



# TIDBITS

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Serving Northwest Maricopa County, Arizona

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Editor, MaryJo Johnson

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Karla Bartel

### Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2011!

We're starting this year with exciting events, a new instructor with new classes that will enhance our already terrific classes and updated computer equipment that now uses Microsoft Windows 7. We installed two new Board members last month and extend Arlene Sampson and Rich Sporski a big thank you in helping WVGS move forward.

Check your calendars to make sure you've scheduled the following events:

- **January 21 & 22 - Mesa Family History Expo**, Friday/Saturday
- **January 23 - WVGS OPEN HOUSE:** 1-4pm. Your friends and neighbors are cordially invited to visit the Library.
- **February 19 WVGS Seminar** A form was included in your *Desert Tracker*, also available on our website [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org). Registering by December 31, 2010 will save you a little.

**Membership Renewal Form** was included in *Desert Tracker*, also available on our website at [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org). Get double use out of that postage stamp by mailing both forms together. Just remember to include **separate checks** for membership and for the Seminar.



### ALERT FOR MEMBERS!!



Effective February 1, 2011, the password you now use for World Vital Records and for Footnote will no longer be valid. If you haven't renewed your membership in WVGS for 2011, you will not be able to use these websites.

For those renewing their membership, the **new passwords** will be made available soon. Remember, accessing these wonderful websites from home is a privilege for members only.



### 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 1:00p

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Fran Morris

Please welcome all new members that have joined the Society. New members from November through December 17th are: Michael Holmen, Mary Kelley, Diane Kilian, Joyce Kirkham, David Komassa, Hugh McKay, Barbara Nutty, Emmy Speranza, Darlene Steigleder, Wallace Turnage and Ken Webdale.

Our Society is growing and we welcome our new members to many years of continued membership and fellowship within the Society.

**Membership Notes:** Badges are issued to **new members** only. The numbered badge issued to you as a new member is your permanent identification to the Library and General Meetings. New members should keep the receipt issued to present for entry until you receive your badge. As soon as you are entered into the database system, usually 3 – 4 days after paying your dues, you are verified for Footnote and World Vital Records websites.

**A Renewal form for 2011 was included in each copy of *Desert Tracker*.** Your membership number is the last 3 digits of the number on your membership badge. Lost badges are replaced at a charge of \$5.00.

**Remember:** Please notify WVGS of any changes during the year for address or e-mail so that your information is current for Society mailings and communication. Please send e-mail to [membership@azwvgs.org](mailto:membership@azwvgs.org) or bring the change to the Library for Membership Chairman, Fran Morris.



## DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

**M**any, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications: Estate of Marion Boshart, Donald Campbell, CDC, Carol Daly, Richard Fisher, Ruby Gordon, Fannalou Guggisberg, Bill Kane, Mona Knight, Diana Lowery, Erv Leifheit, Linda McCleary, Mid-Continent Public Library, Peggy Morphew, NSDAR, Sally Pavia, Maureen Pierce, Florence Portell, Mary Riter, Roadrunner Estate Sales, Ethel Sanders, Ada Sullivan, Connie Sheets, Maretta Troxel, Lu Williams and Wanita Zarumba.



## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER

by Dee Snook



Jean White is one of our own. She is a life member, a past president and one of our instructors. Jean's topic will be *Railroads and Railroaders*. Her topic will help guide to research ancestors who helped build this country. She will reveal sources to

who worked on the railroads, those who worked for the railroad companies and records.

## LAPTOP NEEDED

Do you have a working laptop you are not using? WVGS has a need for new projects.

Please contact Roger Hanneman, PC Committee. at 623-214-3233  
[webmaster@azwvgs.org](mailto:webmaster@azwvgs.org)



## 50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Lu Williams

The Society pays one-half of the cost of the books listed; interested members donate the remainder. Members may suggest titles to be considered for the list.



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

- *A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa, Vol 2* **\$25.00**
- *Index to District of Columbia Land Records, 1792-1817* **\$23.50**
- *Muhlenberg, The Journals of Henry Melchier, 1742-1787* **\$27.50**
- *N.C. Higher Court Records, 1670-1696, Vol. 2* **\$17.00**
- *North Dakota, Pioneers & Their Sons: 165 Family Histories* **\$21.50**
- *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, Vol. 2* **\$15.50**
- *Tax List of Berks County PA for 1767* **\$7.75**
- *Texas Rangers Service Records, 1847-1900, 6 Vols* **\$47.00**
- *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims* **\$90.00**

## CALENDAR

- Jan 3 WVGS Board Meeting, 1p
- Jan 10 General Membership Meeting, doors open at 1p
- Jan ?? Scanning of pictures and documents at the Library. See Article page 5
- Jan 19 Library Tour, call Library for day/time
- Jan 20 Research Night, 5-9p, call the Library to verify day and time
- Jan 21 & 22 Mesa Family History Expo, see Page 4
- Jan 23 Library Open House, 1-4p
- Feb. 19 Annual Seminar, see Page 5



## WANT TO BE OF SERVICE?

WVGS is looking for a new *Tidbits* Editor  
9 Publications a year!!!  
Fun & great way to get to know your Society!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



## NEW BOOK REPORT

by Linda McCleary

- o *Cemeteries of Adams County, Illinois. Volume 1: Melrose - Fall Creek - Payson - Richfield Townships\*\**
- o *Cemeteries of Adams County, Illinois, Volume 3: Ellington - Ursa - Lima - Mendon Townships\*\**
- o *Cemeteries of Adams County [IL], Volume 5: Camp Point and Clayton Townships\*\**
- o *Cemeteries of Adams County [IL] Plus Additions and Corrections, Volume 6: Northeast Township\*\**
- o *Conover Pioneers and Pilgrims*
- o *History of Randolph and Macon Counties, Missouri, written and compiled from the most authentic official and private sources, Including a*
- o *Jackson County [MO] Pioneers*
- o *Kentucky, A History of the State, Volume 5*
- o *Marriage Records: Crawford County, Missouri: The "First Marriage Book" and "Book A", 1829-1855*
- o *Marriage Records: Polk County, Missouri, Book "A", 1836-1859*
- o *Norwegians, Swedes and More: Ancestors and Descendants of Loren and Mavis Winge Amundson: Destination Dakota Territory, Book One*
- o *Prospector, Cowhand, and Sodbuster: Historic Places Associated with the Mining, Ranching, and Farming Frontiers in the Trans-Mississippi West,*
- o *Roster of the General Society of the War of 181, 1989 edition*

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## NEW PERIODICAL TITLES

by Lee Scarbrough



- o *American Ancestors (Multi-states)*
- o *Lucas County Notes and Shakin' (IA)*
- o *Mendocino Historical Journal (CA)*
- o *Museum Message (OH)*
- o *Newsletter of Wayne County (IA)*
- o *North Dakota History*
- o *Swedish Colonial News (Lineage)*
- o *Tri-County Genealogical Society (IN)*
- o *Wayne County Genealogical Society (IA)*
- o *Wayne County Genie News (IA)*

**WVGS'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE:  
SUNDAY, JAN 23, 2011  
1-4p**

Share with your friends and neighbors a tour of our Library facility and resource collection.

## WINTER CLASSES

by Dee Snook

For schedule of classes, dates and times, please check our web site for class descriptions and fees, [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org) or call the Library.

**NOVICE GENEALOGY** 1 Session  
**Barbara Stenberg, Instructor** 1-3p  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month

**Jean White, Instructor, 4 sets of classes**  
**WORLD VITAL RECORDS, FOOTNOTE & FAMILY SEARCH** 1 Session  
January 19 1-3p  
**PROBLEM SOLVING** 3 Sessions  
January 26, February 2, and 9 1-3p  
**RESEARCH TECHNIQUES I** 4 Sessions  
February 16, 23, March 2 and 9 1-3p  
**RESEARCH TECHNIQUES II** 4 Sessions  
March 16, 23, 30, and April 6 1-3p

**Nancy Nielsen, Instructor, 2 sets of classes**  
**FAMILY TREE MAKER (PART 1)** 4 Sessions  
February 7, 14, 21, and 28 9:30-11:30a  
**FAMILY TREE MAKER (PART 2)** 4 Sessions  
March 7, 14, 21 and 28 9:30-11:30a

**Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor, 2 sets of classes**  
**LEGACY FAMILY TREE – BEG.** 4 Sessions  
January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 9:30-11:30a  
**LEGACY FAMILY TREE – ADV** 4 Sessions  
March 22, 29, April 5 and 11 9:30-11:30a

**Suzanne Brayer, NEW Instructor, 2 sets of classes**  
**MAKING SENSE OF THE CENSUS** 1 Session  
February 22 1-3p  
**LOOKING FOR QUAKERS** 1 Session  
March 22 1-3p

**WEEKLY WRITING YOUR LIFE STORIES**  
**Nancy Tsuchiya, Instructor** Every Thursday in  
January and February 10-Noon  
No need to sign up; pay for the classes you take.

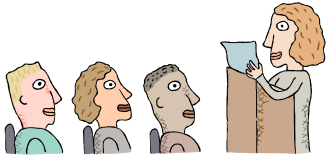
**Karl Johnson, Instructor, 2 sets of classes**  
**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY** 1 Session  
February 10 1-3p  
**GOOGLING FOR ANCESTORS** 1 Session  
March 10 1-3p  
**WASHINGTON DC TRIP PREP** 1 Session  
**Linda Swain, Instructor**  
March 4 10-Noon

## WVGS AT THE MESA FAMILY HISTORY EXPO JANUARY 21 and 22, 2011

by Dee Snook

Whether you are a new or experienced researcher, you can profit from attending this conference, and at a much reduced price than the national conferences. Go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oidk=a07e3320lw7f1fe4136&llr=mtf5sodab> to see what is available and to register. The conference will be held at the Mesa Convention Center.



### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

by Sally Pavia

### BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY OR WVGS WEBSITE TO VERIFY SIG SCHEDULES

- **ADOPTION** Contact Lou McLean
- **AFRICAN/  
AMERICAN** No longer meeting
- **BRITISH ISLES\*** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00p  
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- **CANADA/  
FRENCH CANADIAN** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
11:00a-12:30p
- **DNA**  
[Dec/Feb/Apr/Oct] 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **GERMANY/POLAND** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **ILLINOIS/INDIANA  
& OHIO\*** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 1:00-3:00p
- **ITALY** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30a-12:30p
- **JEWISH** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9:00-11:00a
- **KANSAS/MISSOURI** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **LEGACY** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **MARYLAND** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **MINNESOTA** Check website for more info
- **NEW ENGLAND  
STATES\*** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **NORWAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **NY/NJ/PA** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **OKLAHOMA** Check website for more info
- **QUAKERS\*\*** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:00a-Noon
- **ROOTS MAGIC** Check website for more info
- **SOUTHERN  
STATES\*** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- **TMG** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon

\* Won't meet in December, due to holiday

\*\*Starts in January, 2011



### OUR FIRST WEBINAR

by Dee Snook

WVGS held its first webinar for **members only** on December 14, 2010. Geoff Rasmussen, our Legacy Family Tree instructor was the presenter for "Mapping Software and Websites for Genealogists". Our President, Karla Bartel, opened the program by welcoming all 160 registrants to the program, after which, she turned the program over to Geoff. Geoff ran through the business part of how the webinar was going to run and then began teaching about different mapping programs and map sites, both free and "pay sites." He also provided handouts that could be downloaded from the webinar. The program lasted about an hour with many questions, both written and verbal, which he answered for us. At the conclusion of the program Geoff presented two door prizes. The first was a copy of AniMap, which was won by Bill Halpin and the second, was a copy of Legacy Family Tree software, which was won by Cynthia Lamm.

Anything purchased at this webinar resulted in a donation to WVGS by Legacy Family Tree of 25% of the profit of software sold.

If you missed this program, you can replay at: <http://www.millenniacorp.com/videos/webinars/2010-12-14-wvgsmapping/2010-12-14-wvgsmapping.html>. This is an innovative way to teach and we hope to have many more.

### NEW INSTRUCTOR

by Dee Snook

Please welcome Suzanne Brayer, a member and a past guest speaker. Suzanne is a former history teacher and has agreed to teach in depth research classes in January, February, March and April. Suzanne will be teaching hands-on classes.

Check our website, [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org), to download the flyer and sign up as soon as possible.



## GLASS CASE DISPLAY

by Sally Pavia

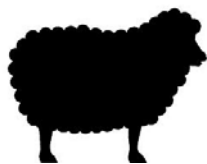


Be sure and come in and view our "surprise" display in the case this month. Of course, that means that I don't know what it's going to be yet. But, trust me; it's going to be something fun and interesting. We're hoping to make January's display extra special since we're going to be having Open House on the 23rd of the month.

This is just a reminder that big or little, anything you might want to display is welcome, wanted and appreciated. It will be safe in the case as it is locked at all times. So, if you have something you'd like displayed be sure and contact: Sally Pavia at 623 974-0195 or [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com).

## DESERT TRACKER NEEDS YOU!

by Dorothy Sprague, Editor



### *Black Sheep And Family Angels*

Remember to write your story and send it to [tracker@azwvgs.org](mailto:tracker@azwvgs.org) or, if necessary, to Tracker, c/o the WVGS Library, 12222 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363.

**Please don't wait until the last minute! DUE DATE**, no later than March 1, 2011

## GREAT GIFT IDEA

Gift a ticket to this year's WVGS Annual Seminar!

### WVGS'S ANNUAL ALL DAY SEMINAR

**When:** Feb 19, 2011

**Where:** **\*\*New location\*\***

**Lakeview United Methodist Church,  
Smoot Hall  
10298 W. Thunderbird Boulevard  
Sun City, AZ**

**Speaker:** **Arlene H. Eakle, M.A. and PhD in  
English History**

**Register Before 12/31/10: \$40**  
**After 1/1/11: \$45**



## SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP

March 29-April 6, 2011



**WHAT:** Research Trip, Family History Library

**WHEN:** March 29 – April 6, 2011  
Eight nights (double occupancy)

**STAY:** Plaza Hotel (adjacent to FHL)  
[www.plaza-hotel.com](http://www.plaza-hotel.com)

### WVGS MEMBERS

**COST:** \$300/400 Sr/Non Sr Adult Airfare ticket  
(Airfare not firmed until tickets are purchased)  
\$380 Double Occupancy or  
\$760 Single Occupancy  
\$20 R/T Shuttle from SLC airport to Hotel

### FINAL PAYMENT

**Jan 15, 2011**

(Make check payable to WVGS)

### SCANNING SERVICES

By Cathy Gallagher

Although there is no official Scanning Services day scheduled for January at the Library, Bob and I can arrange individual scanning sessions for any member throughout the month. Simply call (623) 444-6957 and schedule a time to meet to scan your photographs and documents.



Don't put this off any longer!! Your precious photographs and documents are fading away from age, threatened by dust, flood damage and other dangers!

**Start The New Year off right!!** Remember that a portion of the charge is donated to the WVGS. Save your precious memories onto a free CD and help our non-profit organization at the same time.

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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.

**ALUMINUM CANS**

by Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*



The price being paid for aluminum continues to go up. I have seen as much as \$1 a pound vs. the 95 cents we got last time. Keep the aluminum cans and aluminum coming as it will mean even more for WVGS!

If the membership can match our last collection total again before the end of the year, we may be able to reach \$500 for the year.

**EASY WAY TO DONATE EVERYDAY!**

by Maureen Pierce

**T**HANK YOU everyone who has been using the eScrip.com (Safeway), Office Max Perks and Staples Rewards programs. Instead of remembering different numbers for the Office Max and Staples rewards, simply use our WVGS phone number – **623-933-4945**. Based on your purchases we can earn a donation for office supplies.

eScrip registration has been renewed by WVGS; please renew yours. With your Safeway purchases, WVGS can earn a cash donation of up to 3% of your purchases. If you have not yet linked your Safeway card, go to <http://www.escrip.com/> and link to group 151055488. If you need your actual Safeway shopper's card number, please call 1-877-SAFEWAY (1-877-723-3929) first.

Due to the bankruptcy, Basha's has discontinued the "Thanks a Million" and "Shop and Give" programs but they hope to have them back soon.

Also, we are working on more of these easy types of fundraisers.

