



TIDBITS

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Karla Bartel

February brings us an important event and learning opportunity. I hope all of you will be attending our Annual Seminar. You are bound to take home new valuable information from your day.

I extend a big **thank you** to Nan Hoffman for taking charge of the Open House to be held January 23. Under her guidance, we have a wonderful group of genealogy organizations present to share their information with the attendees. Also thanks to Dee Snook and Rich Sporski for their setting up power point presentations by various genealogy software programs to evaluate the differences.

It is great that our Society continues to grow in membership! And also new classes continue to be added to the schedule! All classes fill in a hurry so make your choices quickly.

See you at the Seminar! I wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

CONDOLENCES

The members of WVGS extend condolences to member Cathy Gallagher, whose mother just passed away. And to also Ida Borhauer, whose grandson, Adam Troy Cooley, was shot and killed December 27, 2010, while working as a Security Guard in Phoenix, Arizona.



DESERT TRACKER

by Dorothy Sprague

TRACKER ARTICLES DUE MARCH 1ST

Please send your *Desert Tracker* articles to tracker@azwvgs.or by March 1st, earlier if possible. *Black Sheep or Good Angels* is the theme for this issue; but we will print your family's history even if their behavior was "middlin to muddlin." You can mail them c/o *Desert Tracker* at the Library.



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 1:00p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Fran Morris

Please welcome all new members that have joined the Society. New members from December to January 10th are: Michael Backs, Sharon Brown, Beth Deady, Mary Katzman, Donna Meszaros, Connie Miller, Robert Norton, Donnamarie Nusbaum, Tamara A. Rench, James Rowland Donna Schoen, Philip Schoen, and Kenneth Vodovsky.

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, meetings and training. Some badges made during 2010 are still waiting for their owners to pick them up at the Library. As soon as you are entered into the database system (usually 3 – 4 days after paying your fee) you are verified for Footnote and World Vital Records websites.

New WVR and FN passwords for 2011 will be mailed to 2011 members just after January 15th to be ready for February 1st change of passwords. Members renewing or joining the Society after January 15th mailing, will need to pick up their passwords at the Library or a General Meeting. If you cannot pick up the new passwords send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check and membership form.

Please notify WVGS of any changes during the year of address and e-mail so that your information is current for society mailings and communication.

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.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications: Allen County Indiana Public Library, Boone County KY Public Library, in memory of Marion Boshart, CDC, Family History Library, Opal Follin, Jeanne Freeman, in memory of Lois Gemmell, Ruby Gordon, Bette Helwig, Mona Knight, NSDAR, Marie Plakovi, John Post, Florence Portell, Julie Rioux, Mary Wissler, and Shirley Woodward in Memoriam of Rex Morehead.



WVGS is looking for a new *Tidbits* Editor
9 Publications a year!!!
Don't be afraid ... it is fun!

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER

by Dee Snook

Bonnie Angster, a member of the Freedoms Foundation, is our February speaker. Bonnie is a story teller and will portray two southern women before the Civil War.



One woman, Gracie Anna Lewis, was a stationmaster in the Underground Railroad, the other woman was a slave.

Bonnie will tell the stories of their trials during this difficult time.

[Click here to see a map of the Underground RR](#)

IN HONOR OF 90TH BIRTHDAY

by Jean White

Florence Weber, who turned 90 on December 3, 2010, was honored at the January meeting. She chose *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* to be placed in the WVGS Library in honor of the occasion.

**Happy 90th
Birthday**

CALENDAR

- Feb 7 WVGS Board Meeting, 1p
- Feb 14 General Membership Meeting, doors open at 1p
- Feb 16 Library Tour, 9:30a
- Feb 17 Research Night, 5-9p, call the Library to verify day and time
- Feb 19 Annual Seminar, see Page 5
- Feb ?? Scanning of pictures and documents at the Library



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

**SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP
March 22-30, 2011**

by Barbara Stenberg

The group that is going preferred these new dates and I was able to get them. If you are interested in going there is still room for about three more people sharing rooms or 2 singles. Maybe these new dates may work better for you. If you are interested, please contact me immediately at surprisebibs@cox.net.



WVGS Parking Lot Sale, November 20, 2010, raised \$1,700 under the chairmanship of Karen Bunsness, assisted by Ada Sullivan and other wonderful WVGS volunteers.

Thank you everyone for your help, donations and purchases!

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOK REPORT

by Linda McCleary

- o *1755 Granville County North Carolina Militia Records*
 - o *1755 Granville County, North Carolina Tax List*
 - o *1763 Anson County, North Carolina Tax List*
 - o *Berks County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th Century, Volumes 1-4*
 - o *Ceska Republika - Czech Republic*
 - o *Cumberland County, North Carolina 1755 Tax List*
 - o *Early Families of Berks, Bucks and Montgomery Counties Pennsylvania*
 - o *Eastin Morris' Tennessee Gazetteer 1834 and Matthew Rhea's Map of the State of Tennessee 1832*
 - o *Encyclopedia of Pennsylvania Biography, Volume 27***
 - o *Frederick County, Virginia Marriage Bonds*
 - o *Gleanings from Newport Court Files, 1659-1783 [RI]***
 - o *Hawaiian Genealogies Extracted from Hawaiian Language Newspapers, Volume 1***
 - o *Index to the Virginia Revolutionary "Publick" Claims County Booklets*
 - o *Irish in New England, The*
 - o *Lion of the Valley: St. Louis, Missouri, 1764-1980*
 - o *Meagher County, An Early-Day Pictorial History 1867-1967*
 - o *Mohawk Valley Revolutionary War Pension Abstracts NY*
 - o *Nevada Biographical and Genealogical Sketch Index***
 - o *Notes on the Religious and Secular Houses of Yorkshire, Volume 1*
 - o *Pennsylvania in the War with Mexico***
 - o *Queen Victoria's Descendants*
 - o *Rhode Island General Court of Trials 1671-1704***
 - o *Runaway Women: Elopements and Other Miscreant Deeds as Advertised in the Pennsylvania Gazette - 1728-1789 (together with a few abused)***
 - o *Scottish Settlers of America: The 17th and 18th Centuries, The*
 - o *So Few the Brave (Rhode Island Continentals 1775-1783)***
 - o *Supplement to the Rhode Island Colonial Records: Comprising a List of the Freemen Admitted from May, 1747, to May, 1754***
 - o *Tax List of Berks County Pennsylvania* 1767*
 - o *Wayland: the First Century 1880-1980*
 - o *WPA Guide to 1930s Missouri, The*
- * 50/50
** CDC

NEW PERIODICAL TITLES

by Lee Scarbrough



- o *Cariboo Notes (Canada)*
- o *French Canadian/Acadian Genealogists (WI)*
- o *Jefferson County Newsletter (OH)*
- o *Jefferson County Lines Newsletter (OH)*
- o *Sent By The King (Canada)*
- o *Sharlot Hall Gazette (AZ)*
- o *Soldiers and their Descendants (Jefferson Co OH)*

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

by Sally Pavia

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

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



WINTER CLASSES

by Dee Snook

For schedule of classes, dates and times, please check our web site www.azwvgs.org, for class descriptions and fees, or call the Library.



NOVICE GENEALOGY 1 Session
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p
3rd Friday of every month

Jean White, Instructor, 3 sets of classes
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
February 1, 8, 15 and 22 9:30-11:30a
LEGACY FAMILY TREE – ADV 4 Sessions
March 22, 29, April 5 and 11 9:30-11:30a

Suzanne Brayer, Instructor, 3 sets of classes
MAKING SENSE OF THE CENSUS 1 Session
February 22 1-3p
LOOKING FOR QUAKERS 1 Session
March 22 1-3p
IMMIGRANT RESEARCH 1 Session
April 5 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 RESEARCH 1 Session
Linda Swain, Instructor
March 4 10-Noon

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

by Dee Snook

To better understand our classes, I am asking our instructors to give a short synopsis to be shared each month as space allows. This is what Karl Johnson prepared for two of his classes.

The *Googling for Ancestors* class will cover the basic search statements for Google and then continue with more advanced search techniques to hone in on specific material. Following that, it covers the Google goodies of book searches, U.S. Patent searches, map queries, and foreign text translations.

The *Digital Photography* class will cover the various features of both Point & Shoot cameras and Single Lens Reflex (SLR) cameras. Following that, the class will cover the photo techniques of shooting modes, metering modes, picture style, and scene observation. The class will then cover the genealogy applications of photography, such as tombstones, photographs and documents, microfilm and book copying and then followed by a short overview of digital storage and archiving as well as digital editing.

GLASS CASE/MEDIA ROOM DISPLAYS

by Sally Pavia

Miriam Nason and Margie Davis, WVGS members as well as sisters, will be presenting a wonderful display for Black History month. They have provided several displays in the past; each one outdoing the previous one. Miriam and Margie have a large collection of family pictures and they've been very generous in sharing not only the pictures but other valuable family documents with us.

The media room display cases have some of the book covers of the many books we have in the Library. If you come in, browse the covers, you might find something you can use in your research. We are still looking for some of your personal genealogy to go in these wall cases, it really does make for interesting reading.

If you have anything you would like to have displayed, one piece or an entire display case, contact Sally Pavia, sallypavia2001@yahoo.com or call the Library for further information.



ANNUAL SEMINAR

February 19, 2011

Lakeview United Methodist Church

Smoot Hall - 10298 W. Thunderbird, Sun City, AZ

The WVGS Annual Seminar is just around the corner and this year's guest speaker is sure to offer valuable help in our quest for new information to fill in those blanks in our family histories.



Arlene H. Eakle, M.A. and PhD in English History, University of Utah, a Professional Genealogist since 1962, and one of the founders and original trustees of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is sure to provide help in our quest for newer avenues of research. She'll be offering help with "New Immigration Sources," "Migration Patterns into the Central States," urging you **not to** "Skip New York," one of the toughest states to research, and will provide guidance in "How to Research a Virginia Ancestor: New Sources and Strategies."

We will again offer a Continental Breakfast, several lunch options, as well as a group of informative vendors, books to purchase, and tantalizing prizes.

Registration Forms are available at the website: www.azwvgs.org, the February meeting, or the Library. The deadline for registration is **February 5, 2011**.



GIANT BOOK SALE

by Jean White

There will be a used genealogy book sale at the WVGS Seminar on February 19th. General "how to" books as well as specialized genealogy books on all sorts of places and subjects will be available. Doors open at 8:30 AM, so come early for a good selection.

FAMILY MAP BOOKS

by Bev Craig

Was your ancestor the original land owner in AL, AR, CO, FL, IL, IN, IA, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NM, ND, OH, OK, SD, TX, UT or WA? Would you like to see a detailed map showing where this property is located in relation to today's landmarks? Come to see the WVGS Library collection of Family Map Books. If we do not have the county you are interested in, we have a 50/50 purchase program. Details are at the Library or call Bev Craig, 623-975-6142. Note: Not all counties are in publication as this is an ongoing project of Arphax Publishing Co. However, all original land deed certificates can be viewed by going first to www.arphax.com and then clicking on the link to the US Bureau of Land Management web site.

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 be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program:

- *A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa, Vol. 1*
Total Cost: \$ 50.00 Balance Needed: **\$ 25.00**
- *A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa, Vol. 2*
Total Cost: \$50.00 Balance Needed: **\$25.00**
- *First Family & Early Settlers of Montana, Vol. 2*
Total Cost: \$ 35.00 **Paid in Full**
- *Index to District of Columbia Land Records, 1792-1817*
Total Cost: \$47.00 Balance Needed: **\$23.50**
- *Muhlenberg, The Journals of Henry Melchior, 1742-1787, 3 Volumes*
Total Cost: \$225.00 Balance Needed: **\$27.50**
- *N.C. Higher Court Records, 1670-1696, Vol. 2*
Total Cost: \$50.00 Balance Needed: **\$17.00**
- *North Dakota, Pioneers & Their Sons: 165 Family Histories*
Total Cost: \$47.00 Balance Needed: **\$21.50**
- *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, Vol. 1*
Total Cost \$31.00 Balance Needed: **\$15.50**
- *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, Vol. 2*
Total Cost: \$25.00 Balance Needed: **\$ 10.50**
- *Some Georgia Records, Vol. 8 (Burke, Chatham.)*
Total Cost: \$36.00 Balance Needed: **\$ 16.00**
- *Some Georgia Records, Vol. 9 (Effingham Tombstones)*
Total Cost: \$37.00 Balance Needed: **\$ 18.50**
- *Some Georgia Records, Vol. 10 (Baldwin, Burke, Cherokee, etc.)*
Total Cost: \$33.00 Balance Needed: **\$ 16.50**
- *Tax List of Berks County PA for 1767*
Total Cost: \$15.50 **Paid in Full**
- *Texas Rangers Service Records, 1847-1900, 6 Volumes*
Total Cost: \$115.00 Balance Needed: **\$47.00**
- *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims*
Total Cost: \$200.00 Balance Needed: **\$90.00**

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ALUMINUM CANS

by Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*



We picked up 68 pounds of cans the last week of 2010 and the net result was another \$68 for WVGS. That brings the 2010 total to **\$465, a 40% increase over 2009!!** We anticipate aluminum prices will remain strong, possibly even increasing this year. So, if we can get another 40% increase this year, we could reach \$650 for 2011 or even a bit higher as the price paid in early 2010 was quite a bit less than what it is now. Keep that aluminum coming! Remember, there is more aluminum than just cans.

EASY WAY TO DONATE EVERYDAY!

by Maureen Pierce

THANK YOU to everyone who has been using the 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.

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.

Please note, the Safeway eScrip program has been discontinued.



NEW TRIAL LIBRARY HOURS

by Peggy Morphew

Starting January 29, we will begin a trial period of keeping the Library open on the **last Saturday** of each month until 6p and the **last Sunday** of the month we will be open from 1-4p.