



TIDBITS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Welcome to 2009! Lots of good things are in the works for the Society and Library this year.

Open House is Sunday, January 11th. Please plan to bring your family and friends to show them our remarkable holdings and the services we offer.

January 15-17 we will be hosting the WVGS-Peer Garage Sale in Sun City West. You are invited to participate as purchasers and staffers. Barbara and Ray have generously offered us 50% of the proceeds! Tools, furniture, kitchenware, decorations – a full range of items are included in the sale.

Have you registered for the Seminar in February yet? Looks like it will be a really great one this year.

Our equipment committee has been working overtime the past few months. Stop in to see all the updated computers and software. Have you tried the World Vital Records subscription provided by the Collection Development Committee? Several members have reported finding new results for their families.

Let's work together to make 2009 a success for all our members and friends.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members Gayle Pearson, Elizabeth "Libbi" Goodman, Carol Robinson, Jean M Ferris, Susan McEwan, Kathy Ridlehoover, Mary June Marin, Teresa Goodnight, Bev Briggs, Martha J Emmons, Kathy L Smith and Jerry T Steele.

If your mailing label has 2009 on it, you have renewed your membership for the New Year. If it has 2008 you have not renewed.

This will be your last issue of Tidbits sent to 2008 members. The February issue will go to 2009 members only.

After January 1, 2009, only the salmon 2009 membership card and the bright orange Life 2009 cards will gain admittance to the Library. Your gray 2008 membership card expires on December 31, 2008.

As of December 6 we have 187 members renewed and 33 life members for a total of 220.

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th 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: 2nd Monday of each month

First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103rd Ave., SC

September through May Doors open at 1:00 pm

HOLIDAY LIBRARY CLOSURES

by Peggy Morpew

Christmas Holidays

DECEMBER 25, 26, and 27

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

New Year's Day

JANUARY 1, Thursday



WVGS – PEER GARAGE SALE

WHEN: January 15, 16, and 17, 2009 from 9:00 a to 4:00 p each day.

WHERE: 20433 N. 133rd Drive, Sun City West

WHAT: Furniture, Tools, Kitchenware, Decorations and much, much more!

WHY: Half of proceeds donated to WVGS!

If you can help, email the President at pres@azwvgs.org or leave a message at the Library. Set-up will be January 13 and 14, 2009.

WVGS ANNUAL SEMINAR – REMINDER!

by: Barbara Stenberg and Wanita Zarumba

- WHEN: Saturday, February 21, 2009,
from 9:00 a to 3:30 p
- WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 12225
N. 103 Ave, Swain Hall, Sun City
- WHAT: Four 60 minute presentations
(Note the extended time)
- REGISTRATION: Deadline – February 13, 2009
- FEE: \$40
- CHECK IN: 8:30-9:00 a, seminar morning.
- INCLUDED: Continental breakfast, box
lunches with beverages, vendors
and prizes

Laura G. Prescott is a professional researcher, author and speaker. She will highlight our Saturday seminar, with topics that include:

- finding the unexpected in unexpected places,
- 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.

If you need a registration form they can be downloaded from our website at www.azwvgs.org under events or obtained at the Library.

See you there!

WVGS OPEN HOUSE

by: Penny Williams and Wanita Zarumba

Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 1-4 p, WVGS will host an Open House, offering anyone interested in researching family history include:

- Library Tour: an overview of books, CDs, periodicals, microforms, computer lab resources and the classroom.
- See Genealogical Software demonstrations
- Sign up for classes and Research Nights and learn about Special Interest Groups (SIG.)
- Learn about our Annual Trips to Washington, D.C. National Archives and Salt Lake City Family History Library.
- Visit with some local societies, for example, the DAR.
- There will be refreshments and door prizes will be awarded.

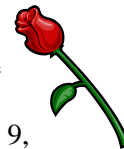
This event is open to the public and encourages new membership, so we request that you use this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to visit our ever expanding facility and services.

CONDOLENCES

WVGS express our sympathies to these families.

Haydn White passed away on December 9, 2008. He was a long time WVGS library aide.

William “Bill” Hooper passed away in September, 2008. Both Bill and his surviving wife, Marilyn, have been volunteers for WVGS.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by: Sally Pavia

In January, member Jan Huber is going to honor us with some of his Civil War items in our display case. Jan has spoken to our group before on the Civil War, so his display will really be a treat for all.

Remember, one item or enough for the entire display case; everything is welcome. Contact Sally Pavia at sallypavia2001@yahoo.com or 623 974-0195 if you have any questions.

BROWN BAG RESEARCH EVENING

Our Research evenings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5-9 p. 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.



DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: Carol Abernathy, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, (IL), Alice Bacon, Karla Bartel, Mary Bullington, Joe and Pat Brumit Estate, CDC, Helen Connelley, Dick Covault, George Davidson, John Donaldson, Estella Chapter NSDAR, Grace Flenthrope, Family History Library, Jeanne Freeman in the memory of her parents, Doris and Mike, Opal Follin, Ruby Gordon, Elizabeth Keener, Shirley Klovstad, McKinney Memorial Public Library, Maria E Mendez-Quarrels, Mid-Continent Public Library, Peggy Morphew, Sally Pavia, Paxton Family, Geoff Rasmussen, Stephan H Smith, Dee Snook, Cameron R. Stewart, Jean White, Bob Willis, Lu Williams, and Mac Young.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *200th Anniversary - 1783 - 1983; Salem Hetzel's Church (Pine Grove, PA)*
- *Albuquerque (NM), Three Centuries to Remember*
- *Arizona Heritage: Bibliography of Materials and Directory of Authors, Illustrators and Storytellers for Teachers, Librarians and Parents.*
- *Arizona Territorial Officials, Volumes 2-7*
- *Augsburg College, Alumni Directory, 1993 (MN)*
- *Autobiography, An (Harris)*
- *Barshingers in America*
- *Bellendaine 1980 - Glendora High School (CA)*
- *British-American Genealogical Research, Monograph Number 9, Part 1 and Part 2, and Monograph Number 10*
- *Carter County, Tennessee Death Record Abstracts (1926-1934)*
- *Clan Mackay, The*
- *Compendium of the Laws of Mexico*
- *Family of Isaac Busby of Monroe County, West Virginia*
- *Confederate Oaths of Allegiance (3697 names)*
- *Epitaphs to Remember New England Gravestones*
- *Family Associations Organization and Management*
- *First Families of Frederica (GA)*
- *Genealogical Classification By Family Group Coding For Descent For Common Ancestors Volumes 1 & 2*
- *Genealogist's Guide*
- *Genealogy Sourcebook, The*
- *Genetics Connections*
- *German Pioneers in Texas*
- *Greeks in Phoenix*
- *Heritage of Lafayette County Mississippi*
- *Historical Papers and Addresses of the Lancaster County Historical Society (PA), Volume XV*
- *History of Mitchell County, Iowa 1883*
- *History/ Families, Saline County, Missouri*
- *Homesteading In The South Dakota Badlands - 1912*
- *Illinois Libraries, Vol.73, No.4*
- *Last Full Measure (MN)*
- *Lawyers and Lawmakers of Kentucky*
- *Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, Alumni Directory, 1996*
- *My Family History (Caranza, Martinez)*
- *One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary 1819-1969 (2 churches in Union Co. PA)*
- *Oral History Primer*
- *Outline History of Switzerland*
- *Paxtons, An American History, Volumes 1 & 2*
- *Professional Genealogy*
- *Proof of Settlement Certificates of Northwestern Pennsylvania*
- *Reading Early American Handwriting*
- *Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy, and Records Sources, Volume 2*
- *Robinson, Baldwin, and Affiliated Families*
- *Royalty Genealogy*
- *Sequoyah County, Oklahoma Cemetery Record, Volume 1*
- *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Volume VIII**
- *Sources and Documents Illustrating the American Revolution 1764-1788 and the Formation of the Federal Constitution*
- *Statues at Large of Pennsylvania in the time of William Penn, Volume 1, 1680-1700*
- *Step-by-Step Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors*
- *Sullivan County, Tennessee, Death Records, 1919-1925, Volumes 1 & 2*
- *Tennessee Land: It's Early History and Laws*
- *Texas A & M Directory of Students, 1876-1988*
- *Utah: A People's History*
- *Washington County, Tennessee; Death Record Abstracts (1908-1916)*
- *Who's Your Hoosier Ancestor?*
- *Wisconsin Women: A Gifted Heritage*
- *Women On The Colonial Frontier (GA)*

*CDC Purchase

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ENJOY TYPING? Willing to work occasionally during the hours the Library is open? Contact Peggy Morpew at: 623-815-0387 or gmorpew@juno.com

LIBRARY AIDE SCHEDULER: Work with Library Aide volunteers, set schedules to ensure the Library has an Aide on duty. Contact Deanna Hill if interested or have questions at deannahill@cox.net or leave a message at the Library.



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.

The following books are being purchased through your participation in 50/50 program:

<i>Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6</i>	Total Cost: \$63.00	Balance Needed: \$25.50
<i>Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14, Part 7</i>	Total Cost: \$65.00	Balance Needed: \$31.50

WINTER 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/>

- Novice Genealogy is taught by **Barbara Stenberg** one session each month. Check calendar
- These classes are taught by **Jean M. White**
 1. **Research Techniques I**, 4-sessions, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p; January 14, 21, 28 & February 4
 2. **Research Techniques II** 4-sessions, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p, February 11, 18, 25 & 4 March 4
- The following class is taught by **Geoff Rasmussen**
 1. **Beginning Legacy**: 4 sessions, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009.
- Family Tree Maker is taught by **Nancy Nielsen**.
 1. **FTM Advanced Class (Version 16)**:
Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files
Monday Sessions, 9:30-11:30 a
March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2009
 2. **FTM (2009 Version)**:
Prerequisites - FTM Basic & FTM Files.
Mondays Sessions, 9:30-11:30 a,
February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2009

Sign up for classes at the Library or membership meetings. All of our instructors are volunteers and the charge for classes is minimal. Be sure to check our web page www.azwvgs.org and/or any E-News for updates.



INTERESTING WEB SITES

Tom Feeney, Trustee of the First Parish Cemetery, York, ME, informs us of a Historical Project in York, ME. It is a new website <http://www.fpyork.info> It seems each person has their own webpage complete with veteran's flags, fire department logos, DAR and more. Families are encouraged to add remembrances and links. This is a great site!!

Interesting overviews from the U.K. can be found at www.exploreancestry.co.uk/home.htm There is no charge at this site, but it does have links to some pay sites. This is a basic site with good search suggestions. Credit goes to Louise Clare, from the U.K., for this information. And thanks to Sally Pavia for forwarding it to Tidbits.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION [1]** 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p
 - **AFRICAN/AMERICAN [2]** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p
 - **ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY** 2nd Thursday, 10:00-Noon
 - **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
 - **DNA [Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr]** 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 p
 - **FRANCE/CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00 a-2:30 p
 - **GERMAN** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
 - **INDIANA** 4th Friday, 10:00-Noon
 - **ITALY[3]** 2nd Thursday, 10:30-12:30p
 - **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a
 - **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10-Noon
 - **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
 - **MISSOURI** 2nd Friday, 10:00-Noon
 - **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
 - **NY/NJ** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
 - **OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 p
 - **POLAND [Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]** 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p
 - **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30 a
 - **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
 - **SWEDEN [4] (Needs Leader)** 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p
 - **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- [1] Adoption SIG can meet monthly if members wish, call Lou McLean, 907-347-0215 or e-mail lou_mclean@yahoo.com.
- [2] African/American SIG, ask aide to call Arlene when you arrive.
- [3] Italian SIG date changed and time modified.
- [4] Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?
- *Need leaders for New England States and Pennsylvania SIGs



THE HISTORY OF APRONS

Author Unknown

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER? Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs are on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron – except LOVE!

**DON'T MISS THIS TOUR!!!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

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

\$200 deposit is due by January 1, 2009

Balance due by FEBRUARY 10, 2009

QUESTIONS: See December's *Tidbits* or Call
Cheryl Davies @ 623-935-5191 or e-mail:
cdavies182@aol.com



CALENDAR

Jan. 01	Happy New Year!
Jan. 05	Board Meeting
Jan 11	Library Open House
Jan. 12	Membership Meeting
Jan 14	Library Tour
Jan 15	Research Dinner at Library
Jan 15-17	Peer Garage Sale



JANUARY 2009 SPEAKER

In the effort to keep our members informed about our Library and Society, our January speaker will discuss the Collection Development Committee (CDC). What exactly does this committee do and how do they do it? Which members make up this group? How do they decide what genealogical materials we need? Jean White, head of this committee, will answer all these questions.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in family history; membership is not required to attend. This is just what you need to get going on preserving your own family history. Bring a friend with you!



GE-NE-AL-O-GY

1. A recorded history of a person's ancestry.
2. A study of family descent.
3. Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

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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
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Safeway eScript ID	#151055488
Basha's Thanks Program	#23642

When **renewing each year** for Safeway and Basha's, remember to use the above WVGS account numbers.

YOU CAN HELP, TOO

USE: GoodSearch.com
GoodShop.com

GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but WVGS receives 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.

Originals are important: Transcribers do make mistakes and published extracts can leave out significant clues ... and face it "we need all the clues we can get!"
Desert Diggin's Jan 06

Moral of this story
CHECK THE ORIGINALS!