History*
- *Louisiana, A Study of The State*
- *Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary; The, Volumes 4 & 5*
- *Maverick Town, The Story of Old Tascosa* (TX)
- *Missing Relatives and Lost Friends* (MD)*
- *National Genealogical Society Regional Conference, Program Syllabus*
- *Nottinghamshire Family History Society Records Series, Vol.10, 1851 Census Surname Index*
- *Nottinghamshire Family History Society, Records Series, Vol. 1 & Vol. 2 Monumental Inscriptions*
- *Nottinghamshire Family History Society, Records Series, Vol.3 & Vol. 4, 1851 Census Surname Index*
- *Obituaries from the Skamania County Pioneer Newspaper* (WA), 1900-1929*
- *One Hundred Norwegians*
- *Primer for The Master Genealogist, A*
- *Province and the States, The; Volume 2 & Volume 3*
- *Repertorium Van Familienamen in 1811-1812 in Friesland aagenomen of bevestigd; Deel 6, Deel 7, & Deel 8* (Written in Dutch)
- *Repertorium Van Familienamen in 1811-1812 in Friesland aagenomen of bevestigd, Deel 1, Deel 3, Deel 4 & Deel 5* (Written in Dutch)
- *Saxons, Vikings, and Celts; The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland* (DNA)
- *Setauket (NY) The First Three Hundred Years, 1655-1955*
- *Seven Daughters of Eve, The* (DNA)
- *Skamania County Washington Births 1893-1926; Deeds & Miscellaneous Records 1855-1894**
- *Skamania County Washington Cemetery Records**
- *Skamania County Washington Marriage Records**
- *South Carolina's Royal Grants; Volume Three: Grant Books 18 through 24, 1768-1773**
- *South Carolina's Royal Grants; Volume Two: Grant Books 10 through 17, 1760-1768**
- *Swedish Heritage in America, The*
- *Symbols of Heraldry Explained, The*
- *The Flight of the Nez Perce*
- *The German-American Genealogical Research Monograph No.7; Nineteenth-Century Emigration of "Old Lutherans" from Eastern Germany (mainly Pomerania and Lower Silesia) to Australia, Canada**
- *The Historical Atlas of Texas*
- *Transcription of Provincial North Carolina Wills, 1663-1729/30; Volume Two - Testators L through Z**
- *Up the Creek* (MT)
- *Works and Days: A History of San Felipe Neri Church 1867-1895* (NM)

* CDC Acquisition

** 50/50 Club Acquisition

HELP! The library is in **dire** need of about 3 dozen bookends, any size, any color, and any kind, either new or used. Thank you.

NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

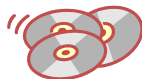
by Joan Rentner

- o *Calumet – Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars*
- o *The Clipper* (MultiStates)
- o *The Crown and Eagle Newsletter* (Lineage)
- o *Glamorgan Family History Society Journal* (Wales)
- o *Family Findings* (Mid-West Tennessee)
- o *National Society U.S. Daughters of 1812 News-Letter*
- o *Nottinghamshire Family History Society Journal* (England)
- o *Relatively Searching* (Griffith Family)



NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink



- CD 10125 *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire 1635-1941*
- CD 10126 *First Landowners of Pennsylvania: Colonial and State Warrant Registers in the PA Archives, Harrisburg 1682-ca 1940**
- CD 10127 *First Landowners of Pennsylvania: Indexes to the Colonial and State Patent Registers in the Archives, Harrisburg, 1684-ca 1957**
- CD 10128 *First Landowners of Pennsylvania: Indexes to Tract Names of Patented Land in the PA Archives, Harrisburg, ca 1684-1811**

* CDC Acquisition



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: \$23.00
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6*
Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$30.50
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14 Part 7*
Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$31.50
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set*
Total Cost: \$275.00 Balance Needed: \$77.50
- Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec 1608-1635*
Total Cost: \$22.95 Balance Needed: \$11.45
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. 5*
Total Cost: \$95.99 **Book has been ordered**
- Female Index to Genealogical Index of First Settlers of New England*
Total Cost: \$35.00 **Book has been ordered**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- o **ADOPTION:** Tuesday, Sept 23, 6:30-8:30 pm
- o **AFRICAN – AMERICAN:** Tuesday, Sept 9, 6:30-8:00 pm
- o **ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: (NEW)** Thursday, May 8, 10:00-Noon
- o **DNA: Meets 4 times/yr.** Saturday, Oct. 4, 1:00-3:00 pm
- o **EASTERN STATES: (NEW)** Thursday, May 1, 1:00-3:00 pm
- o **FRANCE/ CANADA:** Thursday, May 16, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- o **GERMANY:** Tuesday, May 20, 9:30-11:30 am
- o **INDIANA:** Friday, Sept 26, 10:00 am-Noon
- o **JEWISH:** Saturday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 am
- o **LEGACY:** Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am-Noon
- o **MARYLAND:** Friday, May 2, 1:00-3:00 pm
- o **MISSOURI:** Friday, May 9, 10:00 am-Noon
- o **NORWAY:** Tuesday, Oct 14, 9:30-11:30 am
- o **OHIO:** Friday, May 23, 1:00-3:00 pm
- o **NYC: Meets 4 times/year** Friday Oct 17, 1:00-3:00 pm
- o **POLAND:** Tuesday, Oct 7, 10:30am-Noon
- o **QUAKERS: (New)** Friday, May 2, 9:30-11:30 am
- o **SWEDEN:** Thursday, May 15, 1:00-3:00 pm

All interest groups are open to the public and meet in the multi-purpose room of the library. A donation is requested at each meeting.

Groups which meet less frequently are: Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia & West Virginia. Please register your interest in these at the Library, and you will be notified of their meeting times.

You may register your request(s) for other special interest groups at the Library. You will be notified when they are formed.

Two outside organizations welcome visits from our Members: The Master Genealogist User's Group meets the 2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m - Noon in WVGS Library; the MAC Genealogy Group meets in Sun City West, contact Doris Turner dorjer@cox.net for date and time.

NOTE FOR YEAR ROUND RESIDENTS: Remember the new Special Interest Groups (SIG) meetings throughout the summer. And check at the library for Research Nights. See you there!

Its **c o o l** and **c o m f o r t a b l e** in the Library.

READY, SET, GO FOR FALL CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

READY! We have a great lineup of classes for you when we get going again in October. Everyone needs to renew and refresh their knowledge of how to research. To this end, we have the popular classes lined up as well as a few new ones.

GET SET! Your September issue of Tidbits will have the schedule of classes, dates and times. Also be sure to check our E-News for updates as they happen.

GO! Enjoy the summer and we'll see you in **September** (sounds like a song) or **October** ("Autumn Leaves")!!

Classes scheduled include:

- Basic Family Tree Maker
- Cheap Genealogy
- Family Tree Maker Files
- How to Attack a Library
- Problem Solving
- Research Techniques I
- Technology

HELP WANTED

You will receive training

Library Aides: Welcome and assist members and guests to use our Library research materials. 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, 623-974-4152.

Time: 1-hour period each month, 7 am, Monday

Media Aides: Assist members in use of our computers. Share your knowledge of our software and be willing to learn to operate the other media components of our Library. Edie Kelly, 623-566-8628.

Time: 4-hour periods on a regular basis.

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

Time: As necessary. azbil@cox.net

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE BACK IN ACTION

Nancy Reed found a new company that will take our used ink cartridges and pay WVGS a good price.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Windows XP Home Edition (with license)

Computer Committee needs this for use on a donated computer. Contact Dick Wickenkamp at 623-544-9844.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

And the winner is . . . WVGS member, Nancy Reed, was the lucky one whose name was drawn at the April membership meeting for a One-Year Ancestry.com U.S. Deluxe Subscription

. CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY!!!

WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

❖ www.publicrecords.netonline.com – An easy access to US public records online by State and County.

UPDATE ON SALES

Ethel Sanders reported that \$750.00 was earned at the book sales. Ada Sullivan reported that \$1,213.00 was earned at the Parking Lot Sale.

LIBRARY USAGE SURVEY

by Dorothy Sprague

We have done this several ways and want your help with a tried and true method. When you sign into the Library, please indicate on the sign in sheet what locations you are researching that day.

If you will not be in the Library for the summer, send a note to me at the Library or e-mail to pres@azwvgs.org with "locations" as the subject line or on the envelope. We need to know what you want to know!!

DUPLICATE BOOKS

by Jean White

BROWSE FOR BARGAINS!!! Duplicate books and CDs will be for sale at the May general meeting. Doors open at 1:00 pm. See you there!

On the Lighter Side

When there is a Will ... I want to be in it!

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Cell Phones
Ink Cartridges
Drop these off at the Library

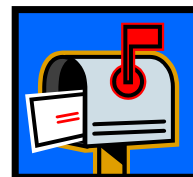
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KEEP POSTED!

Summer Special Interest Group Sessions: Consult the *May Tidbits* for dates and times. Also, remember some of the regular SIGs continue to meet during the warmer days.

E-mail Version of *Tidbits*:
When we are ready to try this, you will have the option of continuing to receive your copy by regular mail. Don't worry ... we will see that you get your copy.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

You know you are taking genealogy too seriously when ... your house leans slightly toward the side where your genealogical records are stored.

Genealogy Daily