



TIDBITS

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Editor, MaryJo Johnson

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

Hope you all have had a great summer and knocked down all those brick walls or at least got the dust knocked off the top of them!

Our Property Management Committee did fabulous service this summer – new front walkway covering and reworking the parking lot – and emergency replacement of an air conditioner! Thank you all!

Fall plans are off to a great start with Membership Meetings, Classes, Interest Groups, Fall Parking Lot Sale, and Fall Issue of *Desert Tracker*.

Don't forget to check our website to view *Tidbits* on line. Many of you think this is a great idea and a good way to save some money. Those who want to receive a hard copy in the mail will be receiving it that way.

See you at the September meeting. Let us know how your summer plans worked!

DESERT TRACKER NEEDS YOU!

by Dorothy Sprague

Deadline for Fall Issue is October 1, 2009. Focus for Issue: Special Women, but any article or picture will be most welcome. Send to: tracker@azwvgs.org or c/o Tracker at the Library.

FALL PARKING LOT SALE IN NOVEMBER COLLECT GOOD JUNK NOW!

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.



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 1:00p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members Helen Jean Davis, Margarita Davis, Emalie Ewing, Jerald French, Nancy Johns, Miriam Nason, and Marilyn Ricketts.

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!

Come to our September Membership Meeting and find out how many members we now have. Let's introduce new people to our Society and help them to start finding their families.



DONATION RECEIVED!

Many thanks to Carol Caldwell for answering our need by donating a 17" Monitor to WVGS



CONDOLENCES

WVGS expresses sympathies to Del Kunz for the loss of her mother and to Carol Abernathy for the loss of her husband.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

by Vera Elgin, Chairman

Over the summer two large projects were completed. The front walkway was resurfaced with cool deck. We're very appreciative of the wonderfully generous gift made by a WVGS member from Peoria, who paid for the walkway—nearly \$2,000. Thank you!

Secondly, the parking lot was redesigned, a new ramp was built at the front door area, and the lot was seal coated and restriped. Special thanks to Vern Worrell for his design work and follow through!

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: 50/50 Club, Carol Abernathy, Mari Aguirre, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, IL, Karla Bartel, Sue Black, Dorothy Blum, Ida Borhauer, Marion Boshart, Marcia Bower, Brumit Estate, CDC, Helen Connelley, Mary Collins, Lynne Corbett, Dick Covault, Beverly Craig, Jan Dawson Estate, Carol Daly, Ruth Day, Mark Dodson, Estrella DAR Chapter, Family History Library – Salt Lake City, Sue Firth, Linda



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Special thanks to all those who kept the Library open to our members/patrons during the long hot months of May, June, July and August. You know who you are. Your dedication is very much appreciated!



2010 SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

by Cheryl Davies



The Salt Lake Trip is a “go” if a Trip Coordinator is found! We have a reservation for the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (right next door to the LDS Genealogy Library) for Sunday, March 14 to Sunday March 21, 2010. These dates were chosen to give an opportunity to the “snow birds” to be able to take advantage of this trip.

The Hotel has graciously given us the same rate we have had for the past 3 years. When airline prices are determined, we will let everyone know the exact cost and reservation forms will be available.

A deposit of \$250 will be due by January 1, 2010, and the remainder of the cost by February 15, 2010. So start saving your “pennies.”

Hopefully we will have resolution of the Trip Coordinator by our first General Meeting in September.

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.

Beverly Craig will be at the September meeting to take orders for the Aphax Map books. To view a list of the map books available, please go to www.arphax.com. Select the book you wish to donate and pay half of the cost. The CDC will pay the other half. Your name will appear inside the book as a donor.

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

Cattaraugus County New York Surrogate Court Abstracts: Guardianship Edition

Total Cost: \$34.50 Balance Needed: \$17.25

Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 10

Total Cost: \$75.00 Balance Needed: \$27.25

Sumner County, Tennessee Court Minutes, 1787-1805 and 1808-1810

Total Cost: \$31.50

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LIBRARY REPORT

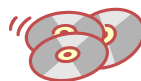
Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator

NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- 1850 Census, Jackson County, Ohio
- 1856 Iowa Census, Clarke County, Iowa
- 1860 Census, Jackson County, Ohio
- 1885 Map of Kentucky & Tennessee with Alphabetical List of Towns & Counties
- 1900 Census Jackson County, Ohio
- 1937 Sabiduria (Yearbook Missouri Valley College)
- 1938 Sabiduria (Yearbook Missouri Valley College)
- 1939 Sabiduria (Yearbook Missouri Valley College)
- 1940 Sabiduria (Yearbook Missouri Valley College)
- 1940 Savitar, The (Yearbook for University of MO)
- 1941 Sabiduria (Yearbook Missouri Valley College)
- Acta Germanopolis Records of the Corporation of Germantown Pennsylvania 1691-1707*
- Aid to Finding Addresses in the 1890 New York City Police Census
- Albuquerque Bernalillo Telephone Directory (NM)
- Amazing Girls of Arizona
- Aurea Aquila, 1974 (Yearbook - SC)
- Aurea Aquila, 1976 (Yearbook - SC)
- Ausmus Family History 1711-1962
- Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers 1850-1950, Volumes 1, 2, 3, & 4*
- Birth and Death Records of Jackson County, Ohio
- Brief Genealogy of the Whipple Family, A
- Cemetery Records, Mercer County, Kentucky, Volume 3*
- Cemetery Records, Mercer County, Kentucky, Volume 5*
- Cemetery Records, Mercer County, Kentucky, Volume 6*
- Cemetery Records, Mercer County, Kentucky, Volume 7*
- Cemetery Records, Mercer County, Kentucky, Volume 8*
- Census of 1860, Population Schedules for Jackson County, Missouri
- Clarke County Deaths (IA), Webster Funeral Home
- Clarke Iowa, Marriages, 1852-1873
- Colonial American English
- Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England, The
- Colorado's Colorful Characters
- "Cornstalk" Militia of Kentucky 1792-1811, The*
- Diary of The Dutch Reformed Church of West New Hempstead (NY)
- Dictionary of German Names
- Documentary History of the Indiana Decade of The Harmony Society 1814-1824, A; Volume 1 1814-1819
- Documentary History of the Indiana Decade of The Harmony Society 1814-1824, A; Volume 2 1820-1824
- Early Dawn
- Early Families of Southern Maryland, Vol. 9*
- Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island and His Descendants
- Encyclopedia of American Family Names
- Ezra Ward and Bertha Mae Beck Craig Family
- Family History of Leonhard Friedrich Wilhelm Bischof, A Nebraska Pioneer Immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1852
- Family of Niles Larsson Frande (Friend)
- First Families of Montana and Early Settlers, Vol. 1 & 2*
- Four Mile House Cemetery, The; Sandusky Co., Ohio
- Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, From the Colonial Period to About 1820, Volume 1 & 2*
- Genealogical Data from Inventories of New York Estates 1666-1825
- Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Denmark
- Genealogical Records of The Descendants of Thomas Brownell 1619 to 1910
- George Rogers Clark Papers 1771-1781, Volume 8*
- George Rogers Clark Papers 1781-1784, Volume 9*
- German Family Names in Kentucky Place Names
- Gillette Wyoming Telephone Directory*
- Guide to Records in the National Archives – Mid Atlantic Region
- Highland High School (Gilbert, AZ) 2000 Yearbook
- History of African Americans In North Carolina, A
- History of Henderson County, Kentucky*
- History of Napa and Lake Counties, California
- History of Pulaski County Kentucky, A
- How They Came; German Immigration from Prussia to Missouri
- Index to Atlas of Jackson County Ohio
- Index to Kentucky Wills to 1851, The Testators*
- Index to Records of The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home in The Indiana State Archives, An*
- Index to the Biographies in 19th Century California County Histories, An, Volume 7
- Indiana Newspaper Bibliography*
- Indiana Tax Lists, Volume 1*
- Indiana Tax Lists, Volume 2*
- Inventory of The County Archives of Mississippi
- Ireland, A Genealogical Guide
- Life of Logan Belt, The

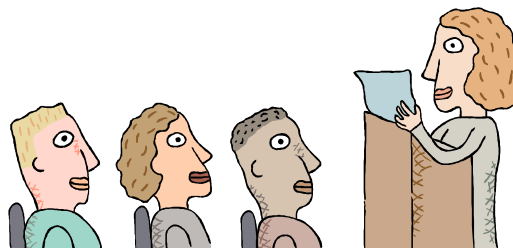
- *Louisiana Yesterday and Today*
 - *Magna Carta*
 - *Maine at Louisburg in 1745**
 - *Mar-Saline, The; Volume 15 1932 (Marshall High School, Marshall, Missouri)*
 - *Microfilm Publications in the National Archives - Mid Atlantic Region*
 - *Midwest Trails, "The Migration Trails from Pennsylvania & Ohio to Indiana and Illinois" Syllabus*
 - *Minutes of Davis Creek Church 1797-1907 (TN)*
 - *Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, Deed book Records, 1784-1810**
 - *More Than Petticoats, Remarkable Washington Women*
 - *More Than Petticoats, Remarkable North Carolina Women*
 - *More Than Petticoats, Remarkable Tennessee Women*
 - *Mortality Records of 1860 (Missouri)*
 - *Mortality Records of Minnesota by Counties from The Territorial Period of 1850 to the end of the year 1870 with the Records of St. Louis County to the end of year 1883*
 - *Mudd Family of the United States, The*
 - *Name and Family of Snodgrass, The*
 - *New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge Telephone Directory (NJ)*
 - *New York City 1850 Index*
 - *Our Italian Surnames*
 - *Our Storehouse of Missouri Place Names*
 - *Personal Name Index to the 1856 City Directories of California, Volume 10*
 - *Philip Ausmus (1733-1809) Minister of the Gospel*
 - *Pulaski County, KY Cemetery Records, Volume I*
 - *Record of Delayed Birth Certificates, Book A, Conway County, Arkansas*
 - *Record of Indiana Volunteers in the Spanish-American War 1898-1899**
 - *Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000, Volume I, II, III, IV*
 - *Rohrer Families, The*
 - *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama**
 - *Seneconian 1973 (Yearbook - SC)*
 - *Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont, The*
 - *Steam on the Road*
 - *Story of Chaseville (1760-1998)*
 - *Strange But True (AZ)*
 - *Sumner County Tennessee Court Minutes, 1787-1805 and 1808-1810*
 - *Symonds, Harvey Danforth*
 - *Taxables in the City of Philadelphia, 1756 (PA)**
 - *Territorial Papers of The United States, Volume 18, The Territory of Alabama 1817-1819, The**
 - *Territorial Papers of The United States, Volume 19, The Territory of Arkansas 1819-1825, The**
 - *Territorial Papers of The United States, Volume 27, The Territory of Wisconsin, Executive Journal 1836-1848, Papers 1836-1839 The**
 - *Territorial Papers of The United States, Volume 26, The Territory of Florida 1839-1845, The**
 - *The Gist Settlement (OH)*
 - *Vorgana Family of Southern Indiana, The*
 - *Walter & Bess (Oakley), History and Letters 1635-1979*
 - *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages from 1640-1873, Part 3 - Marriages*
 - *Youngstown and Vicinity Telephone Directory (OH)*
- *CDC Purchase



NEW CD REPORT
by Marie Beernink

- *CD 10095 Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1892--Abstract of Wills 1665-1707*
- *CD 10095 Foster Genealogy Being the Record of the Posterity of Reginald Foster*
- *CD 10095 Records of the Towns of North and South Hempstead, Long Island, New York 1654-1880*
- *CD 10095 The Bergen Family or the Descendants of Hans Hansen Bergen*
- *CD 10096 Hales Chronicles (periodical of Hales Family)*
- *CD 10097 Reports of Chancery Cases, Decided in the First Circuit of the State of New York*
- *CD 10097 New York of Yesterday, The--A Descriptive Narrative of Old Bloomingdale*
- *CD 10098 Baptismal Record of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island*
- *CD 10098 History of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island*
- *CD 10098 History of Springfield, Town of Jamaica, Long Island, New York*
- *CD 10098 Jamaica Centennial July 4, 1876, Also Recollections of School and College Life*
- *CD 10098 Marriages of Jamaica, Long Island, by Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church*
- *CD 10099 History and Genealogy of the Ege Family in the United States 1738-1911*
- *CD 10099 Conover Family*
- *CD 10100 Memorial History of Hampstead, New Hampshire Congregational Church 1752-1902, A*

- CD 10100 *Third Annual Message of Honorable Seth Low, Mayor of Brooklyn*
- CD 10100 *History of Macomb County, Michigan*
- CD 10101 *Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin*
- CD 10101 *History of Winnebago County, Wisconsin*
- CD 10101 *History of La Crosse County, Wisconsin*
- CD 10101 *History of Walworth County, Wisconsin*
- CD 10193 *History of Lafayette County, Wisconsin*
- CD 10193 *History of Rock County, Wisconsin, The*
- CD 10193 *History of Sauk County, Wisconsin, The*
- CD 10194 *Nova Scotia Genealogist, The (Periodical)*
- CD 10195 *Pennsylvania Archives Second Series*
- CD 10195 *1786 History of Luzerne--Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties, Pennsylvania*
- CD 10196 *Minutes of the Common Council of the City of New York 1784-1831*
- CD 10196 *Register in Alphabetical Order of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, New York from its First Settlement by Europeans to 1700*
- CD 10197 *Index of Colonial and State Laws Between the Years 1663 and 1877 Inclusive*
- CD 10197 *Pioneers of Old Hopewell*



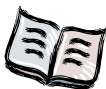
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION**¹ Contact Lou McLean
- **AFRICAN/AMERICAN**² 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00p
- **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- **DNA** [Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **FRENCH CANADIAN/CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00a-12:30p
- **GERMAN/POLAND**³ 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **INDIANA/OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **ITALY**⁴ 1st 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, 9:30-11:30a
- **NY/NJ/PA**⁵ 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30a
- **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN**⁶ 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

NEW PERIODICAL REPORT

by Joan Rentner

- *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*
- *Blue Lion, The (Bruce Surname)*
- *Cleary News (Surname)*
- *Dread Nought, The (Clan McNab Surname)*
- *Estill County Newsletter (Kentucky)*
- *Journal of America's Military Past*
- *Journal of the Clan Campbell Society (Surname)*
- *Koreny (Roots) (Czech)*
- *Lawrence County History & Genealogy Quarterly (Arkansas)*
- *Lawrence County History & Genealogy Journal (Arkansas)*
- *Lehigh Valley Chronicles (Pennsylvania)*
- *McCrary/McCreary Clan (Surname)*
- *On Wisconsin Magazine*



CALENDAR

- September 7 Board Meeting
- September 14 Membership Meeting
- September 16 Free Library Tour, 9:30a call the Library,
- September 17 Research Dinner, 5-9p
- September 23 Scan your photos and documents, 10a-5p



If you have any questions about any SIG meeting, please check with the Library.

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

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

³Poland SIG has combined with the German SIG and will be meeting as noted above.

⁴Italian SIG has moved back to its original spot.

⁵The NY/NJ SIG has added PA to their SIG

⁶Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

FALL 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, starts in Oct.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p

LEGACY, BEGINNERS & ADVANCED

Watch for classes to be scheduled soon.

Jean White Instructor, 3 sets of classes:

HOW TO ATTACK A GENEALOGY LIBRARY
Oct 14 from 1-3p 1 session

RESEARCH TECHNIQUES I 4 sessions
Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 4, and 11 1-3p

CHEAP GENEALOGY 1 Session
November 18 1-3p

Nancy Nielsen Instructor, 4 sets of Classes:

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 18, 4 Sessions
Part 1, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 12 and 19 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 18 4 Sessions
Part 2, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 1, Jan 25, Feb 8, 15 and 22 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 2, March 1, 8, 15, and 22 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.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

by Karla Bartel

We kick off our 2009-2010 season with a marvelous speaker on September 14. While every genealogist is interested in history, those with Polish ancestry will relish this topic. **Dr. Alexander White**, a retired medical doctor, will speak on life in pre-WWII Poland and during the Nazi occupation of his homeland. Listed on Schindler's List, he is a survivor of the Holocaust. His story is so interesting we may have trouble adjourning at 3pm! See you on September 14, 2009, 1:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City, AZ

AZ GENEALOGICAL ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MAY 9, 2009

by Linda McCleary

The AzGAB Annual Workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at the Carnegie Center, 1101 W. Washington, Phoenix. Pam Ingermansenn from Tucson will lead discussion on the Wiki FamilySearch, FamilySearch Labs, and the Family History Portal in the Family History Centers. Registration fee is \$25, which includes lunch. The AzGAB Board meeting will follow the Workshop.

Michael McColgin, longtime AzGAB Preservation Chair, and Conservation Officer of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, passed away on June 11, 2009. A tribute to him appeared in the July 2009 *AzGAB Newsletter*, and a \$100 donation will be made to the Arizona State Archives in its new conservation laboratory in McColgin's memory. He will sorely be missed, not only by local and state people, but on the national preservation scene.

AzGAB has issued over 400 Arizona Pioneer Descendants Certificates. A special pricing of the Certificate for the upcoming Arizona Centennial is \$15 for the first Certificate and \$10 for another certificate on the same family submitted in the same envelope. An ancestor must have been in Arizona prior to statehood on February 14, 1912. Documentation is checked. Pioneer Certificate #412 was issued to a lady turning 100 in July!

AzGAB will be looking for some Arizona public records to organize and publish such as Arizona cattle brands and barb wire, mining, revision of WPA Inventories or Civilian Conservation Corps records.

The next meeting will be on September 12, 2009 in the City of Mesa Library, beginning at 1:30p.

FAMILY MAP BOOK PROJECT

by CDC

Was your ancestor the ORIGINAL owner of a parcel of land in one of the land grant states? There is now a series of map books available which pinpoint exactly where each grant is located with the county and township by name of the purchaser and year of purchase.

In addition, cities/towns/rivers/creeks/cemeteries and other identifiers are shown. To determine if your family is in one of the books, go to: www.arphax.com Click on the county book of interest. There is then a list of all the surnames included in the book. Note that this series is not yet totally complete so not every county has been published yet. The good news is that the CDC will purchase these map books for the WVGS Library if you pay 50% of the list price. For more information and/or ordering, contact Bev Craig: phone 623-975-6142 or e-mail bcraig66206@aol.com.

PHOTOGRAPH SCANNING SERVICE BEING OFFERED AT LIBRARY

by Wanita Zarumba

Cathy Gallagher, a WVGS member and owner of Family History Storybooks, has offered her professional services to the Society to scan to a CD all those photos you have accumulated.

The best news of all is that this service will be performed, for members, for a charge of \$.20 per scan, no matter what the quantity. WVGS will receive \$.06 each for photographs. Scanned items are added to a CD with cover. Additional CD copies are available for \$1 each. (These charges represent a significant savings over the industry average of \$.59 per scan.) Payments are to be made to Catherine Gallagher.

“Special arrangements” for scanning Tin Types, photos on cardboard, really small photos, and fragile photos with torn edges at \$1 each will be done by Bob Gallagher at home. These can be added to the Member’s CD as well.

Better yet, the profits from this service will be shared with the Society. Yes, we have another fund raiser here that will provide you a quality, time saving service and allow the Society to earn a few (or many) dollars.

Here are a few hints from the test run in which a few members have participated: 1) It is best to sort your photos by size, so they can be processed faster. 2) Plan on 1 hour for each batch of 500 photos. Check the Library for days and times for scanning services.

GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

Over the summer we’ve had some wonderful things on display, so let’s continue this trend throughout the upcoming year. As in the past, we’ll take one item or enough to fill the entire case, it’s up to you. The case is ALWAYS locked so your items will be safe. Please contact me at 623-974-0195 or sallypavia2001@yahoo.com if you have any items you’d like to have displayed.

DID YOU KNOW?

by Jean White

You can search the 1841, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 British census on World Vital Records.com. On www.worldvitalrecords.com, to narrow your search, click on the tab “places” and indicate the state or country you wish to search. Come to the WVGS Library to search this on-line source as part of your WVGS membership.

RESEARCHERS WANTED FOR JOURNEY OF EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

by Linda Swain

Delve into the treasures of the Library of Congress, DAR Library, and National Archives on our Seventh Annual Tour, Dec. 2-10, 2009. This tour is designed to introduce genealogists to the largest collection of research materials in the world – in their off season when staff members have time to offer us personal assistance.

Four private on-site orientations will get you started on your incredible voyage. After three days of learning the ropes, you decide where to go and what to do for the remainder of your stay. This does not mean that you will be left on your own: every morning, the group gathers in the breakfast room where members organize into smaller groups before heading off to various destinations.

Washington, DC is unequaled as a research destination as well as being an exciting and historic tourist destination. Therefore, non-researching travel partners and friends are welcome to tag along.

Participants from CA, CO, MN, MT, WA and the UK have joined us on past trips. The tour price will be adjusted to accommodate independent travelers.

Our hotel, The Capitol Hill Suites, has undergone a major renovation. It faces a beautiful white church in a residential neighborhood of historic Civil War era townhouses. Next door is the Madison Building of the Library of Congress, which is kitty-corner across from the U.S. Capitol, two blocks down from the Supreme Court, close to many House and Senate Office Buildings. The subway (Metro) is one block away.

As always, extracurricular activities will be offered in the evening, including a performance of “The Capitol Steps,” a “Mount Vernon by Candlelight” holiday tour, and a “Monuments by Moonlight” city tour. A tour of the White House has been requested (but cannot be guaranteed).

The cost for 9 day, 8 night tour is \$1,225/person double occupancy. We have space for 10 researchers (and 10 non-researchers). More information is available at <http://azwvgs.org/ResearchTour.htm>. Don't delay, reserve a space today! Send your check for \$1,225 to Linda Swain, WVGS Washington, DC Research Tour, 12815 S. 41st St., Phoenix, AZ 85044-3910. (Make your check payable to Linda Swain.)

THE YEAR 1909

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

Author Unknown

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CURRENT RESIDENT or

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.

Have you renewed Basha's and Safeway cards for 2009?

Please also use Office Max and Staples #!!



**HELP WVGS
WHILE HELPING OUR PLANET!**

Please review the list of recycle items and bring them to WVGS. This is an easy way to help us fund WVGS and what we have to offer.



Our recycle coordinators are here to process your recycle items.

