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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

March is a wonderful month. Our great sunny days provide many opportunities for visiting with friends and family. Remember to lift up your eyes from your research books and computer screens to enjoy the views.

Our Special Interest Groups (SIG) provide each of us with the chance to find our lost relatives and make new friends at the same time. Attend each of the SIGs that may have a connection for you this month and let others know what you find.

Have you browsed the Periodical Shelves lately? I have found information about my families in our collection. Local societies do extractions from local records and report in their publications. These facts may not be available or printed anywhere else. They are unique to that area. Try it – you may be very pleased.

Have you tried the World Vital Records site now available on our computers? Please do so and let us know if you find it valuable. There are directions to get the best use from this new tool for our Library at each computer station. Successes have been reported!

See you soon!

DESERT TRACKER ARTICLES NEEDED!

by Dorothy Sprague

We are approaching the deadline (March 1) for submitting articles.

Send to tracker@azwvgs.org (preferred for accuracy) or mail/bring to the Library. Please do it today!



INTERESTING WEB SITES

For Guilford County, NC -

<http://home.netcom.com/~fzsaund/links.html>

Courtesy of WVGS member, Mona Knight

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

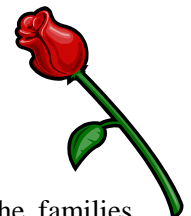
September through May Doors open at 1:00 p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members Mari A Aguirre, Mary Ellen Bloomburg, Joan Boesen, Sandy Celeya, Richard Coleman, Jim Godfrey, Marcia & Geoffry Harding, Jaci Hirschthal, Lloyd F Howard, Junaita Johnson, Janette M Kimble, Jean Meadow, Jerry J Miller, Sara Beth Mitchel, Kay Moorhouse, Charlene O'Fallon, A J & David Palmer, Edward J Richotte, Joan Ruyle, Mark Sams, Robert J Scharnott, Edward J Schenk, Connie Sheets, Edward A Srsen, Joseph G Trudel, Marlene A Verslurs, and Barbara Wright. Reinstated members Barbara Andrews, Jeanne Begeal, Donna Corea and Michael Rinegar.

We currently have 451 members in our Society. For any changes in your address or email, please remember to email me at Genhersch@cox.net. Many of the new members to our Society are from word of mouth and our last open house. Keep up the good work of inviting people to join us in our quest to find our families!



CONDOLENCES

WVGS expresses sympathies to the families of Jan Ockunzzi who passed away in January and to Lu Williams, WVGS's recording secretary, for the loss of her husband, Owen Williams.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!



Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: 50/50 Club, Phyllis Baldwin, Dorothy Blum, Brumit Estate, Clifton Brown, Miriam and Less Cafferty, CDC, Dianne Cobb, Helen Connelley, Renee Davis, John Donaldson, FHL-SLC, Grace Flentrophe, Ruby Gordon, Hall County Library, Gainesville, GA, Irma Hardin, Claude Harper, Lorraine Harpur, Sam Jones, Vernon Johnson, Edith Kreiger, Tom McCartney, Mid-Continent Public Library, Peggy Morpew, Elizabeth Neuwirth, Barbara and Ray Peer, John Post, Mary Riter, Lawrence Robbins, Ethel Sanders, Lee Shinn, Dee Snook, Dorothy Sprague, Maretta Troxel, Flo Weber, Jean White, Carol Woods, and Shirley Woodward.

BROWN BAG RESEARCH EVENING

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



HELP WANTED!!

The Obituary Committee has projects that need volunteers to help with the 38,000 name index we are planning to put on the Internet. Computer/typing experience would be helpful for the database work. Other tasks involved are to physically cut, paste and file the actual obituaries, which does not involve any computer work. The Memorial Folders needs help also and takes less than one hour a month to accomplish. These are interesting projects and you will find good fellowship with others. Email Ethel Sanders at ethel10207@juno.com or call her at 623-974-9652 for more information.



Donation Needed

Do you have a Laptop Computer with XP that is no longer being used? If so, please contact Roger Hanneman



Equipment Committee
623-214-3233
webmaster@azwvgs.org

GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia



The Glass Display Case will have items on the Civil War for the month of March. Member, Jan Huber, will provide the items for the display.

Members with items they would like displayed, please contact Sally Pavia at sallypavia2001@yahoo.com or

623-974-0195.



BOOK SALE/FUND RAISER

The WVGS, 12222 N. 111th Ave., Youngtown, will hold a **non-genealogical** book, VCR, CD sale on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, from 9a to 4p at the Library. This event is open to the public.

2009 LUNCHTIME LESSONS SCHEDULE

by Judy Shappee

These no charge Lunchtime Lessons will be held in a new location, the Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building, 1901 W. Madison St., in Phoenix. This is a change in location that has different rules about food. For more information, please call 602-926-3938

Preregistration is required. Please register by calling the phone number above or to register online, go to www.lib.az.us and 1) choose the link to "Other Resources," and 2) Click on "Genealogy Online Registration."

Mar 12: "The Civil War and Genealogy"
by Chris Seggerman, Law and Research Library

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- 1830-1840 U.S. Census Washington County, Tennessee
- 1830-1840 U.S. Census Carter County, Tennessee
- 1924 Quaker, The (Penn College - Okaloosa, Iowa)
- 1931-1940 Obituaries from "Wright County Republican" at Harville, Missouri
- 1988 Edition Sunset Road Atlas
- Abstracts of Tennessee Death Records for Carter County, Tennessee 1909-1925
- Anseth Family Reunion, Listul Supplement
- Big Road Atlas of Britain
- Black Studies*
- BUCK, A History of a part of the Family and Near Connections.
- Caring for Generations
- Cobb, Hayes, Halm and King Ancestors
- Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pennsylvania, Volume 1, and 2
- Doctors in Blue
- Everythin's Coming Up Roses
- Fairfax County, Virginia in 1760
- Footprints in Northampton (NC), 1741-1776-1976
- Georgians In The Revolution: At Kettle Creek (Wilkes Co.) and Burke County*
- Geschichte des Henneberger Landes zwischen
- Google Your Family Tree*
- Grammar of English Heraldry, A
- Guide to Orders of Chivalry
- Hammond Historical World Atlas, Volume One
- Heraldry, An Introduction to a Noble Tradition
- Heritage of Hall County, Georgia, 1818-2001, The
- Historical Reminiscences of Carter County, Tennessee
- Historical Sketch of Nicholas Busby, The Immigrant, A
- History of California State Society National Society Daughters of The American Revolution, Volume IV, 1981-1994
- History of Jamaica, The
- History of Saline County, Missouri
- Huffine-Scott Historical Notes
- It's in the Book
- Leola Centennial Anniversary Book 1884-1984 (SD)
- Leola High School, Leola, South Dakota 1918-1976
- Little Manual of Heraldry
- Nicholas Robbins Family, The
- On Life
- Orders of Knighthood and of Merit

- Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol.2**
 - Revolution in Virginia, 1775-1783, The
 - Some Account of the Family of Jalland, originally of Whatton, in the County of Nottingham, from 1535 to 1878.
 - South Carolina Marriage Records
 - Stop Me If I'm Boring You!
 - Table One At My Cabaret
 - Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer
 - Valley of The Remsheg, The (NS, Canada)
 - Washington County Tennessee Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol.1
 - Washington County Tennessee Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol.2
 - Washington County Tennessee Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol.3
 - Watauga Purchase at Sycamore Shoals, March 19, 1775, An Index (NC)
 - West Virginia, Commission on Historic and Scenic Markers, Randolph County
 - Who's Who in the East, Volume 10
 - Wills and Deeds of Hall County, Georgia
 - Wooster of the Middle West (OH)
- *CDC Purchase
** 50/50 Club



WINTER CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

This is the schedule of classes, dates and times. Please call the Library, 623-933-4945 or check our web site for class descriptions and fees. <http://www.azwvgs.org/>

NOVICE GENEALOGY 3rd Friday, every month
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p

FTM ADVANCED CLASS (Ver. 16) 4 Sessions
Nancy Nielsen, Instructor
Prerequisite: Basic FTM & FTM Files
March 2, 9, 16 & 23 Mon, 9:30-11:30a

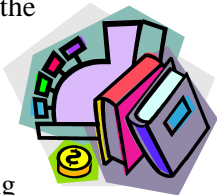
ADVANCED LEGACY 4 Sessions
Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor Class Limit. 20
March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 Tues, 9:30-11:30a

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.

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 the 50/50 program:

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

Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$23.50

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

Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$26.50

1671 Census of the Delaware

Total Cost \$25.00 Balance Needed: \$11.50

Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Canada 1761-1853

Total Cost: \$30.00 Balance Needed: \$10.00

Minutes of Coroners Proceedings, City & County of NY

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

Free African Americans of N. Car., VA & S. Car.

Total Cost: \$99.95 Balance Needed: \$49.95

The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland

Total cost: \$28.00 Balance Needed: \$14.00

Deep Ancestry

Total cost: \$12.95 Balance Needed: \$6.45

DNA & Genealogy

Total cost: \$15.30 Balance Needed: \$7.65

The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder

Families, Seekers of Religious Liberty Who Fled from Silesia to Saxony and Thence to Pennsylvania in the Years 1731 to 1737

Total Cost: \$149.50 Balance Needed: \$74.75

NEW PERIODICALS REPORT

by Joan Rentner

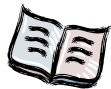
Cloud Family Journal (Surname)

Generations (New Brunswick)

Genie Gazette, The (Ireland)

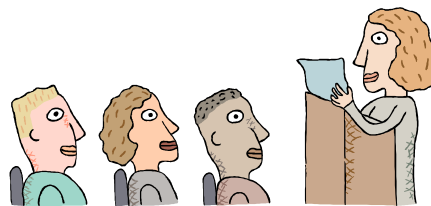
Ireland's Genealogical Gazette

Informer (Jefferson County, NY)



A family tree can wither if no one tends to the roots

From *Central Illinois News* (Decatur Genealogical Society) January/February 2009 issue - page 2



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION**¹ 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30p
- **AFRICAN/AMERICAN**² 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00p
- **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
 Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- **DNA [Feb & Apr]** 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **FRENCH CANADIAN/CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00a-12:30p
- **GERMAN/POLAND** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **INDIANA** 4th Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **ITALY**³ 2nd Thursday, 10:30a-12:30p
- **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00a
- **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **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
- **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30a
- **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN**⁴ 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

¹Adoption SIG can meet monthly if interested, e-mail Lou McLean at lou_mclean@yahoo.com

²African/American SIG, ask Library aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

³Please note the change once again. This should be this SIG's final schedule.

⁴Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

NOTE: Leaders are needed for New England States and Pennsylvania SIGs

NEWS FROM CDC

by Jean M. White

During 2009, we are taking a survey at the Library of what people use in their WVGS Library research. This will help the committee know what resources are being used and where we need to add additional material. Please take the time to fill out a Library survey every time you visit the Library. If you have been having trouble finding things in the Library, there is now help. A WVGS Library Guide has been created and is in the green folder on the aide's desk. Pick one up and store it with your WVGS research. Use it to find the many resources available – books, oversized books, CD's, maps, periodicals, microfilms and microfiche.

You should store your genealogy computer files in a place safe from theft of your computer or other home disaster. The Data Preservation Project stores your genealogy data offsite at the WVGS Library. Simply make a CD of a backup or GEDCOM of your data and bring it to the Library. Sign the agreement and put both in the CDC sling in the Society office. Your CD will be added to the others in the locked cabinet and will be accessible to WVGS members only. Members may “read only” your data using the GenViewer program on the Library computers.

Don't forget to search for new information on your ancestors using World Vital Records on the computers at the WVGS Library!

MARCH 2009 SPEAKER



When you open that cupboard, trunk, or closet and see those treasured quilts and needlework that your ancestor spent hours making, how do you determine what value it has to those left behind? Is there a connection to genealogy? Only if you keep notes! Long ago quilts were made out of necessity; they were needed for warmth during the cold winters, while today you make a quilt that will give pleasure. Are you in possession of an old quilt made by a family member? Do any of the pieces remind you of anything?

Elizabeth Brown, a quilter with 25 years experience, will be our speaker on March 9. Among her many accomplishments is that she was the first elected president of Creative Quilters at Lakeview Recreation Center in Sun City. Elizabeth has lots of knowledge about quilts and their genealogy connection.

Come join us, and bring your neighbor/friend! You're going to see a lot of quilts!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Maybe many think, someone else will volunteer. Unfortunately that has not happened! We are an all volunteer organization and really need help. Can you help us? The fun outweighs the work! Needed:



TYPIST? Willing to type occasionally during the hours the Library is open? Also Shelf Readers are needed to keep our books in order. Please contact Peggy Morphew at: 623-815-0387 or gmorphew@juno.com

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



LOST – CAN YOU HELP FIND?

by Peggy Morphew

As of January, 2009, all the following items were found missing during our recent inventory. Items missing from prior years (2005,'06,'07, and '08) are not included in the list below.

- 944.11/C698 *Finding Italian Roots* (paper cover 130 pages)
- 975.68/M487 *History of Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte from 1740 to 1903, Volume 1 & Volume 2* (2 books)
- 976.9/C371pe *Pioneers of Eastern Kentucky, Their Feuds and Settlements.* (98 pages)
- 976.92/A635mr *Kentucky Marriage Records*
- 976.97/F645af *Annals of Floyd County, Kentucky 1800-1826* (hard cover 365 pages)
- 976.97/G164sm *Some Kentucky Marriages, 1775-1799* (orange folder)
- Q975.5/A221vs *ADC's State Road Atlas of Virginia* (40 pages oversized with paper cover)
- CD 1881 *1881 Canadian Census*

Please, please check your research materials to see if somehow these became mixed-up with your papers. Please return them to the library. **No questions will be asked!**

Many thanks to Larry and Renee Dilts, Shirley Klovstad, Kathi Thanos, Karla Bartel, Sally Pavia, Sheri Erickson and Peggy Morphew for completing the inventory of the Library's holdings of Books & CDs.

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

Please don't forget to renew for Basha's and Safeway cards, and use Office Max and Staples in 2009!!

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.

WAY TO GO!!!

WVGS members, using their Staples Reward Program cards earned **\$289** for WVGS! A little effort on your part goes a long way for WVGS. Thank you!!!

CALENDAR

Feb 27-28 Annual Book Sale at Library
Mar 02 Board Meeting
Mar 09 Membership Meeting
Mar 12 AZ Library Lunchtime Lesson

