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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Wow! January was an event filled month for our Society. The Open House on January 11th was so well presented. Thank you to Penny Williams and her fine crew. Thank you also to Ada Sullivan and her loyal workers for all their work at the WVGS-Peer Garage Sale.

A special thank you to Barbara and Ray Peer for offering us this wonderful fund-raising opportunity!

Our February 21st Seminar should be a grand event. Be sure to get your registration in now!

Last month I received a query on one of my families. They found my name at the Vinton and Athens county societies in Ohio where I am a member. When I travel I try to leave my information in hopes of finding other family researchers. They may have the answer to one of my brick walls.

Our *Desert Tracker* will publish your queries. Through our exchanges with other societies, you may reach people all over the country who may have answers to your problems. Your queries do not have to be concerned with Arizona people (although that would be nice, too). Just send your queries to *Desert Tracker* at our website or drop a note in the *Tracker* sling at the Library.

Have a great Valentine's Day. See you soon!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS INSTALLED



Ethel Sanders swears in new WVGS Board Members at the WVGS General Meeting. Left to right are, Ethel Sanders, Penny Williams, Director, Roger Hanneman, Director and Doris Young, Treasurer.

WVGS Library:

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

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Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

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

September through May Doors open at 1:00 p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members Brad Ames, Kathleen Anderson, Donna A. Brown-Adeyemi, Barbara (Bobby) Brunson, Suzanne Cromier, Dorothy (Dottie) S. DeYoung, Bobby Lee Glenn, Ginette Grosz, Harriet Hagget, Richard Hazelton, Phyllis Jarboe, Dick & Candy Kennedy, John W. Lang Sr, Edward J. Malles, Anthony C. Morse, Joan Peters, Carole Roath, Roberta Staniec, Thomas Sollenbarger, Edward and Marcia Stone, and Christine Wing.

We welcome back reinstated members, Ilene Hodgdon, Myrna L. Johnson, and William Watson.

If your mailing label has 2009 on it, you have renewed your membership for the New Year. If it has 2008 you have not renewed.

Only the salmon 2009 membership card and the bright orange Life 2009 cards will gain admittance to the Library. Your gray 2008 membership card expired on December 31, 2008.

CONDOLENCES



WVGS expresses sympathies to, Ada Sullivan on the death of her mother-in-law, Sandy Sanders on the death of his brother, Ethel Carmichael on the death of her sister Patty Woodward, a former WVGS member, and to the family of member Deanna Karsky.

WVGS ANNUAL SEMINAR – REMINDER!

by Barbara Stenberg and Wanita Zarumba

- WHEN: Saturday, February 21, 2009,
from 9:00 a to 3:30 p
- WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 12225
N. 103 Ave, Swain Hall, Sun City
- WHAT: Four 60 minute presentations
(Note the extended time)
- REGISTRATION: Deadline – February 13, 2009
- FEE: \$40
- CHECK IN: 8:30-9:00 a, seminar morning.
- INCLUDED: Continental breakfast, box
lunches with beverages, vendors
and prizes

Laura G. Prescott is a professional researcher, author and speaker. She will highlight our Saturday seminar with topics that include:

- finding the unexpected in unexpected places
- locating digitized images online
- spinsters and widows
- gender loyalty within families
- timelines; placing your heritage in historical perspective
- treasures within the ivory tower; and
- finding family in academic archives

If you need a registration form they can be downloaded from our website at www.azwvgs.org under events or obtained at the Library.



DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: 50/50 Club, Melissa Bird, J. Burns, CDC, Lynn Corbett, Beverly Craig, Sue Firth, Joyce Miller, Peggy Morphew, Sally Pavia, Bob Rentner, Dee Snook, Ada Sullivan, and Dorothy Sprague.

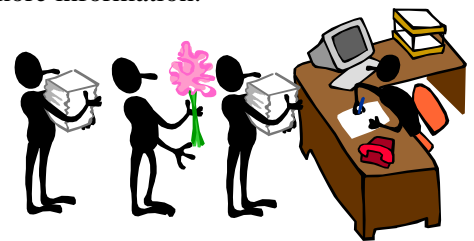
BROWN BAG RESEARCH EVENING

Our Research evenings 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.



HELP WANTED!!

The Obituary Committee has projects that need volunteers to help with the 38,000 name index we are planning to put on the Internet. Computer/typing experience would be helpful for the database work. Other tasks involved are to physically cut, paste & file the actual obituaries, which does not involve any computer work. The Memorial Folders needs help also and takes less than one hour a month to accomplish. These are interesting projects and you will find good fellowship with others. Email Ethel Sanders at ethel10207@juno.com or call her at 623-974-9652 for more information.



Donation Needed

Do you have a Laptop Computer with XP that is no longer being used? If so, please contact Roger Hanneman
Equipment Committee
623-214-3233
webmaster@azwvgs.org

GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

The Glass Display Case will have items on the Underground Railroad to help us celebrate the month of February. Member, Jan Huber, will provide the items for the display.

Members with items they would like displayed, please contact Sally Pavia at 623 974-0195 or sallypavia2001@yahoo.com



LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *Book of New York, The*
- *Companions of Champlain, Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1635***
- *Family Maps of Auglaize County, Ohio***
- *Family Maps of Barry County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Black Hawk County, Iowa***
- *Family Maps of Boone County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Cass County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Cleburne County, Arkansas***
- *Family Maps of Cleveland County, Arkansas***
- *Family Maps of Cook County, Illinois***
- *Family Maps of Decatur County, Indiana***
- *Family Maps of Effingham County, Illinois***
- *Family Maps of Gentry County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Greene County, Illinois***
- *Family Maps of Harper County, Oklahoma***
- *Family Maps of Jackson County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Jennings County, Indiana***
- *Family Maps of Linn County, Iowa***
- *Family Maps of Macoupin County, Illinois***
- *Family Maps of Madison County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Montgomery County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Newton County, Arkansas***
- *Family Maps of Newton County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Otero County, Colorado***
- *Family Maps of Pike County, Arkansas***
- *Family Maps of Ripley County, Indiana***
- *Family Maps of Shiawassee County, Michigan***
- *Family Maps of Texas County, Missouri***
- *Family Maps of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama***
- *Georgia Black Book, The, Volume 2**
- *Index to Virginia Estates 1800-1865, Volume 8**
- *Index to Virginia Estates 1800-1865, Volume 9**
- *Membership Records of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1800-1900**
- *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 1,; A – C***
- *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 2, D – H***
- *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 3, I – N***
- *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 4, O – Z***
- *Minutes of Coroners Proceedings City and County of New York, John Burnet, Coroner, 1748-1758, Volume XVI***
- *Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Volume 8**
- *Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, 1840 and Beyond, Volume 9**
- *Negro in the American Revolution, The**
- *New Jersey Graveyard and Gravestone Inscriptions Locators, Mercer County*
- *Order of the First Families of Mississippi 1699 - 1817, The**

- *Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania Land Records, 1706-1713**
 - *Story of New Jersey, The, Volume 1*
 - *Story of New Jersey, The, Volume 2*
 - *Story of New Jersey, The, Volume 3*
 - *Story of New Jersey, The, Volume 4*
 - *Texas Land Survey Maps for Burnet County***
 - *Texas Land Survey Maps for Denton County***
 - *Valentine's Manual of Old New York, 1927*
 - *West Branch, 1851 - 2001, The First 150 Years (IA)*
- *CDC Purchase
** 50/50 Club

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.



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

- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6*
Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$25.50
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14, Part 7*
Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$26.50
- The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland*
Total cost: \$28.00 Balance Needed: \$13.00
- Deep Ancestry*
Total cost: \$12.95 Balance Needed: \$6.98
- DNA & Genealogy*
Total cost: \$15.30 Balance Needed: \$7.65
- The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families, Seekers of Religious Liberty Who Fled from Silesia to Saxony and Thence to Pennsylvania in the years 1731 to 1737*
Total Cost: \$149.50 Balance Needed: \$74.75

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



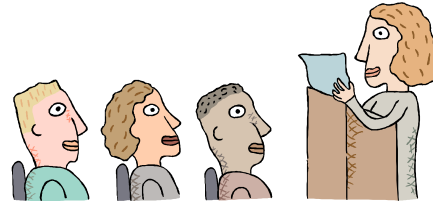
ENJOY TYPING? Willing to type occasionally during the hours the Library is open? Also Shelf Readers are needed to keep our books in order. Please contact Peggy Morphew at: 623-815-0387 or gmorphew@juno.com

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.

WINTER CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

This 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 3rd Friday, every month
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p

FTM (2009 Version): 4 Sessions
Nancy Nielsen, Instructor
Prerequisites - FTM Basic & FTM Files.
February 2, 9, 16 & 23 **Mon, 9:30-11:30a**

BEGINNING LEGACY 4 Sessions
Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor
February 3, 10, 17, & 24 **Tues, 9:30-11:30a**

WRITING YOUR HISTORY 8 Sessions
Nancy Tschuyia, Instructor
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25 **Wed, 10-Noon**

RESEARCH TECHNIQUES II 4 Sessions
Jean M. White, Instructor
February 11, 18, 25 & March 4 **Wed, 1:00-3:00 p**

FTM ADVANCED CLASS (Ver. 16) 4 Sessions
Nancy Nielsen, Instructor
Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files
March 2, 9, 16 & 23 **Mon, 9:30-11:30a**

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.



INTERESTING WEB SITES

www.helplist.org Genealogy Help List is a network of volunteers who also do look-ups.

www.raogk.com Random Acts of Kindness is a group of volunteers all over the U.S. who do free look-ups for genealogists with a small fee for copy and mail costs.

www.Hamrick.com/names/ A map of U.S. surname distributions.

www.dmarie.com/timecap This gives you information on this day in history.

Have you ever just typed in "genealogy?" You have no idea what might pop up when your search engine explores this word!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- o **ADOPTION**¹ 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p
- o **AFRICAN/AMERICAN**² 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p
- o **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- o **DNA [Feb/Apr]** 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 p
- o **FRENCH CANADIAN/CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00 a-2:30 p
- o **GERMAN** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- o **INDIANA** 4th Friday, 10:00-Noon
- o **ITALY**³ 1st Thursday, 10:30-12:30p
- o **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a
- o **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10-Noon
- o **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- o **MISSOURI** 2nd Friday, 10:00-Noon
- o **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- o **NY/NJ** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- o **OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- o **POLAND** 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p
- o **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30 a
- o **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- o **SWEDEN**⁴ 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.
(Needs Leader)
- o **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

¹Adoption SIG can meet monthly if interested, e-mail Lou McLean at lou_mclean@yahoo.com

²African/American SIG, ask Library aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

³Please note the change once again. This should be this SIG's final spot.

⁴Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

NOTE: Leaders are needed for New England States and Pennsylvania SIGs



FEBRUARY 2009 SPEAKER

Our speaker for the February General Meeting is someone who may be able to help you find family information after your leads have run dry, or you may have missed altogether or put aside. We are happy to have Aaron Underwood, the creator/developer of GenSmarts as our Guest Speaker.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in family history; membership is not required to attend. This is just what you need to get going on preserving your own family history. Bring a friend with you!

2009 LUNCHTIME LESSONS SCHEDULE by Judy Shappee

These no charge Lunchtime Lessons will be held in a new location, the Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building, 1901 W. Madison St., in Phoenix. This is a change in location that has different rules about food. For more information, please call 602-926-3938

Preregistration is required. Please register by calling the phone number above or online. To register online: Please go to www.lib.az.us and 1) choose the link to "Other Resources," and 2) Click on "Genealogy Online Registration."

- Feb 5:** "Pioneer Ancestors"
by Archives Staff
- Mar 12:** "The Civil War and Genealogy"
by Chris Seggerman, Law and Research Library
- April 9:** "Using the Internet for Genealogical Research"
by Judy Shappee, Law and Research Library
- May 14:** "Using Maps to Track Your Ancestors"
by Julie Hoff, Archives Staff
- Sept 10:** "Land Records & Genealogical Research"
by Judy Shappee, Law and Research Library
- Oct 8:** "Skeletons in the Closet"
by Archives Staff

THE LIGHT SIDE OF GENEALOGY ...

Genealogists do have a sense of humor! For example, in a recent issue of the National Genealogical Society's Computer Interest Group Newsletter (Volume 5, Number 6) it is mentioned that Howard Nurse of Commsoft told of a unique use of his computer genealogy program



called Roots II. One of his customers used it for keeping track of his carrier pigeons and Nurse made a special version for him, naming it Roost II.

It is suggested in the Newsletter of the Paradise (CA) Gen. Society that "a sure way to get great-aunt Tilly to answer your letter of inquiries is to write her but give her the wrong information about your grandparents. She'll return your letter quickly giving you the correct dates."

A hilarious approach to genealogy is now in a new book by Laverne Galeener-Moore titled "Collecting Dead Relatives." As the author mentions she started this hobby after being housebound with a slipped disc. The fun-filled chapters that follow include "Committed Researchers," and "How to Get a Whopping Headache – Try the National Archives." The book is now in its seventh printing.

Extracts from the *Commercial News*, Danville, IL

A Family of Buds

In the Alabama census for Lowndes County, page 132, household 950, I found children in the Walker household named as follows: Bud (age 14), Little Bud (age 11), Buddy (age 8), Babe (age 6), Little Buddy (age 3), and Least Buddy (5/12 months).

Author Unknown

"TIDBITS"

- Middle of the road economic policy: spending money left and right
- A cold is both positive and negative: sometimes the eyes have it, sometimes the nose.
- Inflation is like putting on weight. It's easier to start than to stop.
- Nature is generous: When we reach the sitting around stage of life, she provides us with more cushion.

Dee Snook provides these "tidbits" from the *Bozarth Beacon*, Vol 1, #1 August 1985:

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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

When **renewing each year** for Safeway and Basha's, remember to use the above WVGS account numbers.

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.



CALENDAR

Feb 02	Board Meeting
Feb 05	AZ Library Lunchtime Lesson
Feb 09	Membership Meeting
Feb 21	WVGS Seminar