



TIDBITS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN by Dorothy Sprague

We are off to a great start this Fall. It is great to see so many new and returning members!

Our big Parking Lot Sale is scheduled for November 21st. This is a major fund raiser for the Society and we hope everyone participates. Check the article and make plans to assist and attend.

Please be sure to read the message on the last page regarding our moving to electronic copies of *Tidbits*.

Your 2010 Membership renewal notices will be mailed with the December issue of *Tidbits*. Please fill it out completely so we can update all your information for the new decade. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

Our elections will be held at the November Membership Meeting. Please attend and make your voice heard.

And have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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 Herschelmann

Please welcome new members Donna Bennett, Margy Davis, Carolyn K Filer, Jim Gonsales, Mary Lynn Hedrick, Cedric Hoffman, Harold C Morton, Joan Rogers, Patricia Valentine, and Mary Ann Watchorn.

We now have 537 members in our society. Keep up the great work of bringing in new members! We are working on a new membership database system and will be sending out the 2010 membership form with the December *Tidbits* which is mailed in November. Please look at the new form closely. There is a place for each name in a household and separate e-mail addresses. We are looking to have the new database with all the current information, especially the e-mail address, to notify you about the posting of the latest *Tidbits* on our web site.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have a working laptop or a 17" or larger LCD Monitor that you are not using?

WVGS can put them to good use.



Please contact Roger Hanneman, PC Committee, at 623-214-3233


webmaster@azwvgs.org

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.

★ SPECIAL VOLUNTEER NEEDED ★

Bob Herschelmann, our Registrar for five years, will be retiring at the end of this year. His courteous, faithful, and accurate, service is deeply appreciated. 

Bob is willing to train his replacement – but first, we have to recruit that person.

If you like meeting new members and are handy with computers, good at meeting deadlines, willing to stop at the Library to pick up materials, etc., please contact Dorothy Sprague at the Library (leave a message) or at pres@azwvgs.org for further information.



CONDOLENCES

WVGS expresses sympathies to the family of WVGS member Tom McCartney who recently passed away

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: Carol Abernathy, Ethel Carmichael, Karla Bartel, Arlene Everett, Ruby Gordon, Mona Knight, Ervin Leifeit, Anny Mouse, Sally Pavia, Plano (TX) Public Library System, Mary Riter, Salt Lake City Family History Library, Ethel Sanders, Flo Weber and Lu Williams.



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 November meeting to take orders for the Arphax 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 the donor.

The following books will be 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

2010 ANNUAL SEMINAR – INITIAL NOTICE

Mark your Calendar: The WVGS Seminar Planning Committee is happy to announce the Annual Seminar will occur on Saturday, February 13, 2010. Special hotel rates are available to accommodate any out-of-town friends. Watch for further details.

Our speaker will be Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck. He will provide four lectures: “Bridging the Atlantic - Finding Your Ancestral Home,” “How to Find the Maiden Names of Females,” “Where Did They Go? Migrations from the Peace of Paris in 1763 to the War of 1812,” and “Onomatology - Surnames and Forenames and the Genealogist.”

TRIP REMINDERS:

2010 SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

The Salt Lake Trip is scheduled for Sunday, March 14 to Sunday March 21, 2010.

A deposit of \$250 will be due by January 1, 2010, and the remainder of the cost by February 15, 2010. Contact the Library for more information and start saving for this exciting trip!



WASHINGTON DC TRIP

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. There is limited space; contact the Library for more information.



NOVEMBER SPEAKDER DOROTHY SPRAGUE

by Karla Bartel

Many of us have had the wonderful experience of visiting ancestral sites; many of us have NEVER had that pleasure. Join us on November 9, 2009 to hear about the experiences of Dorothy Sprague when she visited the Washington, DC based National Archives and traveled to Pennsylvania to locate the places her ancestors lived.



“SITTING UP WITH THE DEAD” DINNER

WHEN: Friday, November 13, 2009

WHERE: WVGS Library, multi-purpose room

TIME: 5:30-10:30p

PRICE: \$15, includes. dinner, entertainment & research



**HURRY – LIMIT 30
21 already have signed up!**

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Thanksgiving: November 24, 25, 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Christmas: December 24, 25, 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

New Year's: January 1, 2010 (Friday) We will be open on new year's day

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- *500 Brick Wall Solutions to Genealogy Problems*
- *Appanoose County Iowa, Compiled in 1984-1985*
- *Arkansas Land Patents: Independence County*
- *Arkansas, An Illustrated History of The Land of Opportunity*
- *Bless God and Take Courage, The Judson History and Legacy*
- *Burlington County New Jersey, Deed Abstracts, Books A, B and C*
- *Collier Family History*
- *Dallas County Texas: Genealogical Data From Early Cemeteries; Volume 1*
- *Family Maps of White County, Illinois*
- *Hanover County (VA) Taxpayers Saint Paul's Parish 1782-1815*
- *Historic Ranches of Texas*
- *History of the Harbor District of Los Angeles*
- *Index to the Burlington Free Press in the Billings Library, University of Vermont, Vol.1, 1848-1852*
- *James McGoffin Back Family History, The*
- *L. B. Toler Family History, The*
- *Lawrence County, Tennessee Wills, Volume 1 (1829-1838)*
- *Marriages and Death Notices From Raleigh, N.C. Newspapers, 1796-1826*
- *Marriages of Johnston County, North Carolina, 1762-1868*
- *Materials Towards A History of The Baptists, Volume 1*
- *Materials Towards A History of The Baptists, Volume 2*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1811-1813*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1821-1823*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1827-1829*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1830-1831*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1832-1833*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1834-1835*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1836-1837*
- *National Intelligencer, Newspaper Abstracts, 1838-1839*
- *North Carolina Freedman's Savings & Trust Company Records*

- *Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama Prior to The Civil War*
- *Quaker Records in Georgia: Wrightsborough 1772-1793, Friendsborough 1776-1777*
- *Rector Records*
- *Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865, The, Vols. 1-16*
- *Sumter County Alabama: Index Wills and Estate Administrations 1834-1884; Register of Deaths 1881-1892*
- *Texas Confederate Scrip Grantees, C.S.A.*
- *University of Maine Bulletin, Yankees at Louisbourg*
- *Venetian Ghetto, The*
- *Vermont 1771 Census*
- *Virginia Militia in The Revolutionary War*
- *Virginia Public Claims, Gloucester County*
- *Women and Children of the Alamo, The*

CALENDAR

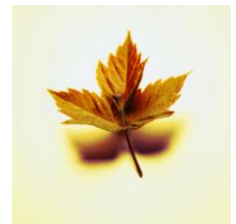
- November 2 Board Meeting
- November 9 Membership Meeting
Vote for 2010 Officers
- November 13 Sitting up with Dead Dinner, 5:30p
- November 18 Scan your photos and documents,
10a-5p Next date is 12/16/09.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia

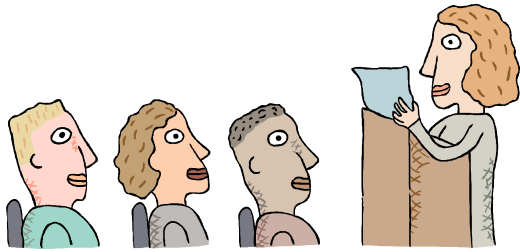
Fall is finally here, which means cooler weather and a nice Fall display for the glass case. Want to remind everyone, again, that we welcome one item or enough to fill the entire display case; it's up to you. It's always nice to go with the holiday theme, but that's not a 'given.' Another reminder, the case is ALWAYS locked so your items will be safe. If you have anything you would like to display, please contact me at: 623 974-1095 or sallypavia2001@yahoo.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

by Jean White

To narrow your search on WorldVital Records.com, 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.



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
- **CANADA/
FRENCH CANADIAN** 3rd Thursday
11:00a-12:30p
- **DNA**
[Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **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

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

¹Adoption SIG can meet if interested, call the Library and ask for Lou McLean to coordinate with you.

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 day and time.

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>



ADVANCED LEGACY 4 Sessions
Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor
Nov 3, 10, 17 and 24 **9:30 - 11:30a**

CHEAP GENEALOGY 1 Session
Jean White, Instructor
Nov 18 **1-3p**

Nancy Nielsen, Instructor, 2 sets of Classes:
FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 4 Sessions
Part 1: Jan 25, Feb 8, 15, and 22, 2010 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 2: Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2010 9:30-11:30a

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORIES 8 Sessions
Nancy Tsuchiya, Instructor **Rescheduled to**
Wednesday Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24,
Mar 3, 2010 **10am-12noon**

Sign up for classes at the Library or membership meetings. All of the classes have a minimal fee. Be sure to check our web page, www.azwvgs.org, and/or any e-News for updates.

NEWS FROM OUR WEBMASTER

by Roger Hanneman

At our Membership meeting presentation this past Monday, several good research website addresses were mentioned. For your convenience they have been added to the WVGS website links page. They are shown as **NEW**.

Just click on this link to see them. <http://www.azwvgs.org/Links.htm>. Happy Hunting!

Computer Equipment Committee (CEC)

Wi-Fi access for your laptop at Library

by Roger Hanneman

You now have Wi-Fi access to the internet from any where in the library. Help sheets to walk you through making connections are available and instructions are also on all of the WVGS PCs.

SEE'S CANDY HOLIDAY SALE



We will begin taking orders in October for the popular See's Candy to be delivered in November and December. Please be ready to order at the Membership Meeting or at the Library.

This is a great way to benefit the Society and to take care of those special folks on your holiday list.

2009 will be the second year that WVGS is having a fundraiser by selling See's Candy. You can choose from a wonderful assortment of chocolates, peanut brittle, gift certificates and a couple of Christmas items. The Society receives a percentage of all sales.

We kicked off the fundraiser at the October 12th General Meeting and have placed a sign along with the order forms at the Library.

We will also have the order forms available again at the next WVGS membership meeting on November 9th. If you order by then, our fundraiser coordinator will call you and let you know when your orders will be available for pickup at the Library. The deadline for the fundraiser is November 30th.

If you have any questions about the See's candy fundraiser, please contact our coordinator, Michelle Warren, warrenstwo@aol.com or 623-875-2788.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT NOMINEES FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

Ethel Sanders, Arlene Sampson and Jean White presented the Slate of Nominees for election at the November 9th Annual Membership Meeting to serve from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011.

President	Karla Bartel
1 st Vice President	Dee Snook
2 nd Vice President	Penny Williams
Secretary	Vera Elgin
Treasurer	Doris Young
Director/Asst. Treas.	Lois Gemmell
Director	Vern Worrell

The Board thanks the Nominating Committee for their fine work.



FALL PARKING LOT SALE COMING SOON

NOVEMBER 20 and 21, 2009
Bring pre-priced items on Friday
after 1:00p Sale on Saturday
Willing workers needed! Contact

Dorothy Sprague at the Library or pres@azwvgs.org
for information and to volunteer your time.



WILLING WORKERS NEEDED!

We need folks to set up on Friday, to do pricing and to work the sale on Saturday. We also need trucks and muscle to move items before and after the sale. Do you have space to store some of the donations for a few days? Contact Dorothy Sprague at the Library (leave a message) or at pres@azwvgs.org for information and to volunteer your time.



RECYCLING NEWS by Gale Kristof

Cans were picked up last Thursday and we had as many over the past 3 weeks as we had over the two prior months. Our thanks to all those who have contributed. Please keep them coming!! Prices are going up a bit, so it's good news all around.

When saving your aluminum cans, please 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

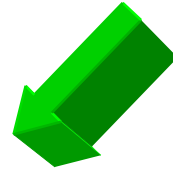
Drop these off at the Library

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



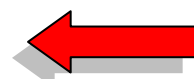
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LATEST UPDATE ON *TIDBITS*
by Dorothy Sprague



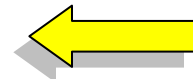
Read the article below and remember this:



- ★ Members with NO e-mail addresses will receive *Tidbits* by US Postal Service as always.
- ★ Members requesting regular printed copies of *Tidbits* will continue to receive via US Postal Service.
- ★ Members requesting e-mail notification will begin receiving that with the November issue. They will also receive a printed issue in November and December, just to make sure everything is working well.
- ★ **The January issue will mark the official switch to electronics for those who have requested it.**
- ★ Thanks to all of you for allowing us to make this move into the next decade of the future.



***TIDBITS* IS NOW ELECTRONIC !!**



Have you checked out the current electronic *Tidbits* on our website? If not, do so at www.azwvgs.org. You will be amazed to see how professional and different it looks in color! You are now able to view the current or past issues of *Tidbits* as well as print out any issue or any individual page.

Have you notified Dorothy Sprague, WVGS President that you wish to receive your *Tidbits* electronically? If not, e-mail her at, pres@azwvgs.org. This change will enable the Society to save over a thousand dollars in postage and copying each year.

Members who wish to continue receiving their copies in paper form by US Postal Service, must let Dorothy know by Monday, November 16th. Contact Dorothy now to let her know your mailing preference, pres@azwvgs.com.

Each month *Tidbits* is published, members will receive an e-mail notification with the subject line, "WVGS *Tidbits*." This e-mail will let you know that the latest issue is now available for online viewing at our website.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Adobe's free [Acrobat Reader](#) is needed to view the *Tidbits* files on our website. Most of you already have it or may need to update to the current version. To install or update Adobe, click on the Adobe link on our website or go to www.adobe.com. Before you download the latest version of Adobe Reader, **make sure you UNCHECK the box** next to "Also install – free McAfee Security Scan" by taking the check off. You **DO NOT** want this. Then, scroll down and click on the large gold "Download" button and follow the screen directions.



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Get it online at www.azwvgs.org.**

