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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

What a wonderful February we enjoyed. Thank you to all the folks who made our Seminar so special. Meldon J. Wolfgang, III, gave us many helpful ways and places to search for our missing ancestors.

Dr. Duane Gerstenberger visited with the DNA Special Interest Group, helping us to understand the benefits of DNA testing to genealogists; what can – and can not – be inferred from the results.

The members who carpoled to ASU enjoyed the visit to this beautiful campus and library. One found so much information, he almost missed his ride home. All agreed that the key to visiting any library is to research their on-line catalog before you go. That speeds up the discovery process.

March will be as exciting. Blaine Hedberg will be speaking at our membership meeting and working with the Norwegian Special Interest Group. The Salt Lake City Tour will return with lots of new and exciting finds.

May all your “brick walls” fall down!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschleman

Please welcome new members to our organization: Allan Shall, Charlotte Mallon, and Frank Cannon.

Welcome back reinstated member Barbara Craft

## IMPORTANT RECYCLING NEWS

Nancy Reed, our ink-jet recycling guru, received news recently that the company we have been using will not be able to work with us for awhile. She is trying to find another outlet.

Until then, you may wish to take them directly to Staples where you will receive a \$3 coupon for items in their store, or you can donate the coupons to our Library. You could also keep the cartridges until a new recycler is found.

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator, reports that your contributions through using the Staples Rewards program saved us \$717.42 during 2007!

### WVGS Library:

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9am to 4pm and Tuesday nights, 6 to 9pm

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**Telephone:** 623-933-4945

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**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

Closed on Friday, March 21 for Good Friday

## CIRCLE MARCH 10 ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Blaine Hedberg is our Speaker !!**



Blaine Hedberg will be speaking on the history, research techniques and resources for the project, Norwegian Immigrants to the United States, 1825-1850, and outline the extensive genealogical databases that the NAGC has developed covering primary sources through 1900.

In January of 2007 Mr. Hedberg was appointed the first Executive Director of the newly chartered non-profit Norwegian American Genealogical Center (NAGC), located in Madison, Wisconsin.

Having been connected with the work of the Center since 1982, he has come to represent every facet of the Center's work: volunteer, assistant, researcher, tour leader, lecturer, teacher, editor and the Center's director from 1994 to 2001.

NAGC and Naeseth Library is America's foremost institution dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting resources relating to Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogical research.

## INVENTORY REPORT

by Peggy Morpew

An inventory of Books and CDs was conducted in January by Renee and Larry Dilts, Marilyn and Bill Hooper, Peggy Morpew and Brenda Wixson.

The following were found to be **newly** missing:

**Book:** *How to do Everything with Your Genealogy* 492 pages; **CD:** *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 1500s-1950s*

Still missing from previous inventories are:

Books: *Order of the Founders and Patriots of American Register Lineages of Associates 1896-1993* 35 pages; *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs* 145 pages; *Cemetery Records Pittsylvania County, Virginia; San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists* 273 pages; CD: *Spotsylvania County Land Records (Virginia)*

Please look through your research materials to see if these were mixed in with your things. Return them to Peggy Morpew. **No questions asked!**

We are in desperate need for Library aides to fill the following slots. You will receive training at your convenience. Please contact Deanna Hill 623-566-3961 or [deannahill@cox.net](mailto:deannahill@cox.net)

Mornings - 9 to 12:30 - 3rd Saturday, 4th Thursday  
Afternoons - 12:30 to 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

## IMAGES OF AMERICA

by Dee Snook

Images of America is a series of books published by Arcadia Publishing. If you are interested in looking at old pictures, you should look into these books. We have several in our library including ones about Doylestown, PA, Trenton, NJ, Lunenburg, MA, Quincy, IL, West Milford, NJ and more. Each book contains about 120 pages of photographs. What is nice about these books is that they give historical photos of many small towns. Perhaps there is a book from your hometown. Check the Arcadia website at: [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com) to see if one has been published. If it has, why not purchase it and donate a copy to our library. They are reasonably priced.

## Glass Display Case

maintained by Sally Pavia

In March, our display will be "Days Gone By." Members George and Jean Cheney will be loaning us their collection of sock darners and arrowheads, from the 1800s, found on a family farm in Indiana. I certainly can remember my Mother sitting in the living room darning Daddy's socks in the evening; not like me, throw out and buy new.

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Robert L. Willis and his family on the death of his wife, Kathryn, January 21<sup>st</sup>.



## REMAINDER WVGS BOOK SALE

by Ethel Sanders

We had a goal of \$500, but hoped it would be more.

It is now over \$600!

The rest of the books will be on sale **March 14-15**.

Take this opportunity to add to your spring reading pleasure. Thanks to all for your wonderful participation and help.

## COMPUTER SUGGESTIONS

Another excellent software program for the Macintosh computer is Reunion 9. This software is Macintosh native and has many excellent features. Nearly all the members of the SunMacs Apple Macintosh Computer Club who are interested in genealogy use this software. The website for this program is <http://www.leisterpro.com>

I have led discussions and classes on Reunion and would be happy to answer any questions that WVGS Mac users might have. Mitzi Schireman (WVGS & SunMacs member) [jafra@verizon.net](mailto:jafra@verizon.net)

## WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

❖ Online Searchable Death Indexes for the USA  
<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html>

❖ 1852 California State Census  
<http://www.library.ca.gov/calhist/pdf/StateCensusResearch.pdf>

❖ Missouri State Archives  
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/categories.asp?id=4>

❖ Mona Knight may have moved to Carolina, but she still is helping us: The Colonial and State Records for North Carolina are now on-line and indexed at the University of North Carolina web site. That's a huge deal, since those records are in 14 or 15 volumes (very expensive volumes!) today, so to have them on-line is fabulous. Mona's already found several of her ancestors listed with records of their Revolutionary War service in North Carolina. Here's the web site to access those records:  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/>



# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors: Marie Beernink, Estate of Joe Brumit, Linda Carpenter, Edna Crooke, Carol Daly, Beverly DuVal, Family History Library - Salt Lake City, Alice Foust, Leona Gallion, Joanne Harroun, Jane Hartwich, Jeanne Kirsch, Mona Knight, Beverly Craig, Melaine Lewis, Ethel McCarty, Peggy Morpew, Yale Norris, Ruth Nuzman, Joan Rentner, Andy and JoAnn Rowe, Dee Snook, Dorothy Sprague, Fran Surette, Jean White, Haydn White, Shirley Woodward.

## NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *R.B. Mooney Funeral Home Records 1929-1935, Parts 1 & 2 (ID)*
- *Chandler Descendant Chart Book, Vols. 1, 2 & Index*
- *Specialist Indexes for Family Historians*
- *Coroners' Records in England and Wales*
- *Militia Lists and Musters 1757-1876, Directory of Holdings in The British Isles*
- *History: Greeley and The Union Colony of Colorado*
- *Nova Scotia, Shaped By The Sea, A Living History*
- *Southold Town Records and Explanatory Notes, Vols. 1 & 2 (NY)*
- *History of Wenham, Civil and Ecclesiastical, From It's Settlement in 1639 to 1860 (MA)*
- *Scotland Farewell, The People of the Hector*
- *History of Grand-Pre (Canada)*
- *History of The Black Population of Amherst, MA 1728-1870*
- *History of Brenham and Washington County (TX)*
- *History of Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties, Iowa*
- *Historical Sketches of the Town of Leicester, MA, During the First Century From its Settlement*
- *Search For Missing Friends, Vol. 1 (Ireland)*
- *Allen's Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Ontario County, NY*
- *Seventy-fifth Anniversary First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, 1873-1948*
- *Cemeteries of Mayfield Township, County of DeKalb, IL*
- *Transcription West Howell or Fleming Cemetery, Livingston County, Michigan 1989*
- *400 Central Illinois Marriage Records*
- *New York Cemeteries (Broome County)*
- *Abstracts From The Records of The 3rd or Independent English Church in Portsmouth, NH 1758-1831*
- *Martin Cemetery 1834, near Little Rock, Arkansas*
- *DuBois, Clearfield County, PA, A few Deaths, 1950-1951*
- *Abstracts of Tombstone Inscriptions, 1938, (PA)*
- *Old Settlers Cemetery Camden, Arkansas*
- *American Data from the Aberdeen Journal 1748-1783 (Scotland)*
- *History of Easthampton: Its settlement and growth (MA)*
- *Maryville College 2002 Alumni Directory (TN)*
- *Story of Our Presbytery of Denver 1870 - 1950 (CO)*
- *First Hundred Years, The First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, 1873-1973*
- *A Place in Time; The Story of Louisville's Neighborhoods (KY)*
- *Parish Register of Templemore. Diocese of Cashel, Co. Tipperary*
- *Dictionary of International Biography, Vol.11, 1975, Parts I & II*
- *Who's Who in the World, 6th Edition, 1982-1983*
- *Who's Who in the World, 4th edition, 1978-1979*
- *Who's Who in America, 43rd edition, 1984-1985, Vol. 2*
- *Who's Who in America, 40th ed., 1978-1979, vols. 1 & 2*
- *United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress, Vols. 1- 5*
- *Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet, and Your Genealogy Computer Program*
- *Veiatlas Norge (Roads and City Maps of Norway)*
- *Crown Jewel of the Highlands, Lake Wales, Florida*
- *Tahlequah, NSU, and The Cherokees*
- *History of Tennessee from 1663 to 1930*
- *Illinois, The Story of The Prairie State*
- *Dubuque Folklore II (Iowa)*
- *Visit to Funen with Hans Christian Andersen (Denmark)*
- *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*
- *Western Herald Newspaper Index Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, 1806 thru 1819*
- *German-American Genealogical Research, Monograph Number 8*
- *Ohio County (WV) Index, Vol. 12*
- *Sverige vagatlas (Sweden)*
- *Lumpkin County Georgia Cemeteries*
- *Connecticut's Pennsylvania "Colony" 1754-1810, Susquehanna Company Proprietors, Settlers and Claimants, Vols 1 - 3*
- *Dewey Decimal Classification, 22nd Edition*
- *Guide to Cuban Genealogical Research*
- *Ships from Scotland to North America 1830-1860*
- *Scots-Dutch Links in Europe and America 1575-1825*
- *Hudson Crossroads (New York)*
- *Inscriptions, Records and The Early History of Burrirt Cemeteries and Area (IL)*
- *Military Service Records at the National Archives*
- *Images of America, Doylestown, Bucks County, PA*
- *Images of America Freehold, Vol. 2 (NJ)*
- *Images of America Trenton (NJ)*
- *Cemetery Inscriptions, Records, Early History and Biographies of St. Patrick's Irish Grove (IL)*
- *Inscription, Records and The Early History of Pecatonica Townships Five Cemeteries, Pecatonica, IL*
- *Inscriptions, Records and The Early History of The Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery and St. Thomas Cemetery of Seward, Illinois*
- *Inscriptions, Records and The Early History of Middle Creek and Winnebago Cemeteries and Area (IL)*
- *Trinity Lutheran Church, Baptism Records, 1875-1992 (TX)*

- *Georgia Frontier*, Vols 1 – 3 \*\*
- *District of Columbia, Marriage Records Index, 1885 - 1892 (Marriage Record Books 21 to 30)* \*\*
- *They Broke the Prairie* (IL)
- *Bucks Co., PA Orphans' Court Records, 1685-1852* \*\*
- *Bucks County PA, Miscellaneous Deed Dockets, 1785-1857* \*\*
- *Irish in America*
- *Beauty of Ireland*
- *Out of Ireland*
- *Ireland Past and Present*
- *Year in Ireland*
- *Dictionary of Irish Biography*
- *Flowering of Ireland; Saints, Scholars and Kings*
- *Earliest Churches of New York and Its Vicinity*
- *Early Hawaiian Churches*
- *1902 Harrison County Iowa Landowners*
- *Concordia (German Lutheran) Cemetery Records, Indianapolis, Marion County, IN*
- *Muster Lists of the American Rifles of Maryland, Baltimore Artillery, Dias Maryland Artillery, Maryland Guerilla Zouaves and Captain Walter's Company Maryland Zarvona Zouaves of The Confederacy Red River Settlement, Papers in the Canadian Archives relating to the Pioneers*
- *Minera Chapelry Register; Baptisms: 1786-1820 and Bishop's Transcript: 1772-1785; Vol. one (England)*
- *Eglwysbach Parish Registers, Marriages 1754-1812, Vol.5 (Eng.)*
- *Eglwysbach Parish Registers, Marriages 1730-1753, Burials 1730-1812, Vol.4*
- *Eglwysbach Parish Registers, Baptisms 1730-1812, Vol.3*
- *Eglwysbach Parish Registers, Baptisms 1666-1729, Marriages 1668-1729, Burials 1666-1729, Vol.2*
- *Druids, The*
- *Ireland Before the Vikings*
- *Ireland, A Social and Cultural History 1922-79*
- *French and Indian War from Scottish Sources*
- *Thomas W. Gallion Family*
- *Leroy D. Gittinger Family*
- *Shawnee County Cemeteries, Vols. 2 & 3 (KS)*
- *Ireland's Oldest Schools, Dublin*
- *Celtic Way of Life*
- *Little History of Ireland*
- *Dictionary of Irish History 1800-1980*
- *Hell or Connaught! Ireland*
- *Lancaster County Churches in the Revolutionary War Era (PA)*
- *Directory of Maryland Church Records*
- *Lutherans in America*
- *History of Religion in the United States*
- *History of Early Methodism in Texas 1817-1866*
- *Illustrated History of Methodism in Great Britain and America, from the days of the Wesleys to the Present Time.*
- *History of Methodists in the United States*
- *Early Families of Southern Maryland, Vol. 10*

\* CDC Acquisition  
 \*\* 50/50 Club Acquisition



## 50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Shirley Woodward

The Society pays one-half of 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:

- Kentucky Genealogical Index (4 periodicals) to 1980*  
 Total Cost: \$90.00      Balance Needed: \$29.00
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6*  
 Total Cost: \$63.00      Balance Needed: \$30.50
- Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14 Part 7*  
 Total Cost: \$65.00      Balance Needed: \$31.50
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. 5*  
 Total Cost: \$95.99      Balance Needed: \$48.00
- The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set*  
 Total Cost: \$275.00      Balance Needed: \$112.50

The following books were completed and ordered:

- The Georgia Frontier*
- Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*
- District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1877-1885*
- District of Columbia Marriage Records Index 1885-1892*
- History of Butler County, Alabama*

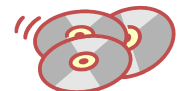
## NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

*The Irish Ancestor*

## NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink



- CD 10120 *Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont 1870 Census Index*
- CD 10121 *Massachusetts 1870 Census Index*
- CD 10122 *New York Directory for 1786*
- CD 10123 *Nova Scotia Marriage Bonds 1763-1864 (Canada)*

## NEW MICROFORMS REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- F1535995 *Raymond H. Hammes Collection-Private Claims Confirmed and Surveyed Records-Illinois 1678-1827 \**
- F1543598 *Raymond H. Hammes Collection-Illinois Pre-Statehood Land Records 1767-1816 \**

## THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER IS BACK

*The Genealogical Helper* is again being published six times a year. It is better than ever with articles on internet sources plus the old stand bys of new book announcements and the Bureau of Missing Persons. Everton Publishers is offering society members a discount on a yearly subscription. Instead of paying \$29 the cost is \$19.95. Contact Jean White for details and how to sign up at [Jean.white@azwvgs.org](mailto:Jean.white@azwvgs.org).

## SPRING PARKING LOT SALE

MARCH 29

DELIVERY & SET UP

MARCH 28

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Furniture, Small appliances, House wares,

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READY TO HELP?

Contact Melissa Bird and Ada Sullivan

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## HELP WANTED

You will receive training

**Library Aides:** Welcome and assist members and guests to use our Library research materials. Call Deanna Hill: 623-566-2961

Time: 4-hour periods on a regular basis

**Housekeepers:** Assist in basic cleaning services at the Library. Men especially needed to do vacuuming. Contact: Billie Fold

Time: 1-hour period each month, 7 am, Monday

**Media Aides:** Assist members in use of our computers. Share your knowledge of our software and be willing to learn to operate the other media components of our Library. Carol Allen, 623-933-1695.

Time: 4-hour periods on a regular basis.

**Speakers:** Represent WVGS at other associations & make presentations on our behalf. Contact: Bill Hill.

Time: As necessary. azbil@cox.net



## CALENDAR

- Mar 3 1:00 WVGS Board Meeting  
Mar 6 Genealogical Research in Newspapers  
Lunchtime Family History Lessons,  
Carnegie Library, downtown Phoenix  
Mar 10 1:30 WVGS Membership Meeting  
Speaker: Blaine Hedberg  
Mar 11 Norway SIG: Blaine Hedberg  
Mar 9 – 11 Norway One-On-Ones  
Mar 13 Research Brown Bag Evening  
5:00-9:00 pm \$3.50 donation  
Beverage and Dessert Provided  
Mar 14-15 Remainder Used Book Sale  
Apr 3 Genealogical Research in Immigration  
and Naturalization Records  
Lunchtime Family History Lessons,  
Carnegie Library, downtown Phoenix  
Apr 12 SunMacs Computer Club 9:00-10:30 am  
Mitzi Schireman speaker, open to public  
Jun 27-29 Southern California Genealogy Jamboree  
<http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

## 2008 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

by Karla Bartel

Registration for classes that 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.

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)

Mar 19, 26 (Wed)

**Research Techniques I**

10:00-12:00 pm (formerly *Getting Started in Genealogy*  
and (two sessions each day)

1:00-3:00 pm

\$29 mbr. / \$37 non-mbr.

Jean White

(Incl. \$5 for handouts)

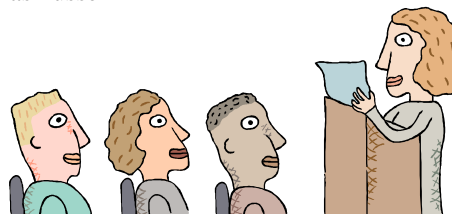
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22 (Tues)

**Beginning Legacy**

9:30-11:30am

\$24 mbr. / \$32 non-mbr.

Geoff Rasmussen



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

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

All interest groups are open to the public (a donation is requested) and meet in the multi-purpose room of the Library. You may register your request(s) for other special interest groups at the Library. You will be notified when they are formed.

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500 members once a day, we receive \$5.00!  
In a month, we could receive \$30 to \$150!  
We could pay for the new copier in two years.

**And just one penny at a time! Yea!**

**Recycle:** Aluminum cans  
Ink Cartridges  
Cell Phones

Drop these off at the Library

**Put these numbers in your wallet:**

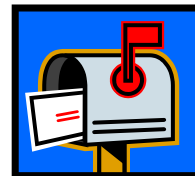
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**YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!**

A suggestion has been made to hold regional special interest groups during the summer months: southern states, mid-atlantic states, New England, and the West.

Would those who don't go away during the warm Arizona summer be interested in attending one or more of these sessions?

Send your opinion: e-mail [pres@azwvgs.org](mailto:pres@azwvgs.org), or drop a note in the mail or at the Library.



Please state your regional preference. Your comments are a valuable input.