



# TIDBITS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Welcome to 2008! The Society and Library are off to a flying start! Our annual Book Sale is January 16th and 17th. The Seminar is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our classes and special interest groups begin this month, too. Be sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot.

We especially want to thank all our volunteers who made 2007 so special. They are what made us so successful. If you are not already doing so, consider donating some of your time and talents. It adds to your enjoyment of the Society and Library.

Our major goal for 2008 will be to increase our membership. Let me know your great and near-great ideas. Bring friends and acquaintances to the meetings and to visit the Library. A little encouragement might lead to a life-long addiction.

Hope 2008 is great for you all.



## REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR SEMINAR FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> IS ALMOST HERE



**Meldon J. Wolfgang III** is the founder of Jonathan Sheppard Books and the former Director of Academic Programs for the State University of New York Urban Center. He was a trustee of the Albany Public Library, a past president of the Upper Hudson Library System and served as a founding trustee of the joint Albany City-County Archives. Currently, Mr. Wolfgang also writes the genealogy column for the quarterly "Archives," issued by the New York State Archives Partnership Trust.

Mr. Wolfgang has been featured as a speaker at several of the National Genealogical Society's Annual Conferences, and at the annual FGS Conference, and at conferences, seminars, meetings,

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### WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Youngtown, AZ 85363

**Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday  
9am to 4pm and Tuesday nights, 6 to 9pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

**Telephone:** 623-933-4945

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

**Monthly Meetings:** September through May

Doors Open at 1:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave., SC

## MORTGAGE CHALLENGE UPDATE

Good news just keeps getting better! As of December 10th, the amount donated by members reached \$9,631.29. Add the \$7,000 from the challenge, brings a total of \$16,631.29 applied to the principal on our mortgage. More than sixty-five donors have reduced the life of the mortgage over eighteen months!

**A big Thank You to all!**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschleman

Please welcome new members to our organization: Mary A Becker, David Hopewell, Donna L Robbins, Florence Ball, Rollie R Rank, Bess Jonason, Russell G. Strong, Troy McConnell, Walter Penrod.

If your mailing label shows (2008), you have renewed your membership for the new year. If it shows (2007), you have not renewed.

This will be the last issue sent to 2007 members. The February issue which will be mailed January 24<sup>th</sup> will go to 2008 members only.

After January 1<sup>st</sup>, gray 2008 membership cards only are good for admittance at the Library. Blue cards expire December 31, 2007.

## SEMINAR

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and lectures arranged by the American Society of Genealogists, New England Historic Genealogical Society, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Indiana State Historical Society, New Jersey State Historical Society, Palatines to America, and other regional and local societies.

Our seminar, "**Getting Out of the Box: Exploring Uncommon Research Resources, Techniques, and Strategies**," has been designed to appeal to diverse groups of genealogical researchers, with varying levels of expertise. Each topic draws heavily from Mr. Wolfgang's own professional and research experience since 1961. You will find the presentations to be lively and very helpful.

### **Sleuthing in the Stacks: Using Uncommon Resources to Uncover Genealogical Clues**

Do you have a "brick wall" problem that seems too high to hurdle? Is your research project stuck and in need of a jump-start? This presentation, long a favorite of audiences at all levels, introduces the researcher to a host of rarely used reference tools and finding aids that can be used by genealogists who have come up against a "dead end" or "brick wall" in their research.

### **Researching "Birds of a Feather": How Posopography, Cluster Studies, and Record Linkage Techniques Can Help Put New Leaves on Your Family Tree.**

This presentation introduces family historians to three useful techniques developed and used by researchers in other academic disciplines that may help dismantle those "brick walls".

### **"Troy Papers Please Copy": Newspaper Research for Family Historians**

Researchers sometimes forget that before it was history, it was news – and their ancestors may have been a part of it. Most genealogists are familiar with newspapers as sources for obituaries and marriage notices, but they often overlook other kinds of newspaper information that can lead them to new and exciting discoveries.

### **More information about Mr. Wolfgang at:**

<http://www.jonathansheppardbooks.com/lecturelist.htm>

**How to register:** Forms are available at the Library, membership meetings, and at: [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org).

**Cost: \$40.00** includes all of the above, plus brunch, lunch, vendors and lots of door prizes.

## JANUARY SPEAKER IS JIM MESSER

by Karla Bartel

Mark January 8, 2008, on your calendars! We will be traveling to the Ukraine.

Our speaker, Jim Messer, recently visited this country to research his ancestors. He brought back lots of pictures, but knows he only has a short hour to show them to us. It's sure to be very interesting! Jim is active in the Arizona Sun Chapter of AHSGR (American Historical Society of Germans from Russia) and lives in Glendale. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for this chance to learn about genealogical research in the Ukraine.

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies go to the family of Jane Knudson, long-time member and volunteer, who died December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## CORRECTIONS TO THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF TIDBITS

### **Annual Meeting Results:**

Luella M. Williams was elected Secretary.

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## FUND RAISING NEWS

### **ANNUAL WVGS BOOK SALE**

by Ethel Sanders

The annual book sale will be on Friday and Saturday, January 17 & 18, 2008, at the library. Please bring your read and unwanted books and tapes to the library during the week of January 14. We will not be selling any genealogy books. Children's books O.K. as well as large print ones. Be sure to come to this sale as there will be some books you will want to own and read.

### **"FIDDLER" RAFFLE**

One of our wonderful members has donated

FOUR TICKETS TO:

***FIDDLER ON THE ROOF***

**Dinner and the Show**

**Arizona Broadway Theatre**

Saturday Evening, March 1, 2008

Raffle Tickets will be available at December, January, February Membership Meetings and at Library. Drawing will be February 11<sup>th</sup>.



# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors: Karla Bartel, Mary Bullington, Vera Elgin, Family History Library-Salt Lake City, Luna O. Fish, Lura Glass, Jim Harns, Bernie Hawley, Del Kunz, McKinney Memorial Public Library, Norma McLean, Rosalie Ogden, Betty Osborne, Shirley Sels, Lee Shinn, Janet Sinclair, William Skibbe, Society of Mayflower Descendants, Dorothy Sprague, Maretta Troxel, Florence Weber, Haydn White, Jean White, Charley Wilcox, Robert L. Willis, Lu Williams, Howard Wolfley, Pat Wright.

## NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

Lakeview United Methodist Church Pictorial Directory-2006

Nacogdoches--Gateway To Texas, Vol. I & II

o Michiganensian, The (University of Michigan), class of 1931, Vol. 35 & 36

o Michiganensian of 1930 (University of Michigan)

o Picton Methodist Church Baptisms, 1816-1837

o Directory of the Graduates, College of Agriculture,

o The University of Missouri Bulletin, 1873-1963, Vol.65, Number 18

o Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society,

o Membership Directory 1998

o Pi Phi Fraternity, Alumnae Directory 1997

o For All We Call Mizzou 2003 Alumni Directory (University of Missouri)

o Marriages, DeKalb County, Illinois, 1837-1850 and Ogle County, Illinois, 1837-1850

o Early Indiana Trails and Surveys

o Spruce Corner Cemetery, Ashfield, Massachusetts

o Manual for Illinois Genealogical Research

o Manual for Indiana Genealogical Research

o Indiana Territorial Pioneer Records 1801-1820, Vol. I, II, III

o Indiana, War of 1812 Soldiers Militia

o Research in Indiana

o Index to Indiana Wills, Phase II, 1850 Through 1880

o Index to Indiana Wills, Phase I, Through 1850

o Arizona Biographical Dictionary

o Homeland Book of the Bessarabian Germans

o Hungarian Personal Names

o Tracing Your Naval Ancestors

o Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church,

o 1821-1857, Wayne County, Illinois

o Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, Berks County, PA

o Guide to Original and Copied Records of Religious Organizations Largely New Jersey Churches in the Special Collections and University Archives of Rutgers University

o Watson Family History

o Cemetery Inscriptions, Stark County, Ohio, Vol. 1-7

o Index to Vol. 6 of Cemetery Inscriptions Stark Co., OH

o New Englanders, The

o God Gave Us This Country, Tekamthi and the First American Civil War

o Colonial PA Immigrants From Freinsheim in the Palatinate

o Master Index To The Emigrants Documented in The Published Works of Annette K. Burgert

o Joy/Union Cemetery, Barry County, Michigan

o Book of The Hopi

o Builder, The, A Story and Study of Masonry

o Historic Wagoner: Landmark Homes of A Colorful Era

o Old Parochial Registers, deaths and Burials Index, Dumfriesshire Parishes. England

o North Ridge Cemetery, Gosfield North, Ontario, Canada

o Vital Statistics, Etc. for the "Southern Argus", Columbus, Mississippi, 1835

o Population Movements in England and Wales by Canal and Navigable River

o Notes on Research Sources for Eighteenth Century Emigration from the Swiss Cantons, Basel-land, Basel-stadt, Bern and Zurich

o Map Catalog, The

o Searching for Flemish (Belgian) Ancestors \*

o Do You Remember... Centennial Meadow Grove, 1886-1986

o Transcription of Provincial North Carolina Wills, 1663-1729/30, Volume I, A-K \*

o Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Twenty, Part 3, Family of Henry Samson

o Rhode Island Genealogical Register, Volume 20

o Marriages of Bertie County, NC, 1762-1868 \*

o Index to Marriages And Deaths in the New York World \*

o Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children Apprentices from 1784-1902 \*

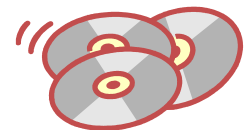
o West Tennessee's Forgotten Children Apprentices from 1821 to 1889 \*

o Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763

o Flintlock and Tomahawk, New England in King Philip's War

o Anabaptist-Mennonites Nationwide USA \*

\* CDC Acquisition



## NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

CD 10106 Genealogical Records: Genealogical Dictionary of New England, 1600s--1700s

CD 10107 Late 19th Century Atlases of MA Counties.

CD 10108 Southside Virginia Genealogies \*

CD 10109 Index to Upper Canada Land Books February 1787 to February 1841 \*

\*CDC Acquisition



### 50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Shirley Woodward

The Society pays half the cost of these books; interested members donate the remainder. Members may suggest titles to be added to the list.

Donations for the following will be appreciated:

*The Georgia Frontier*

Total Cost: \$160.00 Balance Needed: \$30.00

*Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*

Total Cost: \$85.00 Balance Needed: \$14.75

*District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1877-1885*

Total Cost: \$39.00 Balance Needed: \$11.50

*District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1885-1892*

Total Cost: \$39.00 Balance Needed: \$8.50

*History of Butler County, Alabama*

Total Cost: \$35.00 Balance Needed: \$2.50

*Kentucky Genealogical Index (of 4 periodicals) to 1980*

Total Cost: \$90.00 Balance Needed: \$34.00

### NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

*First State Genealogist* – Delaware

(formerly – *Delaware Gen.Soc. Newsletter*)

*Michigan Thumb Prints* – Michigan

*Journal of the Afro-American Hist. & Gen. Soc.*

*News & Views – Leeds & Grenville* – Canada

*Norde Genealogie* – France

*The Viking Sons of Norway*

*North Cheshire Family Historian* – England

*Huron Shores Gen. Soc.* – Michigan

*Kosher Koala, The* – Australia

*Ray County Mirror Newspaper* – Missouri

*Genealogical Society Newsletter* – Ohio

(Champaign County)

*The Genealogical & Historical Magazine* – Religion

*The Genealogist* – Australia

### CALENDAR



**Jan. 14** Membership Meeting

**Jan. 17** Brown Bag **Research Evening**  
5:00-9:00 pm at Library

**Jan.18-19** WVGS **BOOK SALE** at Library

**Feb. 16** ASU Library Trip (Car Pool)

**Feb. 23** WVGS **SEMINAR**: Speaker is  
Meldon J. Wolfgang, III (\$40)



### 2008 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

by Karla Bartel

Registration for classes, which are held at the WVGS Library, can be done at monthly meetings or at the Library. **Checks must be made payable to the instructor** or you must have exact cash.

**TBA Novice Genealogy (Real Beginners)**  
10:00-12:00 Noon \$7 mbr./\$9 non-mbr.  
Barbara Stenberg (includes \$1 for handouts)

**Jan 8 (Tues) \*Basic Internet Research**  
10:00-12:00 Noon \$8 mbr. / \$10 non-mbr.  
Richard Clift (Incl \$2 for handouts)  
\*Basic Internet Research is a one-session class that will be repeated Tuesdays, Jan. 15, Jan. 22

**TBA Research Techniques I**  
Jean White (formerly *Getting Started in Genealogy*)

**Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 (Wed) Research Techniques II**  
1:00-3:00 pm (formerly *Intermediate Genealogy*)  
Jean White \$29 mbr. / \$37 non-mbr.  
(Incl \$5 for handouts)

**Jan 12, 19, 26 (Sat) PAF (Personal Ancestry Files)**  
10:00-12:00 Noon \$18 mbr. / \$24 non-mbr.  
Dick Wickenkamp

**Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11 (Mon) Family Tree Maker Basic (Version 16)**  
9:30-11:30 am \$37 mbr. / \$47 non-mbr.  
Nancy Nielsen (Incl \$7 for handouts)

**Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tues) Technology**  
9:30-11:30 am \$27 mbr. / \$35 non-mbr.  
Geoff Rasmussen

**Feb 5, 12, 19 (Tues Night) Lands & Wills**  
6:00-8:00 pm \$20 mbr. / \$27 non-mbr.  
Arlene Everett (Incl \$2 for handouts)

**Feb 6, 13, 20 (Wed) Problem Solving**  
1:00-3:00 pm \$27 mbr. / \$35 non-mbr.  
Jean White (Incl \$3 for handouts)

**Feb 25 (Mon) Family Tree Maker Files (Version 16)**  
9:30-11:30 am \$8 mbr. / \$10 non-mbr.  
Nancy Nielsen (Incl \$2 for handouts)

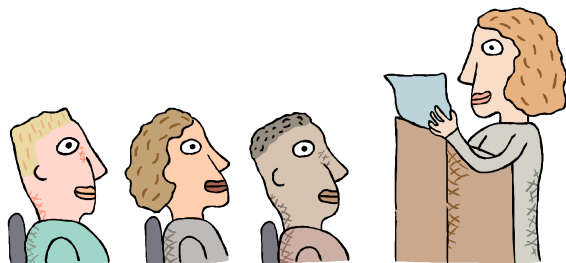
**Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 (Mon) Family Tree Maker Advanced (Version 16)**  
9:30-11:30 am \$30 mbr. / \$38 non-mbr.  
Nancy Nielsen (Incl \$6 for handouts)

**Apr 1, 8, 15, 22 (Tues) Beginning Legacy**  
9:30-11:30 am \$24 mbr. / \$32 non-mbr.  
Geoff Rasmussen

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

<b>ADOPTION:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm
<b>AFRICAN – AMERICAN:</b>	2 <sup>ND</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm
<b>DNA:</b>	Sat. Feb 2nd, 1:00-3:00 pm
<b>FRANCE &amp; CANADA: (change)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:00-12:30 am
<b>GERMANY:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11-30 am
<b>INDIANA:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm
<b>JEWISH: (change)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am
<b>LEGACY:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00-12:00 am
<b>MARYLAND (new)</b>	Friday, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1:00-3:00 pm
<b>MISSOURI (new)</b>	Friday, Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 am -12:00
<b>NORWAY:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
<b>POLAND:</b>	Tuesday, Feb 5th, 10:30-12:00 am
<b>SWEDEN:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm

All interest groups are open to the public (donation is requested) and meet in the multi-purpose room of the library. Please register your interest in other areas at the library. You will be notified when they are formed.



### JUDY WIGHT BRANSON Speaker at December Meeting

Judy Wight Branson shared her Gravestone Photo Project with members. Judy began photographing headstones, first her own family and then branched out into the counties around them.

She launched Gravestone Photo Project web sites for the counties she had explored in Iowa and Arizona. Judy uploaded her photos and information in order to share them with others.

See <http://gpp.jlconsulting.com>. Within hours of her talk our members were reporting successful hits!

## ASU LIBRARY TRIP Saturday, February 16, 2008

The WVGS Jewish SIG announces a trip to ASU in Tempe. Everyone is invited to go, but pre-registration at WVGS is required so we can arrange to carpool. See an aide for the sign up sheet. You DO NOT need to be a member of the library or the Jewish SIG to participate.

ASU Tempe has a large collection of genealogy resource materials of every type, shape, size and geographic area. This link can be used to access their online catalog in preparation for your trip.

<http://www.asu.edu/lib/libraries/hayden/>

**Time:** Lv. WVGS 8:00am and arv. by 9:00 ASU

**Return:** Lv. ASU 1:00 and arv. WVGS 2:00 pm

**Drivers:** Please let us know if you can drive and how many you can take in your vehicle.

**Photocopies:** You have to purchase a photocopy card in the Main Lobby of ASU Hayden Library and add money to it to make your photocopies. There are no coin machines and the library does not give change.

We hope to see everyone join in and should you have any questions, please contact Vicki Hilb [ajvlh@cox.net](mailto:ajvlh@cox.net) or 602-439-9199 or the library.

## SALT LAKE CITY TRIP 2008

**Date:** April 13 – 20, 2008 (Sunday to Sunday)

**Deposit:** \$200 by December 31, 2007

**Final Payment Due:** by February 10, 2008

**Forms:** At Library or Web at [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org)

**For information call:** Cheryl Davies 623-935-5191  
or e-mail [zoniladi@hotmail.com](mailto:zoniladi@hotmail.com)

## HELP WANTED

**LIBRARY AIDES:** Welcome and assist members and guests to use our Library research materials. **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP NOW! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** Call Deanna Hill: 623-566-2961.  
Time required: 4-hour periods on a regular basis.

**HOUSEKEEPERS:** Assist in basic cleaning services at the Library. Men are especially valued for their vacuuming ability! Contact: Billie Fold.  
Time required: 1 or 2-hour periods each month

## JANUARY DISPLAY CASE

By Sally Pavia

In January, the display will be on the German heritage of one of our members. We still need our members to display their items in the *Glass Display Case*. Contact Sally Pavia at 623 974-0195 or [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com).

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Office Max Perks #001274-8337  
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Nancy Reed reports that the recycled ink cartridges earned \$894 during 2007! Thanks to all of you and thanks to Nancy!

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

by Peggy Morpew

In addition to the normal days of Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, the West Valley Genealogical Library will be closed on Saturday and Tuesday, December 22 and 25, and on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

