



TIDBITS

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

Volume 38, Issue 2, February 2010

Editor, MaryJo Johnson

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Karla Bartel

We are pleased to have Carol Struck fill Penny Williams' remaining year as a Director, due to Penny's illness. We wish Penny a speedy recovery. And we welcome Cathy Gallagher who has accepted the position of 2nd Vice President.

Remember to sign up and attend our annual Seminar, which is on February 13. The committee is working hard to make this a day you won't forget. In addition to a wonderful speaker presenting very interesting topics throughout the day, we have vendors, door prizes galore, and LUNCH! Get your registration turned in early!

Our terrific computer committee will soon be announcing how you, our members, can access both World Vital Records and Footnote from home. This will give you greater opportunity to do research without leaving home, but also our Library has additional resources for your use. Please thank our CDC and CEC committees for making this possible. Both committees have been working hard on this new venture.

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 Ronald A Baker, Robert M Bastion, Bergie Bergerson, Yvone W Buckley, Jerry C Carter, Brenda L Daas, Sue Davis, Kathy Gipson, Fannalou Guggisberg, JoeAnne Hamilton, Patrica (Dusti) Ide, Charles Mannino, Martha McMahan, Tonie A Miller, Viola Mutch, Majorie A Newville, Gail L Reynolds, Delbertta (Toni) Smolinski, Jo Telarski, Joan Valenzaino, Kay Young and David G Walker.

We have implemented a new membership database. Be sure to let us know all the e-mail addresses for each household. Also, please notify us of any change of address and e-mail information.

TRIBUTE TO BOB HERSCHELMAN

from Karla Bartel

Responsible, accurate, and dedicated are words that describe Bob Herschelman's service. After more than 5 years, Bob is turning over the Membership Registrar's service to Fran Morris, who will be assisted by Martha Emmons.

Bob's responsibilities have been far more than just reporting new members but they included keeping a member's roster, generating membership cards and mailing labels for *Tidbits* and *Tracker*, no small tasks.

This issue of *Tidbits* will be Bob's last membership report. It's people like Bob Herschelman who help make our Society a success. Please join me in thanking Bob for his dedicated service to WVGS.

DONATION NEEDED

Do you have a working laptop
you are not using?
WVGS has a need
for new projects.



Please contact Roger Hanneman,
PC Committee. at 623-214-3233
webmaster@azwvgs.org

CONDOLENCES

WVGS expresses sympathies to the family of WVGS member Wayne Wright (spouse – Liz) whose mother passed away this January on her 98th birthday and to the family of Joyce McDonald, whose husband Bob McDonald passed away in January.



ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY GENEALOGY COLLECTION

FREE! FREE! Why not go downtown for lunch and attend an hour-long presentation about topics of interest to genealogists. Food is not allowed in the new Polly Rosenbaum State Archives & History building, 1901 W Madison St., Phoenix, but there are lots of places to go for lunch after “class”, held on second Thursdays from noon to 1:00p.

- **Feb. 11, 2010:** “Social Geography: Your Family's Place in the Community”
- **March 11, 2010:** “Land Records and Genealogical Research” – learn about different types of land records, where to find them, and useful clues contained in them.
- **April 8, 2010:** “Analyzing Documents and Photographs”

For on-line registration for these FREE presentations, go to <http://www.lib.az.us> and choose the link to “Other Resources” then Click on “Genealogy Online Registration” OR register by phone: (602) 926-3938.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: Marge Clark, Carol Filer, Ruby Gordon, Linda McCleary, Peggy Morphey, Sally Pavia, Cheryl Ramsey, Rochester Public Library, Andy Rowe and Dee Snook.



➡ **WVGS' PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE** ⚡
JAN 24, 2010, 1-4P

Our annual Open House is held primarily to acquaint the public with our Library and to encourage them to join our Society. It is an excellent opportunity to WOW non-members with the professionalism connected with doing family history/genealogy. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come and see our facility and resource collection. No is registration required and it is free.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view genealogical software demonstrations and sign up for research nights, Library tours and classes. They will learn about our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), annual trips to the Washington, D.C. Archives and the Salt Lake City Family History Library. In addition, they can visit with our guest presenters from the SAR, DAR, and other lineage and historical societies.

GLASS DISPLAY CASE AND CASES IN MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

by Sally Pavia

We are lucky enough to have items for the Display Case through February of 2010. January's display is Judge James Trabue's, genealogy certificates and memorabilia. The Judge is one of our deceased members.

We need items to fill the case beginning in March 2010. This gives you plenty of time to start hunting 'goodies' you'd like to share with the other members of the Society.

The change in the cases in the multi-purpose room will arrive soon. Very Soon! The change is a surprise until it is put together and on display.

Please contact me if you have anything to share. I can be reached at: info@azwvgs.org. Please enter **Sally Pavia** in the Subject Line. Thank you.

SCANNING SERVICE

by Cathy Gallagher

How many photographs and documents do you have tucked away in shoeboxes that are fading away or will be damaged or lost without your attention? Start the New Year off right by preserving your precious family memories. It is simple to do, schedule time for scanning at the Library. February 20 from 9-4p is the next scanning date.

Bring your photographs and documents and have them scanned quickly onto a CD using our high speed scanner! You can scan up to 500 photographs in one hour. Please call the Library at (623) 933-4945 and make an appointment for our next scanning date. Your descendants will be most appreciative!

FEBRUARY 8, 2010 SPEAKER

by Dee Snook

Jim Neal is the Conservator of the Arizona State History and Archives Division. Mr. Neal has worked in the field of preservation and conservation for the past 15 years and has worked with a variety of libraries and archives collections including the Vatican Secret Archives, U.C. California Berkeley Libraries and The Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and Humanities. Mr. Neal graduated from The University of Texas in Austin, with a Master of Library Science Degree with a Certificate of Applied Specialization in Conservation..

Mr. Neal will be talking about preserving books and paper documents.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



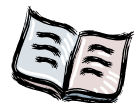
NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

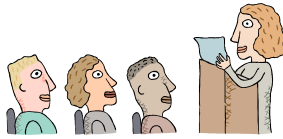
- CD 10202 *The Holland Society of New York 1886-1921*
- CD 10203 *The Family of Best in America of Holland Descent, 1700-1901*
- CD 10203 *The Lansing Family*
- CD 10203 *The Ryerson Genealogy*
- CD 10203 *The Spoor Family in America*
- CD 10204 *A Documentary History of the Dutch Congregation of Oyster Bay*
- CD 10204 *Baptismal Record of the First Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica, Long Island, New York*
- CD 10204 *Baptismal Record of the Reformed Dutch Church at Newtown, Long Island, New York 1736-1846*
- CD 10204 *Baptismal Record of the Reformed Dutch Church at Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York 1741-1846*
- CD 10204 *Baptisms from Reformed Dutch Church at Success, New York*
- CD 10204 *Deaths from Reformed Dutch Church at Manhasset, Long Island, New York 1790-1840*
- CD 10204 *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York 1741-1835; Wolver Hollow Church*
- CD 10205 *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York*
- CD 10205 *Baptismal Register of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady, New York 1694-1704*
- CD 10205 *Catalogue of Members in the Communion of the (Collegiate) Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York*
- CD 10205 *Index to the Marriage Records from 1639-1801 of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York*
- CD 10205 *Manual and Directory of the First Reformed (Dutch) Church of Schenectady, New York*
- CD 10205 *Marriages of Columbia County Residents at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Chatham, Columbia County*
- CD 10205 *Records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, United Brethren Congregation-Moravian Church, St. Andrew's*
- CD 10205 *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Kakiat, Rockland Co., New York 1774-1864*
- CD 10205 *The Dutch Records of Kingston, Ulster County, New York*
- CD 10205 *The Social History of Flatbush, and Manners and Customs of the Dutch Settlers in Kings County*
- CD 10205 *Tombstone Inscriptions from the Churchyard of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Fishkill Village, Dutchess Co., New York*
- CD 10206 *Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, New Jersey*
- CD 10206 *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa, Paterson, New Jersey 1755-1827*
- CD 10206 *Some Jersey Dutch Genealogy*
- CD 10207 *Dutch New York*
- CD 10207 *Dutch Records in the City Clerk's Office, New York*
- CD 10207 *Dutch Village Communities on the Hudson River*
- CD 10207 *First Record Book of the Society of the Daughters of Holland Dames*
- CD 10207 *History of New Netherland or New York Under the Dutch Volume 2*
- CD 10207 *The Dutch Founding of New York*
- CD 10207 *The Dutch Schools of New Netherland and Colonial New York*
- CD 10208 *Archives of the London-Dutch Church 1568-1872*
- CD 10208 *Collection of Upwards of 30,000 Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776,*
- CD 10208 *Holland of the Dutch*
- CD 10208 *The Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America Volumes 1 and 2*
- CD 10208 *The Dutch Under English Rule 1674-1775*
- CD 10208 *The Hollanders of Iowa*

NEW PERIODICAL REPORT

by Peggy Morpew



- *Bangor Historical Magazine (ME)*
- *Newport Historical Magazine (RI)*
- *Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION** Contact Lou McLean
- **AFRICAN/AMERICAN**¹ 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**
[Dec/Feb/Apr/Oct] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **GERMAN/POLAND** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **INDIANA/OHIO** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **ITALY** 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
- **NEW ENGLAND STATES** 4th Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **NY/NJ/PA** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30a
- **SOUTHERN STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN** 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

¹African/American SIG, ask Library aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

Please go to <http://www.azwvgs.org/Sigs.htm> or call the Library at 623-933-4945 or to verify schedules or to obtain answers about our SIGS.

FEBRUARY MEETING HANDOUTS

Did you miss getting a handout of Jean White's January Membership presentation on "Great Lakes Sailors?" If so, here is a link to her handout.

<http://www.azwvgs.org/Pdf%20Forms/ResoursesGtLakesShipsandSailors.pdf>

WINTER CLASSES

by Karla Bartel



For schedule of classes, dates and times, please call the Library, 623-933-4945, or check our web site for class descriptions and fees, www.azwvgs.org.

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

LEARNING ABOUT OBITUARIES 1 Session
Ether Sanders, Instructor 9-11a
Feb 23, 2010

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

NOVICE GENEALOGY 1 session
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor Call Library for date

Jean White, Instructor, 3 sets of Classes
PROBLEM SOLVING 3 Sessions
Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 - 1:00-3:00p
RESEARCH TECHNIQUES 1 4 Sessions
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3 - 1:00-3:00p
RESEARCH TECHNIQUES 2 4 Sessions
Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31 - 1:00-3:00p

Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor, 2 sets of Classes
GENEALOGY TECHNOLOGY 4 Sessions
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 9:30-11:30a
LEGACY FOR BEGINNERS 4 Sessions
Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13 9:30-11:30a

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

DON'T MISS WVGS'S ANNUAL ALL DAY SEMINAR! FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck's topics are:

- ◆ Bridging the Atlantic - Finding Your Ancestral Home
- ◆ Migrations from Europe from 1763 to 1812
- ◆ Finding Female Maiden Names
- ◆ Onomatology - Surnames and Forenames and the Genealogist

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

by Peggy Morphew

We are still in need of volunteers:

- **Library Aides** - Welcome patrons to our Library & assist them in registering for classes, seminars, trips, etc. Choice of shifts: Mornings 9:00a - 12:30p, Afternoons 12:30p - 4:00p or Tuesday Evenings 6:00-9:00
- **Shelf Readers** - Check a designated area of the book shelves to make sure they are in numerical order. Work at your own pace once a month.
- **Typists/Keyboarders** - Enter data to various databases. Work at your own pace.

There are other duties - some requiring a commitment of just a few hours per year! INTERESTED??? Contact Peggy Morphew e-mail: libadmin@azwvgs.org

STILL AVAILABLE 1 GIG THUMB DRIVES



Great Valentine's gift for you or a friend. WVGS has purchased some unique 1 GIG thumb drives with a neck strap.

They can be purchased at the Library! Buy them for gift giving or an excellent way to aid in your genealogy research. We have a limited supply so do not miss out on this unique item! They are only \$10 each!

CALENDAR



- January 22-23 WVGS Booth at Mesa FHExpo
- January 24 Society Open House Celebration
- February 1 WVGS Board Meeting
- February 8 General Membership Meeting
- February 20 Scanning of pictures and documents
- March 14-21 Salt Lake City Research Trip
Hurry, only a few places left!

2010 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Mark your Calendar for the 2010 Family History Conference, *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*, which will be held 28 April—1 May 2010, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Whether your family helped settle the nation, migrated across the country, stayed in the same place, or recently arrived in America, this conference has much to offer. The online searchable conference program is now available at:

<http://members.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2010Program.cfm>

50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Lu Williams

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.



Look for us at the next 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:

- *Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1858, Vol. III*
Total Cost: \$30.00 Paid in Full
- *Land Claims in the Eastern District of the Orleans Territory*
Total Cost: \$30.00 Balance Needed: \$15.00

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2010 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



Follow Your Ancestral Trail

Salt Lake City, Utah | 28 April—1 May 2010

*Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info
for more information*

Local Host Society: Utah Genealogical Association

National Genealogical Society
Phone: (703) 525-0950 | Fax: (703) 525-0952
Toll Free: (800) 473-0960
Website: www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info
e-mail: conference@ngsgenealogy.org



Reprinting rights granted by NGS



For more information, please read 2010 Family History Conference

West Valley Genealogical Society
12222 N. 111th Avenue
Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
SUN CITY, AZ
PERMIT NO. 151

Dated Material

Please Deliver Promptly



2010

CURRENT RESIDENT or

EASY WAY TO DONATE EVERYDAY!

PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR WALLET:

Office Max Perks	#001274-8337
Staples Rewards	#04050-4355-5
Safeway eScript ID	#151055488
Basha's Thanks Program	#23643

The price being paid for cans increased recently by 20% to 60 cents a pound. So, for every pound turned in, we now get a bit more for WVGS.

Did you renew for eScript at Safeway and Basha's? Please remember to sign up again.

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.

There will be two Library Tours. The first is on Monday, January 25, 9:30a and the second on Tuesday, January 26, 1:30p. These tours are connected with WVGS' Public Open House and are for **New or Prospective Members**. Library Tour for February will be announced via e-NEWS.

**Be Sure to Renew Your
WVGS Membership for 2010**
by Jean White

The Equipment Committee has been working hard to get our members up and running on the WorldVitalRecords.com and Footnote.com connections from home. As of now the committee is saying that they are shooting for a February launch, with current WVGS members being able to connect.

A demo at the February membership meeting is being planned. Be sure to pay your 2010 WVGS dues so you'll be ready.