



# TIDBITS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

PLEASE READ the report from the Long Range Planning Committee that is included in this issue. At our October meeting they will have a presentation for you and will be prepared to answer your questions.

This report will be used by the Board as a guide to future work by the Board. Your comments are very valuable.

When you come to the Library and admire our new entrance and the security arrangements for your safety, say a loud THANK YOU to the 52 generous members who donated \$3,400 in May to make this possible.

Our Historian Roberta Tenney has found it necessary to resign. Her fine work of maintaining our records is deeply appreciated.

If you would like to follow in her footsteps, please let me know.

Remember to sign up for classes, many begin in October. Special Interest Groups are already meeting and are always a great help in locating where records are available in specialized locations or groups.

I look forward to visiting with you all this fall.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members to our organization. Many have discovered our society and library through our brown bag research dinners, our new signage, newspaper notices and through word of mouth. New members since our last TIDBITS are: Tracy A Martinez, Linda Travaglio, Betty L Miller, Sheri & Chic Sullivan, Harold L Kuhn, Richard Gomes, Sherry Asher, Judy & Mike Adams, Doris Young, Mary E Watson, Kay L Radwanski, Eugene & Noralie LeNore Joe C Gladstone, Lillian G Garrett and Wilma L Anderson.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please advice of any change of address or email address to update our database, ensuring your receipt of TIDBITS and the DESERT TRACKER. e-mail [Genhersch@cox.net](mailto:Genhersch@cox.net) or call 623-815-0074.

## WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

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

**Telephone** . . . . . 623-933-4945

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

**Monthly Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave., SC

**September through May** Doors Open at 1:00 pm

## DESERT TRACKER ARTICLES NEEDED

by Dorothy Sprague

We still need articles for the Fall Issue of our *Desert Tracker*. The deadline for submissions is October 8, but receiving them as soon as possible would be very greatly appreciated.

The focus for this issue is Land Records, but any genealogy or Arizona topic would be appreciated.

Include pictures, if possible. Don't forget to add the list of your sources, too. Please submit to [Tracker@azwvgs.org](mailto:Tracker@azwvgs.org) or mail to *Desert Tracker* at the Library. Thank you for your help!

## FREE LIBRARY TOURS

Want to take a tour of our Library? The tours coming up are limited to 12 participants per tour. Please call the Library at 623-933-4945 to reserve your space. Tours are:

- Wednesday, September 24 - 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 15 - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 5 - 9:30 a.m.

## RESEARCH DINNERS

Research Dinners are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 5-9 p.m. Call our library in advance to make a reservation, "donation of \$3.50 is requested." Bring your brown bag dinner and we'll provide the *drinks* and *dessert*. We hope to see you there. Space is limited, don't wait too long to make your reservation.



### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

<b>ADOPTION</b>	4 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.
<b>AFRICAN/</b>	
<b>AMERICAN</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.
<b>ARCHIVING</b>	
<b>FAMILY HISTORY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10:00-Noon
<b>DNA</b>	
<b>[Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00 p.
<b>EASTERN STATES</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.
<b>ENGLAND and/or ITALIAN<sup>3</sup></b>	TBD
<b>FRANCE/</b>	
<b>CANADA</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:00a.-12:30 p.
<b>GERMAN</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.
<b>INDIANA</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 10:00-Noon
<b>JEWISH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.
<b>LEGACY</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10-Noon
<b>MARYLAND</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 p.
<b>MISSOURI</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, 10:00-Noon
<b>NORWAY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.
<b>NY/NJ (NEW)<sup>1</sup></b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.
<b>First Mtg 10/7</b>	
<b>NYC</b>	
<b>[Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 p.
<b>OHIO</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 p.
<b>POLAND</b>	
<b>[Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]</b>	TBA, Wednesday, TBA
<b>QUAKERS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	
<b>STATES (NEW)<sup>2</sup></b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
<b>SWEDEN</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.

#### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Might combine with the NY/NJ SIG

#### <sup>2</sup>NEW SIG

Starting on Saturday, 27 September we be having a "Southern States" SIG, see above for time and date.

This new SIG is being formed to include North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. These states have commonalities historically in development and

structure for record searches. Adjoining states may also be considered for those who don't have a SIG to meet their needs. Those interested, please contact Dr. Ruby Gordon at 623-875-2975 or e-mail [rjdgordon@cox.net](mailto:rjdgordon@cox.net).

<sup>3</sup>We are hoping to start a SIG for Italy and England, anyone interested?? If so, please contact Sally Pavia, SIG Facilitator Coordinator, 623-974-0195, [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com)

### GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

October's Glass Display Case is going to contain Bolo Ties and other Western and Native American items. Come and see our interesting display. And, just maybe you'll get a few ideas of what you'd like to offer for display. One item or many, it doesn't matter, we can always make the display work. Contact Sally Pavia, 623-974-0195, or [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com) for more information.

### MEDIA AIDES NEEDED

by Edie Kelly, Media Aides Coordinator

We have great Media Aides ... we need more, like you! Don't think you are a candidate for being a Media Aide? You are, we will teach you!

The library has new computer equipment installed in our media room thanks to the wonderful Equipment Committee. All this wonderful new equipment will be a part of the Media Aide training too.

Interested?? GREAT! Not sure? ... Come in and see for yourself or contact me at [gkelly15@cox.net](mailto:gkelly15@cox.net) or 623-566-8628.



### 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:

<i>Kentucky Genealogical Index (4 periodicals) to 1980</i>	Total Cost: \$90.00	Balance Needed: \$15.00
<i>Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6</i>	Total Cost: \$63.00	Balance Needed: \$25.50
<i>Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14 Part 7</i>	Total Cost: \$65.00	Balance Needed: \$31.50
<i>The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set</i>	Total Cost: \$275.00	Balance Needed: \$77.50
<i>Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec 1608-1635</i>	Total Cost: \$22.95	Balance Needed: \$6.45



# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors: Arlington Heights Illinois Memorial Library, Karla Bartel, Jean Belzer, Kathryn Brahms, CDC, Marilyn Collins, Helen Connelley, George Davidson, Jim & Claudia (last name unknown), Ruth Day, Roger Hanneman, David Hopper, Florence Portell, Julie Rioux, Rich Sporski, Maretta Troxel, Jean White, Lu Williams, Dick Wickenkamp, Bob Willis, Pat Wright, and Mac Young.



## NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- o *1650-1900 - Mattabeseck, Middletown (CT)*
- o *1854, 1855, 1856 Nebraska Territory Censuses*
- o *1890 Oklahoma Census Index*
- o *2007 Obituary (Index) from West Valley Area Newspapers (Phoenix, AZ)*
- o *350th Anniversary of First Bangor Presbyterian Church (IRE)*
- o *Arizona Death Records, Vol.1, (A through K)*
- o *Arizona Death Records, Vol.2, (L through Z)*
- o *Bibliography and Cartography of Maryland*
- o *British English, A to Zed*
- o *Cemeteries of Arizona*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 1, 1846-1968*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 2, 1969 - 1981*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 3, 1980-1986*
- o *Census Returns of Barbour and Taylor Counties (West) Virginia for 1850*
- o *Coming to America - Jewish Americans*
- o *Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Judaism*
- o *Dallas County Texas: Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, Vols. 1 & 2*
- o *Delaware's Forgotten Fold*
- o *Directory of Boulder, Colorado for 1883*
- o *Drummer on Foot (Nova Scotia)*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1715-1722*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1719-1727*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1727-1736/7*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1737-1747*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1747-1757*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1757-1763*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1757-1763*
- o *Famine Ships, The (IRE)*
- o *From The Ashes of Sobibor*
- o *Grave and Funeral Records of Mohave County, Arizona 1882-1982*
- o *History of Czechs (Bohemians) in Nebraska*

- o *History of Platte County, Missouri*
- o *History of St.Paul's Episcopal Church, The; Maumee, Ohio*
- o *History of The Woolfolk Family, Volume 1*
- o *History of The Woolfolk Family, Volume 2*
- o *History of Westchester County New York*
- o *How to Interpret Your DNA Test Results For Family History & Ancestry*
- o *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Hancock County, Ohio.*
- o *Jewish Americans, The; Three Centuries of Jewish Voices in America*
- o *Lebanon County, Pennsylvania - A History*
- o *Lone Rock Free State*
- o *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 5*
- o *Military Record of Louisiana*
- o *Negro Trail Blazers of California, The*
- o *New Mexico, A Biographical Dictionary 1540-1980, Volume 1*
- o *Our City: The Jews of San Francisco*
- o *Oxford Illustrated History of Britain, The*
- o *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*
- o *Pioneers of The Bluestem Prairie*
- o *Record of Mortality of the Town of Watertown, Conn.*
- o *Supplement to History of St.Paul's Episcopal Church, The; Maumee, Ohio*
- o *Tween Forth and Tay (Scotland)*
- o *Wilson's from Southeast Indiana*

## DID YOU KNOW?

by Marilyn Leighton

The WVGS Library shelves are checked for numerical order each month by a group of dedicated members. This makes it easier for you, as patrons, to find the book(s) you need. We ask you to use a 'Paddle' as a marker when you remove a book, so that you can return it to its proper numerical space. THANKS!

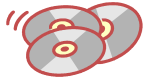
## HELP NEEDED

by Peggy Morphew

The Library is in need of "typists" volunteers for data entry in the library during working hours.

Also needed is a shopper/purchaser for the Society. This will entail trips to Staples and/or Office Max for supplies, once a month or less.

If you are interested either of these two positions, please contact Peggy Morphew at 623-815-0387 or e-mail to [gmorphew@juno.com](mailto:gmorphew@juno.com). Thank you.



## NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 10139 *Military Records: Civil War Muster Rolls*
- CD 10140 *Civil War--Two Views, The*
- CD 10141 *Atlas of the Official Records of the Civil War*
- CD 10142 *Military Records: Revolutionary War Muster Rolls*
- CD 10143 *U.S. Federal Census Index, 1880 Township Index*
- CD 10144 *City Directories: New England States 1881-1902 Selected Cities & Years*
- CD 10145 *City Directories: Massachusetts 1885-1897 Selected Cities & Years*
- CD 10146 *Connecticut Vital Records: Marriages & Deaths Selected Years*
- CD 10147 *Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633, The*
- CD 10148 *Massachusetts Probate Records: Middlesex & Essex Counties Selected Years*
- CD 10149 *New York Births & Baptisms: Southeast Region 1660-1916*
- CD 10150 *Texas Vital Records: Deaths 1964-1998 (A-T)*
- CD 10151 *1860 U.S. Federal Census Index (AIS) CT, ME, MA, NH, VT*
- CD 10152 *1920 U.S. Federal Census Index Massachusetts (except Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth & Suffolk Counties*
- CD 10153 *1920 U.S. Federal Census Index New York East (except Long Island, & New York City)*
- CD 1689 *Corbin Collection, The, Volume 3, Records of Berkshire County and Franklin County, Massachusetts, and Miscellaneous Towns*
- CD 10134 *Histories & Genealogies of Cumberland County, Maine*
- CD 10135 *Bygones*
- CD 10072 *Early Vital Records of Six Eastern Mass. Counties to about 1850*
- CD 10073 *The Mayflower Descendant With Other New England Town Records*
- CD 10136 *Military Records: Civil War Service Records*

These could be helpful...

[www.Hamrick.com/names](http://www.Hamrick.com/names) A map of U.S. surname distributions.

[www.dmarie.com/timecap](http://www.dmarie.com/timecap) This gives you information on this day in history.



## CALENDAR

- Oct. 6 Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
  - Oct. 9 Lunchtime Family History Lesson\*  
Genealogical Research in Probate Records, @ Carnegie Center
  - Oct 13 General Membership Meeting
  - Oct. 15 Class – How to Attack a Genealogy Library, 1-3 p.m.
  - Oct. 16 Research Dinner, 5 p.m.
  - Oct. 18 Family History Society of AZ, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Seminar, Video by Megan Smolenyak, Speakers, Sue Clark and Marshall Trimble. All day seminar, for more information and registration, contact Susi Fathauer at 480-893-6689 or [gafaz@cox.net](mailto:gafaz@cox.net). You can register online at [www.fhsa.org](http://www.fhsa.org).
  - Oct. 22 Class – Research Techniques I, 1-3 p.m., Part 1
  - Oct. 29 Class – Technology Aids for Genealogy, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Part 1
  - Oct. 29 Class – Research Techniques I, 1-3 p.m., Part 2
  - Nov. 3 Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
  - Nov. 5 Class – Technology Aids for Genealogy, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Part 2
  - Nov. 5 Class – Research Techniques I, 1-3 p.m., Part 3
  - Nov. 12 Class – Technology Aids for Genealogy, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Part 3
  - Nov. 12 Class – Research Techniques I, 1-3 p.m., Part 4
  - Nov. 19 Class – Technology Aids for Genealogy, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Part 4
  - Nov. 19 Class – Cheap Genealogy, 1-3 p.m.
- \*For more information and registration, please call 602-926-3938. Carnegie Center is located at 1101 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ

Thanks to Dee Snook for these 2 interesting items.

### INFLATION CALCULATOR:

[www.westegg.com/inflation](http://www.westegg.com/inflation). This site compares costs of things today vs. whatever year interests you.

TRAVELING?? Want to stay in an historic hotel?? [www.historichotels.org](http://www.historichotels.org)

## OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our Long Range Planning Committee will make their report to the membership. If time permits, after questions and answers, one of our members will report on interesting new finds in Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania

## READY, SET, GO FOR 2008 FALL CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

### READY!

Beginning in mid-October, we have a great lineup of classes for you. We all need to renew and refresh our knowledge. To this end, we have our popular classes lined up as well as a few new ones. Please sign up for classes now to guarantee your spot, they fill very quickly.

### GET SET!

Here is the schedule of classes, dates and times. Please call the library or check our web site for class descriptions, and fees. <http://www.azwvgs.org/>

➤ Family Tree Maker classes (3) are taught by **Nancy Nielsen.**

1. **Basic Family Tree Maker:** 5 sessions, Mondays, 9:30-11:30a; Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17.
2. **FTM Files Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM. 1 class, Monday, 9:30-11:30a; Nov. 24.
3. **FTM Advanced Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files. 4 sessions, Mondays, 9:30-11:30a. Class dates to be announced early 2009

➤ The next 4 classes are taught by **Jean M. White**

1. **Cheap Genealogy:** 1 class, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p; Nov 19.
2. **How to Attack a Genealogy Library:** 1 class, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p; Oct 15
3. **Problem Solving:** 3 sessions, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00p; Dec 3, 10, 17.
4. **Research Techniques I:** Need to get organized and more? 4 sessions. Wednesday 1:00-3:00 p.m., Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, and 12.

➤ The following class is taught by **Geoff Rasmussen**

1. **Technology Aids for Genealogists:** 4 sessions, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30a; Oct 29, Nov 5, 12 and 19.

### GO!

You can to sign up for classes at the Library. All our instructors are volunteers and the charge for classes is minimal. See you at the Library when you sign up for these classes. Be sure to check our web page [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org) and/or any E-News for updates. Welcome back!

### OPEN HOUSE DATE CHANGE!

The Annual Fall Open House has been moved to January, 11, 2009. This change has been adopted in the hopes of attracting our winter visitors. We have noticed in the past that many winter residents have not returned until later in the year ... therefore, the change of date.

## LENDING LIBRARY

by Shirley Conley

We have books and cassettes that you can borrow. Many books are historical novels, based on factual information and enhanced to make an interesting story, while at the same time making you feel what it was like "back then." Most of the cassettes are genealogical seminars recorded by members in the audience or professional recordings sold by the presenter. There is a wealth of information in this small collection, located behind the vertical files.

"Cane River" by Lalita Tademy and "Trail of Glory" by Marilyn Meredith are excellent examples of using genealogical records and developing the story of their strong women ancestors. "Cane River" is a history never before told of four generations of African-American women whose lives began in slavery before the Civil War. The story covers their struggle through emancipation up until the early 20th Century. The author gave up her corporate career and spent several years breaking down the "brick walls" of discovery to learn more about her proud heritage. This excellent book is a genuine history lesson about the times of slavery, life on a Creole plantation and the determination of women to care for their families.

"Trail of Glory" is about three generations of the Van Vradenburg women, starting with Mary in early 1858. She is an eastern school teacher who falls for a trapper and comes to the Wisconsin wilderness. Her daughter, Wilhelmina, is kidnapped by Indians and turns her back on her white heritage. The story includes her family and their eventual migration westward to California. The book also carries forth into the 20th Century with the eventual death of Beulah in 1920.

The above books are an excellent contrast to the differences of northern and southern cultures and history. These are just two examples of what great books we have in the Lending Library at WVGS!

### Letters Sent to the Family History Center

*To the FHC, enclosed, please find my grandmother. I have worked on her for 50 years without success. Now see what you can do.*

*I've looked for grandpa for over 20 years. Do you have him in your library?*

*I am sorry we do not have complete families. Our grandfather was found dead, crossing the plains in the library.*

Desert Diggins, 4/05

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### RECYCLING NEWS

by Gale Kristof

Aluminum recycle totals through the end of August were \$539. This includes recycling the aluminum frames when the front lobby was renovated through the summer. With only 4 months to go, we need everyone's help to beat last year's total. Here's our request! Save your aluminum cans, crush them to save space and see if you can fill up the fenced collection area in the alley behind our Library.

**Recycle:** Aluminum cans  
Cell Phones  
Ink Cartridges

Drop these off at the Library

### PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR WALLET:

Office Max Perks	#001274-8337
Staples Rewards	#04050-4355-5
Safeway eScript ID	#151055488
Basha's Thanks Program	#23642

### YOU CAN HELP, TOO

**USE:** GoodSearch.com  
GoodShop.com

GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but we receive a penny for each of your searches. Read the instructions on the home page and be sure to enter "West Valley Genealogical Society" in the lower box so we receive the credit.

WVGS is run by volunteers.  
Consider volunteering ... it is fun!

### TRY THESE...

Genealogy Help List is a network of volunteers who also do look-ups. [www.helplist.org](http://www.helplist.org)

Random Acts of Kindness is a group of volunteers all over the U.S. who do free look-ups for genealogists for a small fee for copy and mailing costs. [www.raogk.com](http://www.raogk.com)