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Serving Northwest Maricopa County, Arizona



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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Karla Bartel

I feel we're off to another great year. Our September general meeting had 103 in attendance, with about 10 guests. That's a very good beginning! The consensus is that genealogy is gaining more followers all the time.



Some informative classes have been lined up for this fall so be sure you get signed up before they are filled up. Check in this issue for information.

As usual, we'll be having our big Parking Lot Sale in November so start cleaning out your closets, price all items except clothing, shoes, & books. The date for this sale will be announced at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you've never volunteered to help with this event, try it. We have lots of fun!

A very important task is facing our Nominating Committee. We have several seats on our Board that need to be filled. If you're interested in being a member of that Board, give your name to Nan Hoffman, Chairperson. She can be reached at 623 975 9443 or [bunka4048@cox.net](mailto:bunka4048@cox.net).

I know there are those who would be an asset to our Society; just jump on the bandwagon!!



## RESEARCH NIGHT

Research Dinner is the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5-9 pm; cost is \$3.50. You bring your dinner/bag lunch, and we provide the dessert, soda, and cold water. Plus, there will be someone there who will be able to help you if you are new or if you're having a problem. This is a great way to meet new friends and find out all kinds of interesting/helpful information about your family.



## CALENDAR

- October 3      WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- October 10     General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- October 19     Library Tour, 9:30 am
- October 20     Research Night, 5-9:00 pm, call the Library to verify day and time

### WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

### Hours:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
6:00 - 9:00 pm Tuesday nights  
closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

**Telephone:** ..... 623-933-4945

**Website:** ..... <http://www.azwvgs.org>

**Monthly Meetings:** September through May

2nd Monday of each month - Doors open at 1:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Membership Registrar - Fran Morris

Please welcome all new members that have recently joined the society. They are: Jo Arnsperger, Beth Clymer, John T. Davis, Daniel Erlandsen, Ronald Fryer, Rev. William & Ruth Higgins, Harry Humphrey, Carolyn and Dick Hunter, D Sue Kissel, Kay Lind, Lynn Peterson and Nancy Spangler.

We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship and research within the Society.

Total membership as of September 12 is 609.

### Membership Notes:

Badges are issued to new members only. The numbered badge issued to you is your permanent identification to the library and general meetings. Your membership number is the last 3 digits of the number on your membership badge. Lost badges are replaced at a charge of \$5.00.

Several members have not picked up their membership badge from the aide at the WVGS Library "welcome desk". Please pick them up soon. All new member badges and ordered replacements are current.

As soon as your information is entered into the database system you are verified for Footnote and World Vital Records websites. Members can pick up passwords and instructions at the Library or general meetings. If you are unable to pick up the 2011 passwords enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check and information sheet.

**Remember:** Please notify WVGS of any address and email changes during the year so that your information is current for Society mailings and communication.

## OCTOBER 10th SPEAKER

Dee Snook

### Debe Branning

A Director of the Pioneer Cemetery Association and the MVD Ghostchasers of Mesa/Bisbee paranormal team



### “Pioneer and Military Memorial Park (Cemetery)”

Debe will talk about the history of the old Pioneer and Military Memorial Park (Cemetery), the duties of the volunteers of the Pioneer Cemetery Association, their research and some of their upcoming projects.

She will tell us about some of the interesting pioneers buried on the grounds and how she rescued a tombstone that had been missing from the cemetery for over 70 years. Lots of photographs! Lots of stories! Lots of FUN!

Debe recently appeared on an episode of TRAVEL CHANNEL'S “Ghost Stories” about haunted Jerome and has been a speaker at several SciFi Conventions. Author of *Sleeping With Ghosts-A Ghost Hunter's Guide to AZ's Haunted Hotels and Inns* and *The Graveyard Shift - AZ's Haunted and Historical Cemeteries*”



## CONDOLENCES

The members of WVGS extend condolences to 1st Vice President Dee Snook on the passing of her mother Kae Arthur on August 24th. She was a long time member of the WVGS and the Family History Society of Arizona.



## Glass Display Case

by Sally Pavia

Everyone should really enjoy the October display. There will be a wonderful selection of Fall and Halloween ‘treats.’ Member, Ora Duke, has offered to loan us some of her interesting items. Be sure to come and check out the October display and we're sure you'll find it very enjoyable.

**Media Room Display Cases** - we're in the process of redoing the cases, watch and see what the latest display will be. Hopefully, it will be something everyone will enjoy.

## CURT WITCHER TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL AzGAB WORKSHOP

Curt B. Witcher, Manager of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be the speaker for the annual Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board's workshop on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Registration is from 8:45– 9:15 a.m. and the presentations begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Workshop is being held at the Carnegie Center, 1101 West Washington Street in Phoenix, and is open to everyone interested in genealogy.

The registration price is \$30 a person. Lunch is included. Registration needs to be received by November 8th to guarantee a lunch. Registrations received after that Tuesday or at the door may not get lunch. The four programs Curt will present are:

### Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research

This presentation explores the growing number of consequential websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors.

### Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research

The United States Federal Government is the largest publisher in the world, yet many genealogists do not think of using government documents on a regular basis in their research. This talk serves to unpuzzle federal government documents, provide the researcher with a sufficient working knowledge of government document access tools and indices.

### Pain in the Access: Getting More from the Internet for Your Genealogy

Library, archive, government, and GenWeb sites have much to offer genealogists if they know how and where to look—and it's not as complicated or painful and it might first seem. This presentation will demonstrate sites and strategies for getting more meaningful data from the web.

### Saving Our Societies: Answering Our Distress Beacons

This presentation offers a number of perspectives on what makes a society successful and how to incorporate success factors into your society's life. It is a very practical approach to making your society vital, presented by someone who has been involved in society management for more than two decades.

For more information contact Betsy Gottsponer at 928-446-2892 or e-mail [bgottsponer@gmail.com](mailto:bgottsponer@gmail.com).

## Genealogy for Juniors

Dee Snook



The Genealogy for Juniors program began on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and will continue each Saturday throughout the month of

September. Eleven boys and girls joined Barb Stenberg for the first session. After an hour's class lecture Barb treated them all to cupcakes and then they were ready to begin working in the Library. They were to find a compiled genealogy, trace the family for 4 generations and write a short story about the family. Some did it with enthusiasm, some got so involved in the story they barely had time to complete the assignment and then there were the other few.....



### DONATIONS – THANK YOU!



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Adams, Bell Library Sun City, Jean Belzer, Marion Boshart estate, Mary Becker, Michael Beck, Sue Black, CDC Purchase in Honor of Louise Covault, Bev Craig, Phyllis Davis, Ruth Day, Dottie DeYoung, John Donaldson, Sheri Erickson, Estrella Chapter DAR, Opal Follin, Joanne Freeman, Kathy Gipson, Lori Gurcius, Roger Hanneman, Howard Hanson, Opal Hantke, Irma Hardin, Jim Heller, Deanna Hill, Nan Hoffman, Richard Hudnall, Annette Kempke, Mary Jo Lyon, Charlie Mannino, Helen McLellan, Mid-Continent Public Library, Jayne Miller, Peggy Morpew, Rosalie Ogden, Sally Pavia, Maureen Pierce, Florence Portell, John Post, Geoff Rasmussen Arlene Sampson, SLC-FHL, Judy Smith, Kathy Smith, Dee Snook, Sonora Chapter Colonial Dames of XVII Century, Dorothy Sprague, Louise G. Stratton estate, Carol Struck, Roberta Tenney, Dorothy Turner, Lu Williams, Mary Wissler, Shirlee Witt, Shirley Woodward, Carol Wylie and Wanita Zarumba.

## Scanning Services

Cathy Gallagher

Bob and Cathy Gallagher will continue to offer **Scanning Services of your precious photos and documents using their Kodak High Speed Scanner.** Although no longer scanning at the Library once a month, they will make special arrangements to pick up and deliver your photos - OR - members can come to their Surprise home to scan photos.

### This process will offer you:

1. The peace of mind of knowing your photos are safe from fire, water and other dangers
2. The ability to easily share photos with family and friends
3. A simple way to get your photos onto your computer and ready for Family Tree Maker, Legacy, RootsMagic, etc.
4. And do this at a fraction of the time it takes with the flatbed scanner you may have at home

The charge is .20 cents per photo (WVGS gets .06 per photo) that are scanned to a CD. Additional CD copies are \$1.

**Note:** the retail average cost is .59 cents per scan plus a \$5 CD charge.

For more information on scanning of fragile or larger photos, tin types, etc., please contact Cathy Gallagher at 623-266-1330.



### ALUMINUM CANS

Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*



**PLEASE NOTE:** Do not leave the cans in the caged area due to thefts. Bring them into the Library or to the General Membership meeting.

There were a few more cans in mid-August that brought our total for the year up to \$622, 34% more than all of last year. The other good news is that the price we now get for aluminum cans has increased to \$1.15 per pound. With a good turnout at the September meeting later this afternoon and over the next few months, there is good chance we can double the 2010 total of \$465. If everyone keeps turning in the cans, I will cash them in for WVGS. Thanks to all for your great efforts this year!



### ESTATE SALE VOLUNTEERS

The board okayed a partnership between WVGS and the family of Kae Arthur to hold an estate sale on September 30th and October 1st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at 1239 E. Captain Dreyfus, Phoenix. Kae who was the mother of VP Dee Snook passed away August 24th. Volunteers to work those days are needed, please contact Dee at [deesgenes1@yahoo.com](mailto:deesgenes1@yahoo.com).

# LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

## NEW BOOK REPORT

Linda McCleary

- *1790-1890 Federal Population Census, The: Catalog of National Archives Microfilm*
- *305th Bomb Group in Action: an Anthology, The*
- *Abstracts from the Port Tobacco Times and Charles County Advertiser. Vol. 1: 1844-1854 MD*
- *Abstracts from the Port Tobacco Times and Charles County Advertiser. Vol. 2: 1855-1869 MD*
- *Abstracts from the Port Tobacco Times and Charles County Advertiser. Vol. 3: 1870-1875 MD*
- *Age Search Information*
- *Arizona: A Panoramic History of a Frontier State*
- *Bucks County Pennsylvania Will Abstracts 1825-1870*
- *Bucks County Pennsylvania Will Abstracts 1870-1900*
- *Cave Creek and Carefree, Arizona: A History of the Desert Foothills*
- *Cole County Missouri Deeds, 1821-1850*
- *Cole County Missouri Marriages 1821-1849*
- *Cole County Missouri Marriages 1850-1900*
- *Corinth Revisited By Its Kinfolks, 1977 - Yell County, Arkansas*
- *Death Valley & Manly: Symbols of Destiny*
- *Descendants of Benjamin Fisher of Bedford County, Pennsylvania and Clermont County, Ohio, The*
- *Descendants of Christian Lind*
- *Descendants of Jacob J. Yoder*
- *Descendants of Joseph C. Troyer: A Chronological Record of the Descendants of Joseph C. Troyer*
- *Descendants of Joseph Keim (1868-1956), Sarah Heinbuck Keim (1870-1906), Lucretia Swartzendruber Keim (1885-1954)*
- *Descendants of Levi S. & Amanda (Balmer) Hochstettler*
- *Descendants of Edward T. Seese and Wife Catherine Viola Wirick Seese*
- *Entertaining Aurora: The history of entertainment in Aurora, Illinois, highlighted in text and pictures*
- *Esther Claire Winger Spencer and Henry Leland Spencer Collection. Books 1 to 6*
- *Fairfax County Road Orders 1749-1800*
- *Family Maps of Allen County, Ohio*
- *Family Maps of Attala County, Mississippi*
- *Family Maps of Barbour County, Alabama*
- *Family Maps of Hancock County, Ohio*
- *Family Maps of Ionia County, Michigan*
- *Family Maps of Lenawee County, Michigan*
- *Family Maps of Newaygo County, Michigan*
- *Family Maps of Randolph County, Missouri*
- *Family Record of Noah S. Beachy and Catherine Plank, The*
- *First United Methodist Church Sheridan, Wyoming, 1888-1983*
- *For Posterity's Sake: Kocher-Burkholder; Haubach-Stottlemeyer Ancestors and Descendants*
- *Founding Mothers: Profiles of Ten Wives of America's Founding Fathers*
- *Genealogical Record of the Atlee Family: The Descendants of Judge William Augustus Atlee and Colonel Samuel John Atlee of Lancaster County, PA.*
- *German Boundary and Locality Name Changes*
- *Hartslog Heritage, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania*
- *History & Family Record: The Benedict Lehman Family, 1760-1983: Elias Lehman Family Line Henry and Fannie Lehman Familys*
- *History and Families, Wright County, Missouri: 150th Anniversary, 1841-1991*
- *History of Mercer County Together with Biographical Matter, Statistics, Etc.*
- *History of Warren County, Indiana, A*
- *Italians to America Volumes 12, 21 and 26*
- *Journeying in Macdougall Country*
- *Keefer Family Tree, The*
- *Kerr Family: Descendants from Samuel Kerr (1813-1895)*
- *Layton Family History 1746-1913*
- *Linda Mc Geronimo: My Life as told to S. M. Barrett*
- *Louise Gillespie Stratton Collection -- 59 3-ring binders of surnames including an Index and Sources*
- *MacDowalls, The*
- *Miller Family History: Descendants of Daniel D. Miller and Lydia B. Troyer*
- *Mort Family: Descendants of Peter Mort (1783-1859)*
- *Murdock Family: Descendants of Robert Murdock (1665-1754)*
- *National Integration of Italian Return Migration, 1870-1929, The*
- *Newby Family History*
- *Other New York, The: The American Revolution beyond New York City, 1763-1787*
- *Presbyterian Church of Shaver's Creek Manor at Manor Hill, Pennsylvania on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the stone church, 1823-1973*
- *Preston County, West Virginia Methodist Church Baptisms and Marriages 1852-1863*
- *Preston County, West Virginia Newspaper Marriage and Death Notices 1861, 1866-1868*
- *Recollections and Letters of General Robert E. Lee*
- *S. S. Samuel B. Lehman Log*
- *Stone County, Missouri: 1860 Federal Census Including 1860, 1870 and 1880 Mortality Schedules*

- *Supplement to Genealogy Book Titled Murdock Family: Descendants of Robert Murdock (1665-1754)*
- *Sutler's Store, The - Yavapai County, Arizona.*
- *Swedes at War: Willing Warriors of a Neutral Nation, 1914-1945*
- *Texas Land Survey Maps for McLennan County*
- *Texas Land Survey Maps for Nacogdoches*
- *Texas Land Survey Maps for Rusk County*
- *The "Abstracts from the Port Tobacco...." (Maryland)*
- *Town of Roxbury: Its Memorable Persons and Places: Its History and Antiquities, with Numerous Illustrations of its Old Landmarks and Noted Personages*
- *Two Hundred and Fifty Years History of Alto, Texas, 1686-1936*
- *William H. and Mary P. Lehman Family, The*



### Family Maps

Lori Gurcius

In the map section of our Library, there is a book on the top shelf showing the available Family Maps by county. There are records for 30 states. These county map books show the first person who bought a particular plot of land in the county when the land was first made available for sale by the government. They also show roads, cemeteries, waterways, and railroads and some historical sites for each township.

I checked in the main book and found one available for Hancock County, Ohio, but our Library didn't have it yet. My maternal grandfather's longtime family farm was in this county. I knew this family came from Virginia to Ohio in the early 1800s when Ohio was being settled. You can buy these books for the Library through the 50/50 Club. I took the chance and paid half the price of the book to see if I could find any information about my grandfather's family.

My book, Family Maps of Hancock County, Ohio, was accessioned this summer. I slowly opened it up, like the best present ever, to find it was filled with lots of little presents inside. I found some land purchased by Benjamin Rolston, the brother of my third great-grandfather, Alpheous Rolston, who also came to Ohio at this time with several other families from Virginia. After talking to Viola Spencer, I realized my Alpheous, the eleventh child, would be dirt-poor. He wouldn't be able to buy any land. Benjamin had nine children so his land would go to them, not my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather. So where did my grandfather's family farm come from?

All these land plots were purchased in the 1830s. I started at the beginning of the map book and looked at each name, checking it against the names in my Legacy

program. I found out where the various children and cousins met their spouses in surrounding farms. I found where my fourth great-grandfather on my maternal grandmother's side bought six plots of land. Then I saw all the surnames his family married. I opened the best present last. I found the plot that my third great-grandmother, Julian Williamson, bought near her brother's land when she was 21. She is the second wife of Alpheous Rolston. He married her sister, Nancy, first. She died six days after her fifth child was born. Alpheous married Julian when she was 32 (an old maid!) and had three more children. Maybe Julian's father or brothers helped her buy the land. However it happened, that land was in our family for three generations of farmers. By now, I was squealing with delight to put some meat on the bones of all these people I had thought were boring, undereducated, stay-put farmers. I've discovered that they were adventurous, hard-working pioneers taking risks to settle the frontier. I wished my mom could be here looking at this with me and I felt like she was standing right behind me with a big smile on her face.

So I invite you to see if a map book has been created for one of your counties. If so, contact Bev Craig in the CDC committee to order it. You can pay half the price and the 50/50 Club will pay the other half. Then you can go on an archeological dig into your own family's past and solve some mysteries for yourself.



### 50/50 BOOKS REPORT

Lu Williams

The Society pays one-half of the cost of the books listed; interested members donate the remainder. Members may suggest titles to be considered for the list.

The following books can be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program:

- German Immigrants in American Church Records, Vol. 1 - Cost \$89.95      Remainder due \$29.50
- Some Georgia Records, Vol. 10  
Cost \$33.00      Remainder Due 9.50
- Some Georgia Records, Vol. 9  
Cost 37.00      Remainder Due \$16.50
- New Hampshire 1732 census  
Cost \$25.00      Remainder Due \$12.50
- Genealogy Abstracts From Early New Hampshire Newspapers Vol. 1 - \$36.50      Remainder Due \$18.25



### PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR WALLET:

Office Max Perks      #012748337  
Staples Rewards      #04050-4355-5  
**Or just use WVGS phone number 623-933-4945**

## FALL CLASSES

Dee Snook

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

*All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register.*

### BARBARA STENBERG, INSTRUCTOR

**Novice Genealogy** 1 class  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month 1-3:00 pm

#### **New Novice Genealogy - Special Evening Class!**

Tuesday 6:30 -8:30 pm Oct 18

### GEOFF RASMUSSEN, INSTRUCTOR

**Legacy Family Tree - For Beginners** 4 classes  
Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15

**Digital Photography For Genealogy** 2 classes  
Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 am Dec 6 & 13

### MYRA BERTILSON, INSTRUCTOR

**New German Research** 4 classes  
Tuesdays 1-3 pm Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8

**New Navigating Through Ancestry.Com** 1 class  
Saturday 1-3 pm Dec 10

### NANCY NIELSEN, INSTRUCTOR

**Family Tree Maker - Part 1** 4 classes  
Monday 9:30-11:30 am Oct 3, 10, 17 & 24

**Family Tree Maker - Part 2** 4 classes  
(*Must have taken Part 1*)  
Monday 9:30-11:30 am Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21

### CHUCK FILTEAU, INSTRUCTOR

**New Rootsmagic Part 1\*** 2 classes  
Wednesday 1-3 pm Oct 12 & 19

**New Rootsmagic Part 2 - Intermediate Level\*** 2 classes  
Wednesday 1-3 pm Nov 2 & 9

*\*These classes will be held in the computer lab  
and are limited to 9 students.*

### ETHEL SANDERS, INSTRUCTOR

**New Finding Obituaries** 1 class  
Wednesday 9-11 am Nov 2

### JEAN WHITE, INSTRUCTOR

**Research Techniques** 4 classes  
Wednesday 1-3 pm Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2

### NANCY TSUCHIYA, INSTRUCTOR

**Weekly Writing Your Life Stories**  
Every Thursday 10-Noon  
*No need to sign up; pay for the classes you take.*

## KARL JOHNSON, INSTRUCTOR

**Googling For Ancestors** 1 class  
Saturday 1-3 pm Oct 8

**Gensmarts** 1 class  
Saturday 1-3 pm Nov 12

### The Master Genealogist (TMG) For Beginners

Thursday 1-3 pm 3 classes Oct 6, 13 & 20



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

Sally Pavia



### BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY OR WVGS WEBSITE TO VERIFY SIG SCHEDULES

- **Adoption** ..... Contact Lou Mclean
- **British Isles** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00am
- **Canada/Fr-Can** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:00-12:30pm
- **DNA [Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Sat, 1:00-3:00am
- **Germany/Poland** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 9:30-11:30am
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Fri, 1:00-3:00pm
- **Italy** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30-12:30pm
- **Jewish/Eastern Europe** .... 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Kansas/Missouri** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00pm
- **Legacy** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Maryland** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00pm
- **New England** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00pm
- **Norway** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am
- **NY/NJ/PA** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am
- **Quakers** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:00-Noon
- **Roots Magic** ..... Check Website For More Info
- **Southern States** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Sweden** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00pm
- **TMG** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00-noon



### USE: GOODSEARCH.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.

## Help Wanted

Volunteers needed with some experience in:

Computer Maintenance  
Database or File Management  
System Design/Management  
Programming  
Web Design or Maintenance  
Optical Character Recognition  
Photo Editing

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Please Contact:

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Rich Sporski 480-209-9129

[sysadm@azwvgs.org](mailto:sysadm@azwvgs.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

**WVGS Member Judy Crawford will be teaching a class about "Researching in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library"** on Friday, January 13, 2012. The registration form will be added to our website shortly. This is a must for those of you who want to go to SLC.

**The February 18, 2012 WVGS Annual Seminar at Smoot Hall, Lakeview United Church, Sun City will feature Kory L. Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG, FUGA** who will discuss assorted topics including How to Research Your German Ancestors. Did you know that the largest population of immigrants to the USA is German? You asked for a speaker who will discuss German research and we have answered you! Watch for more information and the registration form on our WVGS website soon.

**The March 2012 WVGS Research Tour to Salt Lake City, UT and the Family History Library** will again be for 8 nights at the hotel adjacent to the Family History Library. The reasonable prices are still being finalized but most likely to remain the same as this year.. Start preparing for your trip now and bring your friends! Deposits will be required by December 15th.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Peggy Morpew presented long time member and WVGS volunteer Richard Hudnall with an honorary life membership certificate at the September 12 membership meeting.

He has provided almost 20 years of continuous service as a volunteer. Richard is moving to Oregon with his daughter Kathleen and will be sorely missed. We wish him the very best.



### FRY'S GIFT CARDS - OVER \$900 EARNED!

Maureen Pierce

In just five months we've earned over \$900 from Fry's, based on almost \$23,000 in purchases. We currently earn 4% of purchases but if our purchases grow we can earn as much as 6%.

These cards cost \$5 with \$5 pre-loaded on them and can be purchased at the library. They are linked to the WVGS and Fry's will send a match of 3-6% of purchases to WVGS. You just add more money either at customer service or the register so that you have money on the card BEFORE you begin ringing up your groceries and then spend the money back off again.

So for those of you who have found this to be such an easy fundraiser, THANK YOU. And here are ideas for increasing your usage:

- Use your Fry's card when you get gas at Fry's gas stations (you can earn money off your gas through your Fry's grocery purchases, just check your grocery receipt)
- Refill your prescriptions at Fry's, the pharmacy will also accept your Fry's card.
- Purchase other gift cards at Fry's. They carry Amazon, eBay, Barnes & Noble, Olive Garden, Michaels . . . for a complete list you can go to <http://giftcards.frysfood.com/>
- Get cards for friends and family, either Fry's reloadable cards or purchase gift cards with your Fry's card.
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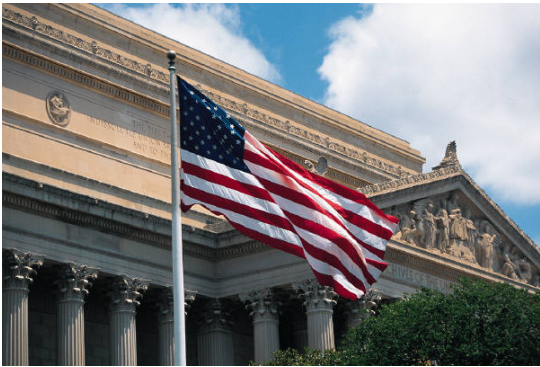
If you have questions, just call or e-mail Maureen Pierce (602) 793 9274 or [mep516@aol.com](mailto:mep516@aol.com)



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**WASHINGTON DC RESEARCH TRIP**  
**November 30 through December 8, 2011**  
by Linda Swain



Trip information is available on line. Click on  
<http://www.azwvgs.org/ResearchTour.htm>  
for more details.



**DESERT TRACKER NEEDS YOU**

*Fall 2011 issue deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> !!!*

We need your articles now! Topic is Religion and Family. As always, we can use articles on any aspect of family history.

Due to a computer glitch over the summer, any articles submitted between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> were lost from our mailbox. Please resubmit them to [Tracker@azwvgs.org](mailto:Tracker@azwvgs.org). Editor will acknowledge within 48 hours or please call the library and leave a message.

Desperate Dorothy Sprague, Editor