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Interesting and Diverse Monthly Meetings

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English Research

Our January meeting was hosted by John Trevor and focused on research resources for English ancestors. John demonstrated several websites including [FindMyPast.com](#) which is available free at our local Family Research Center and a research aid which comes to us from FamilySearch.org: The [1851 English Jurisdiction Maps](#). Also mentioned were [Genuki](#) which has the UK, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and other locales. Great resource.

Ella Mae Schmidt

In the December 2010 issue readers were invited to submit short articles about their prolific ancestors. Ella Mae was one of the winners with her article "Flocking to America" about her gt. gt. grandfather Carl Gottlieb Schmidt. Read in May 2011 Family Tree Magazine.



Genealogy Library

In February we met at the Prescott Valley library to tour the NAGS library holdings. Virginia Grundvig provided an overview of the holdings and explained matron use protocols. The room is located on the second floor in the southeast corner. Each Thursday of the month from 1-3 pm a NAGS library volunteer is waiting to help you. The strength of our collection is in our periodicals. Check PERSI, then check out the periodicals we have. You might get lucky.

ISFHWE Excellence in Writing Contest

This annual writing contest is open to anyone and includes several different writing categories. Jo Arnspiger, NAGS-newsletter editor, has been named a winner in Category III, Original Research Story. The three winners in each of the four categories will learn their placement in the contest



Genealogy Orienting with George C. Morgan

Mr. Morgan, generally known as part of the dynamic duo *The Genealogy Guys Podcast* explained the value of using maps, how and where to find good quality maps and the steps to using them in the most productive way in your research. He presented numerous valuable tips and methodology for using maps to solve genealogical problems.

By Nancy Bender Miller

and receive their award at the ISFHWE banquet on May 11th in conjunction with the annual NGS conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

[ISFHWE](#) is the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors.

The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War

On December 20, 1860 shortly after Abraham Lincoln's election as President of the United States in November of 1860, South Carolina held a secession convention in Charleston and voted unanimously 169 to 0 to secede from the United States. In January and February 1861, six more southern states; Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas followed suit. On February 8, 1861 in Montgomery, Alabama representatives of these first seven states adopted a Provisional Constitution and the Confederate States of America was born. On February 9th, the convention elected Jefferson Davis as President and Alexander Stephens as Vice President.

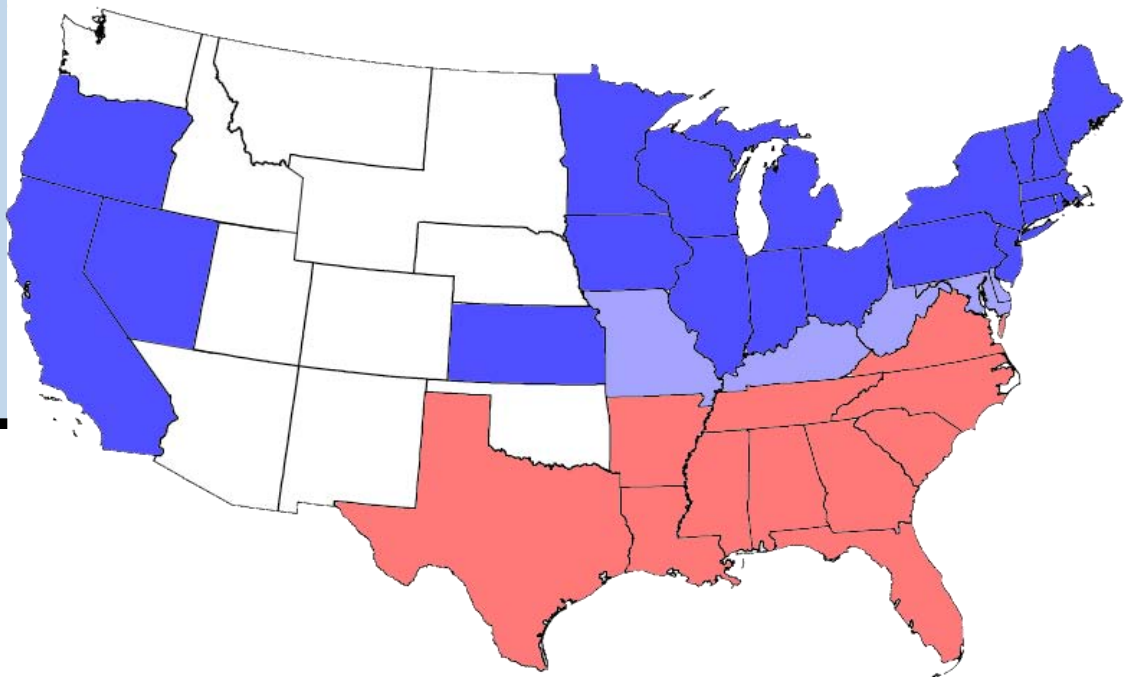
On March 4th, 1861 Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as President of the United States. It was only two days later that the new Confederacy called for 100,000 volunteers for its provisional army. On April 12, 1861 about 4:30 am South Carolina militia forces in Charleston opened fire on Ft. Sumter. Thirty-four hours later Maj. Robert Anderson commander, surrendered Ft. Sumter. Two days later, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion. The Northern states quickly complied but four of the remaining Southern states refused and instead voted to secede. By the end of May,

1861, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina had all seceded. Of the four remaining slave states, Kentucky declared itself neutral, Missouri held a secession convention but did not vote, Maryland voted down secession 53 to 13 and Delaware had all but abolished slavery by this time. These four states were known as the border states and created a buffer between the North and South. Almost four long years later, on April 9, 1865, the war ended with the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at the Appomattox Courthouse in Appomattox, Virginia.

Source: History of Campbell County, Tennessee <http://www.tngenweb.org/campbell/history/bogans/secessedStates.html>



The number of casualties for the Civil War most often quoted is 620,000. This exceeds the total of all other wars from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam



Map of the division of the states during the Civil War. Blue represents Union states, including those admitted during the war; light blue represents border states; red represents Confederate states. Unshaded areas were not states before or during the Civil War.

Wikipedia contributors, "Border states (American Civil War)," *Wikipedia. The Free Encyclopedia*, [http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Border_states_\(American_Civil_War\)&oldid=421578507](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Border_states_(American_Civil_War)&oldid=421578507) (accessed March 31, 2011).

Local News

Have You Checked the NAGS website lately??

Sue Kissel has provided us with a diverse list of online resources. Here are just a few that I would recommend.

- [Prince William Public Library Digital Library](#)
- [Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#)
- [Atlas of Historical County Boundaries](#)



Prescott Legacy User Group Monthly Meeting

PLUG, Prescott Legacy User Group meets the first Tuesday of every month in the LDS Church building on Ruth Ave in Prescott.

Nancy Miller is both teacher and mentor and addresses both beginning and advanced users in her monthly presentations. If you are just getting started in genealogy or if you are simply looking for an easy to use software for your family research, you should attend some of these classes and see if Legacy is for you. It is a nice option to have someone you could call or email when you have a question utilizing your software.

Thank you Nancy for all your time and help.

President's Message

To all our new members, a warm welcome and thank you for joining our society. This is your society so we welcome any input you may have about program ideas or ways we can make our society better. Don't hesitate to speak up. To those returning members, we thank you for your continuing support.

Congratulation to two of our members for their writing skills. Ella Mae Schmidt has an article being published in Family Tree Magazine in the May 2011 issue as part of the Booming Broods section. (see

Ella Mae article p. 1) Also, Jo Arnsperger is a winner of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors annual Excellence in Writing Contest. (see Excellence in Writing p.1) Kudos to you both. You make our society look extra good.

How do you keep track of queries you email, phone or send to places you are researching? Do you keep a research log? How long do you wait for a reply before asking again? Does it seem to make a difference if your request is accompanied by a

donation? Your thoughts on this would be appreciated, and we'll see if our editor has time and space to include your responses in our next issue. (send your short articles to

jarnspiger@cablone.net for inclusion in the next Bulletin issue)

Keep on with your research. We always enjoy hearing about your searches and successes. Until next time, happy hunting.

Marilyn Day, President

Book Reviews

Books recommended by President, Marilyn Day:

At Home, Bill Bryson, a look at the history of how rooms in our homes came about.

The Last Stand, Nathaniel Philbrick, a very interesting study of Gen. George A. Custer.

The Heretics Daughter and *The Wolves of Andover* both by Kathleen Kent. Very readable novels set in Salem, Massachusetts. before and during the witchcraft hysteria.

Books recommended by Editor, Jo Arnsperger:

The Mayflower, Nathaniel Philbrick. A detailed and

seemingly historically correct narrative of the first 55 years of the Plymouth Colony.

The Life of Johnny Reb, *The Life of Billy Yank*, Bell I. Wiley. I am still reading this book, but the focus is the common soldier and his experiences and includes numerous abstracts of personal diary accounts of the time.

Online Learning Opportunities Free Webinars Right From Your Home

This area of genealogy training is exploding across the Internet. Many well-known genealogists, genealogy societies and genealogy software companies are jumping on the bandwagon and offering free webinars on a multitude of subjects.

The first and best place to start looking is [GeneaWebinars](#), a blog written by DearMyrt and devoted exclusively to coordinating online genealogy webinars.

Here are a few enticing events for the months of April, May and June.

April 13—Labeling Digital Photos Workshop— DearMyrt

April 20—Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors From Old Newspapers – Lisa Louise Cooke, SoCalSoc Jamboree Extension Series

May 7—Getting Your Notes and Sources Right — Janet Horvorka; SoCalSoc Jamboree Extension Series

May 18— Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors - Lisa Alzo; SoCalSoc Jamboree Series

June 7—Genetic Genealogy for Beginners — Relative Roots

These are all FREE and there are many more to choose from. Don't be afraid, all you need is your computer and the Internet. Also check out the NEHGS and NGS websites for their free webinar offerings.



Flip-Pal is one of the newest gadgets endorsed by Dick Eastman. It is portable and perfect for scanning pictures or newspaper clippings

What's New in Genealogy Technology — FREE DEALS

Amazon.com is offering **5gigabytes** of free storage space on “The Amazon Cloud Drive” for anyone who has an Amazon account. To get more information about this go to [Dick Eastman's Newsletter](#) or to Thomas MacEntee's [Geneablogger](#) blog. This is another offsite location to store backups to any digital files.

Dropbox.com is another free deal you should take advantage of. PLUG leader Nancy Miller talked about Dropbox in her January class. With this service you get 2gb of free space and you have the option to share some of your files with family and friends. It is a perfect vehicle to use as a backup of your genealogy software files as it can be synched to your personal computer. You can earn more space by referral. Drop Nancy's name and she gets more space. Another great tool.

Evernote is another free “Cloud” utility. Think of all the handwritten notes you have created in your research. Do you know where most of them are now? With Evernote you can keep track of all those little notes and organize them in folders or notebooks, add tags so you can find them and email them to yourself, then attach as notes in your genealogy software. Sometimes it seems there is just too much new technology and new gadgets but we need to keep an open mind to things that will help us get and stay more organized in our research. I am trying Evernote. I will let you know how it works.

Links in this Newsletter

<http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>
<http://maps.familysearch.org>
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>
<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp>
<http://www.isfhw.org/>
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/03/amazon-cloud-drive-5-gigabytes-of-free-storage.html
<http://evernote.com>
<http://dropbox.com>
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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Arizona-Genealogical-Society/187741371260483#!/pages/Northern-Arizona-Genealogical-Society/187741371260483?sk=wall&filter=2>
<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/p/casefile-clues.html>
<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.americanancestors.org/explore/#Free>



NAGS is Now On Facebook

Do you use Facebook? If you do you will be happy to know NAGS now has it's own Facebook page. [Click here](#) to see what we've got going. Drop by, leave a comment and "like" the page. I am still working on setting some other things up for the page and will keep you posted. The fun part about Facebook I think is the communication with others who share like interests so let me hear from you.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Many of you may have heard of Michael John Neill. He is very active in the genealogy world with a long history of writing for numerous online genealogy magazines, as well as his own subscription newsletter, [Case Files](#). He also has a blog entitled [Genealogy Tip of the Day](#) where he posts, as you might expect genealogy tips. You can subscribe to his blog and receive these very helpful tips directly to your email. Another FREE and useful resource.

NEHGS Free Member Account

Yet another FREE resource. [NEHGS](#) has a Free Member account. Click the link to see all you will have access to.

Here are the 9 databases.

1. Mass Vital Records to 1850
2. Searching for Missing Friends, Irish Immigrant Advertisement 1831-1920
3. Mass, Society of the Cincinnati
4. SSDI to Feb 2010
5. Index to RW Pensions
6. New England Ancestors Magazine
7. New York Wills, 1626-1836
8. Ware, MA Families
9. Gloucester, MA Births

1936 to 2011

Trilla, Coles County, Illinois to Prescott, Arizona and Back Again A Quilt's Long Journey



75 years ago this beautiful Friendship quilt top, dated 1936, was made by the Ladies Aid M.E.C. (Methodist Episcopal Church) of Trilla, Illinois. Thanks to Doris Egge and the Project Linus charitable group, the quilt has found a permanent home in Trilla, Pleasant Grove Township, Coles, Illinois.

The charitable group, Project Linus, makes quilts, afghans and fleece blankets for needy children in the area. We frequently receive donations of material and yarn from various sources and this Friendship quilt top was part of such a

donation made by a local resident but she knew nothing of the quilt's history. The quilt was found in some old sewing supplies of her mother. The quilt top was in good condition considering its age, with colors still bright and the embroidery on each of the 48 blocks still intact.

The historical and sentimental value of the quilt merited an attempt to return it to Trilla, Illinois. Linus group member, Roberta Rademacher contacted the Mattoon, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, then "Project Depot" a railroad restoration project and finally the Coles County Historical Society. A volunteer there found a reference in the *1976 Bicentennial History of Coles County* for Glen Groves, pastor of the Trilla Methodist Church. The church is now

defunct and Pastor Groves died in 1992. A son Donald Groves of Neoga was living in 1992 but no current phone number could be found.

I continued the quest, enlisting my husband, Frank and found three Methodist churches in the area. I emailed requests for information to all three churches. Within a couple hours I received a response from Debbie Reese, pastor of Neoga Grace and Etna UMC's. She had spoken to several church members, one of whom was from Trilla, a town of only 200 inhabitants. The church members agreed to pass the quilt top on to the Quilt Guild in Trilla, whose members meet at the Presbyterian Church where many family members named on the quilt still worship.
By Doris Egge



Genea-Quilters are quilting individual 8" blocks which will be pieced by the Glendale Quilting Guild. The quilt will be raffled a Jamboree in June. The theme is the Civil War.

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This Society has been formed and incorporated for charitable purposes including activities (stated in greater detail in Article IV of the Society Articles of Incorporation):

- 1. To foster the education of the public in areas of genealogy, genealogical research and family history preparations through Society meetings, workshops, programs, demonstrations and classes open to the general public.**
- 2. To publish a quarterly Society newsletter.**
- 3. To maintain a collection of genealogical and historical research materials, obtained through donations or by purchases. These materials may be maintained by the Society at related nonprofit organizations and/or public libraries.**
- 4. To collaborate with other not for profit organizations and/or educational institutions to conduct activities that will further interest in genealogy.¹**

¹ Bylaws of the Northern Arizona Genealogical Society, Article 2: Purposes

Calendar of Events

To see additional out of state events check out the [AZGAB Site](#)

APRIL 2011

5th—PLUG mtg at FRC 6:30 pm Nancy Miller
19th—RootsMagic User Group 6:30 pm
21th—Probate and Will Records 1-2 pm R. Junkins
23rd—NAGS Monthly Meeting—Transcriptions, Abstractions and Extractions 1:30 pm social, 2:00 pm meeting. Jo Arnspiger

MAY 2011

3rd PLUG meeting at FRC 6:30 pm Nancy Miller
11th-14th NGS Conference, Charleston, SC
17th RootsMagic User Group at FRC 6:30
19th Land Records FRC 1-2 pm R. Junkins
28th—NAGS monthly meeting Gene Therapy, open round table discussion

JUNE 2011

7th—PLUG meeting FRC 6:30 pm Nancy Miller
10th-12th—SCGS Jamboree Burbank, CA
16th—Using Ancestry.com to Find Ancestor Records—1-2 pm, Dick Hiatt
21st—RootsMagic User Group FRC 6:30
25th NAGS monthly meeting, webinar with DearMyrt, Finding Your Female Ancestors. FRC 1:30 pm social, 2:00 meeting

