



# TIDBITS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer. Your Society and Library have been enjoying many new updates during the warm days. Our great volunteers have kept the Library open for researchers and the Interest Groups. Thanks to all of you!

Our great Property Management Committee was extremely busy. They oversaw the change-over on the new signage received from Fast Signs, through the Ugly Sign Contest. Come on down and enjoy the view. We have a number of new members who stopped when they saw this new sign

The Property Management Committee also honchoed the new entrance to the Library, complete with security features. This will add to the good looks of the building, keep us all much safer, and help with the monthly cooling and heating bills.

A big Thank You to Vera Elgin, Vern Worrell, Ethel Sanders, Bill Hill, Wally Klovstad, Chuck Gemmell, Gale Kristof, Peggy Morphew and all the folks who helped make these happen!

Our Equipment Committee has been very busy through the summer, too. They have replaced the older computers with new ones, updated the systems to make things easier for researchers to use. Keep watching for updates on their work and be sure to read "How To Do It" notices in the computer lab.

A big Thank You to Roger Hanneman, George Davidson, Dean Miller, Dick Wickenkamp, Bob Willis, Mac Young, David Hopper and Rich Sporski.

What a great group of people belong to our Society! Welcome to the Fall Season. See you at meetings, in class and interest groups!



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

SIGS is using the schedule printed in the May issue. Please refer to it until further notice. New groups will form and new details will be forthcoming in our October issue of *TIDBITS*.

### WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

**Hours:** 9a – 4p Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
Tuesday nights, 6p – 9p; Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Call Library to verify summer hours

**Telephone** . . . . . 623-933-4945

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

**Monthly Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

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

**September through May** Doors Open at 1:00 pm

## !! GREAT NEWS !!

We have "Media Aides" and a new coordinator! Please welcome **Edie Kelly** who has scheduled these folks to assist us with our computer research. "Media Aides" are like the rest of us - in and out all year, so, call the library at (623-933-4945) to see if one will be available when you plan to visit.

Edie has assessed our situation and has determined that we could use more aides (right now, about 15.) This isn't a difficult volunteer position to fill and if you need it – she will train you! "Now," is the perfect time to volunteer and, if necessary, be trained. Call Edie at 623-566-8628, or e mail her at [gkelly15@cox.net](mailto:gkelly15@cox.net).

Edie reported another improvement in the computer area – **the folders you will find at each station**. These folders list sites that you can access for research. If the information has a \$ (dollar sign) next to it, you must be a member of that site to use it, e.g., Ancestry.com. **Please do not remove these folders from the computer lab**. You can make a copy for the usual price in the library.

I'm sure the membership joins the Editors in welcoming Edie and her "Aides!!"

### PLEASE NOTE!

The Library will be closed Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day weekend!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelmann

Please welcome new & reinstated members to our organization: Mary M. Johnson, Rose Koch, Grace E. Lang, Douglas B. Wheeler, John Weil, Dianne Cobb, Norman Hayward, Greg Bullington, Paul Sawdy, Charles Willford, Donald A Hahn, Craig B. Donovan, Esther Lloyd, Carolyn Enoven, Martin J. Meyers, Jane Linkswiler, Fred & Gail Heyer, Carol Ann Massena Martin, Morio Nakagawa, Miriam R. Finlayson, and Gene Rockwell Gant. Reinstated members who lapsed for 2 years or more: Joan J. Dare, Carol R. Kennedy, and Delbert L. Earle.

## GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

In Sept, the display is going to be a surprise ... to all of us and me too. We need our members to lend items for the **Glass Case Display**. One item or 50, we can handle whatever you have to offer. Remember, even if you don't have enough to fill the entire case doesn't mean you shouldn't offer to display what you have. A reminder, your items will be safe as the display case is **always** locked. Contact Sally Pavia at 623-974-0195 or [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com)

## 2009 ANNUAL SEMINAR

by Wanita Zarumba

While many of you have been enjoying your summer in cool climates, your Seminar Planning Committee has been busy planning next year's Annual Seminar. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2009. **SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND INVITE YOUR OUT OF TOWN FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AND US.**



Our speaker will be Laura G. Prescott, professional researcher, writer and speaker. She is the former Director of Marketing at the New England Genealogical Society in Boston. Originally from Charleston, WV, she has lived in New England for thirty years and is a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1980 with a B. A. in History. She is a regular columnist for *Ancestry* and a contributing editor for *New England Ancestors*. Her articles have appeared in *Genealogical Computing* and the *NGS NewsMagazine*.

Her topics will be – locating digitized images online – spinsters and widows – gender loyalty within families – timelines – placing your heritage in historical perspective – treasures within the ivory tower, and – finding family in academic archives.

Watch for the Seminar Enrollment form in a future issue of Tidbits.

## COMPUTER IMPROVEMENTS

by Roger Hanneman

The Equipment Committee has been busy this summer working on our outdated Windows 98 computer systems. These systems were just not meeting our wants and needs. By the time you read this we will have completed the major phases of these improvements. While the only change you will see is the smaller donated Dell PCs in the research lab, many of other network enhancements have been made.



The computer research lab PCs will use Windows XP. This will keep us up-to-date and able to use programs that the old systems could just not handle. The Dell PCs are smaller, faster and easier to use. They are placed on the lab desktops. No more bending down to get to the on & off switch and to use the CD drive and thumb drives. While you will still have to log on to the computer there will be no passwords on the lab PCs.

If you notice any problems or have any needs, help us help you by filling out a PC need form. These forms can be found at side doorway to the computer lab, tacked to the end of the bookcase in an envelope.

For the time being your access to our approximate 1000 Genealogy CDs will be limited to two PCs. These (non-networked PCs) are in the left rear corner of the library. Why this delay for Genealogy CDs? Well, many of the Genealogy CDs are 10 or more years old and just will not work with the newer operating systems and improved computers.

**Help!!!** Before our Genealogy CDs can be used by the XP computers all 1000 CDs will have to be individually tested to see if and how they can be installed. Your help is needed to do this testing. To volunteer, please call the library or send an e-mail to [info@azwvgs.org](mailto:info@azwvgs.org). Tell us that you want to help with the CDs and give us your name and phone number. Thanks for your patience and help.

## CONDOLENCES



Our sincere sympathy is extended to families of:

- Elizabeth Richard, the wife of John Richard, who passed away November 2007
- Patricia Brumit, a life member of WVGS, passed away in April 2008
- Joan and Bob Rentner lost their daughter-in-law, Debbie Rentner, who passed on August 1, 2008
- LaVerne Shinn, wife of Lee Shinn, past away in August, 2008
- George Davidson's mother just passed away in mid August, 2008



# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors: Carol Abernathy, Alice Adams, Betty Asato, Athens-Clark Co Library, Karla Bartel, Marie Beernink, Dale Benham, Sue Black, Dorothy Blum, Central Library of Rochester & Monroe Co, Nancy Childress, Carol Daly, Larry/Renee Dilts, Bev DuVal, Ora Duke, Budd Duncan, Sheri Erickson, Sue Firth, Lois Gemmell, Ruby Gordon, Bette Helwig, Mike King, Mona Knight, Del Kunz, Janet & Watha Lambert, Ethel McCarty, Linda McCleary, Mid-Continent Public Library, Dean Miller, Peggy Morphew, Betty Osborne, Pat O'Toole, Sally Pavia, Mike Phelps, Florence Portell, Joan Rentner, Mike Roberts, Don Sater, Lee Scarbrough, Lee Shinn, Dorothy Seaward, Dee Snook, Dorothy Sprague, Maretta Troxel, Dorothy Turner, Flo Weber, Jean White, Lu Williams, Penny Williams, Bob Willis, Gerald Wood, and Liz Wright.



## NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *Appalachian Ancestors*
- *Bell Family in America, The*
- *Bell Family Records*
- *Burials at the Danville, Illinois National Cemetery*
- *Burrillville; As It was and As It Is (RI)*
- *Caplinger Funeral Home Records 1931-1950, Maroa, Macon County, Illinois*
- *Cemeteries: New York; Onondaga County*
- *Cemetery Records of Solon Township and Elmwood Township Leelanau County, Michigan*
- *Contents and Addresses of Hungarian Archives*
- *Dictionary of Wisconsin Biography*
- *Dunscore Old Graveyard Monumental Inscriptions (SCOT)*
- *Embattled Confederacy, The; Volume Three of The Image of War 1861-1865*
- *End of an Era, The; Volume Six of The Image of the War 1861-1865*
- *Family of Henry Samson*
- *Female Index to Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*
- *Fighting for Time; Volume Four of The Image of War 1861-1865*
- *Genealogical Atlas of England and Wales*
- *Gossip about a Country Parish of The Hills and its People (CT)*
- *Gravestone Inscriptions, E. Avon, Livingston Co., New York*
- *Gravestone Inscriptions, E. Bergen Cemetery, Genesee Co., N.Y.*
- *Guns of '62, The; Volume Two of The Image of War 1861-1865*
- *Hawaii An Uncommon History*
- *Heart Throbs of the West (UT)*
- *Heritage of Okaloosa County, Florida*
- *History of the First World War, The; Volume 1, 2, 3, 4*
- *Huguenot and Scots Links, 1575-1775*
- *Hunting Pioneers, The, 1720-1840*
- *John Hickey Family of Williamsburgh, Ontario*
- *Kanawha County Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists, 1806-1809*
- *Land Grant Records of North Carolina, Volume 1 Orange County 1752-1885*
- *Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume IX*
- *Marriage License Abstracts Vermilion County, Illinois 1826-1852*
- *Martin County, Indiana, Will Book "A" & "B"*
- *Mayflower Families Through Five Generation, Volume 14; Family of Myles Standish*
- *Mexican-Americans: an awakening minority*
- *Military History and Reminiscences of the Thirteenth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry In the Civil War in the United States 1861-1865*
- *More Scottish Settlers, 1667-1827*
- *New Hampshire, Resources, Attractions, and Its People; A History; Volume one*
- *Old Parochial Registers, Deaths and Burials Index, Canonbie Parish Dumfriesshire 1786-1805 (SCOT)*
- *Old Times in Old Monmouth. (NJ)*
- *Peace Episodes on the Niagara (NY); Volume 18*
- *People of Ireland, The, 1600-1699, Part 1*
- *Planters and Pioneers Nova Scotia: 1749 to 1775*
- *Portpatrick Old Kirkyard Memorial Inscriptions (SCOT)*
- *Rebels & Yankees; The Battlefields of The Civil War*
- *Rebels & Yankees; The Commanders of The Civil War*
- *Rebels & Yankees; The Fighting Men of The Civil War*
- *Register of L.D.S. Church Records Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, A*
- *Scottish Highlanders on the eve of The Great Migration 1725-1775; The People of Inverness-shire*
- *Scottish Highlanders on the eve of The Great Migration 1725-1775; The Northern Highlands*
- *Scottish Highlanders on the eve of The Great Migration 1725-1775; The People of Argyll*
- *Scottish Highlanders on the eve of The Great*

*Migration 1725-1775; The People of Highland Perthshire*

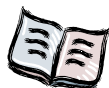
- *Scottish Transatlantic Merchants, 1611-1785*
- *Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi Cemetery Records*
- *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, The; Dutchess County, New York, Volume IX*
- *Shadows of the Storm; Volume One of The Image of War 1861-1865*
- *South Besieged, The; Volume Five of The Image of War 1861-1865*
- *State Records of North Carolina, The; Volume 20 - 1785-'88.*
- *Trace Your Roots with DNA*
- *Wigtownshire Memorial Inscriptions; Stoneykirk; Kirkmadrine (SCOT)*



### 50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Shirley Woodward

To date: The books ordered have not arrived, and the monies collected have not increased since the May issue of *Tidbits*. Please check May *Tidbits* for totals.



### NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

- *AlaBenton Genealogical Quarterly (AL)*
- *Georgia Journal (GA)*
- *North Georgia Journal (GA)*
- *Newsletter (Estill Co KY)*
- *Newsletter (McLean Co IL)*
- *Newsletter (Scotland)*
- *Pennsylvania Heritage Magazine (PA)*
- *Rigs Reporter (RI)*
- *Scott Co Genealogical Society Newsletter (IN)*
- *Scottish Life (Scotland)*
- *Tri-City Genealogy Society Bulletin (WA)*
- *True West Magazine (General)*

### NEW FILM & FICHE REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- MF 51-9 *A Special List of Documents Concerning Guerrilla Activity During World War II*
- MF605000 *Family Registry Index*
- F B0678 *508th Fighter Group, 509th Composite Group, 509th Bombardment Group, United States Army*
- F B0004 *316th-322nd Troop Carrier Squadrons, United States Army*

- F 1701 *1900 Federal Census Virginia*
- F 1730 *1900 Federal Census Virginia*
- F 1621 *1910 Federal Census Virginia*
- F 1650 *1910 Federal Census Virginia*
- F 46 *1880 Soundex Federal Census Virginia*
- F 96 *1900 Soundex Federal Census Virginia*
- F 98 *1910 Soundex Federal Census Virginia*
- F 99 *1910 Soundex Federal Census Virginia*
- F 115 *1910 Soundex Federal Census Virginia*

### NEW MICROFILM REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- F T778-17 *1880 Soundex Federal Census WV*
- F-T1078-50 *1900 Soundex Federal Census WV*
- F-T1078-51 *1900 Soundex Federal Census WV*
- F-T1279-68 *1910 Soundex Federal Census WV*
- F-T1279-55 *1910 Soundex Federal Census WV*
- F-T748-42 *1880 Soundex Federal Census Iowa*
- F-T1045-96 *1900 Soundex Federal Census Iowa*
- F-T1045-97 *1900 Soundex Federal Census Iowa*
- F-T750-46 *1880 Soundex Federal Census Kentucky*
- F-T1047-106 *1900 Soundex Federal Census Kentucky*
- F-T767-76 *1880 Soundex Federal Census Ohio*
- F-T1065-210 *1900 Soundex Federal Census Ohio*
- F T625-49 *14th Census Population 1920, Maricopa County, Arizona Vol. 7 & 8*
- F T625-50 *14th Census Population 1920 Maricopa County, Arizona Vol. 9, Navajo County, Vol. 10 Pima County*



### NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 10129 *The History of Kings County Nova Scotia Heart of*
- CD 10129 *The History of Canada Vol. II*
- CD 10129 *History of the County of Lunenburg*
- CD 10129 *History of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, The Sable Islands, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, The Bermudas, Newfoundland, etc.*
- CD 10129 *A History of the County of Pictou Nova Scotia*
- CD 10130 *A Geography and History of the County of Digby, Nova Scotia*
- CD 10130 *A History of Nova Scotia or Acadie*
- CD 10130 *A Short History of the Canadian People*
- CD 10130 *History of the County of Annapolis*
- CD 10130 *New Brunswick; with a Brief Outline of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.*
- CD 10131 *Historic Background and Annals of the Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and of Their Remote Ancestors,*
- CD10131 *Ontarian Families*

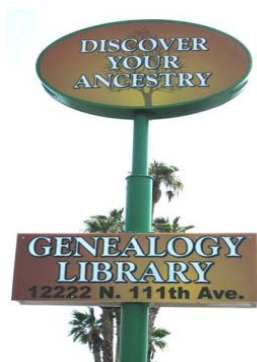
## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Vera Elgin

The Property Management Committee has been busy and accomplished the following major projects in June.

1. **FAST SIGNS**, as part of WVGS' winning their "Ugliest Sign Contest," completed the major redesign of our freestanding sign. It's helping attract new members into our Library.
2. The new front entrance was installed, as well as an improved security system for the front door (electronic magnetic locking device). 52 members contributed \$3,340 toward the new entry. Many, many thanks for your generosity!

The building looks great and the sign is outstanding!! A big Thank You!!



## CALENDAR

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| Sept 2  | Board Meeting, 1p.m.   |
| Sept. 4 | Lunchtime Family History Lesson*<br>Hispanic Genealogy @ Carnegie Center                           |
| Sept 8  | General Membership Meeting   |
| Sept 18 | Research Dinner, 5p.m.   |
| Oct. 9  | Lunchtime Family History Lesson*<br>Genealogical Research in Probate<br>Records, @ Carnegie Center |

\*For more information and registration, please call 602-926-3938. Carnegie Center is located at 1101 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ

## READY, SET, GO FOR 2008 FALL CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

### READY!

Beginning in mid-October, we have a great lineup of classes for you. We all need to renew and refresh our knowledge. To this end, we have our popular classes lined up as well as a few new ones. Please sign up for classes now to guarantee your spot, they fill very quickly.

### GET SET!

Here is the schedule of classes, dates and times. Please call the library or check our web site for class descriptions, and fees. <http://www.azwvgs.org/>

#### ➤ Family Tree Maker classes (3) are taught by **Nancy Nielsen.**

1. **Basic Family Tree Maker:** 5 sessions, Mondays, 9:30-11:30a; Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17.
2. **FTM Files Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM. 1 class, Monday, 9:30-11:30a; Nov. 24.
3. **FTM Advanced Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files. 4 sessions, Mondays, 9:30-11:30a. Class dates to be announced early 2009

#### ➤ The next 4 classes are taught by **Jean M. White**

1. **Cheap Genealogy:** 1 class, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p; Nov 19.
2. **How to Attack a Genealogy Library:** 1 class, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p; Oct 15
3. **Problem Solving:** 3 sessions, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00p; Dec 3, 10, 17.
4. **Research Techniques I:** 4 sessions, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p; Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12

#### ➤ The following class is taught by **Geoff Rasmussen**

1. **Technology Aids for Genealogists:** 4 sessions, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30a; Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12.

### GO!

You can to sign up for classes at the Library. All our instructors are volunteers and the charge for classes is minimal. See you at the Library when you sign up for these classes. Be sure to check our web page [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org) and/or any E-News for updates. Welcome back!

## SEPTEMBER 2008 GENERAL MEETING

by Karla Bartel

Wondering what our speaker will talk about? Me too! I'm working on something I hope will be of interest to all of you. Come join us September 8, 2008, 1:30p.m., (doors open at 1p.m.) First Presbyterian Church, 12224 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Sun City. You won't be sorry! Bring a friend along.

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### RECYCLING NEWS

Gale Kristof informs us that the aluminum cans brought in almost \$1,000 last year. The editors join Gale in challenging the membership to bring in enough to do even better this year. Remember the items below are profitable ... It is so easy! Let's do it!

**Recycle:** Aluminum cans  
Cell Phones  
Ink Cartridges  
Drop these off at the Library

### PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR WALLET:

Office Max Perks	#001274-8337
Staples Rewards	#04050-4355-5
Safeway eScript ID	#151055488
Basha's Thanks Program	#23642

### YOU CAN HELP, TOO

**USE:** GoodSearch.com  
GoodShop.com

GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but we receive a penny for each of your searches. Read the instructions on the home page and be sure to enter "West Valley Genealogical Society" in the lower box so we receive the credit.

WVGS is run by volunteers.  
Consider volunteering ... it is fun!

*The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's in trouble!*

Anonymous