



TIDBITS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

As the year draws to a close, we look back at the many accomplishments of 2008 and anticipate the joys to come in the New Year.

Our Society has been blessed with many new members as well as continuing participation of those who have been with us for some time. Our volunteers are the finest! They keep our Library open and functioning, teach classes, lead interest groups, and help in so many ways.

In 2009, we will be using the recently completed Long Range Planning Report as a guide to help us make the Society even better and more responsive to the needs of our members. Of course, increasing membership will remain a major goal, so be sure to let friends know we are here to help them find their past.

Communication is the key to all we can accomplish, so please be sure to use our website to let us know your ideas, thoughts and concerns. You can also drop them in my box at the Library or send a note to us there.

We wish you all a happy holiday season!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelmann

Please welcome new members to our organization since our last *Tidbits*: Darlene Fawcett, Carolyn F Gober, Janice Stemler, Ina "Pat" Scovel, Robert Gillespi, and Mike Hartigan.

Please advise me of any **change of physical or email addresses** to update our database, ensuring your receipt of *Tidbits* and the *Desert Tracker*. Email Genhersch@cox.net or call 623-815-0074.

DECEMBER 8TH SPEAKER

Has your research run up against a brick wall? You just can't find that piece of information that will get you back another generation in your research. Do you need some ideas for getting over that brick wall? Jean White will present some of her ideas for doing just that at the December meeting.

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

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

HOLIDAY LIBRARY CLOSURES

by Peggy Morpew

Thanksgiving Weekend

NOVEMBER 27, 28, and 29

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

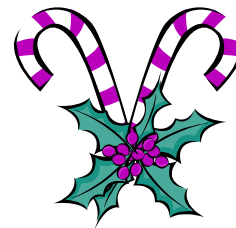
Christmas Holidays

DECEMBER 25, 26, and 27

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

New Year's Day

JANUARY 1, Thursday



SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

by Penny Williams

The WVGS See's Candy fundraiser continues through the end of November. If you are planning to order See's Candy for the holidays, be sure to turn your order in soon. WVGS receives a portion of the proceeds of all sales.

Details are given on our website, including a full color brochure showing all the delicious items available! Questions? Contact the coordinator of our See's Candy fundraiser, Penny Williams, 623-584-8410 or pjg@cox.net.

WVGS ANNUAL SEMINAR Saturday, February 21st



Laura G. Prescott

Laura G. Prescott is a professional researcher, author, and speaker on many genealogy topics. She is the former Director of Marketing – New England Genealogical Society in Boston.

A regular *Ancestry* Columnist and Contributing Editor for *New England Ancestor*, her articles have appeared in *Genealogical Computing* and *NGS NewsMagazine*.

Ms. Prescott's subject will be "Finding the Unexpected in Unexpected Places." Topics will include: Locating Digitized Images Online; Spinsters & Widows; Gender Loyalty Within Families; Timelines; Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective; Treasures within the Ivory Tower; Finding Family in Academic Archives.

The Seminar will include a Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch with beverages, great prizes, vendors with genealogical books, and other items of interest.

Cost is \$40. The registration deadline is February 13th. Forms are available at the Library, on our website www.azwvgs.org under events, or at our membership meetings. If you need additional information, please call Mickey at 623-876-9538 or Dianne at 623-815-0074.

WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS

Last year one of our members suggested that we hold our membership meetings on a Saturday to accommodate our members who are employed and cannot attend on Monday afternoons.

In December the Board will consider moving two of the 2009 membership meetings to Saturday afternoons on a trial basis: April 4 (Volunteer Recognition) and November 7 (Annual Meeting and Elections).

Your comments at www.azwvgs.org, by note or mailed to the Library would be appreciated.

JANUARY OPEN HOUSE by Penny Williams

Our annual Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Library. Do you have a friend or neighbor who's interested in genealogy but doesn't know about WVGS? This event is custom made for them!

The Open House is designed to acquaint non-members with WVGS. Some of the day's highlights include library tours, genealogy software demonstrations, and an opportunity to learn about our many classes, research trips and other activities.

The Open House provides lots of exciting volunteer opportunities for current WVGS members! We'll need tour guides, registrars, hosts and hostesses for information tables and cookie bakers to supply the refreshment table, to name a few.

Eager to volunteer for this fun project? Contact Open House Chair Penny Williams, pjg@cox.net, or call 623-584-8410.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to WVGS member, Annette Hayes, whose daughter passed away October 4th.



Our sympathies to WVGS member Greg Bullington on the passing of his mother, Mary Bullington, long-time member and volunteer.

GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

December's Glass Display Case is going to contain Santa's and other Christmas items from member Lu Williams. Come and see the new, interesting display. Watch the upcoming months for some very special displays. 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 for more information.

RESEARCH DINNERS

Research Dinners are held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5-9 p. Call our Library in advance to make a reservation; a 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.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator



Many, many thanks to all of our donors: 50/50 Club Carol Abernathy, Marion Boshart, Bob Callahan, Collections Development Committee, Helen Connelley, Beverly Craig, Vera & Bob Elgin, Mary Erickson, Sue Firth, Opal Follin, Ruby Gordon, Jane Hartwich, Bob Herschelman, Vicki Hilb, Myrna Johnson, Esther Kidwell, Jeanne Kirsch, Erv Leifheit, Midwest Genealogical Center (MO), Joyce Miller, Peggy Morphew, Joyce Murdock, Rosalie Ogden, Sally Pavia, Ray Peer, Mary Riter, Ethel Sanders, Lee Shinn, Barbara Stenberg, Flo Weber, Jean White, and Bob Willis.



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

German Migration to Missouri, My Family's Story Early Marriages, Wills, and some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt County, Virginia
Registers of North Farnham Parish 1663-1814 and Lunenburg Parish 1783-1800, Richmond, VA
Marriages of Richmond Co., VA 1668-1853
Wills of Richmond County, Virginia 1699-1800
Vermillion County, IN Land & Marriage Records
Charlotte County, Virginia Wills, 1765-1791
Halifax County, VA, Deed Book 16, (1793-1796)
Halifax County Virginia, Court Orders, 1763-1764 (Plea Book #4)
Halifax County Virginia, Court Orders, 1767-1770 (Plea Book #6)
Keokuk County Iowa
Sheckler
Heritage of Lincoln County Tennessee
Covered Wagon Women; Diaries & Letters from the Western Trails 1840-1980; Vols. 1-3
Covered Wagon Women; Diaries & Letters from the Western Trails 1840-1980; Vols. 5-10
Great Northwest, The
*Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration 1725-1775; People of the No. Isles**
*Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration 1725-1775; People of the Grampian Highlands **
*Barbados and Scotland Links 1627-1877 **
*Baptismal and Marriage Records, Rev. John Waldschmidt, Cocalico, Moden Krick, Weisseichen Land and Seltenreich, Gemeinde, Lancaster, PA **
Genealogy Is More Than Charts
From Trappers to Tourists, Fremont County, Colorado, 1830-1950
Battle of the Washita, The
Boundaries of Oklahoma, The OK Series, Vol.14
Railroads in Oklahoma, The OK Series, Vol. 7
Bisbee, Urban Outpost on the Frontier (AZ)
Journey through Flint Hill, VA
Story of The Bank of Douglas and the Last Frontier (AZ)
Great Bisbee WWI Deportation of July 12, 1917 (AZ)
Directory of U.S. Government Depository Libraries, October 1988

W.P.A., Works Progress Administration; Surveys, Guides, Inventories, City-Town-County-State-National

How Healthy Is Your Family Tree?

Numbering Your Genealogy, Sound and Simple Systems

101 Best Genealogy Research Tips

African American Population of Braidwood, Illinois: 1877-1880, The

Bisbee, Queen of the Copper Camps (AZ)

Gray's Harbor 1885-1913 (WA)

Iron Man of the HOH, The

Survivors; True Stories of Children in the Holocaust

Survival in Auschwitz

Bradford County: The Story of its People (PA)

Indian Depredations in Texas

Heritage of Moore County Tennessee 1871-2004

Crown King and the Southern Bradshaws: A Complete History (AZ)

Prescott, A Pictorial History (AZ)

*Forgotten Patriots; African American & American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary Way **

*Trans-Mississippi West 1804-1912, Part IV (#1) **

*Trans-Mississippi West 1804-1912, Part IV (#2) **

*History of Dartmouth and Halifax Harbour 1415-1800, Volume 1 (Nova Scotia) **

Death Camps, The

Men and Events of the Revolution in Winchester and Frederick County Virginia, Volume IX

*Vital Records of Stoughton Massachusetts, To The End of The Year 1850 **

Knotts Family, The

Hanes Cymry America (1872) A History of the Welsh in America

What People Wore

Old Philadelphia in Early Photographs 1839-1914

* CDC Purchase



NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

Beckwith Newsletter (Surname)

Van Buren Co. Historical Society Journal (AR)

HELP WANTED

MEDIA AIDES: We need more and will teach you everything you need to know! Contact Edie Kelly at gkelly15@cox.net or 623-566-8628.

ENJOY TYPING? Willing to work occasionally during the hours the Library is open? Then we've got a position for you! Contact Peggy Morphew at: 623-815-0387 or gmorphew@juno.com for more details.

LIBRARY AIDE SCHEDULER: Work with Library Aide volunteers, set schedules to ensure the Library has an Aide on duty. Contact Deanna Hill if interested or have questions at deannahill@cox.net or leave a message at the Library.



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:

Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6

Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$24.50

Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14, Part 7

Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$30.50

The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set

Total Cost: \$275.00 Balance Needed: \$36.50

The following books are being purchased through your participation in 50/50 program:

Minutes of Coroners Proceedings, City and County of New York Total Cost: \$19.50 Paid, being ordered

Pennsylvania German Pioneers. Vol. II

Total Cost: \$89.50 Paid, being ordered

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY

by Jean White, Chair

WorldVitalRecords.com is a pay for view web site that has been added to our computers at the WVGS Library. The Collection Development Committee has paid for a one year subscription for two members to use this site at a time. If a third person tries to log on that person will be denied use of the site until someone logs off. The site includes items from Quintin Publications who published many French Canadian records; Everton Publishers with family group sheets submitted to The Genealogical Helper; CD Books with scanned books from the United States, England and Australia; and many other data bases. Already several of our members have found new information about their ancestors. Stop by the Library, try it out and let us know how you like it.

The Data Preservation Project is a program to preserve your computer genealogy data in case of a disaster at your home, while providing more resources for our members to research. All you need to do is save a backup of your data from your genealogy program on a CD-Rom, mark it with your name and the date, and bring it to the Library. The program GenViewer Lite has been added to our WVGS Library computers and it will read any genealogy program's data. Nobody can add or change your data with this program, just read it. Use of the CD's in this program will be limited to WVGS Members. We already have the data from Joe Brumit (deceased) and John Post.

FALL CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

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/>

- Novice Genealogy is taught by **Barbara Stenberg** one session each month. Check calendar
- These classes are taught by **Jean M. White**
 - 1. Problem Solving:** 3 sessions, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 p; **December 3, 10, 17, 2008.**
 - 2. Research Techniques I** 4 sessions, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p; January 14, 21, 28 & February 4
 - 3. Research Techniques II** 4 sessions, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p, February 11, 18, 25 & 4 March 4
- The following class is taught by **Geoff Rasmussen**
 - 1. Beginning Legacy:** 4 sessions, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009.
- Family Tree Maker is taught by **Nancy Nielsen.**
 - 1. FTM Advanced Class (Version 16):**
Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files
Monday Sessions, 9:30-11:30 a
March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2009
 - 2. FTM (2009 Version):**
Prerequisites - FTM Basic & FTM Files.
Mondays Sessions, 9:30-11:30 a,
February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2009

Sign up for classes at the Library or membership meetings. All of our instructors are volunteers and the charge for classes is minimal. Be sure to check our web page www.azwvgs.org and/or any E-News for updates.

THANKS TO ALL

Our deepest appreciation to
Ada Sullivan, and Melissa Bird, Chairs
all the workers
and contributors
for their work on our Parking Lot Sale!

Total Raised – over \$1230





**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY
SALT LAKE CITY TRIP
APRIL 13 - 20, 2009**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

**The following will not meet until January:
British Isles, Indiana, Ohio, Southern States.**

- **ADOPTION [2]** 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p
- **AFRICAN/
AMERICAN [1]** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p
- **ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY
HISTORY** 2nd Thursday, 10:00-Noon
- **BRITISH ISLES¹** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales)
- **DNA**
[Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **FRANCE/
CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00 a-2:30 p
- **GERMAN** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **INDIANA** 4th Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **ITALY** 1st Thursday, 10:15-Noon
- **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a
- **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10-Noon
- **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **MISSOURI** 2nd Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **NY/NJ** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **POLAND [4]**
[Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec] 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **SOUTHERN
STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN [3]**
(Needs Leader) 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

[1] African/American SIG, ask aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

[2] Adoption SIG can meet monthly if members wish, call Lou McLean.

[3] Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

[4] Poland SIG, check with library for schedule

Need leader: New England States or Pennsylvania

Basic Trip Charge*	
(Airfare & Lodging)	\$ 730.00
Shuttle from SLC Airport to Hotel R/T	\$ 20.00
Single Room Supplement (\$200)	\$ _____
Non Member Surcharge (\$35)	\$ _____
TOTAL COST	\$ _____

*Subject to change if airfares increase

\$200 deposit is due by January 1, 2009

Balance due by FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Make your check payable to WVGS. and mail to 12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363 Attn: Treasurer/Salt Lake Trip. (Please do not include any other WVGS payment; it must be a separate check.)

Your deposit will be refunded if you cancel before January 1, 2009. After January 1st, if you unable to make the trip for any reason, and another person is not available to take your place, you will forfeit money paid for deposit plus airline tickets.

Information needed is: Name; Address (City, State and Zip); Phone, e-mail address (snowbirds please indicate your second address and phone); Over 65?; First trip?; Nick Name; Single Room?; roommate preference name.

QUESTIONS: Call Cheryl Davies @ 623-935-5191 or e-mail: cdavies182@aol.com



CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 Board Meeting
- Dec. 3 Problem Solving, and Dec 10 and 17
- Dec. 8 Membership Meeting
- Dec 11 Brown Bag Research Evening
- Dec. 22 Happy Hanukkah!
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 1 Have a Happy New Year!
- Jan. 5 Board Meeting
- Jan. 12 Membership Meeting

DUPLICATE BOOK SALE

The duplicate book sale held at the November Membership Meeting brought in \$232. This will be added to the Collection Development Fund which is used to purchase books and genealogical research materials for our Library.

Thank you to all who participated in the sale through purchases or helping.

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RECYCLING NEWS

by Gale Kristof

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

* These need to be renewed each year. Remember to enter #s for WVGS

YOU CAN HELP, TOO

USE: GoodSearch.com
GoodShop.com

GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but WVGS receives 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.

FREE LIBRARY TOURS

There will be no tour during December. Be among the first to sign up for the tour on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 1 p. Call 623-933-4945 to reserve your spot.