President's Message
Stephanie Sparks

Once in a while, it’s important to remind ourselves of West Valley Genealogical Society’s mission.
Our mission statement says we provide access to reliable research services using the best technology practices such as access to Ancestry, My Heritage, and American Ancestors. The CEC’s recent project to index the website might seem just technical but internet searches will include WVGS.

WVGS provides quality educational opportunities to help people learn how to find THEIR ancestors and know it’s the right family. Education is not just classes. Helping genealogists make the best use of limited time at a repository is why we organize research trips. Bringing people together in a Special Interest Group allows genealogists at all experience levels to share knowledge. Genealogists are uniquely collaborative. We teach each other all the time. While waiting for dropoffs on recycling day, there was a lively discussion about the research tools Jill Morelli had covered at last month’s meeting had helped us in our research.

Our mission is to archive and preserve genealogy records. Our Collection Development Committee takes donated research papers of our members prepares them for scanning by Family Search. Our Digitizing Team takes old periodicals written by genealogists and collected by now-extinct or difficult to access genealogy societies and makes them searchable by name with internet access. Our obituary team digitizes obituaries from newspapers no longer in print and makes them available to a wider audience.

Calender of Events

May 3.................................Board Meeting (virtual)
May 10..............................Membership Meeting (virtual)
August 1.........................Deadline for next months' Tidbits

Part of our mission is to promote the scholarly publication of research by our members. That's daunting, as we can be intimidated by the high bar of genealogy standards and the thought that if we can't do it that well, we shouldn't be doing it at all. But writing our research down will make it better; I can guarantee that. Publishing it will make it available to many more people who might find in it a clue to expanding their family history. Will they think less of you if your citations aren't perfect? That's why the Stories Behind the Stars is such an important project. Using the research and writing skills we've learned to preserve the stories of WWII veterans is part of our mission.

Please remember that when you are asked to volunteer, not just as Board members, seminar chairs, or building managers, I am recruiting you to help opportunity to fulfill our mission by helping people find their family history.

The Board recently voted to honor Vera Elgin and Ethel Sanders with the Impressive Service Award for their years of volunteer service to the West Valley Genealogical Society. Vera was not only President but was instrumental in securing our current building. Ethel was the driving force behind our outstanding Obituary Collection and is also a former President. They will be acknowledged and each presented with a gift.

Profiles for each of them are in this issue. Thanks to those of you who championed this award, interviewed these women, sent pictures and memories and, in the spirit of Vera and Ethel, and wouldn't take no for an answer.
West Valley Genealogical Society Board

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Mission Statement

"The Society and its Library invite, welcome and help persons who are interested in genealogy regardless of race, creed, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Our goals are to provide access to reliable research sources using the best technology practices, provide quality educational opportunities, encourage collaborative research, promote scholarly publication or research by the society and its members, and archive and preserve genealogy records.”

The West Valley Genealogical Library operates as a reference library, with resources and technology available for on-site research.

Monthly Membership Meetings:

September through May, second Monday of the month. The Library is closed on meeting days. Meetings will be held virtually until announced otherwise. Please check website to register.

WVGS Library
12222 N. 111th Ave., Youngtown, AZ. 85363-1225
623-933-4945
Website: .................................................. https://azwvgs.org/

Hours: (subject to change)

Mondays and Fridays.........................12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays......................9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays...........closed
Closed the 2nd Monday of each month for Monthly Membership Meeting.

West Valley Genealogical Society Publications and Media

Enews: Emailed to current members to inform them of upcoming events periodically.

Tidbits: Published monthly, September through May. The newsletter contains information about meetings, educational opportunities and other Society events. Submissions from members about genealogical subjects are encouraged, limited to one published page (600 words).

Desert Tracker: The twice-annual (or annual double) journal of the Society with in-depth articles submitted by members. It is mailed directly to members.

Facebook (Public): West Valley Genealogical Society Facebook (Members): AZWVGS

Website: https://azwvgs.org

Desert Tracker News
Carla Rideout, Editor

In 2020, the Desert Tracker printed a single combined Spring/Fall issue. However, with the delays in mail delivery, many members did not get their copy until well into January of 2021. A single issue, even if double the size, is significantly less expensive to print and mail than two separate issues. So, after a discussion at a recent board meeting, it was suggested that we continue that practice, at least for 2021. To make the next issue extra special we agreed to add color photos and focus on the 2022 50th Anniversary of the West Valley Genealogical Society.

So please start thinking about what you want to submit as part our celebration of 50 years in the West Valley and send it to: tracker@azwvgs.com.

Tidbits News
Suzie Myers, Editor

The next regular publication of Tidbits will the September "back-to-school" issue. It traditionally been a very full issue.

With that in mind, I would request that material and submissions be sent by August 1st so I can get it out as early as possible. If you have something that won’t be quite ready, let me know so I can save space for you. Thanks! tidbits@azwvgs.org
**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**  
*Barbara Shroyer, SIGs Coordinator*

Our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) are meeting again, but virtually rather than in person. SIG facilitators now have their own WVGS SIG email addresses. Find these on the WVGS website. Click on the Education tab and select SIGs in the dropdown box. This will make it easier to contact an individual SIG facilitator.

We now have one single link which will get you into all SIG meetings. SIG facilitators have sent the link to those on their mailing lists prior to their December meeting. WVGS members who are interested in joining a SIG can obtain the link from a SIG facilitator or from the SIGs Coordinator. We request that you do not share the link with anyone.

**Attending a Virtual SIG**

Attending a virtual SIG is easy, fun, and worthwhile.
1. Request the link if you don’t already have it.
2. Save the link.
3. Click the link to join the meeting. (Or use the link phone number if you can't use your computer.)
4. Wait to be admitted. We start admitting people about 10 minutes before the meeting.
5. Mute your microphone during the meeting except when speaking. The facilitator will explain how to do this.
6. Have a great time!

Any questions or problems, contact the SIG facilitator at sigs@azwvgs.org.

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**General Membership Meeting**  
May 12, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Tina Beaird

*Pandemic 1918! Fighting Influenza During the Great War*

More than thirty percent of Americans were estimated to have contracted influenza in 1918 and millions of people lost their lives. Explore the timeline of the outbreak and hear tales of how the U.S. Army, Navy and civilian population centers tried desperately to combat the disease.

Discover resources for tracing your influenza victims through newspapers, government records, medical journals, hospital registers and more.

Tina Beaird, owner of Tamarack Genealogy, is a genealogy & local history librarian at a mid-sized Chicagoland public library. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science degree with a specialization in Archives/Preservation from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. Tina has won multiple research and digitization grants over the last decade to preserve and digitize historic documents and photographs.
**Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS**

*Director of Fundraising*  
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To go the West Valley’s website page that links to all of these programs, click on this shop.

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WVGS is now a part of the Amazon Smile program, which will return 0.5% back to the Society when our members purchase Amazon Smile items. Please follow the link above for directions. If you already have already have selected West Valley Genealogical Society as your charity, then it will show your Amazon Smile page with the Supporting: West Valley … in the tabs and no change is necessary. If you have any questions or problems please contact dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

Please follow the link above for instructions to enroll your Fry’s V.I.P. card in the Community Rewards program. Make sure you search for our organization using “West Valley Genealogical”. If you have any questions or problems please contact dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org.

Shop online at any of the 2400+ stores in the iGive network. You’ll see all your favorites, including Amazon.com, Best Buy, Staples, ebay, Walmart, Staples, Expedia, and Pottery Barn! It’s free, it’s easy, and every purchase you make generates a donation to West Valley Genealogical Society. Raise a penny per search at www.iGive.com. Click on the link above to use iGive’s search engine and enjoy free, easy fundraising.

WVGS gets a percentage of what our members buy, if they use the following numbers:

Office Max #012748337  Staples #04050-4355-5

You can also use the WVGS phone number 623-933-4945.

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**Fundraising**

**Tote Bags**

WVGS logo clear plastic bags are available for $10.00. They are large enough to hold a folder and your personal items. They have a zipper so your items will be secured. These totes are acceptable for use under the Library’s guidelines.

**Travel Mugs**

Theses beautiful gold 15-ounce double-wall insulated Aspen Stainless Travel Mugs are $14.00. These mugs can be used for the hot or cold beverage of your choice. The mugs are equipped with a spill-resistant thumb-slide lid.

**Lanyards**

WVGS lanyards are now on sale. They are 36” long and 5/8” wide and very comfortable. Only $5.00, they are available in yellow or green.

All items are now available for sale online and are listed as "Specials." Please see the store at https://azwvgs.org/store/wvgs-items/

All items are available for pickup at the Library. You can pick up your items any time the Library is open but be sure and bring your receipt.

**Cans and Bottles**

There is a worldwide shortage of aluminum and beverage companies are shifting more to plastic. That makes it all the more important to save every can and bottle that you can. Plastic pays less so this shift in packaging will have an impact on our revenue.
Duplicate Book Sales
Jill Mitchell, Elaine Wright and Della Jones,
Duplicate Book Sales Team

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!
MULTIPLE VOLUME SETS OF REFERENCE BOOKS

Please help us find homes for reference books that are not listed in the online bookstore. We have 15 complete and/or partial sets of reference materials. These volumes cover historical information for the early years of Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We also have some volumes of early census materials.

These are available at no cost, if you pick them up by appointment at the Library. Please email us at storebooks@azwvgs.org to make an appointment to view and pick up the titles that interest you.

- New Jersey Archives--First Series; Abstracts of Wills dating 1761-1800; 6 Volumes w/index of names
- Maryland Genealogies and Historical Recorder; Volumes 3-6 w/index
- Records of Massachusetts 1628-1686; Volumes 1-5 w/index
- Journals House of Representatives of Massachusetts 1724-1741; Volumes 6-18 w/index
- Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War; Volume. 8-10 (Names HME-MOP), and Volumes 12-17 (Names PEA_ZYR)
- Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War; 6 Volumes
- Massachusetts in the Army and Navy; 1861-65 Volumes 1 and 2 w/name index
- Encyclopedia of Biography-Massachusetts; Copyright 1916; Volumes 1-5 w/name index
- Pennsylvania Archives Provincial Council; 1683-1776; Volumes 1-10
- Pennsylvania Archives Supreme Executive Council; 1776-1790; Volumes 11-16
- Proceedings of the Annual Encampments of the Pennsylvania GAR; Years 1906, 1907, 1908, 1913, and 1914
- Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series; 1730-1898; Volumes 24-26, plus four-volume index
- Pennsylvania Archives 4th Series; Papers of the Governor, 1681-1785; Volumes 1 and 3 w/index
- Pennsylvania Archives 5th Series; Late 1700’s; Volumes 7 and 8
- Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series; 1777-1814
- Volumes 1-3, 6-7, and 15 (Parts 1 and 2/ Index for 5th and 6th series)
- 1790 Census Index books for these states: Connecticut, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont
- 1800 Census Index books for: Vermont and Cheshire County, New Hampshire
- 1820 Census Index books for: Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland and Washington D. C.
- 1830 Census Index book for Kentucky; Volume V; Mercer – Russell Counties
- 1850 Census Index books for Iowa and New York City

Computer Equipment Committee
Roger Hanneman

MORE GOOD NEWS!

Access to these external websites has been extended through June 1, 2021

This now makes SIX genealogical databases that you can remotely access to because you are a WVGS member!

MyHeritage Permanent remote access
American Ancestors Still available
Ancestry Extended to March 31st
Fold 3 Extended to March 31st
Heritage Quest Extended to March 31st
Newspapers.com Expiring the first week of March

Go to azwvgs.org and log in and see what you can find!
Watch this space for updates as they become available.
Research Help Service Update

Tim Forrest, Research Team

In the six months since the WVGS Research Help Service began, we have tackled dozens of requests from members seeking a range of records including birth, baptism, marriage, death, immigration, naturalization, deeds, and wills. These searches have taken us everywhere from Colonial Massachusetts to 1910 Tucson, from Norway to North Dakota, and from Prussia to Buffalo, NY. Our team of volunteer researchers has really grown. While we are not professional genealogists and we can't promise to break down your “brick wall,” we have an amazing wealth of experience, search skills, and areas of expertise: New England, Midwest, Southeast, French Louisiana, Germany, and Italy, for example. We also have team members who specialize in such areas as DNA genealogy, Old German handwriting, Spanish records, and digging out those hidden Family History Library records. Most of all, we have a passion for genealogy and for helping others. See what our search angels can do for you! This is a free service for members.

If you would like some research assistance, please go to the top of the home page and click on “request research help.” Download the PDF request form, fill it out, and save it. Then attach it to an email to: azwvgs-research@googlegroups.com

OPEN HOUSE
Isn't this great news?

Mark your calendars! The Library will be holding an Open House when we get back from our summers!

October 10, 2021 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Invite your friends. These events have traditionally resulted in 20 or 30 people signing up as members so it's wonderful publicity for us.

If you would like to help out, please contact Pam LaFond at 623-877-8370 or email her at: dir.membership@azwvgs.org

In Memory

Prudence Pease Meader
1940-2021

Lifetime Member
Prudence Pease Meader passed away this past February. Prue served as 2nd Vice President in 2000.

She was in charge of the only two-day seminar and organized bus trips to the Family History Library in Mesa. On a trip to Salt Lake City, she arranged a shuttle service, a get-together dinner for all attendees, t-shirts and special lectures at the Library. She always gave 150% to everything she took on.

Prue was born in Port Washington, New York but also lived in Southern California before moving to Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Byron and son, Jason; and is survived by son Seth and numerous grandchildren.

Vernon L. Worrell
1938-2021

Long-time member Vern Worrell passed away this past February. Vern served as the architect for the renovation and architectural compliance of the Library’s current location in 2001, a role he filled as an unpaid volunteer.

Vern was born in Iowa, received his architectural degree from Iowa State and practiced in Wisconsin for 36 years. He and his wife Judy moved to Arizona in 1999.

He is survived by Judy and sons Mark and Kurt, their wives and three grandchildren.

WVGS Cares

Your Membership Outreach Committee is sending cards to members who are ill, shut-in, or have had a loss of a family member. This can only be accomplished with your help. If you are aware of a member who is in need of caring wishes, please contact either WVGS Cares at: wvgscares@azwvgs.org or the President at: pres@azwvgs.org
Help Wanted

PC Maintenance Assistant
Our PC Maintenance Specialist needs a partner and backup to keep the PCs in the Library functioning properly, install any updates needed, and respond to specific problems as reported. Schedule is flexible and work is done while the Library is closed (masks required during the COVID crisis).
Contact: direec@azwvgs.org

Assistant Webmaster
Do you want to help the public and our members know how WVGS can help them with their genealogy? We need an assistant for our webmaster with experience in updating and creating webpages, writing HTML code, using WordPress to maintain the website, and creating PDF files from MS Office to post on the website.
Contact: webmaster@azwvgs.org

Gmail and Permission Administrator
WVGS volunteers are often provided with Society email addresses to maintain the continuity of records. Someone is needed to assign, assist in transferring, and monitoring both email addresses and volunteer access to proprietary databases. No programming needed but does involve helping volunteers get set up, monitoring permissions for changes while following WVGS protocols. It would be helpful but not required to be a Gmail user.

Teachers needed
Teachers are needed — classes can be done from the comfort of your home (we will provide technical assistance). Ready to share your genealogy skills? Help others learn? This is your chance!
Contact: classes@azwvgs.org or dir.education@azwvgs.org

Help Wanted

If you are interested in any of the positions below, contact Stephanie Sparks, President, at:
pres@azwvgs.org

Publicity Administrator
Work with President and Speakers Bureau Chair to publicize WVGS events in print or online media. Use existing contact groups to send announcements on monthly meeting speakers, annual seminar, and other special events to media. Update and maintain mailing lists, as well as specific media requirements for publication of those announcements. Flexible schedule, fully remote, usually involves one mailing a month for membership meetings, more for February seminar.

Property Manager
Responsible for planning, coordination and scheduling of routine maintenance as well as responding to reported building problems. Responsible to follow up with Cleaning Teams on any issues they find. Most of the work can be done remotely although meeting with contractors and the city sometimes requires in-person presence. Living close to the Library would be a benefit but not a requirement. Usually requires about 10 hours a month exclusive of any special projects.

Fundraising Committee Chair and Committee members needed
Activities currently include coordinating the Bottle Drop events at the Library (February and April), monitoring and publicizing affiliate programs, promoting our books and logo items for sale, and researching new ideas. Responsible to coordinate all fundraising activities at in-person Membership Meetings when they resume.
At our April membership meeting, Jack Chisum, representing “Stories Behind the Stars” shared with us how to become involved in this project he is so passionate about. Founder and Director Don Milne began the project in 2016 after becoming concerned that veterans who had been lost in World War II had not had their individual stories told. It became his goal to do so. He proceeded to try and write one history a day but realized it would take 1000 years for him to complete by himself.

The “Stories Behind the Stars” initiative was begun to expand the project to include anyone who wants to research and write stories of the 400,000+ US WWII fallen. The stories are uploaded to Fold3. By saving them in free-to-access Fold3 Memorials, it will be possible to use a smartphone app to scan these names from any gravestone or memorial to get an immediate link to the fallen's story and photo. Most of the research can be done easily through supporting databases most genealogists use routinely like Ancestry.com, Family Search, Fold3, Newspapers.com, and MyHeritage. More than 1,000 people have been involved in this project. Only 20 are from Arizona. Arizona had more than 2,000 WWII fallen that need stories written.

The project has a Facebook group, website, podcast, and Don's blog for anyone who would like more information. Becoming a contributor does not take extraordinary research or writing skills and would be a wonderful application of a genealogist’s skills. Volunteers can honor fallen family members or those from Arizona or their home state.

Although Jack emphasizes Arizona veterans, he would be happy to answer any questions or assist in getting someone started. Several special projects are planned, including completing all the stories of the Americans who died in Normandy on D-Day.

For more information, you may contact Jack Chisum at: jchisum@q.com or Don Milne at: don@storiesbehindthestars.org Website: https://www.storiesbehindthestars.org/ Blog: http://ww2fallen100.blogspot.com/ Facebook Group: Stories Behind the Stars Podcast: https://contactc8.podbean.com/
Ethel Sanders
Interview and article by Pat Sand

Ethel first came to Arizona in the mid-’70s when she and her husband retired. Her husband was in the Navy and they had been living in Colorado. They both taught at the local community college. Since neither of them wanted to continue to live in a snowy climate, they came to Arizona and subsequently bought a home in Sun City.

Ethel was originally from New York. She went to the NY World’s Fair when her school took a field trip there in 1939. She said the land there had been under water and was filled in, making more land for New York. She has been to several other World’s Fairs including one in San Francisco.

She joined the Sun City Genealogy Club when the club was in a storefront on 113th Avenue. It was tight quarters with a front entryway where the mimeograph machine was. A larger room held a few tables, chairs, and the library. It was such close quarters that to get a book off the shelf, a person needed to ask anyone sitting at the table to move.

Ethel started as the Board Secretary, graduated to Vice President and later President. The club knew they needed a larger space. They ran fundraisers and collected enough money to buy a building. She is impressed with the club’s growth and never dreamed it would be such a large organization.

She said it took a week and many volunteers to move all the books to the new building. It was quite a job. She is glad to know that the building is fully paid off. She said she always enjoyed the library and those she met there.

Ethel made many genealogy discoveries while in the club. She did not know much about her father’s family but soon learned that her great grandfather owned a newspaper in New York. He and an uncle also had newspapers in Maryland.

Her mother’s family came from Germany. Her grandmother wrote letters back and forth in German. She also sent German cousins food and clothes after WWII. She learned the family owned a castle in Germany, but the Nazis claimed the property and bombed it.

She and her husband worked on genealogy together. They traveled to many places as well as lived in many states because of his career.

Ethel still practices genealogy by making sure her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are added to the family tree.

Her advice to any new genealogist is to join a genealogy society. It’s the easiest way to learn and get information. In her day, she spoke with her family to get information. Her interest in genealogy started when she was in her 50’s and she learned her husband’s family came to the United States on the Mayflower. Fifteen family members of the 110 people on the Mayflower were her husband’s family.

Ethel is 91 and now lives in Gardens of Sun City where she enjoys someone else cooking and having her own room. She hasn’t helped anyone at the residence with genealogy but she says she’s sure at some time she will make friends with another genealogist there.

She knows the younger generations use the internet for information. She thinks DNA will be a very important part for future generations to know not only about relatives but also about their health.
**Vera Elgin**  
*Interview by Pat Sand*

In the spring of 1988, Vera Elgin and her husband Bob retired and moved to Sun City from Rochester, Minnesota. Besides enjoying the warm, dry weather, they took several ASU classes to learn more about Arizona. These classes included a class in genealogy taught by Richard Couvault, who had been President of the Sun Cities Genealogical Society (SCGS).

They joined SCGS when it was renting 1050 square feet in the Valley View Professional Building on 113th Avenue in Youngtown. By 1996 the Society had grown and needed more room. President Pete Lodge asked Vera to serve on a committee that worked with Youngtown in an attempt to build a genealogy library next to the town’s library. The plan was voted down by one vote.

Under the leadership of President Jean White in 1997, a five-year lease for a 1,881 sq. ft. facility on the north side of California Street, was negotiated. Ethel Sanders and Peggy Morphew led the planning process for the move.

President White appointed Vera as chair of the new Long Range Planning Committee to establish a permanent library facility by the end of the lease. Vera, Ethel, and Peggy began searching for a new home for the library.

In 1998 Ethel Sanders was elected President. Based on survey results from more than 500 members, the name was changed to West Valley Genealogical Society.

Peggy Morphew was elected President in 2000. After more than three years searching for a suitable building, one day Peggy called Vera to tell her that the building "on the corner across the street" from the rental library had a sign out front "FOR SALE BY OWNER". Peggy asked, "Do you think we should look at it?" Vera responded, "Of course," and so it began.

The property included two buildings that needed to be combined. A visit to Youngtown’s offices revealed that to meet building, fire, and safety codes, blueprints prepared by a certified architect would be required. Where could we find an architect who would work cheap?

Vera reviewed the Society’s membership applications and found new member Vern Worrell. Vera cold-called him and asked if he would like to be involved. He thought about it overnight, called, and said, "Yes!"

As we explored the possible purchase of the buildings and land, Vera drafted a Letter of Understanding and asked an attorney, Joseph LaRue, for a referral to review the purchase agreement. Instead, Joe said he’d do it pro bono. The building owners accepted our offer of $160,000 and the purchase was completed on April 30, 2001.

Between October 11 and December 21, 2001, the building was renovated. Moving in was completed by New Year's Eve and on January 2, 2002, the West Valley Genealogical Society Library resumed operation. The membership at that time exceeded 700. Once the Library holdings nearly doubled, extra space that had been leased to Calvary Chapel was reclaimed for expansion.

The library was enlarged to 4100 square feet and allowed for the development of the computer lab with nine new desks, the administrator’s office, and the lunchroom. Due to the generosity of our members, our 15-year mortgage was paid off in 10 years.

Vera remained the chair of the Property Management Committee through 2019, earning a much-deserved rest.

The signing of the mortgage

Presenting Board nominees at a Membership Meeting
High Speed Scanning Services
2021 Fundraising Event for WVGS Members

Now by appointment OR meet at the Library*

Preserve your old photographs and documents -- save to DVDs!

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- High Speed Scanning will save time and money vs. using a regular flatbed scanner!
- The ability to scan photographs and documents up to 8-1/2" wide & 34" long & as small as 2"x 2-1/2"; laminated photographs, color or black & white photographs, Polaroids, postcards, photographs on cardboard, etc.
- Slides and Negatives can be scanned as well!
- Cost is 35 cents per scan scanned to a free DVD with case. Or bring a thumb drive or purchase them at WVGS.
- Tin type, thick cardboard photos, tiny or fragile photos for 35 cents.
- Album pages for 50 cents each.
- Additional DVD copies/cases can be made to share with family for only $1.00 each.

Here are some Helpful Hints:

- Sort your photographs and documents by same size in batches of up to 30-50 so they can be easily processed and sorted into folders by surname or timeline, if requested.
- We can scan 200-300 photos in only 1+ hours! Note: a shoebox typically holds about 400+ photos.

*If interested in having photos/docs scanned, call Cathy & Bob Gallagher at 623-266-1330 for all questions.

Organize – Preserve = Raise money for WVGS = Win-Win for Everyone!