



# TIDBITS

Newsletter of the West Valley Genealogical Society  
Serving Northwest Maricopa County, Arizona

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

We are off to a great fall season with lots of great classes, interest groups and activities. Be sure to register as soon as possible.

Long Range Planning Committee, Vera Elgin, Vern Worrell, Malcolm Young, Leona Goodheart, Ethel Sanders and Don Sater, presented their report to the membership at the October meeting. It is now up to the Board to make their recommendations work. Thanks to a great group of hard-working volunteers!

On my trip to Washington, DC and Pennsylvania, we followed a plan-of-attack at each research facility we used. It will work for you on trips and at our own Library.

1. Check ahead to understand what their holdings include. Websites are great for this! If their catalog is not online, they will have a brief listing of types of holdings. Notify them of your names and the locations you wish to look at before you arrive.
2. Start with a look at their Vertical Files, and then look at their unique holdings. They may have items not available anywhere else. Their volunteers and staff are very knowledgeable about their own collections and what may be available in nearby repositories.
3. Enjoy each unique facility and express your appreciation for all their assistance. A follow-up thank you will be very nice.

I hope your visits will be as successful as mine. Brick walls fell and new materials surfaced almost every day! Also, have a great Thanksgiving!

## FREE LIBRARY TOURS

Want to take a tour of our Library? The tours are limited to 12 participants per tour. Please call the Library at 623-933-4945 to reserve your space for Wednesday, November 5 at 9:30 am.

### SPECIAL NOTICE – DESERT TRACKER

The Fall 2008 Issue of *Desert Tracker* will be mailed with your December 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

**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

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

by Vera Elgin

**HELP WANTED!! One volunteer hour of your time each month to help our cleaning crews. Your help will be truly appreciated!!**

If you can help, or are willing to be a substitute, please call one of these team leaders:

- 2nd Monday (7 am) each month: Toni Kempfer 623-584-6386, [tmkanton@aol.com](mailto:tmkanton@aol.com)
- 4th Monday (7 am) each month: Arlene Sampson 623-546-6215, [donNarlene@msn.com](mailto:donNarlene@msn.com)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelmann

Please welcome new members to our organization. Many have discovered our Society and Library through our brown bag research dinners, our new signage, newspaper notices and through word of mouth. New members since our last *Tidbits* are: Dolores Shreves, Sally Coughanour, Bob Stove, Mark J Barber, Wanda Caldwell, Mariann Muchaels, Joyce Murdock, and Mary Jo Webdale. A reinstated member is Bill Schwingendorf.

Please advise me of any **change of physical or e-mail addresses** to update our database, ensuring your receipt of *Tidbits* and the *Desert Tracker*. e-mail [Genhersch@cox.net](mailto:Genhersch@cox.net) or call 623-815-0074.

### PLEASE FIND

**2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM  
INSIDE**



### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p
- **AFRICAN/  
AMERICAN** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p
- **ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY  
HISTORY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 -Noon
- **BRITISH ISLES<sup>1</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p  
**Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales)**
- **DNA**  
**[Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr]** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **EASTERN STATES<sup>2</sup>** **Dropped**
- **FRANCE/  
CANADA** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:00 a.-12:30 p
- **GERMAN** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **INDIANA** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **ITALY** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:00-Noon
- **JEWISH** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a
- **LEGACY** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10-Noon
- **MARYLAND** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **MISSOURI** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **NORWAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **NY/NJ** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **NYC<sup>2</sup>** **Dropped**
- **OHIO** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **POLAND**  
**[Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p
- **QUAKERS** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **SOUTHERN  
STATES** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.  
**(Needs Leader)**

○ **TMG** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon

<sup>1</sup> Now England SIG will include Scotland, Ireland and Wales and referred to as British Isles.

<sup>2</sup> Two SIG's are being dropped

▪ Eastern States SIG, 1st Thursday, 1-3pm, Sally Pavia, Facilitator.

▪ NYC SIG, 3rd Friday, 1-3pm, Ethel Sanders, Facilitator [Oct/Dec/Jan/Apr]

Two new SIGS and one existing SIG will take up the slack for the 2 dropped SIGS. They are Maryland, NY/NJ and Southern States.

### RESEARCH DINNERS

Research Dinners are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 5-9 pm Call our Library in advance to make a reservation; a donation of \$3.50 is requested. Bring your brown bag dinner and we'll provide the *drinks* and *dessert*. We hope to see you there. Space is limited; don't wait too long to make your reservation.

### GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

As usual, November is set aside for the DAR chapter from Sun City West. In the past years they have always had a very patriotic display to help us remember and celebrate Veteran's Day.

And, remember, one item or many, it doesn't matter, we can always make the display work. For additional information, please contact Sally Pavia, 623-974-0195, or [sallypavia2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sallypavia2001@yahoo.com)

### MEDIA AIDES NEEDED

by Edie Kelly, Media Aides Coordinator

We have great Media Aides. We need more, like you! Don't think you are a candidate for being a Media Aide? You are and we will teach you everything you need to know!

Interested?? GREAT! Not sure?? ... Come in and see for yourself or contact me at [gkelly15@cox.net](mailto:gkelly15@cox.net) or 623-566-8628.



### 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:

*Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6*

Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$25.50

*Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14, Part 7*

Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$31.50

*The Mennonite Encyclopedia – 4 Volume Set*

Total Cost: \$275.00 Balance Needed: \$77.50

*Minutes of Coroners Proceedings, City and County of New York*

Total Cost: \$19.50 Balance Needed: \$9.75

*Pennsylvania German Pioneers. Vol. II*

Total Cost: \$89.50 Balance Needed: \$44.75

*Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec 1608-1635*

Total Cost: \$22.95 Paid – Being Ordered



# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator

Many, many thanks to all of our donors:

50/50 Club, Carol Abernathy, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, IL, Marion Boshart, William B. Braeuninger, Collection Development Committee, Beverly DuVal, Mary Erickson, Family History Library-SLC, Jim & Connie Forrest, Mike & Tena Hanna, William Hartman, Stacy Hegeman, Bette Helwig, Lois Levering, Elizabeth Mariner, McKinney Public Library (TX), Lawrence H. Mueller, Marjorie Janet Carlson Nys, Rosalie Ogden, Pat O'Toole, Sally Pavia, Michael Phelps, Joy H. Pound, Eleanor Reynolds, Julie Rioux, Ethel Sanders, Dee Snook, Dorothy Sprague, Sherri & Rich Sporski, Ada Sullivan, Penny Williams, Faye Wheetley, Lu Williams, Fran Willis, and Pat Wright.



## NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- o *1650-1900 - Mattabeseck, Middletown (CT)*
- o *1840 Census of the Republic of Texas, The*
- o *1854, 1855, 1856 Nebraska Territory Censuses*
- o *1875 Kansas State Census, Riley County*
- o *1885 Kansas State Census, Riley County*
- o *1890 Oklahoma Census Index*
- o *1895 Kansas State Census, Riley County*
- o *1905 Riley County, Kansas Census*
- o *1939 Jack Rabbit, The, Vol.1, South Dakota State College*
- o *2007 Obituary (Index) from West Valley Area Newspapers (Phoenix, AZ)*
- o *350th Anniversary of First Bangor Presbyterian Church (IRE)*
- o *89ers; Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889, The*
- o *Albuquerque Baptisms, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 1706-1850 (NM)*
- o *Allen Family History*
- o *Arizona Death Records, Vol.1, (A through K)*
- o *Arizona Death Records, Vol.2, (L through Z)*
- o *Beckwiths' of England, The*
- o *Bibliography and Cartography of Maryland*
- o *Biographies of Van Buren County Arkansas*
- o *Boston's Copp's Hill Burying Ground Guide (MA)*
- o *British English, A to Zed*
- o *Cades Cove Story, The*
- o *Cemeteries of Arizona*
- o *Cemetery Directory of Amish and Mennonites in Iowa, Johnson and Washington Counties of Iowa*
- o *Cemetery Directory of Amish and Mennonites in Iowa, Johnson and Washington Counties of Iowa, Supplement 1972-1993*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 1, 1846-1968*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 2, 1969 - 1981*
- o *Cemetery Records, Angelina County, Texas, Volume 3, 1980-1986*
- o *Census Returns of Barbour and Taylor Counties (West Virginia for 1850*
- o *Chronology and Documentary Handbook of The State of Oklahoma*
- o *Colonial Churches of Tidewater Virginia*
- o *Coming to America - Jewish Americans*
- o *Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Judaism*
- o *Dallas County Texas: Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, Vols. 1 & 2*
- o *Delaware's Forgotten Fold*
- o *Directory of Alumni, South Dakota State University 1979*
- o *Directory of Boulder, Colorado for 1883*
- o *Drummer on Foot (Nova Scotia)*
- o *Early Military Forts and Posts in Oklahoma; The Oklahoma Series, Volume IX*
- o *Early Schools of Van Buren County 1850-1950 (AR)*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1715-1722*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1719-1727*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1727-1736/7*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1737-1747*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1747-1757*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1757-1763*
- o *East New Jersey Land Records 1757-1763*
- o *Ellos Pasaron Por Aqui (They Passed by Here) 99 New Mexicans...and a few other folks*
- o *Famine Ships, The (IRE)*
- o *For the Record: A Memoir*
- o *Fort Supply Indian Territory, Frontier Outpost on the Plains*
- o *From Plowboy to Playboy*
- o *From The Ashes of Sobibor*
- o *From the Ground Up*
- o *Genealogist's Computer Companion, The*
- o *Gettysburg, A Battlefield Atlas*
- o *Grave and Funeral Records of Mohave County, Arizona 1882-1982*
- o *Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for New York City (Manhattan) 1783 - 1898*
- o *Halifax Harbour, Volume III, 1851-1873 (Nova Scotia)*
- o *Henry Rice (1717 - 1818)*
- o *Hill Family and Their Era, The*
- o *Historic Palestine 1811-1995 (IL)*
- o *History of Czechs (Bohemians) in Nebraska*
- o *History of Dartmouth and District Families and Halifax Harbour, Volume II, 1800-1850 (Nova Scotia)*
- o *History of Platte County, Missouri*
- o *History of St.Paul's Episcopal Church, The; Maumee, Ohio*
- o *History of the Christian Raber Family, A*
- o *History of The Lower Hudson Valley, New York Before The Revolution*
- o *History of The Woolfolk Family, Volume 1*
- o *History of The Woolfolk Family, Volume 2*
- o *History of Westchester County New York*
- o *How to Interpret Your DNA Test Results For Family History & Ancestry*
- o *Idaho Vital Statistics, Volume I, Cemetery Records*
- o *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Hancock County Ohio.*
- o *Index To The Argonaut of California*
- o *Jewish Americans, The; Three Centuries of Jewish Voices in America*

- o *Keith - Collected Genealogies of Keith, Keath & Keeth Families in North America*
- o *Lane Family, The*
- o *Lebanon County, Pennsylvania - A History*
- o *Lone Rock Free State*
- o *Marriage Records, Cuming County, Nebraska, 1866-1888, Books 1 - 3*
- o *Marriage Records, Dodge County, Nebraska, 1877-1882, Book 3*
- o *Marriage, Death and Legal Notices from Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893*
- o *Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; Volume 5*
- o *Military Record of Louisiana*
- o *Movin' On*
- o *My Life (2 books)*
- o *Negro Trail Blazers of California, The*
- o *New Mexico, A Biographical Dictionary 1540-1980, Volume 1*
- o *Nez Perce County, Idaho Death Records*
- o *Nova Doba (New Era) Newspaper Abstractions and Translations (NE)*
- o *Our City: The Jews of San Francisco*
- o *Our Family Roots*
- o *Oxford Illustrated History of Britain, The*
- o *Peace Chiefs of The Cheyennes, The*
- o *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*
- o *Pictorial Palestine 1811-1990 (IL)*
- o *Pioneers of The Bluestem Prairie*
- o *Preachers, Patriots & Plain Folks (Boston, MA)*
- o *Prison Centennial, 1876-1967: A Pictorial History of The Arizona Territorial Prison of Yuma*
- o *Ranch and Range in Oklahoma; The Oklahoma Series, Volume VIII*
- o *Record of Mortality of the Town of Watertown, Conn.*
- o *Riley County, Kansas Decennial Agricultural Census Extracts 1925*
- o *Riley County, Kansas, Decennial Agricultural Census Extracts 1915*
- o *Riley Marvin and Maggie Thompson Family History 1846-1981*
- o *Searching on Location: Planning a Research Trip*
- o *Supplement to History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The; Maumee, Ohio*
- o *SW Oklahoma Keys*
- o *Tale of Two Counties, A; Dallam-Hartley Counties (TX)*
- o *Temulac '54 (Calumet High School Yearbook) (Chicago, IL)*
- o *Temulac '55 (Calumet High School Yearbook) (Chicago, IL)*
- o *Time To Dance, A*
- o *'Tween Forth and Tay (Scotland)*
- o *Washington County, Nebraska Marriage Records 1856-1874*
- o *Wilsons from Southeast Indiana*
- o *Yount (Jundt) Family of Europe and America, The*



## NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 322 *Census Index: New England, 1900*
- CD 10139 *Military Records: Civil War Muster Rolls*
- CD 10140 *Civil War--Two Views, The*
- CD 10141 *Atlas of the Official Records of the Civil War*
- CD 10142 *Military Records: Revolutionary War Muster Rolls*
- CD 10143 *U.S. Federal Census Index, 1880 Township Index*
- CD 10144 *City Directories: New England States 1881-1902 Selected Cities & Years*
- CD 10145 *City Directories: Massachusetts 1885-1897 Selected Cities & Years*
- CD 10146 *Connecticut Vital Records: Marriages & Deaths Selected Years*
- CD 10147 *Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633, The*
- CD 10148 *Massachusetts Probate Records: Middlesex & Essex Counties Selected Years*
- CD 10149 *New York Births & Baptisms: Southeast Region 1660-1916*
- CD 10150 *Texas Vital Records: Deaths 1964-1998 (A-T)*
- CD 10151 *1860 U.S. Federal Census Index (AIS) CT, ME, MA, NH, VT*
- CD 10152 *1920 U.S. Federal Census Index Massachusetts (except Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth & Suffolk Counties)*
- CD 10153 *1920 U.S. Federal Census Index New York East (except Long Island, & New York City)*
- CD 10154 *Nationwide Index of Origin Series: New England*
- CD 10155 *Early Vital Records of Middlesex County, Massachusetts to About 1850*
- CD 10156 *Early Vital Records of Worcester County, Massachusetts to About 1850*
- CD 10157 *Early American Gazetteer 1833 and 1853*
- CD 10158 *Genealogical Research Directory 2000-2002*
- CD 10159 *British Isles Genealogical Register*
- CD 10160 *Massachusetts 1890 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10161 *Revolutionary War Pension Application and Bounty Land Warrant Files*
- CD 10162 *Revolutionary War Pension Application and Bounty Land Warrant Files*
- CD 10163 *Massachusetts 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10164 *Massachusetts 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10165 *Massachusetts 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10166 *Massachusetts 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10167 *New York 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10168 *New York 1930 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10169 *Florida 1860 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10170 *Florida 1870 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10171 *Florida 1880 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10172 *Florida 1900 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10173 *Florida 1910 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10174 *Florida 1920 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10175 *Indiana 1840 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10176 *Indiana 1840 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10177 *Indiana 1860 U.S. Federal Census*
- CD 10178 *Indiana 1860 U.S. Federal Census*

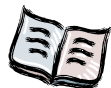
Sure, a real job would be nice, but it would  
 interfere with my genealogy!  
 Desert Diggin's, April 2005

CD 10179 *Indiana 1870 Census Index*  
 CD 10180 *Indiana 1870 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10181 *Indiana 1870 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10182 *Indiana 1880 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10183 *Indiana 1880 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10184 *Indiana 1880 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10185 *Indiana 1900 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10186 *Indiana 1900 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10187 *Indiana 1900 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10188 *Indiana 1910 U.S. Federal Census*  
 CD 10189 *Indiana 1910 U.S. Federal Census*

**MAPS**  
 by Jean White

WVGS has been given an offer of Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd

The Collection Development Committee has learned about an exciting series of books of county maps showing the original owners of land purchased from the US Federal Government or the State of Texas. There are also maps showing the towns and cemeteries in each county. Since there are so many counties available, the committee can not decide which books would have the most use. CDC would like to offer our members the opportunity to help purchase a book for our library. If you are willing to pay 50% of the price of the book, we will match it and purchase the book in your name for the library. Check out <http://www.arphax.com/> to see the list of the counties which have been published to date. Please see Beverly Craig at the 50/50 table at the WVGS meeting to finalize your order.



**NEW PERIODICALS REPORT**

by Joan Rentner

P-NC *Burke County Genealogical Society*  
 P-NC *Journal of the Burke County Genealogical Society*  
 P-NC *Alexander County Journal, The*  
 P-NC *Newsletter*  
 P-NC *Society Messenger, The*  
 P-AR *Van Buren County Historical Society Journal*



**CALENDAR**

Oct. 29 Class – Technology Aids for Genealogy, 9:30-11:30 am, 4 sessions, next dates are Nov 5, 12, and 19.  
 Nov. 3 Board Meeting, 1 pm  
 Nov. 7 & 8 Arizona State Genealogical Society Seminar with John Phillip Colleta, Ph.D. Info at [www.azsgs.org](http://www.azsgs.org)  
 Nov. 10 General Meeting, 1:30 pm  
 Nov. 14-15 Family History Expo (Mesa, AZ) Our Jean White as well as Geoff Rasmussen will be featured. Info at <http://www.fhexpos.com/events/>  
 Nov. 19 Class – Cheap Genealogy, 1-3 pm  
 Dec. 3 Problem Solving, 3 sessions, next dates are Dec 10 and 17

**WVGS OPEN HOUSE**

We're planning for the next WVGS Open House. Mark your calendars! It will be Sunday, January 11, 2009, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Library. We'll have Library tours, genealogy software demonstrations, information booths, and much more! If you have anyone who is interested in genealogy, this is a terrific opportunity to bring them to the Library and introduce them to the wide array of resources that are available.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming WVGS Open House, January 11, 2009. Interested in helping? Please contact Penny Williams at [pjg@cox.net](mailto:pjg@cox.net)

Questions or comments about the Open House? Contact Committee Chair Penny Williams at [pjg@cox.net](mailto:pjg@cox.net) or 623-584-8410.

**FALL CLASSES**

by Karla Bartel

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. **FTM Files Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM. 1 class, Monday, 9:30-11:30 a; Nov. 24.
  2. **FTM Advanced Class:** Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files. 4 sessions, Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a Class dates to be announced early 2009
- These classes are taught by **Jean M. White**
  1. **Cheap Genealogy:** 1 class, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p; Nov 19.
  2. **Problem Solving:** 3 sessions, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 p; Dec 3, 10, 17.
- The following class is taught by **Geoff Rasmussen**
  1. **Technology Aids for Genealogists:** 4 sessions, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a; Oct 29, Nov 5, 12 and 19.

Sign up for classes at the Library. All of 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.

*One person's mess is merely another person's filing system.*  
 Desert Diggins, Jan 2006

**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY  
SALT LAKE CITY TRIP  
APRIL 13 - APRIL 20, 2009**

Basic Trip Charge*	
(Airfare & Lodging)	\$ <u>730.00</u>
Shuttle from SLC Airport to Hotel R/T	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Single Room Supplement (\$200)	\$ _____
Non Member Surcharge (\$35)	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	\$ _____

\*Subject to change if airfares increase

\$200 deposit is due by January 1, 2009

Balance due by FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Make check payable to W.V.G.S. and mail to 12222 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Youngtown, AZ 85363 Attn: Treasurer/Salt Lake Trip. (Please do not include any other WVGS payment; it must be a separate check.)

Your deposit will be refunded if you cancel before January 1, 2009. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, if you are unable to make the trip for any reason, and another person is not available to take your place, you will forfeit money paid for deposit plus airline tickets.

Information needed is: Name; Address (City, State and Zip); Phone, e-mail address (snowbirds please indicate your second address and phone); Over 65?; First trip?; Nick Name; Single Room?; roommate preference name.

QUESTIONS: Call Cheryl Davies @ 623-935-5191 or e-mail: [cdavies182@aol.com](mailto:cdavies182@aol.com)

### **YOUR TOMBSTONE PHOTOS KILLING YOU?**

by Dee Snook

I had taken several photographs of tombstones which I planned to upload to [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). However, each time I tried to upload the photos I received a message that the file was too big. It had to be fewer than 250KB. Supposedly, you can do this through your photo type software, but that was beyond me. This week I read Mr. Modem's column and my problem was solved! He gave the website of [www.Shrinkpictures.com](http://www.Shrinkpictures.com) which would shrink the size of the picture file. Shrinkpictures' is a shareware site where you can downsize one photo at a time for free. If you'd like to downsize up to 5 photos at a time you can click on batchphoto and install that. Do you have a lot of pictures? Then you might have to purchase batchphoto. Be sure to make copies of your original pictures and do your work with the copies to save the integrity of your pictures. After you've uploaded them to whatever website you use, you can then destroy the copies. I've been happily adding photos to cemetery records on the web ever since finding Mr. Modem's solution. Keep on surfen'!

### **CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION**

Information provided by Dee Snook

Over the decades, questions were expanded from place of birth to information about parents and native languages.

*Information enumerated, by census year and column number:*

- 1850. Column 9: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country
- 1860. Column 10: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country
- 1870. Column 10: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country; Columns 11 and 12: Parentage of father and mother of the foreign born; Column 19: Constitutional Relations—Male citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards; Column 20: Male citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards where right to vote is denied on other grounds than rebellion or other crimes
- 1880. No related information enumerated
- 1890. Column 33: Number of years in the U.S.; Column 14: Whether naturalized; Column 15: Whether naturalization papers have been taken out
- 1900. Column 13: Place of birth of this person; Column 14: Father; Column 15: Mother; Column 16: Year of immigration to the U.S.; Column 17: Number of years in the U.S.; Column 18: Naturalization
- 1910. Same as 1900, but recorded on Columns 12 through 14; Column 15: Year of immigration to the U.S.; Column 16: Whether naturalized or alien
- 1920. Column 13: Year of immigration to the United States; Column 14: Naturalized or alien; Column 15: If naturalized, year of naturalization; Columns 19 and 20: Place of birth/mother tongue of person; Columns 21 through 24: Father and mother
- 1930. Columns 18 through 20: Place of birth of person, father, and mother; Column 21: Language spoken in home before coming to the United States; Column 22: Year of immigration to the U.S.; Column 23: Naturalized or alien; Column 24: Whether able to speak English

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**ORDER SEE'S CANDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS  
AND HELP WVGS!!!**

**ORDER TIME EXTENDED TO NOV 30<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

WVGS has a new fundraiser this year. We're selling See's candy! You can choose from a delectable assortment of chocolates, peanut brittle and specialty Christmas items. WVGS will receive a percentage of all purchases.

The deadline for placing candy orders was originally announced as October 31. We've had such a good response that we're extending the deadline to November 30.

If you order by October 31, your candy will be available for pick-up at the general membership meeting on November 10. If you order by November 30, your candy will be available at the general membership meeting on December 8.

You may order by email, or you may order in person at the next membership meeting on November 10. To order by email, see the "WVGS News" email that Carol Daly sent on October 10. It includes a color brochure showing the available candy items and an order form. Or come to the November 10 general meeting ready to place your order!

Questions about the See's candy fundraiser? Contact our coordinator for candy sales, Penny Williams, [pjg@cox.net](mailto:pjg@cox.net) or 623-584-8410.

**HELP WANTED – LIBRARY AIDE  
SCHEDULER**

By Deanna Hill

Beginning January 1, 2009, I will be leaving my position as Library Aide scheduler. I have enjoyed my volunteer job over these past few years and it has been a very rewarding.

WVGS, as an all volunteer organization, needs to fill this position before I leave. It is a fun job, working with great Library Aide volunteers, setting schedules and ensuring that the Library has an Aide all the days we are open. In the transition time, I will be happy to serve as a back-up to whoever takes this position.

This is a great way to get to know many wonderful members at WVGS and a fun volunteer position. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions about the position. I can be reached at [deannahill@cox.net](mailto:deannahill@cox.net) or leave a message for me at the Library.

*Inflation is like putting on weight. It's easier to start than to stop.*  
Bozarth Beacon, Vol 1, #1, August 1985

EMAIL FORM – SEE'S CANDIES	Qty	Price	Total
1 Lb Holiday Fancy #9046		\$17.50	
1 Lb Christmas Memories Tin #984		\$18.90	
8 oz Truffles #474		\$8.60	
1 Lb Truffles #902		\$17.20	
1 Lb Assorted Chocolates #318		\$15.00	
2 Lb Assorted Chocolates #319		\$30.00	
1 Lb Milk Chocolates #326		\$15.00	
1 Lb Dark Chocolates #330		\$15.00	
1 Lb Soft Centers #338		\$15.00	
1 Lb Nuts & Chews #334		\$15.00	
2 Lb Nuts & Chews #335		\$30.00	
1 Lb Toffee-ettes #316		\$15.00	
1 Lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355		\$14.00	
8 oz Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar #372		\$7.80	
12 oz Awesome Nut & Chew Bar #601		\$7.80	
12 oz Awesome Walnut Square Bar #982		\$7.80	
1 Lb 5 oz Assorted Gourmet Lollipops #296		\$14.00	
1 Lb Gift Certificate #767		\$15.00	
4 oz Mini Holiday Fancy #981		\$5.00	
5 oz Milk Chocolate Foil Balls #413		\$5.00	
4 oz Snowman Box #297		\$5.00	
5 oz Peanut Brittle #418		\$5.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**SEARCHING THE PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES**  
by Dorothy Sprague

<http://www.phnc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/arcged.htm>

On my trip to Harrisburg, PA, I was amazed at the records which can now be accessed, and in many cases, printed directly from the Pennsylvania Archives internet site. The quality of the print-outs exceeds any others I have used.

Go to the above site; click Research/Genealogy; then click any of the topics that interest you. For instance: Land Records will bring up 14 topic headings that you can access: Warrant Registers; Copied Survey Books; Patent Indexes; etc.

Make a note to revisit this site periodically as their web people told me they would be adding to this list as rapidly as possible. In August, there were nine topics, today there are fourteen topics!

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### RECYCLING NEWS

by Gale Kristof

Save your aluminum cans, crush them to save space and see if you can fill up the fenced collection area in the alley behind our Library.

**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

\* These need to be renewed each year. Remember to enter #s for WVGS

### 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.

### CONDOLENCES

We have been notified that long time WVGS member, Lorraine Menich, died on October 5th in Maryland where she had moved to be near her daughter. Lorraine was the assistant editor of *The Sun Cities Genealogist*, WVGS Librarian, and for many years she taught the novice class at our Library. She also taught a genealogy class at Rio Salado College

