

President's Message

Arlene Sampson

This month's President's message is about technology and the upgrades and opportunities available through the Library. Recently, I've announced both in the eNews and at the General



Meetings the opportunities for our members and visitors to the WVGS Website to visit our "Store" and to select and purchase items directly from the website.

A lot of you have already found and purchased duplicate genealogy books and obituaries from the WVGS Store. We recently added the ability for members to renew their memberships, purchase new memberships and sign up for the seminar and pay with a credit card. Soon you will be able to sign up and use a credit card for the classes scheduled at the Library.

I think it is exciting, especially for those of us who feel comfortable purchasing goods and services over the internet. Don't be concerned; you will always be able to sign up for your class, annual membership and other events and mail in your check or drop it off at the Library or even use cash.

Maybe one day when you have a couple of minutes and you are curious, and happen to be sitting in front of your computer, you can log in to www.azwvgs.org and take a look at the items available through the WVGS "Store."

Desert Tracker

Marilyn Vollmer, Editor

Spring Issue Theme: Migration & Immigration.

If you had any Ancestors, there is a story there. If you didn't have any Ancestors, there is really a story there.

Articles are due February 20th to the Editor at tracker@azwvgs.org. You may also drop them by the Library.

We have a wonderful Volunteer who has been able to 'make a silk purse out of a sow's ear,' so don't be afraid if your story is handwritten or doesn't look 'press ready.' Start 'diggin' and I hope to hear from you soon.

Your help is gratefully appreciated.

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

February 9th Speaker

James Jones

"Buffalo Soldiers of the Indian Wars"



In honor of Black History Month, Sgt. Major "JJ" Jones will be telling us about The Buffalo Soldiers of the Indian Wars - 1866 - 1890. He will be presenting information about the often overlooked contribution that the Buffalo Soldiers made to the settlement of Arizona and the southwest. The importance of the Buffalo Soldiers during the Indian Wars is often neglected in our history books. They were often assigned the duties

that no one else wanted in out-of-the-way places where no one else would go. James Jones will tell us the Buffalo Soldiers' story.

February Calendar

- 2 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 9 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- 16 Library Tour, 9:30 to 11:00 am;
call the Library to reserve a spot
- 16 Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestors, 11:00 am
- 19 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm;
call the Library to reserve a spot

Classes

Connie Sheets, First Vice President

Please make checks payable to WVGS.

All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register unless otherwise noted.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy Monthly
Every third Friday unless noted 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Jean White, Instructor

Research Techniques II 4 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Feb 11, 18, 25, and Mar 4

Problem Solving (limited to 10 people) 3 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Mar 11, 18, 25

Adrienne Haupt, Instructor

Fold3 1 Class
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm February 3

Suzanne Brayer, Instructor

The Taxman Cometh 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm February 5

Location, Location, Location: Using Maps in Research 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 5

Byron Bailey, Instructor

Family Tree Maker 4 Classes
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 3, 10, 24 and 31

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.

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

January Volunteer of the Month

Barb Behrman, Director Membership Outreach

Ida Borhauer

Today we are pleased to honor a long time member of our Society. She is one of a select group of members who are Life Members. We are always pleased to see her at our Membership Meetings sitting at a front table so she doesn't miss a word.

She met her husband in Spokane at a watermelon party in the summer of 1945. Engaged in November of 1945, they had to fit dating in between classes, working and studying. They married in September 1946, and had their honeymoon in Yellowstone Park. Once school was completed, her husband enrolled in the San Francisco Seminary in San Anselmo, California. Thus began their life moving from Presbyterian church to Presbyterian church in the upper mid-west, preaching to a variety of congregations.

In the information I read about her and her husband, I counted 7 different states they lived in and some they went to more than once. Along the way, seven babies joined the family. The first was a girl, followed by six sons. You can rightfully imagine she had plenty of work to care for their home with 7 little ones to chase, as well as the many responsibilities of the minister's wife.

Finally they got smart and moved to Tuba City, AZ - enough of those upper mid-west winters! While there, her husband preached and helped in lots of other ways to members of the Navajo Reservation. Finally in 1987, now retired, they moved to Sun City and have been there ever since.

At some point she joined the WVGS and has spent many years as an aide, continuing to this day. She's one of the members who can answer just about any question someone may ask.



Donations - Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are: 50/50 Club, Arizona Society of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Dorothy Blum, Donald Campbell, CDC to Honor the Work on the CDC of Lu Williams-Valles, Frank Cople, Della Jones, Charlie Lindquist, Linda McCleary, Dorothy McGowan, Peggy Morphew, Billie L. Owens, Andrew Rowe, Silvia Serrata and Dee Snook in Memory of Donna Holmberg Callaghan.

Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner
Karen Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- *Arizona Society of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. Arizona Society Ancestor Roster as of May 1, 2013.*
- *Descendants of Henry Copeland, James Copeland, Polly Copeland, Mills Copeland, Peggy Copeland*
- *Dictionary of International Biography, Volume Fifteen, 1979. A Biographical Record of Contemporary Achievement*
- *Discover Arizona Heritage*
- *Finding Anyone Anywhere Anywhen*
- *Genealogy of John W. & Mary Jones Owens of Pomeroy, Ohio and Associates*
- *History of the Norwegian People in America*
- *Index of North Carolina Ancestors. Volume 2*
- *John Rowland of Virginia, Immigrant in 1635, Ancestors and Descendants in North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Beyond*
- *Pike County Missouri Marriages. Volumes 1: 1818-1837 & Volume 2: 1837-1851**
- *Rowland Family of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Beyond*
- *Rowlands of North Carolina and Their Descendants*
- *Snell Family with Woods, White, Baldrige, Warren, Newman, Lawrence Related Families, The*
- *Sons of Frontiersmen: History & Genealogy of Rowland, Whitmire and Associated Families*
- *Thomas Holme 1624-1695: Surveyor General of Pennsylvania*
- *Topographical Dictionary of Scotland, Comprising the Several Counties, Islands, Cities, Burgh and Market Towns, Parishes, and Principal Villages with Historical and Statistical Descriptions: Embellished with Engravings of the Seals and Arms of the Different Burghs and Universities. In Two Volumes: Vol. 1: From Abby to Jura.*
- *Topographical Dictionary of Scotland, Comprising the Several Counties, Islands, Cities, Burgh and Market Towns, Parishes, and Principal Villages with Historical and Statistical Descriptions: Embellished with Engravings of the Seals and Arms of the Different Burghs and Universities. In Two Volumes: Vol. 2: From Keanlochbervie to Zetland*
- *Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honoring Tomorrow's Leaders Today, 1990-91, Twenty-fifth Anniversary Edition, Volume 15*
- *Who's Who in America, 42nd edition, 1982-1983, Vol 1 & 2*
- *Who's Who in America, 43rd edition, 1984-1985, Vol 1*

*CDC - Collection Development Committee
**50/50 club

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Cathy Gallagher



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

- **New Writing Family History**..... 4th Tuesday, 9:30 am
and Sat, 2/28, 9:30 am
- **NY/NJ/PA** *Sep-May 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Italy** 1st 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** *Oct-Apr..... 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway** *Oct-Apr 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Kansas/Missouri**..... 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG** *Sep-Apr..... 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **New England States** *Sep-Apr 2nd Saturday 12:30-2:30 pm
- **Germany/Poland** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Canada** *Sep-Apr..... 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- **Sweden** *Oct-Apr 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **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
- **Adoption** - Contact Lou McLean for details:
mlm16ddm@yahoo.com

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

Raffle Prizes

Charlie Mannino, Tidbits Editor

A pair of tickets for *Over The River and Through The Woods* will be raffled at February's Membership meeting donated by **Ghostlight Theater**, 13541 West Camino Del Sol, Sun City West. The tickets are for the 2:00 pm March 7th performance.

For our March meeting **Ghostlight Theater** has donated tickets for the 2:00 pm performance on April 25th to see the final show for the season, Neil Simon's *Lost In Yonkers*.

A complete schedule of dates and times can be found at www.ghostlightaz.com.

Put These Numbers In Your Wallet

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

Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

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

Monday, February 16th

from 11 am to 1 pm

Come share family memories and mementos back at the

5 & Diner Deluxe

11341 W. Bell 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

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising

dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

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

Cookbooks on sale

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

And remember to continue stuffing your piggy banks for the April Homecoming!

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

Our year-to-date total following the January meeting is \$124. This is a great start as the total last year after the January meeting was \$84. If the membership can maintain this rate for the entire year, we will have a banner year. We finished 2014 about 8% below 2013, which was mostly due to a reduced price for cans last year, \$1.20 per pound vs \$1.30 in 2013.

I picked up 25 bags of cans at the meeting but noticed that there were easily over 100 vehicles in the parking lot for the meeting. Boy, if we could double or triple the amount brought to the meeting, we could certainly hit a new high in 2015.

I am aware that members bring cans to the Library during the month but would encourage more of the membership to save cans and bring them to the monthly meeting instead. This would help declutter the Library, thanks.

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.



The Annual Duplicate Book Sale

The Annual Duplicate Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the WVGS Annual Seminar (see next page) on Saturday, February 21st. Over 500 gently used genealogy books will be available for sale. Hopefully you will find that special book for which you've been searching. Please remember to bring your check book or cash.

40th Anniversary 1972-2012

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Seminar

February 21, 2015

“Our Ancestors from Overseas: Discovering and Recording Their Stories.”

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

Registration: 8:30-9:00am - Seminar 9:00-3:30pm

Lakeview United Methodist Church

10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd- Smoot Hall, Sun City, Arizona

Dr. Colletta is one of America’s most popular genealogical lecturers, appearing frequently on podcasts and local and national radio and television. He’s worked at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives. He lectures nationally, at local schools and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution’s Resident Associate Program. A faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University’s Certificate in Family History program, his publications are many, including *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record*, *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans* and *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. To find out more about Dr. Colettea go to www.genealogyjohn.com.



- Topics** - Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Early Twentieth Century
 - Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Early Twentieth Century
 - Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich Detail about Our Ancestors’ Lives
 - Our Immigrant Ancestors: Pulling Together Each One’s Unique Personal Story

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WVGS Seminar February 21, 2015

Registration Fee*: \$40 before 12/31/14; \$45 effective 1/1/15.

*Fee includes Program, Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch, Beverages & Prizes.

Send bottom portion of form with check payable to

“WVGS Seminar”, 12222 N. 111th Ave., Youngtown, AZ 85363

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Deadline to register: February 18, 2015

Name _____ e-Mail Address _____

Street Address _____

City & Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Are You A WVGS Member?: Yes No How Did You Find Out About The Seminar? _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Lunch Choice (Check Only One):

- Chicken Walnut Sandwich Roasted Chicken Caesar Salad Roast Beef Sandwich Crumbly Bleu Cheese Salad

Registration Questions? Call Michelle (623) 875-2788

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Online Book Store is Open

WVGS members have online access to our store that sells gently used and reasonably priced genealogical books.

Shop when it's convenient for you and have books sent to your home or choose to pick them up at the WVGS Library.

Support the Genealogical Society and shop at azwvgs.org.

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 from our membership dues pays for these subscriptions
Ancestry.com	775	
World Vital Records	600	
Fold3	<u>500</u>	
	\$2,075	

WVR and Fold3 are also available to members from home. Visit the web site for instructions on how to access them.



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