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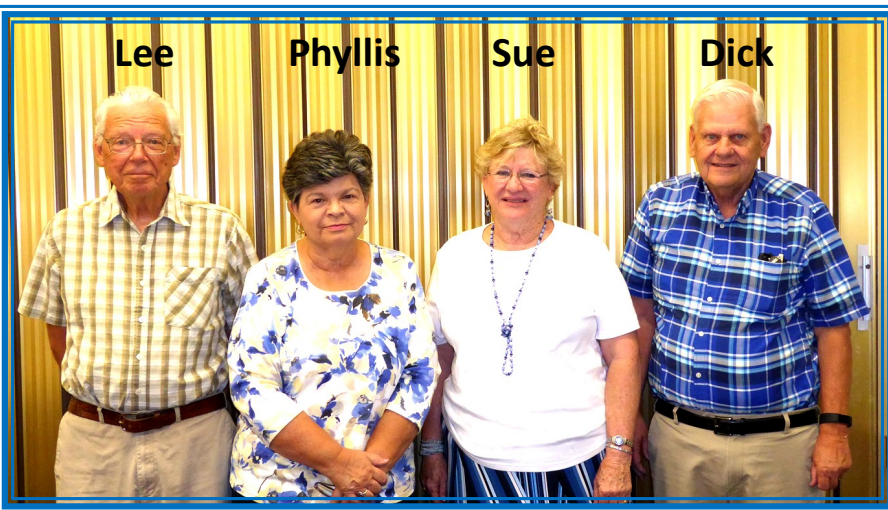
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Notes from the President and Board Members



Hello Summertime!

The annual election of officers was held at our General Membership meeting on May 26th for the 2018-19 term. Our congratulations goes to our newly elected officers:



President—Lee Campbell
Vice President—Sue Williams
Secretary—Phyllis Lewellen
Treasurer— Dick Hiatt

Thanks goes to Carol Hubert for her leadership as President in 2017-18. We wish her a well-deserved vacation and hope to continue to see her at our meetings.

We hope you find this newsletter interesting. Newsletter suggestions and articles are always welcome. Contact the Newsletter Editor at asknagsprescottaz@gmail.com or see Rita at the monthly meetings.

Local Gen Society News

Family History Center Hours

Visit our Family History Center to put together your family story. Hours are listed below and volunteers are available to assist you.



Monday & Wednesday
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
4 p.m.—8 p.m.

*Genealogy is all about
chasing your own tale.*

Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

President Lee Campbell
Vice President Sue Williams
Secretary Phyllis Lewellen
Treasurer Dick Hiatt

AZGab Sue Kissel
Death/Disposition Sue Kissel
Historian Virginia Grundvig
Hospitality Nancy Nelson
Library John Thorne
Membership Martha Welch
Newsletter Rita Kraus
Program Barbara Wich
Publicity Brenda Norris
Social Media Debbie Zdanowicz
Special Projects Gretchen Eastman
Member-At-Large Rayleen Hiatt

~ Support NAGS ~

Fry's Community Rewards Program

Participants must re-enroll every August for NAGS to continue to receive 0.5% of your total eligible purchases. To re-enroll, go to your Fry's website and click on "Account Summary," scroll down to "Community Rewards" and click on "Edit" to select Northern Arizona Genealogical Society by name or by our number 56216, and you're done! First time participants, go to the website and follow the simple instructions. Now, every time you use your Fry's VIP card, you help NAGS.

AmazonSmile

When you shop on Amazon, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to NAGS when you sign up and shop at Amazon Smile. To enroll, go to smile.amazon.com and select Northern Arizona Genealogical Society as your charity.

These are great ways to help
support our organization.

Thanks for participating.



**"To forget one's ancestors is to be a
brook without a source, a tree with-
out a root."**

~ Chinese Proverb



Bill Wolf **Professional Genealogist**

Bill is one off our newest members. As you can see from his bio included below, he is an enthusiastic genealogist with a desire to help others with their family history.


"Originally from Columbus, Ohio, I moved to Prescott in 2002 to be with my future wife. I have been researching family histories for many years, but after retiring this January from work as a Prescott Police Officer, I decided to become a professional genealogist. My goal is to find people who will hire me to research and write their family history. I have a lot to learn

and I appreciate the chance to be a member of NAGS where I can meet others interested in genealogy and to increase my skill set. Prior to becoming a Prescott Police Officer in 2007, I taught American history at Yavapai College. Earlier I worked at the East European Studies Center at Ohio State University (OSU), in addition to teaching history at universities in Ohio, Illinois and Texas. As for my education, I have a Ph.D. in Russian history from Ohio State University."


For more information, Bill can be contacted at 830-9685 or wkwolf723@hotmail.com.

**You know
you're a
genealogist if
you
immediately understand these
abbreviations:**

**BC, DC, MC and
VR.**



***I only research
genealogy on
days that end in
"y."***



Start Today!

As we view the current news and see it filled with wildfires, floods, and storms of all types, it comes to mind the loss incurred and heartbreak of family history being lost.

Many continue to wait for the right time. Some promise themselves that the perfect day to preserve will come or wait for that perfect new product or software to be developed to make preservation easier. Then disaster strikes, and it's too late. All of the 'I-wish-I-would-have' statements are then wasted breath after a catastrophic event.

Begin the journey to a preserved collection of family history materials by doing something today.

Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy your great, great, great, great descendants will remember you as super-great!



Who and How Does Your Society Run?



Your Genealogical Society

By Raylene Hiatt
Member at Large

Who and how does your society run? You, the membership, run your society.

The Society has a Board of Directors consisting of the four elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), a Member-at-Large and the various committees. The Board meets at the LDS Church on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a. m. for about one hour with a total of about 15 people.

The committees are:

- * **Program** — organizes monthly general membership meeting programs, makes the necessary arrangements and promotes the event through various media.
- * **Publicity** — lets the public know what we are doing with announcements to the newspaper and radio stations.
- * **Library** — schedules mentoring and instruction on genealogical topics at various venues and genealogical events within the community.
- * **Membership**—maintains the membership register and sends notices to membership as requested.
- * **Social Media**—maintains the Society's website and any other social media approved by the Board.
- * **Hospitality**— meets and greets members and guests. Provides refreshments as appropriate.
- * **Newsletter**—produces this quarterly newsletter to keep you up-to-date on what is happening within the Society and items of genealogical interest.
- * **Historian** - keeps a record of all the past society happenings, i.e. board meeting minutes, financial reports, committee reports, events and publications.
- * **Death and Dispositions** - maintains the Society's data base on the cemeteries and of deaths and burials in Yavapai County.
- * **AZGAB** - is the liaison with the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board, a state-wide organization.
- * **Special Projects** — works on items not covered by one of our committees.
- * **LDS Liaison** — keeps us abreast of the happenings in the Family History Center.

This is a very dedicated group of individuals. More people who volunteer help make the tasks less demanding and requiring less time. Your involvement gives us fresh ideas on programs and activities and you get to see and learn what you would like. If you are interested in any aspect of the organization, please see any of the Board members or email us at the NAGS email address. It's rewarding, educational, and you get to work with some great people while making your organization better.

The next time you see one of these individuals be sure to give them a big thank you and pat on the back.

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, Volunteer.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



Death & Dispositions Sue Kissel, Chair

The Death and Disposition Committee is a genealogical resource team working to help provide for the identification and preservation of records of both the modern-day and early people who died and are buried in Yavapai County. Records include those who died outside of the county as well as those areas as far north as Flagstaff dating before Yavapai County was split.

In the beginning, dedicated NAGS members like Pat Potters, Raylene Hiatt and Sue Kissel worked to locate and manually transcribe archives from funeral homes, records from Prescott's Citizen's Cemetery and Pioneer Home as well as cemetery records in the Verde Valley and other locations in northern Arizona. Then in partnership with the Sharlot Hall Library and Archives, this initial identification work was computerized and uploaded into the library's database. These early records are now preserved and made available for those searching for ancestors whose trail lead them to Yavapai County, Arizona.

**A cemetery is a marble garden
not to be taken for granite.**

The committee strives to maintain and provide record updates through a regional network of contacts and the funeral and cemetery industries. Sue invites volunteers to assist with this important undertaking.

Please contact Sue through our email asknagsprescottaz@gmail.com. Your help and support is greatly needed for this important committee as Sue also continues to be our liaison with Sharlot Hall Library and Archives as well as our delegate for the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board. AzGAB is a state-wide, non-profit organization of genealogical societies and other like-minded groups who meet every other month in Mesa. They work to promote genealogy and preserve history through the combined efforts of the individual genealogical societies and the public.

Kudos to Sue for all she does for us.

Watch this "Spot" for articles regarding other great NAGS genealogical committees.

Library of Congress Digital Collections

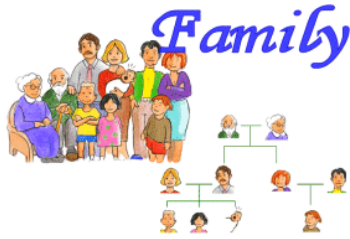


We can't always have pictures of our ancestors, but we can look at pictures of where they lived and worked.

The United States' largest library, The Library of Congress, holds a lot of undiscovered digitized genealogical treasures. The web address is www.loc.gov/

collections. From the dropdown menu at the top of the page, select Photos, Prints or Drawings to search visual content. Then search for topics, places, organizations and even names. You can then filter results by place, date and more. If you find a good match, click the subject heading in the image's catalog listing to see similar items. A few items are for use only in the library, but most are downloadable in several sizes. Check the copyright information to make sure an item is in the public domain before you publish it anywhere.

Cousins Explained



Cousins?

How are we related?

When tracing your family history it's important to understand the various types of cousin relationships. The degree of cousin relationships is based on the most recent direct ancestor that two people have in common.

- First cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you.
- Second cousins have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.
- Third cousins have in common two great-great-grandparents and their ancestors.

What Does "Once Removed" Mean?

When cousins descend from common ancestors by a different number of generations they are called "removed."

- Once removed means there is a difference of one generation. Your mother's first cousin would be your first cousin, once removed. She is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents.
- Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. Your grandmother's first cousin would be your first cousin, twice removed because you are separated by two generations.

What is a Double Cousin?

Just to complicate matters, there are also many cases of double cousins.

This situation usually occurs when two or more siblings from one family marry two or more siblings from another family. The resulting children, grandchildren, etc. are double cousins, because they share all four grandparents (or great-grandparents) in common. These types of relationships can be difficult to determine and it is usually easiest to chart them one at a time through one family line and then through the other line.

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
~ Unknown

~IMPORTANT~ Security Measures

It's important to take the time to evaluate your security settings. Never use the same username and password for multiple sites. It's also a good habit to use longer passwords and to change them regularly. Also consider the following:

- * Refrain from giving out the network password.
- * Place your router in the middle of your home.
- * Disconnect the router when it's not in long-term use.
- * Use a boring network name. Disable your computer's network sharing.
- * Replace your router when it becomes obsolete.



Sources Are Our Roadmaps

Genealogy Roadmaps



As we travel new research paths, we blaze trails to unforeseen sources. Like early explorers, we need to draw a map to document our progress and find our way. This roadmap for negotiating genealogical trails is our Research Sources.

Sources serve a variety of purposes. Sources document our research. Sources tell us where we have been and how to re-trace our steps. Sources can help in further research or resolve conflicting information by making it easier to correlate and analyze sources against each other. Sources support our conclusions and vet our work. Sources provide valuable proof to those who carry on our research. The validity of our research is judged by its sources.

Citing sources is similar to that most of us learned in school and serves us well. For a more formal or academic type of citing, Genealogist Elizabeth Shown Mills has written two books titled Evidence! and Evidence Explained. These books are recommended by the Board of Certification of Genealogists for the academic level. This information is also available on her website EvidenceExplained.com.

Citing research is as easy as recording it as and when you found it. It's a good habit to acquire. Be sure to include these components:

- ◆ The name of the record source
- ◆ The page number and publication date
- ◆ The volume, catalog, or other identification number
- ◆ The location where the source was found
- ◆ The date the source was found
- ◆ What type of physical source it was such as a headstone, family bible, heirloom or unpublished family record book
- ◆ Who the source belongs to

- ◆ Where the source is located
- ◆ Library or archive call number
- ◆ Cyber sources should include much the same information as well as the website, the URL and date found

Two types of sources exist. 1). **Original** information which refers to the provenance or an original record. 2). **Derivative** information which refers to information that was copied, transcribed, or summarized from an existing source.

Quality of information is assessed. There is Primary and Secondary information. A **Primary** source is derived from records created at or near the time of an event with those involved in the event such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, or death certificate. A **secondary** source is compiled after an event took place with those not involved in the event.

All documents contain information to lead you in your research. No matter where you obtain your information from, it's always important to cite your sources.

The best time to enter source notes is at the same time as you enter the event information. Remember: Document! Document! Document! And no time is better than when you record the information.

If you're in the position of not citing your sources in the past or not being as thorough as you should have been, now is the time to start. Set a goal to review your earlier research a little at a time. Repetition will make it easier and more natural as you move forward.

There is abundant information available both published and on-line with in-depth explanations and examples if you wish to pursue this topic more fully.



It's All About Family



Let's Get the Family Together!

Family reunions are about the love and connection we share. It gives us a chance to bond with those living far apart, to meet new family members like babies and spouses, to celebrate specific events and to learn our family heritage.

Some families plan reunions every year or two, while some have been meeting annually for decades. Others may have never organized a formal get-together. It's a great time to plan and organize one for your family. Family reunions are a great way to bond, create family ties and update your relatives history. There is no better time to get family members interested in their ancestry. Your enthusiasm for genealogy just might spark the interest for younger family members to take up the search.

If your family doesn't have a tradition of these gatherings, now may be a good time to start. Traditionally, most reunions happen in the summer when children are out of school and family vacations are planned. If you are just starting it's usually a good idea to give yourself and your helpers 12 to 18 months lead time in order to contact everyone and allow them to set aside the date, and for you, ample time for the event planning and logistics.

In your planning, it's important to make genealogy a big facet of the event striving to make family history interesting and attractive to all ages. Here is a brief outline to get you started and encourage other ideas.

- * Divide and Conquer- Get organized and set up a volunteer committee with assignments and set

up a direct contact person in each nuclear family for communicating plans and options.

- * Choose a date and location.
- * Track down relatives and send out invitations.
- * Obtain a count of attendees and let them know date, time, place, contact information, costs, travel, lodging and other details.
- * Create a budget and collect money from participants to cover costs or consider a raffle or auction - record all expenses and payments.
- * Plan activities for all ages:
 - ⇒ Send out family tree charts for members to fill in and return attending or not
 - ⇒ Print family tree charts for display
 - ⇒ Create a give-away
 - ⇒ Ask members to bring old photos
 - ⇒ Request old family recipes to be sent to you for producing in a family heritage cookbook being sure they identify to whom the recipe belonged to
 - ⇒ Ask for covered dish prepared from an old family recipe
 - ⇒ Play family trivia
 - ⇒ Display a map of where family member's live
 - ⇒ Get DNA samples
 - ⇒ Teach kids old games
 - ⇒ Take a family group photo to commemorate the occasion.
- * Keep interest going with reminders and information details regarding event happenings and logistics.
- * Decide on food i.e. potluck, catering, restaurant
- * Relax, Enjoy and Have fun!
- * Plan next reunion remembering to ask for an evaluation and ideas for next time.
- * Send thank you notes.

July is National Family Reunion Month. Family reunions are fun. Think about planning one. There is lots of help available on family reunions on the internet including planning guides. You'll have a chance to laugh, cry, talk about old times and new, honor ancestors and just enjoy being together.

New Members



Please welcome the following
new members to our
Genealogical Society.

New Member	Surnames Being Researched
Keli & Mike Hindenach	
John Koonce	
Lynn Light	
Bill Wolf	

When you see these new members, be sure to introduce yourself, ask about their surnames and encourage them to participate in the NAGS activities. We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship, research and volunteer opportunities within the Society. Be sure to pick up your NAGS lanyard and name tag from Martha Welch, Membership Chairperson, the next time you attend the Membership Meeting.

Genealogical research is a rewarding experience. You will learn amazing facts about your ancestors, geography, and history, but most of all you will learn about yourself.

CALENDAR



MONTH	DATE	EVENT/PLACE
July	1-8	Family History Center Closed
	1-31	No Meetings – Summer Vacation. See you in August.
August	6-10	NGS Research Trip to Madison, Wisconsin; Two research facilities: The Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives and the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies. Registration ends 8 July. Contact: WWW.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_trips or Courtney Holmes at cholmes@ngsgenealogy.org
	22-25	Federation of Genealogical Societies 2018 Conference featuring a wide variety of topics in Fort Wayne, IN; Visit FGS.org for details.
	25	General Membership Meeting —Program Under Construction.
September	3	Family History Center Closed for Labor Day
	8	Pima County Genealogy Society workshop “19th Century Irish Genealogy Research: What’s Available and How to Use It” featuring Miles Davenport, genealogist & lecturer at the McClelland Irish Library in Phoenix starting at 9:30 a.m.
	13-15	New York State Family History Conference held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. Statewide conference focused on New York genealogy and family history. For details contact : https://nysfhc.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/ .
	14-15	German-Texan Heritage Society Conference at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston, TX; More information at www.germantexans.org .
	15-16	Prescott Highland Games and Celtic Faire.
	22	General Membership Meeting “Walking Through the Stones” - Presented by Sue Williams.
October	15-19	British Institute Training; Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT. The Institute strives to further your education about the records and the locations that are important to your genealogical research. For information, https://isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=56 .
	27	General Membership Meeting “What Does That Document Really Say?” - Presented by Suzanne Brayer from AZGAB.
November	17	General Membership Meeting —NOTE change of date due to holiday. Program under construction.
	22	Family History Center Closed for Thanksgiving.
December	8	Holiday Meeting.

General Membership Meetings are held monthly at the LDS Church with social time at 1:30 p.m. and meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Ruth Street in room 20. Suggestions and volunteer program presenters are always welcome. Please reserve the 4th Saturday of the month for the general membership meetings. Park at the rear of the building and enter through the doors in back. Meetings will be held in Room 20. See you there!