



President's Message

Arlene Sampson

Wow, the summer just flew by ... Hope you had a relaxing but a "genealogy" productive time, researching.

Starting with this edition of Tidbits we are adding a new item, which has been named the "Volunteer Corner." I'm going to ask a member of the Society, who volunteers, to write a short article about their volunteer experience for the Library or Society.



The article will explain what it is that they do for the Society, why it is important and how they feel about performing that task. I think as you read some of the monthly articles that you will be surprised as to what activities volunteers perform.

My experience, when asking individuals if they would like to volunteer for a specific task has been that most members don't know what volunteer activities are performed by members to keep the Library doors open and running. Most members are somewhat reticent about jumping in since they don't have knowledge or understand what the task is and how much time is involved.

I hope that our members will read the articles, ask questions and consider accepting a position when they are asked or if they see an task that needs to be done accept that responsibility.

Classes

Connie Sheets

Reminder: all checks should be made out to WVGS instead of the instructor.

For schedule of classes, dates, times, class descriptions and costs, please check our website www.azwvgs.org or call the Library at 623-933-4945.

All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy Monthly
Every third Friday unless noted 1:00 - 3:00 pm

An updated schedule will be available in next months Tidbits. Check online for any current information.

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

Hours:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

6:00 - 9:00 pm Tuesday nights

12:30 - 4:00 pm Sunday

Last Saturday of the month open 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Telephone: 623-933-4945

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

Monthly Meetings: September through May

Second Monday of each month - Doors open at 1:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

September 14th Speaker

Bonnie McCulley

"New England Witches"

This presentation is a quick overview of witchcraft from pre-medieval times to New England in 1692. Included is what brought the horrible Witchcraft hysteria to the people of Danvers, Mass. (Now Salem, Mass.) Many had relatives who endured and were part of the Witchcraft trials, including some who were put to death. Some had to pay 100 or more gold pieces to the English Crown to get their loved ones out of jail for the crime of witchcraft. It was a horrible time in American history.

Bonnie has lived in Arizona for more than sixty-five years and has real western roots. She is a descendant of great-great grandparents who settled in the New Mexico-AZ Territory in 1860. Her other three sets of great grand parents traveled by wagon and settled in Montana, Utah and New Mexico, before each state was granted statehood.



September Calendar

8 Tuesday, WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm

14 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm

17 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm;

call the Library to reserve a spot

21 Library Tour, 9:30 to 11:00 am;

call the Library to reserve a spot

21 Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestors, 11:00 am

*** New location - Nick's Diner, Reems Road, Surprise**

A Gift Of Precious Time

Carole Roath

You know that upon accessing the WVGS Library catalog and entering a query, you're promptly provided with a matching material option and shelving location. However, have you noticed that upon venturing to that given shelf location that you find the material exactly where it is catalogued? We have our valuable Shelf Readers to thank for this invaluable service. Volunteering behind the scenes, each Shelf Reader is assigned specific shelving sections that they maintain in precise catalog order. Each Reader performs this function monthly. Our Professional Library Administrator, Karen Zeppenfeld, oversees this process ensuring that each section is read and is in proper order.

Thank you Shelf Readers for your dedication and gift of precious time! Thanks also to you, the users, for helping out by using the paddles and returning your selected materials to the marked locations. That is a big help in keeping order. The paddle location also serves to alert another user that the selection is currently in use.... so check back!

Have you been thinking about volunteering at WVGS? Please consider becoming a Shelf Reader; a function that only requires 2-3 hours of your precious time per month. Or perhaps you would like to be a Substitute Reader filling in as the need arises. Please contact Karen; she welcomes your inquiries at libadm@azwvgs.org.

Thank You For Duplicate Books

Adrienne Haupt

West Valley Genealogical Society would like to thank members for their continued support and development of the Library's extensive book collection by the donation of their gently used genealogical books. These books are either added to the collection or duplicate books are placed for sale in the WVGS Store. Funds from book sales are used to buy additional books for the Library collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Questions may be addressed to dupbooks@azwvgs.org.

Put These Numbers In Your Wallet

Office Max Perks..... #012748337
Staples Rewards #04050-4355-5
Or just use WVGS phone number 623-933-4945

Use Goodsearch.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.

Display Cases

Sally Pavia

In recognition of Labor Day, I'd like to put something in the display case about us in our former lives. What did you do for a living? What did your parents do? Do you have pictures, items from work, stories that could be put in the main display case at the Library. Lets get together and make this a really nice display for all new members and snowbirds to see when they visit the Library.

In addition, we can still use more military pictures for the display cases in the multi-purpose/class room. Just have to straighten up the ones we already have and we can get in more. It's always nice to see military men and women, we can never thank them enough for our freedom! Contact Sally Pavia at sallyinaz@cox.net or 602 550-1807 for further information.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Cathy Gallagher



***Be Sure To Check With The Library Or WVGS Website To Verify SIG Schedules**

- NY/NJ/PA *Sep-May1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- France/Italy1st Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Maryland & Southern States..... 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Legacy..... 1st Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- DNA *Sep-Apr 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Norway *Oct-Apr2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- Kansas/Missouri..... 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- New England States *Sep-Apr2nd Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm
- Germany/Poland3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- Canada *Sep-Apr..... 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon
- Sweden *Oct-Apr 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Writing Family History..... 4th Thursday, 9:30-11:30am
- British Isles.....4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Family Tree Maker *Sep-May.....4th Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Illinois/Indiana/Ohio..... 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG 5th Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- Adoption Watch for new dates/times or contact Lou McLean for details: mlm16ddm@yahoo.com

If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact the SIGs Coordinator, Cathy Gallagher, at sigs@azwvgs.org or 623-266-1330

** TMG will meet beginning in October on the 5th Saturday (Oct. 31, 2015, Jan. 30, 2016...)

May Volunteer of the Month

Barb Behrman, Director Membership Outreach

Rich Sporski

At the May 11th General Membership meeting we honored a WVGS member who, since 9 years old, has known what he wanted to do with his life. At 9, he went with his Dad to West Point, where Dad worked. They were having trouble getting their UNIVAC computer to run smoothly. As is common with 9 year old boys, he was poking around and soon found a loose wire. Sure enough, that was the problem. Since that computer encounter, he knew he wanted a career somehow involved in computers.



Another wonderful encounter occurred when he was in Junior High and met Sherri, whom he married years later after completing college. They have a daughter, Andrea, who lives in Colorado close to his parents.

Upon completing college, he began his career with IBM. From there, he moved to theatrical engineering where he worked on Broadway sets and motion picture equipment design. From there he moved to industry as an electrical electronics engineer. To end his working career, he worked for GE as a system design engineer. In retirement, he still works with computers as a member of our Computer Equipment Committee as well as doing similar work for other organizations.

He and Sherri moved from their home in New York to Phoenix in 1995. As all of us do, they now love their lives in the Valley of the Sun.

They both joined WVGS in 2008 where he quickly joined the CEC as Systems Administrator. He also served on the Board from 2010 until 2014. While he was a valuable member of the board, we are glad he's moved on so we can honor him today.

Rich Sporski is a valuable member of the CEC team keeping things up and running for the Society.

We proudly presented the May Volunteer of the Month Award to Rich Sporski.



"I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing."

Agatha Christie

Welcome New Members

Bob Gallagher, Membership Registrar

Please welcome all the new Members who joined the Society during Summer 2015. The New Members are: Lezlee Alexander, Frank Bennett, Eunice Collins, David Conklin, Chuck Conner, Alex Douglas, Christine Douglas, Mary Echols, Sandra Engle, Diane Fraley, Betty Froggett, Colleen Frye, Richard Gehlbach, Tom Lee Goyer, Mary Lou Harper, Chris Hart, Lyn Hart, Sandra Harwood, Jill Horrall, Peggy James, Armand Johnson, Eileen Johnson, Jan Kansorka, Shirley Knudsen, Cheryl Kodofahas, Diane Kraft, Janis Krah, Wayne Kupferer, Cynthia Lamkin, Colleen Lang, Lawrence Lang, Deborah Lessard, Dennis Lessard, Bernadette Lockeby, Larry Lockeby, Gail Loffa, Michael Loffa, Eden Logan, Mary Monfre, Lois Moses, Cheryl Paulus, Ellen Pearson, Lula Rendon, JoAnne Roles, Cynda Schold, Kevin Starks, Lee Starks, Linnell Summers and Lovie Tiedje.

When you see these new members, be sure to introduce yourself and encourage them to participate in the Society's many activities. We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship, and research within the Society.

The total active membership of the Society is 695 as of August 13, 2015.

50/50 Books Report

Janet Buchanan

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 be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program. The "Balance Due" is after current contributions.

- *The Past and Present of Warren County, Illinois.* H F Kent & Co., 1877
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *Portrait & Biographical Album of Warren County, ILL.* Chapman Bros, 1886
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *The History of Allen County, Ohio,* Warner & Beers, 1885
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$30.50
- *The History of Ashland County, Ohio,* George W. Hill, 1880
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *The Early History of Auglaize County, Ohio,* J.D. Simkins, 1901
Cost \$65.00 Balance Due \$24.50
- *The History of Williamson County from the Earliest Times Down to the Present, 1876 (Illinois)*
Cost: \$45.00 Balance due \$22.50

Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner

Karen Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- 1815 Tax List of Randolph County, N. C.
- 2001/2002 Strassenatlas Deutschland 1:250 000 [Atlas of Germany]
- Abstracts of Land Entries: Guilford Co, NC 1779-1796 and Rockingham Co, NC 1790-1795
- Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869 and 1864-1874
- Anderson County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes 1801-1809 and 1810-1814. Two Volumes in One
- Annals of the Grand Monadnock, The [Dublin and Jaffrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire]
- Armstrong County Pennsylvania: Her People, Past and Present. Volume 2
- Art of Family: Genealogical Artifacts in New England, The
- Atlas of Adams Co. Pennsylvania from actual Surveys by and under the directions of D. J. Lake, C. E.
- Barren County Kentucky Unrecorded Burials Annotated
- Beechwoods Confederacy 1709-1809, The: The Colonial History of Beechwoods, Middleboro-Taunton Precinct, Massachusetts. [Beechwoods, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]
- Behold and See, As You Pass By: Epitaphs in the Old Cemetery - 1787-1924 of the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta [Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey]
- Best Genealogical Sources in Print: Essays by Gary Boyd Roberts. Volume 1
- Biographical Dictionary of the Youngs (born 1653-1870) from Towns Under the Jurisdiction of Strafford County, New Hampshire Before 1840
- Black's Law Dictionary, 1951
- Bridgton Maine 1768-1968 [Bridgton, Cumberland County, Maine]
- Campaigns of the Seventeenth Maine, The [Civil War Military]
- Civil War Wall Chart, The
- Collections. Report of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan Together with Reports of County Pioneer Societies. Vol. 9, Second Edition.
- Collier's World Atlas and Gazetteer
- Cranbrook Booth Family of America or the Descendants of Henry Gough Booth and Harriot Wood (Booth), his Wife, of the English Cranbrook in Kent
- Darke County, Ohio Will Abstracts 1818-1857 Inclusive
- Davidson County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1823-1868
- Death Records of Monroe County, Michigan. Volume 2 1879-1888 with Index
- Early Marriage Records of Casey County, Kentucky 1807-1915 in two volumes compiled from official records in the Casey County Courthouse, Liberty, Kentucky
- Early Planters of Scituate: A History of the Town of Scituate, Massachusetts from Its Establishment to the End of the Revolutionary War
- Editor Remembers, An: 44 years of publishing a small-town weekly newspaper. [Maywood, Bergen County, New Jersey]
- Edmonson County, Kentucky Unrecorded and Updated Cemeteries
- Edward Frisbie of Branford and His Descendants. Volume 1: The First Eight Generations
- Edward Frisbie of Branford and His Descendants. Volume 2: the Ninth Through the Fourteenth Generations
- Edward Frisbie of Branford and His Descendants. Volume 3: The Descendants in the Female Line
- Emerson-Benson Saga, An. The Ancestry of Charles F. Emerson and Bessie Benson and the Struggle to Settle the United States Including 194 Allied Lines
- Episcopal Church in Michigan During the Civil War, The
- Family Maps of Polk County, Missouri. Deluxe Edition
- Finding Aid for Rhode Island Town Records in Arnold's Vital Record of Rhode Island, Beaman's Rhode Island Vital Records: New Series and the Rhode Island Genealogical Register, A
- Fred Turley and Promontory Lookout. Historical Interview No. 1
- German-American Genealogical Research, Monograph No. 4
- Good Wives: Image and Reality in the Lives of Women in Northern New England 1650-1750
- Government of York County, The. [York County, Pennsylvania]
- Grand Rapids, Ohio and Area: Commemorating the Past and the Present. Volume 2, July 1980 [Wood County, Ohio]
- Guidelines for Authors of Compiled Genealogies
- Hemer Family, The. Volume 1 & 2
- Henderson County North Carolina Will Abstracts 1838-1910 and Transylvania County North Carolina Will Abstracts 1861-1910
- Historic Mining on Isle Royale [Keweenaw County, Michigan]. Isle Royale National Park
- Historical Account of the Mollie Maguires
- Historical Brief, A: Allegan Michigan 1838-1963 [Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan]
- Historical Collections Made by the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan. Vol. 12
- History and Genealogy, A: The Davissons. Twelve Generations 1630-1992. Davidson-Davison-Davisson Families

- History and Records of the Congregational Church of Tinmouth, Vermont, The [Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont]
- History of Belfast in the 20th Century
- History of Cook County Illinois, from the earliest period to the present time, complete in one volume
- History of Corinth, Vermont 1764-1964 [Corinth, Orange County, Vermont]
- History of Detroit and Wayne County and Early Michigan: A Chronological Cyclopeda of the Past and Present
- History of Hamilton County Texas, A. Vol 1 & 2
- History of Marshfield [Marshfield, Plymouth County, Massachusetts] Volume 1 & 2 in one volume
- History of Mower County Minnesota, The
- History of Renville County Minnesota, The. Vol 1 & 2
- History of the City of Belfast, Maine from its First Settlement in 1770 to 1875. Vols 1 & 2
- History of the Town of Holland Massachusetts [Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts]
- History of the Town of Lakeville Massachusetts [Lakeville, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]
- History of the Town of Middleboro Massachusetts
- History of the Town of Wells, Vermont from Its Settlement with Family and Biographical Sketches and Incidents, A [Wells, Rutland County, Vermont]
- How Much is That in Real Money? A Historical Price Index for Use as a Deflator of Money Values in the Economy of the Untied States
- In Small Things Forgotten: An Archaeology of Early American Life
- Index to Marriage Bonds Filed in the North Carolina State Archives, An
- Index to the Reports and Collections of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society. Vols. 1-15, 1874-1890
- International Register of Biographies: A Biographical Record of Contemporary Achievement. 1984
- Iowa Images: Dutch Immigrant History Illustrated
- Irby Family Collection. Book 1, 2 & 3
- Jefferson New Hampshire Before 1996 [Coos County, New Hampshire]
- Joelle Dawson Collection
- Just Dewey's Kid: The Life and Works of Ruth Martin Rowley
- Keep Yearbook, The: The Y2K Keep Family Yearbook
- Kentucky, A History of the State, Embracing a Concise Account of the Origin and Development of the Virginia Colony; Its Expansion Westward, and the Settlement of the Frontier Beyond the Alleghanies; the Erection of Kentucky as an Independent State, and Its Subsequent Development. Volume 6*
- Knox County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1792-1900 Compiled from Original Marriage Licenses and Bonds, Marriage Register, W. P. A. Compilation and Newspaper Accounts
- Little Known Facts About Bundling in the New World
- Macon County Marriage Records 1871-1880. Volume 4. [Macon County, Illinois]
- Macon County Marriage Records 1881-1890. Volume 5. [Macon County, Illinois]
- Macon County Marriage Records 1891-1900. Volume 6. [Macon County, Illinois]
- Management Handbook: A Guide for the Organization and Management of Genealogical Societies
- Marriage Records Calloway County, Kentucky. Part 1: 1823-1846; Part 2: 1852-1859
- Marriage Records of Monroe County, Michigan. Vols 1, 2 & 4 with Indexes
- Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church Detroit 1701-1850 [Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan]
- Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in December 1620, Volume 16, Part 4
- MEHN is a MAIN is a MAYNE... in Frederick County, Maryland, They started with GEORG, A. A study of Georg Mehn's land, his children and grandchildren
- Michigan Surname Index, The. Volume 1
- Migration and the Origins of the English Atlantic World
- Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865 Vols 1 & 2
- Miscellaneous Docket Index Suffolk County, Mass. Probate Records 1639-1866
- Missouri Volunteer: The Civil War Journal of Captain Benjamin T. Humphrey
- Molly Maguires, The
- Monroe County Kentucky Marriage Records 1889-1910. Vols 1 & 2
- Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals for the Years 1890 to 1930 at the Port of New York and for the Years 1904 to 1926 at the Ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore
- Moultrie County, Illinois Cemetery Inscriptions. Vols 2 to 5
- "My Dear Mother & Sisters:" Civil War Letters of Capt. A. B. Mulligan, Co. B 5th South Carolina Cavalry - Butler's Division - Hampton's Corps 1861-1865
- New Trail, The. A Book of Creative Writing by Indian Students
- Ninety Six District, South Carolina: Journal of the Court of Ordinary: Inventory Book, Will Book 1781-1786
- Old West Railroaders. Volume 16
- On Creaking Wheels: The Memoirs of Ellen Brant Glaum as told to Eloise Wade Hackett
- Ottilie, A Woman of Mettle [Poehlman family]
- Our First Hundred Years [Rhineland, Oneida County, Wisconsin]
- Pennsylvania History

- Pennsylvania History in Outline
- Phillips County News. Malta, Montana 59538. Births, Marriages & Deaths Extracted by Members of the [WVGS] Obituary Committee
- Phillips County News. Malta, Montana 59538. Deaths Extracted by Members of the [WVGS] Obituary Committee
- Pilgrim Colony: A History of New Plymouth 1620-1691 [New Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]
- Pioneer Collections. Collections and Researches Made by the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan.
- Pioneer History of Ingham County [Michigan]
- Plymouth Colony Records. Volume 1: Wills and Inventories 1633-1669
- Polk's Glendale (Maricopa County, Arizona) City Directory 1968
- Polk's Globe-Miami [Gila County, Arizona] City Directory 1970
- Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, Mich. Containing Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County Together with Portraits and Biographies of All the Presidents of the United States, and Governors of the State
- Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, Together with Biographies of All the Governors of the State, and of the Presidents of the United States
- Preservation Guide: Saving the Past and the Present for the Future
- Proprietors of Carolina, The [North Carolina present day]
- Quaker Invasion of Massachusetts, The
- Rand McNally El Paso & Vicinity StreetFinder
- Read Family of Salem, Massachusetts, The
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, [Vol. 11]. Laws, 1623-1682
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, [Vol. 7]. Judicial Acts, 1636-1692
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, Vol. 3. Court Orders: 1651-1661
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, Vol. 4. Court Orders: 1661-1668
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England, Vol. 6. Court Orders: 1678-1691
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England. Volume 1: 1633-1640. Volume 2: 1641-1651
- Records of the Revolutionary War
- Records of the Town of Newark, New Jersey, from its Settlement in 1666, to its Incorporation as a City in 1836
- Researching Your Family's History at the Massachusetts Archives
- Revolutionary Incidents and Sketches of Character Chiefly in the "Old North State". Volumes 1 and 2 [with Index]. [Guilford County, North Carolina]
- Roads of New Mexico, The [Maps and Atlas]
- Sanborn, Iowa: 125 Years...Past and Present [O'Brien Co, Iowa]
- Scottish Roots: A Step-by-Step Guide for Ancestor Hunters
- Seventeenth-Century Town Records of Scituate, Massachusetts. Vols 1-3 [Scituate, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]
- Sherk Family, The
- Simeral Family Genealogies in the New World (1695 to 1988)
- Staten Island Wills and Letters of Administration Richmond County, New York 1670-1800 As found in the Surrogate's Court New York County, New York and abstracted by the New York Historical Society, 1892-1908 and Staten Island references found in the New Jersey Colonial Documents
- Story of Maps, The
- Teach Yourself Welsh
- Tehama County Memories 2014 [Tehama County, California]
- Tillotson, Tillison and Tillitson: Descendants of John Tillotson, Immigrant to the American Colonies from the West Riding Yorkshire, England, Landowner of Rowley and Newbury Colony of the Massachusetts Bay and One of the Thirty Founders of Lyme Colony of Connecticut in two volumes. Volume 1
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- Times of Their Lives: Life, Love, and Death in Plymouth Colony, The
- Timothy Hatherly and the Plymouth Colony Pilgrims
- Tracing Your British Ancestors
- Twentieth Maine: A Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War, The
- Union Canal and the Lehmans 1828-1885, The
- Up to Rawdon: Settlers at Rawdon Township, Lower Canada c. 1820-1850. Their origins and continued migration across Canada and the United States. Part 1 [Ontario]
- Vital Records of Hallowell Maine to the Year 1892. Vol 3 - Marriages. [Hallowell, Kennebec County, Maine]
- Vital Records of Jackson, Maine Prior to 1892 [Jackson, Waldo County, Maine]
- Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts to the Year 1850 [Marshfield, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]

- Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850
- Waldo County: The Way It Was [Waldo County, Maine]
- Warren County, Kentucky Cemetery Records. Vol 1
- Warren County, Kentucky Marriages 1797-1851 from the Original Marriage Bonds and Consents
- Williamson Family Papers. Volume 1: The College Years, 1844-1852
- Winslow Families of Worcestershire, 1400-1700, The
- Wyckoff Family in America, The: A Genealogy in Two Volumes. Volume 2

New Periodicals - Karen Zeppenfeld

- All Hands, PT Boat Squadrons, Bases, Tenders (MIL)
- Ancestral News (Genl)
- Archive (IL)
- Before Germanna (VA)
- Bulletin of The Wyckoff House & Association, Inc. (surname)
- G.S.M.C. Family Quest (IN)
- Grand Prairie Historical Society Bulletin (AR)
- Hardin County Historian (TN)
- The Germanna Record (VA)
- The Heard Journal, and Herd, Hird, Hurd, Too
- Journal (Surname-Kent)
- Spanish American Genealogical Helper (ETH)
- Where the Trails Cross (IL)

CD's - Marie Beernink

- Clay County, Nebraska
- History of Green County, Wisconsin

Cabin Burned? Horses Stolen? Boat Lost At Sea? Oh, My!!

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

If the Indians burned down your home and stole your livestock... if you lost your eyesight in the naval service... if you paid duty on tea and it was burned... if you were due a pension... if you gave supplies to the military... then you probably submitted a claim to the US government.

Our WVGS Library has the complete 3 volume set, *List of Private Claims (973 G326pc)*, that lists the claimant, the nature of the claim, the number of the Congress and session that it was brought before and tracks how it was resolved.

Conveniently, for genealogists, the claimants are listed in alphabetical order with dates and numbers of the Congressional session, allowing for further research. My favorite is Captain Francis Allyn who submitted 12 claims for compensation "for expenses in bringing Lafayette to this country in 1824." Goose bump time - don't you just love history?

Bob Elgin's Memorial Book Fund List

Below is the list of books purchased with WVGS members donations to Bob Elgin's Memorial Book Fund and placed in the Library with his name on a bookplate in the front of each book. (Most of these books are in the Minnesota section.) They are a great addition to the Library genealogy collection. Vera Elgin and her family truly appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity.

- *Geographical and Statistical History of the County of Olmsted, Together with a General View of the State of Minnesota, from Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time*
- *History of Goodhue County, Including a Sketch of the Territory and State of Minnesota*
- *History of Mower County Minnesota, The*
- *History of Renville County Minnesota, The. Vols 1 & 2*
- *History of Rice County, Including Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota and Outline History of the State of Minnesota. Also Sioux Massacre of 1862, and State Education*
- *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865. Vols 1 & 2*
- *Minnesotans in the Civil and Indian Wars: An Index to the Rosters in Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865*
- *Township Atlas of the United States*
- *Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota: A Guide to the Sources. Volume 6. Central Minnesota*

Donations - Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are: Archives of Michigan, Carol Abernathy, Karla Bartel, Dorothy Blum, Ida M. Borhauser, Dan and Mardy Cable, Beverly Craig, Joelle Dawson, Betty Defentis and Laurence Kooi Haverhals, Bob Elgin Memorial, Eve Ferrara, Cathy & Bob Gallagher, Jim Godfrey, Fannalou Guggisberg, Bruce Hemer, Irby Family, Michael Kirkpatrick, James Koffman, Mona Sarratt Knight, Susan Kreuger, Charles Lindquist, Linda Caldwell McCleary, Helen McLellan, Peggy Morphew, Rosalie Ogden, Sally Pavia, Peoria Public Library, Daniel Reed from Arden A. Rowley collection, Ethel Sanders, Silvia Serrata, Arthur Smith, Francis Smith, In Memory of Patricia Negrini by Dee Snook, Maretta Troxel, Wallace Turnage, Doris Turner, Shirley Witt, Mac Young Estate, Malcolm A. Young and Karen R. Zeppenfeld.

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising

dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

New E-smile through Amazon is now up & running
Check the WEBSITE for instructions

New Now Collecting Coke Rewards

- Collect Coke products reward codes and turn them into the Fundraising Committee
- Codes are located under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps. You may have to tear open the carton to locate rewards code.
- We will redeem points for door prize and raffle items

Fry's cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases
- Need help? Contact Sharon Brown

Albertson's Community Rewards

- Pick up a rewards card at the Fundraising table at the general meeting or at the Library
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases

Office Max & Staples

- When checking out, give the cashier the Library phone number, 623-933-4945
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases

Marley's Restaurant

- Located at 15226 W. Bell Road, Surprise
- Put the Library phone number 623-933-4945 or WVGS on top of your receipt
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases

Goodsearch.com

- Use this search engine on your computer
- WVGS will get one cent for every search entered

Aluminum Cans

- Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag at the monthly meetings (preferred) or inside the Library. Last years collection paid for about 2 months utilities.

Used Ink Cartidges

- Are still collected at the Library. The vouchers we receive help to buy office supplies. Last year they brought between 1/4 to 1/3 of our supplies.

Cookbooks on sale

- \$10 for cookbook *only \$5.00 for the CD*

The Fundraising Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3pm in the Library during the months of August through April. We are always looking for new committee members and new ideas, either would help.

Surname Database Update

Lou McLean

Currently there are 1581 surnames being researched by some of our members. If you would like to add your surnames of interest to this list please email Lou McLean at surnames@azwvgs.org. With your list of names please add a place and date range. If you wish to see the existing database you can access it through the West Valley Genealogy website by clicking on "Surnames" in the menu bar. This database is a resource that you may overlook. You could find another member of the Society researching your same name or at the very least find a member with the name in common. Several of our members have come to realize they are related through a common surname.

The entire list is also available in hard copy. It is located in a basket behind the aides' desk. It is updated once a month.

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

Our YTD total is now \$761.15 after taking in the latest collection of cans. We're about 10% below last year's dollar total but that's not too bad considering the price for cans this year has been 20-30% lower than last year. I haven't found anywhere in the Phoenix area that is even close to a dollar a pound but, thanks to a tip from Sharon Brown, I went to one in Surprise that is paying \$1.05 a pound.

The members are doing a great job. My only request is "Keep the cans coming."

PLEASE NOTE: Do not leave cans in the caged area behind the Library due to thefts. Bring them into the Library or to the General Membership meeting.



Benefits for Members

There are four Subscriber Genealogy Databases available as part of your WVGS membership. Be sure to take advantage of this generous benefit.

	<u>Database Cost</u>	<u>Member Cost</u>
New England Historic Genealogical Society	\$ 200	\$3.25
Ancestry.com	775	from your membership dues pays for these subscriptions
World Vital Records	600	
Fold3	<u>500</u>	
	\$2,075	

WVR and Fold3 are also available to members from home. Visit our website for instructions on how to access them.

Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

We would love to have you join us with a story about your ancestors

***Monday, September 21st
from 11 am to 1 pm***

Come share family memories and mementos

****This Months Location****

Nick's Diner

15693 N. Reems Road, Surprise

All lunches require sign up and a \$5.00 fee; lunch and tip on your own

Contact: Sharon Brown at dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

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