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President's Message

Irma Hardin, President
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As I reflect back over the past two years as President of WVGS, I am amazed at the commitment of our members to the Society! Many spend several hours a week at the Library, plus time at home planning for committee meetings or looking for a better, more efficient way to do things.

The latest Long Term Planning Committee's report listed as a major concern space for additional books, maps, etc. No one knew at the time that we would receive over 5,000 books when the Arizona State Library closed. Or that we would receive several large book collections from members. Finding a place for everything is critical.

The periodicals are being digitized and will be available on-line. As space becomes available, surname books are being moved to the north hallway. Old financial records from 1995 were scanned and shredded. The file cabinets were used to expand the Surname file and Vertical file. A space was set up for book sales at the Library.

All this to say, *WVGS Volunteers Are Busier Than Ever! Thank You For Allowing Me To Serve As Your President!*

Volunteer Opportunities To Help WVGS

Listed below are a few of the opportunities available at WVGS. Contact me at: Pres@azwvgs.org for more information.

- Historian
- Shelf Reader
- Programming Assistant
- Cleaning Committee



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9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
1:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday
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 12:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church
12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

General Membership Meeting December 11th - Carolyn H. Brown "Jump Start Your Research with DNA"

With Christmas coming on, some people may want to give a DNA test to a family member and this may help them decide.

This is a presentation on my personal experiences with DNA and several members of my family:



- I have proved the research I have been doing on one early ancestor was correct, even when the paper trail was very thin.
- I have proved my husband's last name was changed by his grandfather and what the original surname is.
- I have proved that my granddaughter has a 1/2 sister she never knew about.
- I have proved that all of the years I have searched for my husband's Indian ancestry was for nothing.
- I have discovered which man was my great-grandson's father.

December Calendar

- 4 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 11 General Membership Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 21 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Call the Library to reserve a spot

Library Tours - **Contact the Library for schedule**

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New Member Breakfast

Tina Hancox, Director Membership Outreach

On Monday, October 23, 2017, the Membership Outreach Committee hosted a new member breakfast. It was attended by 21 new members. They learned more about our Society and were given a tour of the Library. Much enthusiasm was expressed by all. Thank you for coming. Our next event will be in March, 2018. Thanks also to all that help make this a success.



WVGS Cares

Your Membership Outreach Committee is now sending cards to members who are ill, shut-in, or have had a loss of a family member. These Get Well Wishes, Sympathy, or Thinking of You thoughts can only be accomplished with, your help. If you are aware of a member who is in need of our caring wishes, please contact either our President at pres@azwvgs.org or our Director of Membership Outreach at dir.membership@azwvgs.org with that information. Our members and their families will appreciate our thoughtful gesture. We will get a card to them as soon as possible, signed with, "Your friends at WVGS Care." Thank you.



Membership Renewal Time is Approaching!

Bonnie Belza, Membership Registrar

In an effort to make membership annual renewals more accurate and efficient, you're encouraged to first try renewing your membership online via the WVGS store where you can pay via credit card. Remember to sign in first with your member number and password! Add any comments or changes to your information on the renewal order. Our site is secure, but if you do not want to pay with a credit card, you can fill out the membership form online, print out the completed form, and return it to the Society with your check. The form can also be completed and printed from the Library computers.

Important Notice

Recently an Enews was sent out regarding a missing folder with 2 years of obituary material from the Obituary Committee. It remains missing. Shelf Readers sometimes report shelves appear looser than usual. Specific books, maps and obits cannot be located.

Unfortunately for WVGS, because of the misdeeds of a few people, we have joined the growing number of libraries that have found it necessary to institute certain practices in an attempt to cut down on these losses. Books, maps, and other items may be all too easily concealed. It is too late to do something after a loss is discovered.

Our Library has been built over these many 45 years by the generous donations of people who depend on us to provide a safe and secure home for their items to be shared with other family historians. As stewards of the largest genealogical library in the State, based on these very donations, we cannot allow it to be nibbled away.

Therefore, the Board has approved new procedures to prevent further losses:

- Briefcases, large bags, purses, etc. cannot be brought into the Library.
- Approved items are lap tops, keys, wallets, glasses, thumb drives, paper or notebooks, writing supplies, cell phones, lunch bag, etc. A clear plastic holder or large zip lock bag may be used to contain items.
- The WVGS Library continues to retain the right to inspect items. Upon exiting the Library, the Aide will inspect any binders or folders or items.
- Visitors paying the \$5 daily fee will be given a green ID tag to wear.

Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated, as always.

Irma Hardin, President
Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

90th Birthday Book Presentation by the Collection Development Committee

Sheri Erikson



On behalf of the CDC, two WVGS members were presented with books to honor their 90th birthdays. John Vincent (left) selected, *History of Madawaska (Maine)*. Richard Montgomery, (below) accompanied by his sister, Carol Forkelson and daughter

Penelope Brusseau, chose, *Scottish Genealogy: Tracing Your Ancestors*.



A New WVGS Fundraiser

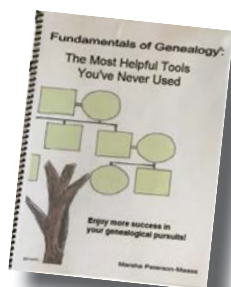
Publisher Marsha Peterson-Maass is offering WVGS members the opportunity to purchase her book, *Fundamentals of Genealogy: The Most Helpful Tools You've Never Used*.

This is her first edition of a textbook series, featuring over 40 chapters of outstanding research tools for genealogists or family historians with beginning, intermediate or advanced/professional skills.

It is also the perfect gift for your friends and relatives.

Each book sells for \$24.99, while supplies last. One-third of the books have been sold.

Members can pick up a copy of the book at each WVGS General Meeting, the Library, or the Annual WVGS Seminar, while supplies last.



Welcome New Members

Bonnie Belza, Membership Registrar

Please welcome the following new members of the West Valley Genealogical Society who have joined since October 10, 2017: Robert Adao, Debra Adao, Joanne Bartilson, Vonnice Bayard, Lois Beard, Julia Beckner, Marianne Cole, Robert Conley, Lori Cook, Peggy Drumm, Robert Harris, Kendra Harris, Paul Henderson, Ramona Henderson, Carolyn Hodgson, Betty Leary, Karen Lee, Bruce Lee, Twila Lobitz, Judy Martin, Amelia McNeely, Ruth Milburn, Regina Oswald, Darcy Reed, Kathy Sanders, Joe Sanders, Jackie Schroeder, Daniel Schroeder, Cheryl Tevis and Nancy Wright.

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

As of November 14th, we have 679 Active members.

Finding Your History
What legacy did YOUR family leave?
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Donations – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are 50/50 Club - Peggy Morphey, Sue Black, Peter Ruminski and an anonymous donor; Carol C. Abernathy, Nancy Childress, Lynne Corbett, Joyce E. Cornelius, Jean Donaldson in Memory of John C. Donaldson, M. D., Sandra Enkey, Patricia M. Jones, Dee Snook, Robert L. Tisdale and Barbara M. Van Ness.

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Happy 45th Anniversary WVGS!

Rosalind Matthews, Director of Fundraising

WVGS would like to “Thank You” for your birthday donations. When you visit the Library, you will see the Birthday Donation Gift board display! We are going to celebrate all year. If you cannot visit our Library or membership meetings, you may make a birthday donation at our store which is found on the website at www.azwvgs.org.

Coke Rewards

The Coke Rewards program ended on June 30, 2017. WVGS will no longer need your Coke rebate items.

Aluminum Cans

We still need your aluminum cans. Please place the aluminum cans in plastic bags and bring them with you to each membership meeting.

Holiday Raffle

We have two beautiful items to raffle during the Holiday season. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. They will be raffled at the December membership meeting. You do not need to be present to win!



Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

CD's - Marie Beernick

- Beyond Textual Materials: DNA Is a New Source of Evidence of Kinship and Identity
- Bounty Land Records at NARA: Applications and Surrendered Warrants
- Buried Treasures: Whats in the English Parish Chest
- Church Records: More Than Hatchings, Matchings, & Dispatchings
- Federal Land Entry Papers: Federal Land Records in the National Archives
- Finding Origins, Places and Families: Methods That Work
- Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Roots
- Genealogy in a Heinze 57 World: Old Myths, Modern Methods
- Inferential Genealogy
- Loudoun County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1782-1850
- Methods of Proving Parentage: An Analysis of Recent Scholarly Articles
- Proving Your Point
- Race Ethnicity & Ancestry Genetic Genealogy: DNA Testing
- Sources and Citations Simplified: From Memoriabelia to Digital Data to DNA
- Stories That Instruct: Using Case Studies to Teach Genealogy Methodology
- The Clues are in the Census Finding Former Slaves & Slave Owners
- The Reality of Researching Your Indian Ancestry
- Those Indexes: What They Do and Don't Tell You
- Trail of Tears: Cherokee Migrations from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia
- Using Current DNA Technology in Your Genealogical Research: Five Practical Applications with Case Studies

Books

- *100 Years of the Cavallieres [Cavalliere Family]*
- *American Genealogical-Biographical Index. Key Title Index to the Supplement*
- *Atlas of Armstrong County Pennsylvania Illustrated from Actual Surveys By and Under the Direction of Beach Nichols [1876]*
- *Barlow Story from 1717: German Immigrants Including Pariur, Beller, Berier, Barlo, Barlow, The*
- *Battle of Pea Ridge 1862 [Benton County, Arkansas]*
- *Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch 1774-1971*
- *Brief Biographies of Twelve Illinois Men Who Fought in the Civil War, Illustrated with Their Photographs*

- *Butler Family History*
- *Butler Society Membership List [1990]*
- *Captain Thomas Gourley and Kin. 1990 revision*
- *Circulating Library Catalog for the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Volume 2: Histories & Research Aids*
- *Cumberland County (New Jersey) Marriages*
- *Cumberland County New Jersey Genealogical Data: Records Pertaining to Persons Residing in Cumberland County Prior to 1800*
- *Dexter: A Pictorial History [Dexter, Stoddard County, Missouri]*
- *Down the Ohio and Mississippi [River Transportation]*
- *Elwell Family (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries - Southern New Jersey), The*
- *Family Maps of Fayette County, Iowa with Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More**
- *Family Search of Clarence Rice Owens for Owens and Chambers in Maryland, North Carolina, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado; Rice and Colton in Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California; Patterson in Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska; Farnam in New England, Canada, Nebraska, Kansas, Washington; Sly and Wiltse in Canada, The Genealogical Data from Cumberland County New Jersey Wills, The*
- *Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Norway*
- *German Research Guide: Sources, Strategies, & Methodology**
- *History of Salem County New Jersey Being the Story of John Fenwick's Colony, the Oldest English Speaking Settlement on the Delaware River, The*
- *History of the Colony of New Haven Before and After The Union with Connecticut. Index*
- *In the World War, 1917, 1918, 1919, Richland County, No. Dakota*
- *Kerr Clan of New Jersey Beginning with Walter Ker of Freehold and Including Other Related Lines, The. (Volume 1)*
- *Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820*
- *Looking Back Again: Life Stories from the Prairies of Montana**
- *Louisiana Atlas & Gazetteer***
- *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable New Mexico Women*
- *North Dakota of Today [1920]*
- *Our Name in History: The Grimes Name in History*
- *Our Name in History: The Kelly Name in History*
- *Peter Sherman's Family from New York State to Indiana Including Some Ancestors from 1630 and Descendants to 2016.*
- *Pre-Industrial England: Economy and Society 1500-1750*
- *Reflections in the Pond: Concord and Pulaski Townships* [Jackson County, Michigan]*

- *Salute to Pike County Military Men & Women, A [Pike County, Arkansas]*
- *Saxon and Norman Kings, The*
- *Scotland: The Story of a Nation*
- *Scots Overseas: Emigrants and Adventurers from Aberdeen and North East Scotland [Part One - Three]*
- *Scottish Personal Names and Place Names: A Bibliography*
- *Scrapbooking Your Family History*
- *Seale and Allied Families*
- *Second Front, The. Volume 13 [World War II]*
- *Secret War, The. Volume 29 [World War II]*
- *Seneca People, The*
- *Sesquicentennial History of the Town of Greene Androscoggin County Maine 1775 to 1900 with Some Matter Extending to a Later Date*
- *Sioux People, The*
- *Sketches of the First Emigrant Settlers Newton Township, Old Gloucester County*
- *Slagle Family in America Descended from the Schlegel von Gottleben Family of Germany, The*
- *Slason, Slauson, Slawson, Slosson Family, The*
- *Slaughter Family: Descendants of Robert Slaughter & Frances Anne Jones of St. Marks Parish in Virginia, The*
- *Slave Inhabitants of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri: 15 Sept 1860*
- *Some Notes on the History of the Bogart Family in Canada With Genealogical Record of My Parents Lewis Lazier Bogart and Elizabeth Cronk Bogart*
- *Some Stout Families of Central Illinois, Their Ancestors, Descendants, and Other Relatives*
- *Somerset Medieval Wills 1383-1500 [Somerset, England]*
- *South Carolina Lineages of Revolutionary War Regiments*
- *Southern Historical Society Papers. Vols 9 - 34*
- *Southern Historical Society Papers. Volume 3: January to June, 1877, 4: July to December [1877], 5: January to June [1877], 7: January to December, 1879*
- *Southern Ute People, The*
- *Spirit of '76 in Rhode Island: or, Sketches of the Efforts of the Government and People in the War of the Revolution. Together with the Names of Those Who Belonged to Rhode Island Regiments in the Army with Biographical Notices, Reminiscences*
- *Staking a Claim: Jake Simmons and the Making of an African-American Oil Dynasty*
- *Starting Out in Family History: The Essential Guide [Great Britain emphasis]*
- *Stonewall Brigade [Confederacy]*
- *Story of the Wilders, The*
- *Stroll Down Memory Lane with the Shorts and the Burtons, the Cooleys and the Nichols, A*
- *The Roane County Heritage Commission Newsletter*
- *They Came to Stay: Longmont, Colorado 1858-1920. Centennial Edition*
- *Three Affiliated Tribes, The (Mandan, Arikara, and Hidatsa)*
- *Tombstone and Census Records of Early Edgecombe [Edgecombe County, North Carolina]*
- *Tracing Your Legal Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*
- *Tracing Your Royal Marine Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*
- *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the National Archives of Scotland*
- *Transportation and the Early Nation: Papers Presented at an Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Symposium*
- *Twenty-Fifth Anniversary 1973-1998: Farmington Genealogical Society [Oakland County, Michigan]*
- *Two Centuries of Brothersvalley Church of the Brethren 1762-1962 [Somerset County, Pennsylvania]*
- *Two Lives of Charlemagne*
- *Uncovering Our History: Teaching with Primary Sources*
- *Van Alstyne - Van Alstine Family History. Volume 1 & 2*
- *Vincent Family Records. Volume 5: 1900 Census Index*
- *Virginia Lineages of Revolutionary War Regiments*
- *Vocabulaire-Atlas Heraldique en Six Langues: Francais, English, Duetsch, Espanol, Italiano, Nederlandsch [Vocabulary Heraldique Atlas in Six Languages: French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch]*
- *Wade in the Water: Great Moments in Black History*
- *Walapai People, The*
- *War in the Desert, The. Volume 7 [World War II]*
- *Watkins Family of Virginia (Covering a Period of Approximately Three Hundred Years - to 1960- Ten Generations), The*
- *Webster's Dictionary of Word Origins*
- *Welch and Allied Families*
- *West Virginia Jewry: Origins and History 1850-1958. Volume 1-3*
- *Who's Who in America: A Biographical Dictionary of Notable Living Men and Women of the United States. Volume 13: 1924-1925*
- *Who's Who in Methodism*
- *William Findley from West of the Mountains: A Politician in Pennsylvania, 1783-1791*
- *William Riley Ogden: His Descendants and Some Allied Families*
- *William the Conqueror: The Norman Impact Upon England*
- *Wills of Rappahannock County, Virginia 1656-1692*
- *Wolf, Wolfe, Wolff Families of Pennsylvania. Volume 1*
- *Writing the Family Narrative*
- *Yakima People, The*
- *Your Irish Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*
- *Zlata Praha [The Golden Prague] [Czech Republic]*

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

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Roz Matthews, Director of Fundraising

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Amazon Smile

- The Amazon Smile Program is up and running. Check the WVGS website under "Fundraisers" for instructions.

Fry's Cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153.
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases.
- Need help? Contact Roz Matthews, 909-816-3564.

Office Max & Staples

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

Used Ink Cartridges

- We still collect them at the Library. The vouchers we receive help to buy office supplies. Last year they bought between 1/4 to 1/3 of our supplies.

Aluminum Cans

- Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag **only at the monthly meetings**. Last year's collections paid for about 2 months of utilities.

Coke Rewards have been discontinued

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

The November total was 68 pounds of cans and brought us \$68. Our year to date total is now \$671 which is \$86 below last year after the November meeting. We need a really big bunch of cans at the December meeting if we hope to match the 2016 total of \$812. Bring on the cans!



Reminder: We can no longer store cans at the Library. Please store them at home and bring them to the next WVGS General Membership Meeting at the church. Your cooperation and help would greatly be appreciated.

Do You Have a Product Or Service To Offer Fellow Genealogists?

If you have a genealogy related business, there is now a great opportunity to advertise in *Tidbits*. We are accepting business card sized ads and will run them for a full year (9 issues) for the low price of \$100. This is a wonderful way to reach a selected audience to let them know what you do! Limited spaces are available and are being offered first to our members, so act now to reserve your space. Please contact Judy Linnebach at judylinnebach@gmail.com or call (208) 659-3911.

New Desert Tracker Editor



Marilyn Vollmer passed the baton to Carla Rideout as the new editor for the *Desert Tracker*. President Irma Hardin presented Marilyn with a lovely vase of flowers in appreciation for her years of service to the WVGS. Thanks for all your hard work.



Class Schedule

Connie Sheets, Director of Education

Reminder: Please register and pay with cash or check at the Library, monthly meetings, or register online at <http://azwvgs.org/Products.asp?cat=1>. Check periodically for an updated schedule, as new classes may be added.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy

Friday, 1:00 - 3:30 pm Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16
Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Mar 24

Lou McLean, Instructor

*WVGS Computers 101

(3 Sessions)

Sundays, 1:00 - 3:30pm Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 14

***This computer lab class is limited to 9 students.**

Judy Linnebach, Instructor

Uncovering Hidden Treasures at Family Search

Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:30 am Jan 9

Judy Crawford, Instructor

Family History Research in Salt Lake City

Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Jan 19

Cathy Gallagher, Instructor

Facebook for Genealogy

(2 Sessions)

Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Jan 23, 30

What to Do With Your Genealogy

(2 Sessions)

Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Mar 1, 8

Adrienne Haupt, Instructor

Getting Started: Researching in a New Geographic Area

Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Feb 20

Jean White, Instructor

*Problem Solving

(3 sessions)

Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Jan 24, 31, Feb 7

***limited to 10 students**

Research Techniques I

(4 Sessions)

Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 7

Research Techniques II

(4 Sessions)

Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Mar 14, 21, 28, Apr 4

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, SIGs Coordinator



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

- **Adoption** Watch for new dates/times or contact Lou McLean for details: mlm16ddm@yahoo.com
- **African American Lineage** ... 3rd Sat., 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- **British Isles** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Canada Sep-Apr** 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am to noon
- **DNA Sep-Jun** 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Family Tree Maker** 4th Friday, 10:00 am to noon
- **GedSite** 5th Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Germany/Poland** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Italy** 1st Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Legacy** 1st Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Maryland & Southern States** 1st Friday, 9:30 -11:30 am
- **Midwestern States** 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Native American Oct-May** 3rd Sunday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **New England** 2nd Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway Oct-Apr** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **NY/NJ/PA** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Quaker** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Roots Magic** 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Salem** 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Sweden Oct-Apr** 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Writing Family History** 4th Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am

If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact the SIGs Coordinator, Karen R. Zeppenfeld, sigs@azwvgs.org or 623-271-7370.



Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements. Elizabeth II

Find-A-Grave Will Change

Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

Findagrave.com has announced that the web site soon will change. Some changes are cosmetic, while others are functional. A map feature has been added.

The home page, formerly just a list of over thirty choices, will become a photograph with a few menu selections across the top. That page will be dominated by the search panel, which will function largely as it has in the past and with the same options for every search box except those related to location.

The current search panel specifies location via pull-down lists for country, state, and county. The new search panel offers a single box for location, in which you are supposed to type the name of a place. As you begin to type a city, county, state, or country that box auto-fills with suggested place names which you can select with a mouse click. Use the American English equivalent of a country name; Germany works but Deutschland doesn't.

The new home page's menu bar goes across the top of the screen. Clicking CEMETERIES takes you to a page that lets you hunt cemeteries in either of two ways. Near the top left of the page is a search box where you can type a cemetery name. This auto-fill box works as above. When you select a name, you see a hit list of cemeteries with that name. Each entry on the hit list displays some facts about that cemetery, and a link to its information page. That page contains a search box that you can use to hunt for a person's name.

Instead of using that cemetery-name search box, you can use the cemetery-place search box to its right. Clicking a place name produces a map of cemeteries near that place. You can zoom the map in or out, and can pan it in any direction. (If the map doesn't display any marker pins, zoom in.) After a name is in that search box, clicking Search leads to a hit list of cemeteries near that place. Use this hit list the same way you use the other cemetery search box.

To see and experiment with all the planned changes, go to <https://findagrave.com/> and then click preview now near the top center of the screen.

2018 Salt Lake City Research Trip To the Family History Library Sponsored by WVGS March 13 - 21, 2018 (8 nights)

Deposit \$350.00: Due by Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Balance Due by Thursday, February 1, 2018

Pick up a flyer at the Library or go online at www.azwvgs.org for details or to sign up.

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Discover Your Ancestry



December 2017



WVGS is the number one Genealogical Library in Arizona!

WVGS Annual Seminar

February 17, 2018

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

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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

Cyndi's List "Live"

Speaker Cyndi Ingle is the owner and creator of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet

*Registration Fee: \$45 before 12/31/17; \$50 effective 1/1/18

(*Fee includes Program, Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch, Beverages and Prizes)

You can register online at the WVGS Store www.azwvgs.org

See flyer for complete details

Tidbits Mailing Update

Bonnie Belza, Membership Registrar

We want to let you know that beginning with the January, 2018, *Tidbits*, we are adding a fee of \$4.00 per year for members who receive the newsletter via 1st class mail and have an email address. The costs for producing and mailing the *Tidbits* has increased over the years and the email version can be delivered less expensively and allow us to expand the length of the newsletter in the future. If you do not have an email, you do not have to pay the fee. We appreciate your understanding and sincerely hope you feel the nine issues of the *Tidbits* each year are a valuable resource.