



TIDBITS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN by Dorothy Sprague

What a great September meeting! It was so good to see so many members and guests and to hear a great speaker, Dr. Alexander B. White.

Please be sure to read the message on the last page regarding our moving to electronic copies of *Tidbits*. We believe this will be of great benefit to all our members. Those who do not have computers or who do not wish to receive their copies this way, will continue to be sent their *Tidbits* by mail.

Classes and Special Interest Groups and our many other activities are all off to a great start this fall. Be sure to sign up and show up. They add so much to our work doing family research.

What a great Fall Season we are going to have!

NEED DESERT TRACKER ARTICLES FOR FALL 2009 ISSUE

Main Topic: Women - Wonderful or Otherwise
Other Topics: Southwest & Any Others

e-mail to tracker@azwvgs.org or mail to Tracker at Library
Need by October 1st please!

WVGS Library:

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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 1:00p



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelmann

Please welcome new members Phil Carlson, Janice Duran Crane, Diane L Crawford, Robert Cowan, Linda DeMarco, Diana Duran, Mary Ford, Jerald French, Beverly A Glath, Lori Gurcius, Carol T Houchard, Nancy Johns, Richard C Leonard Jr, Marylu Metz, Barbara Munter, Mitiam Nason, Cara Obrien, Lawrence & Patricia Pettit, Elaine Prendergast, April Ricketts, Lowell Schrayner, Stan Singer, Stephanie Sparks, Marion Spradling, Carole Talbot, Andrea Waas, Julie and Steve Valdez and Frances & Warner Zacher

For any changes in your address or email, please remember to email me at Genhersch@cox.net. Many of the new members to our Society are from word of mouth.

We now have 522 members and had many newcomers at our September meeting. Let's introduce new people to our Society and help them to start finding their families.

CONDOLENCES

WVGS expresses sympathies to the family of Virginia McComas, a long time supporter of WVGS, as well as to Mary Daines for the loss of her husband in May.

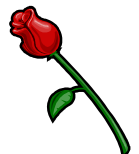


Photo by Ashley Lowery, Daily News-Sun

Our September Speaker, Dr. Alexander White, retired medical doctor, who spoke of his life in pre-WWII Poland and during Nazi occupation. He is a quiet spoken man with a very profound story.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: 50/50 Club, Karla Bartel, Katherine Benbow, Melissa Bird, CDC, Beverly Craig, Mary Duncan, Vera and Bob Elgin, Linda Friedrichsen, Melba Foreman, Ruby Gordon, Hall County Public Library (Georgia), Bette Helwig, Richard Hudnall, Janette Kimbell, Marilyn Leighton, Linda McCleary, Mid-Continent Public Library, Peggy Morpew, Ruth Nussman, Oakland County Research Library (Michigan), Sally Pavia, John Post, Carol Robinson, Lee and Lyle Scarbrough, Richard Sporski, Dorothy and Harry Sprague, Dee Snook, Maretta Troxel, Florence Weber, Jean White, Shirley Woodward and Mac Young.



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.

Beverly Craig will be at the October meeting to take orders for the Aphax Map books. To view a list of the map books available, please go to www.arphax.com. Select the book you wish to donate and pay half of the cost. The CDC will pay the other half. Your name will appear inside the book as the donor.

The following books will be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program:

Cattaraugus County New York Surrogate Court Abstracts: Guardianship Edition

Total Cost: \$34.50 Balance Needed: \$17.25

Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 10

Total Cost: \$75.00 Balance Needed: \$27.25

WANT TO BE AN ANGEL AND HELP OUR STAFF?

Needed: 4 foot table(s) on wheels.

For more information,

Please contact the President, Dorothy Sprague
or the Library Administrator, Peggy Morpew.

Thank you!



TRIP REMINDERS

2010 SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

The Salt Lake Trip is scheduled for Sunday, March 14 to Sunday March 21, 2010.

A deposit of \$250 will be due by January 1, 2010, and the remainder of the cost by February 15, 2010. Contact the Library for more information and start saving for this exciting trip!



WASHINGTON DC TRIP



Delve into the treasures of the Library of Congress, DAR Library, and National Archives on our Seventh Annual Tour, Dec. 2-10, 2009. This tour is designed to introduce genealogists to the largest collection of research materials in the world – in their off season when staff members have time to offer us personal assistance. There is limited space, contact the Library for more information.

BROWN BAG RESEARCH EVENING

Our Research Evenings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5-9p. 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.



Got QUESTIONS? Need ANSWERS?

by Karla Bartel

Our general meeting October 12, 2009, will have a



Q & A session about general research problems. Such as, how do I find?; What's the best way to?; Where's the best place to find?

Please submit your questions by **October 3rd, 4:00p.** Either drop your questions, including your name, off at the Library for Karla Bartel or send an e-mail to lstvp@azwvgs.org. Our member experts will answer your questions at our October general meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator

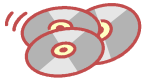


NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

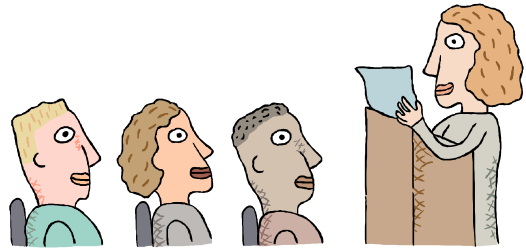
- *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.1, A-D*
- *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.2, E-K*
- *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.3, L-R*
- *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.4, S-Z*
- *Adair County, Missouri, Marriage Records*
- *Alaska Gold Rush Pioneers of Juneau-Douglas Area, 1880-1921*
- *Births, Marriages, and Deaths Chronicled in the Newspaper; Printed at Westmoreland, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, 1882-1918*
- *Births, Marriages, and Deaths Chronicled in the 'Westmoreland Recorder,' Volume 2, Jan 1919 to Dec 29, 1949 (Westmoreland, Pottawatomie)*
- *Blattenbergers in America, The*
- *Cemeteries of Riley County Kansas (excluding Manhattan City Cemeteries)*
- *Chariton County, Missouri; Wills and Administrations 1861-1875*
- *Descendants of Daniel E. Borntreger and Mary Nissley*
- *Documentary History of The Campaign on the Niagara Frontier 1814 (CAN); Volumes 1 & 2*
- *Early Marriages, Riley County, Kansas 1855-1886*
- *Early Riley County, Kansas Wills and Administrations 1866-1893; Guardianships 1866-1878, From Probate Records*
- *Every Name Index to Riley County Kansas, "The Blue Ribbon County"*
- *Family of John A. Blough and Emma J. Gashaw*
- *Family Tree of the Nicholas Bloom Family, The*
- *First United Presbyterian Church of Peoria (AZ), 1982*
- *Folsom 1888-1988 (NM)*
- *From Switzerland to Nebraska*
- *Genealogical Records of the Schwenkfelder Families, The, Volume 1**
- *Genealogical Records of the Schwenkfelder Families, The, Volume 2**
- *Grand Dukes of Oldenburg, The*
- *Halifax County, Virginia, Deed Book 1, 1752-1759*
- *History and Family Record of Isaac A. and Fannie (Keim) Bontrager*
- *History of Butler County, Alabama, From 1815 to 1885**
- *History of the Borneman Family in America, The*
- *Index to the Births, Marriages and Deaths Chronicled in the St George News, Printed at St. George, Pottawatomie County, Kansas 1912 to*
- *Index to the Births, Marriages and Deaths Chronicled in the Wamego Reporter (printed at Wamego, Pottawatomie County, Kansas) 1910-*
- *Index to the Births, Marriages and Deaths from The Kansas Agriculturist, Wamego, Kansas 1879-1909*
- *Indianapolis From Our Old Corner (IN)*
- *Jamboree 2007, Southern California Genealogical Society*
- *Lincolnian, The, 1950 (yearbook WA)*
- *Mayflower Source Records*
- *Old Dutch Houses of Brooklyn (NY)*
- *Peoria Presbyterian Church (AZ), Addendum, 1892-1982*
- *PI on the Floor (surname Clawson)*
- *Pictorial History of Merrillville, A (IN)*
- *Proprietors Records, Newbury, Massachusetts 1720-1768*
- *Randolph Enterprise, Randolph Riley County, Kansas; Index of Births, Deaths, Divorces, Marriages Dec 10, 1896 to Nov 28, 1901*
- *Randolph Enterprise, Randolph Riley County, Kansas; Index of Births, Deaths, Divorces, Marriages Feb 13, 1890 to Dec 3, 1896*
- *Records of Baptism, Marriages, Burials Solemnized by George Goldthwait Ingersoll Minister of The First Congregational Society*
- *Right Royal Bastard, The Fruits of Passion*
- *Riley County, Kansas Marriage License Index (Bride and Groom) 1887-1897*
- *Riley County, Kansas Marriage License Index Brides and Grooms, June 17, 1914 - Dec 4, 1918*
- *Riley County, Kansas Marriage License Index (Bride and Groom) Jan 1, 1898 to Aug 4, 1906*
- *Riley County, Kansas Marriage License Index (Bride and Groom) Aug 14, 1906 - June 15, 1914*
- *Shield, The 1951 (yearbook WA)*
- *Shield, The 1952 (yearbook WA)*
- *Some Cemetery Records from North and South Egremont, Berkshire County, Massachusetts*
- *Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas, including Inscriptions and Sexton's Records*
- *Trials and Triumphs*
- *Tuskegee Airmen, The; the Men Who Changed A Nation*
- *Welsh Surnames and Given Names and their meanings*
- *Who Were The Celts?*
- *Wright Family Records, Lynchburg, Virginia*

*CDC Purchase



NEW CD REPORT
by Marie Beernink

- o CD 10198 *Early Long Island- A Colonial Study*



NEW PERIODICAL REPORT

by Joan Rentner

- o *Blackburn Beginnings* (surname)
- o *The Bulletin* (Monroe Co. NC)
- o *Clarke County Roots & Branches* (IA)
- o *Journal of Mississippi History*
- o *Lehigh Valley Chronicles* (PA)
- o *News Notes* (Van Valkenburg surname)
- o *North Carolina Historical Review*
- o *Olde Mecklenburg Co NC Quarterly*
- o *POW Newsletter* (PA, OH, WV)
- o *The Quarterly* (York Co. SC)
- o *Quarterly* (GA)
- o *Southern Roots & Shoots* (TN, GA, AL)
- o *Southside Roots* (VA)
- o *Tama County Museum News* (IA)
- o *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*
- o *Valley Leaves* (AL)
- o *WCGA Bulletin* (Monroe Co. NC)



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- o **ADOPTION**¹ Contact Lou McLean
- o **AFRICAN/AMERICAN**² 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00p
- o **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- o **CANADA/FRENCH CANADIAN** 3rd Thursday
11:00a-12:30p
- o **DNA** [Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- o **GERMAN/POLAND**³ 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- o **INDIANA/OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- o **ITALY**⁴ 1st Thursday, 10:30a-12:30p
- o **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00a
- o **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- o **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- o **MISSOURI** 2nd Friday, 10:00-Noon
- o **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- o **NY/NJ/PA**⁵ 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- o **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30a
- o **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- o **SWEDEN**⁶ 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- o **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

CALENDAR

- October 5 Board Meeting
- October 12 Membership Meeting
- October ?? Free Library Tour, 9:30a
call the Library for date
- October 15 Research Dinner, 5-9p
- October 21 Scan your photos and documents,
10a-5p. Future dates are 11/18/09 &
12/16/09.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

Does anyone have any Halloween things they'd like to put in the Display Case to help us celebrate the holiday? Anything for the fall season would be welcome, either the entire case or whatever you have to offer is welcome. And, remember, the case is ALWAYS locked so your 'treasures' are safe. This is an invitation to all our members to put some of their 'goodies' on display, with an explanation of what the item or items are. Everyone seems to enjoy viewing the glass case display.

If you have any questions about any SIG meeting, please check with the Library.

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

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

³Poland SIG has combined with the German SIG and will be meeting as noted above.

⁴Italian SIG has moved back to its original spot.

⁵The NY/NJ SIG has added PA to their SIG

⁶Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

FALL CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

This is the schedule of classes, dates and times. Please call the Library, 623-933-4945, or check our web site for class descriptions and fees. <http://www.azwvgs.org>



NOVICE GENEALOGY 3rd Friday, Oct 16
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p

Geoff Rasmussen Instructor, 2 sets of classes:
BEGINNING LEGACY 4 Sessions
Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 9:30 - 11:30a

ADVANCED LEGACY 4 Sessions
Nov 3, 10, 17 and 24 9:30 - 11:30a

Jean White Instructor, 3 sets of classes:
HOW TO ATTACK A GENEALOGY LIBRARY
Oct 14 from 1-3p 1 session

RESEARCH TECHNIQUES I 4 sessions
Oct 21, 28, Nov. 4, and 11 1-3p

CHEAP GENEALOGY 1 Session
Nov 18 1-3p

Nancy Nielsen Instructor, 4 sets of Classes:
FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 18, 4 Sessions
Part 1: Sept 21, 28, Oct. 12 and 19 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 18 4 Sessions
Part 2: Oct 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 1: Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 15 and 22 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 2: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 9:30-11:30a

Sign up for classes at the Library or membership meetings. All of the classes have a minimal fee. Be sure to check our web page, www.azwvgs.org, and/or any e-News for updates.

FALL PARKING LOT SALE ANNOUNCED

NOVEMBER 20 and 21, 2009

Bring priced items on Friday after 1:00 PM

Sale on Saturday

Willing workers needed! Contact Dorothy Sprague at the Library or pres@azwvgs.org for information and to volunteer your time.

Our last spring “No Sale” Sale brought in \$1,455 for the Library! Just think what we can do for the Library Funds with this upcoming parking lot sale!



Photo by Karla Bartel, 1st VP. WVGS

VERA M. ELGIN RECEIVES FGS VOLUNTEER AWARD

Vera Elgin was the nominee of West Valley Genealogical Society for the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual Ruth C. Bishop Family History Volunteer Hall of Honor.

Vera's nomination noted her many years of service to the Society and her leadership role in locating and remodeling our Library building, financing the acquisition, and planning for our future.

FGS recognized Vera with a certificate as WVGS' Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations, Vera! This is a much deserved honor.

SEE'S CANDY HOLIDAY SALE



We will begin taking orders in October for the popular See's Candy to be delivered in November and December. Please be ready to order at the Membership Meeting or at the Library.

This is a great way to benefit the Society and to take care of those special folks on your holiday list.

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
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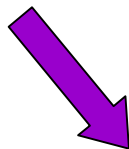
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2009

CURRENT RESIDENT or



TIDBITS IS NOW ELECTRONIC !!
by Dorothy Sprague

This is the last issue that will be mailed in paper format to all our members. Many of you have already given me your order to receive notification of each issue through e-mail.

Members who do not have email addresses in our files will continue to receive their copies by regular mail.

Those on our current e-mail listing, who wish to continue to receive their **copies in paper form**, need to let me know by **October 10th** so that I can assure that they will be on the regular mailing list. Just send a note to the Library or e-mail me at pres@azwvgs.org

This change will enable the Society to save over a thousand dollars each year.

If you have questions, please contact me. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

