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## Monthly Meetings



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January started off with Mr. Townsend's presentation on Scandinavian research. As one who has never been exposed to Scandinavian research, I found it very interesting, especially the explanation of the naming conventions. The discussion of parish records was amazing. It made me wish I had Scandinavian ancestors. If you missed the presentation, you can talk to Mr. Townsend at the Family History Library.

The mini class in January was about participating in Billion Graves. Thank you to Virginia Grundvig for her Beginning Genealogy presentation in February. I heard very positive feedback. Virginia talked about the first steps involved in starting your research and how to start filling in your pedigree chart. The March meeting was devoted to the 1940 census. Raylene Junkins, our president, presented a

great overall view of what to expect when the census images are available on April 2, 2012 and provided various tools to access the images before the index is completed. There was a large turnout for the meeting. If you missed this meeting, I hope the information in the newsletter this month will help you with your preparation. The March mini class was an overview of using Dropbox.

## Future Classes and Meetings

The Family History Center has ongoing free classes on the 1st Thursday of each month from 1 to 2pm. On April 5th, Dick Hiatt will be presenting "Using Research Logs". On May 3rd, John Thorne will

present "The Boston Tea Party's Last Survivor". See our website for additional information. The NAGS monthly meeting program in April will be a writing program. Kristen Kauffman, a creative writing instructor at

Yavapai College, will walk us through writing a short piece about a favorite ancestor. Come prepared with an individual and some basic information as well as paper and pen.

## April 2, 2012—The 1940 Census Goes Online

The hype for the 1940 Census has reached a feverish pitch. By the time you read this newsletter, it will be in full swing with the official release of the online images. There are free webinars available from [Legacy Family Tree](#) and [GeneaWebinars](#) to help family researcher get ready.

Our March meeting was all about the 1940 census, how to get ready and what to expect. If you were unable to attend the March meeting, I hope this article will help you prepare.

There is a lot of information coming at us all at the same time. First there is the census itself and what it will and will not include and the fact that it is not indexed. A really great piece of information contained in the census is the column “where were you in 1935”. This is being referred to as the “census within a census”. The website for the digital images is <http://1940census.archives.gov>. The initial lack of an index can be circumvented

by using the MANY wonderful free online tools available. The most important of these tools is the Steve Morse website, <http://stevemorse.org>. Go visit the site and practice; get an idea of how it works. Pick a few of your grandparents and try it out. You will be able to actually see the images now. There are several different sites providing access to the actual images: FamilySearch has some, Ancestry.com has some, MyHeritage.com has some, of course the NARA site and Archives.com and HeritageQuest also has images available. All are free at this time

The third piece of information we need to analyze and understand is our database. We need to figure out who we want to look for. See the article about Legacy and RootsMagic updates on page 5 for additional information about this. I would suggest you watch the Legacy webinar so you know how to navigate in Legacy to use this new list tool but that webinar is free also at [\[legacyfamilysearch.org\]\(http://legacyfamilysearch.org\). Finally the fourth piece of information is the call for volunteers to help index the 1940 Census. It is pretty much everywhere. APG has a project going, the 1940 Census site has a project going. I'm sure other state genealogy societies have organized projects. The indexing is through FamilySearch Indexing which is a quick download to your computer, a little bit of training at the Family History Center and then you can work from home whenever you have time. NAGS has partnered with the other genealogical societies in Arizona in a program to index the Arizona census. We are in the process of organizing our effort here in Yavapai County. See the President's Message for more information about this. For more links and information simply google 1940 census and see what you find. Good luck in your quest.](http://</a></p>
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**Send a short two or three paragraph bio and surnames researched to the Bulletin editor to be included in the next issue**

## President's Message

Are you ready for the important once every ten years genealogical event to happen on April 2, 2012 the release of the 1940 Federal Census? For some of you it will be the first release of a census since you started doing genealogy. For the first time you will have census images available online the day of release, though not indexed, images will be at <http://1940census.archives.gov/> So now is the time to join the NAGS Group Indexing Project. Your society has signed up to help index the 1940 Census. If you have not already signed up to help now is the time. Please go to <http://nags.weebly.com/uploads/9/0/6/5/9065403/censusindexing.pdf> for instructions on signing up for the NAGS Project.

After Arizona is finished you may continue indexing on the state(s) of your choice. The indexing project will be bring-

ing states up in phases so it may be up to two weeks before they are all up. The first five states that will be available by Monday evening are: Delaware, Virginia, Kansas, Oregon and Colorado.

The contrast between opening the 1930 and the 1940 census is considerable. The 1930 Census was delayed by two months, so the copies of the microfilms would be available at the National Archives branches, the FHL in SLC and a few other places. To view the microfilm in the first days you had to travel to one of these locations and stand in line and wait for a microfilm reader and then read an entire county until you located your families. Ancestry had to digitize the films, send overseas for indexing and then placed them online in phases starting in two to three weeks, it took several months for all the

states to get up and the indexing was less than desirable.

In other society news, we have some very interesting events coming up in the future. The April meeting will be Kristen Kauffman from Yavapai College talking on "Writing Ancestor Stories". In May we will have an all day workshop on DNA "I Have This Paper – Now What Do I Do", there will be no charge for this workshop but seating is limited so sign up early. We have recently received notification that we will be having Kerry Bartels from NARA in California here for an all day workshop. This is a real treat so mark your calendars for November 10<sup>th</sup> (change to 2<sup>nd</sup> S a t u r d a y ) .

Have a great summer and hope it includes some genealogical travels for national conferences or to visit long lost relatives, cemeteries or local repositories.

## NAGS LIBRARY UPDATE

Our Library Room is on the second floor of the Prescott Valley Library, 7401 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley.

928-759-3040. The website is <http://www.pvlib.net>. A NAGS

volunteer is at the site every Thursday afternoon, 1 -- 3 P.M. to help you with your research. The collection is available for use whenever Prescott Valley Library is open; currently Monday through Saturday, starting at 9 A.M. You can access

the internet via your laptop from our room and use of Heritage Quest is free. Come by and visit, meet our volunteers and do some research. Welcome to our newest volunteer, Sharon Adkins.

**1940 Census Update**—The article on page 2 was written before the release of the census on April 2. As expected we brought the site crashing down within the first hour. According to the statistics floating around there were 22.5 MILLION hits to the site in the first three hours. Total for the first 24 hours there were 37 MILLION hits. No site can withstand that. Amazingly they enhanced it within 24 hours and now it is running smoothly. Having problems finding your ancestors—view the free DearMyrt webinars for some great tips and solutions directly from the creators of the SteveMorse website.



**Ernie Wiegleb has resigned as Historian. Doris Egge has agreed to take on the task. Welcome Back Doris**

## Welcome to Our New Members

Our Society continues to grow with new members and returning members. I may have missed some new members but welcome to these individuals: Betty Bartlee, Mary Shenefield, Cathy Severson, William Townsend, Tom and Cath-



erine Graham, Vivian Fishco and Joan Fullmore. Joan, pictured at left, has been doing research for about 12 years and has Icelandic and Irish roots.

Betty Bartlee is a brand new family researcher, just starting out. She is from the San Diego area and retired from Yavapai College.

A wonderful way to get involved with our Society is to volunteer. We all have wonderful skills from our "previous" occupations that often can be utilized within our Society. We are currently looking for an individual to serve as Secretary. The duties include the taking of minutes at the monthly board meeting and distributing those minutes. If your career experience qualifies you for this please

contact Raylene Junkins for additional information. Your time commitment is minimal, one hour a month plus typing up and sending out the minutes. One great advantage is your first hand knowledge of what is happening within our Society. As an additional note, the Board Meeting is open to all members and is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9 am at the FHL on Ruth St. In Prescott.



Go to <http://indexing.familysearch.org> to sign up for the Arizona 1940 Census Community Project

## NEW EVIDENCE EXPLAINED WEBSITE

Elizabeth Shown Mills has announced the launch of her website, EvidenceExplained.com. The website is pleasing to the eye and provides users the ability to post to various forums, asking questions about all things genealogical. Additionally, the popular and essential publication, Evidence Explained is now

available in a pdf format. The pdf version is not free but is reasonably priced at \$27.95. The advantage to the pdf format is you can have the book on your laptop and available to you during research trips. Various QuickCheck Model pdf files are also available apparently as free downloads. Additionally, her various Quick-

Sheet four page resources are available on her website, again as pdf files. After purchase of these items you simply download them to your desktop or laptop. Each purchase allows you three downloads. The development of iPad and Android apps is not complete but is in the works.

One-Step 1940 Tool	<a href="http://stevemorse.org">http://stevemorse.org</a>
1940 NARA census images	<a href="http://archives.gov/resserch/census/1940">http://archives.gov/resserch/census/1940</a>
Evidence Explained	<a href="http://evidenceexplained.com">http://evidenceexplained.com</a>
The Legal Genealogist	<a href="http://www.legalgenealogist.com/">http://www.legalgenealogist.com/</a>



## Software Updates Legacy and RootsMagic

The big news from Legacy is the new 1940 Census List Report and Census List Tool. This is a really great new feature and is applicable not just to the 1940 Census but to any Census event. This report tool can quickly provide a list of those individuals in your database who should be in the 1940 census and where they should be. It makes looking for those ancestors much easier. Whether you use Legacy or not, this is a great tool to add

to your genealogy toolbox. Download the free Legacy version which includes these tools, import your gedcom file from whatever software you use, view the webinar about the tools on the Legacy website and get your lists. Easy as that.

Not to be outdone, RootsMagic announced an update to their software which includes a "Who Was There Report". This report will print a list of people who

where possibly in a specific place at a specific time. There is a great deal of flexibility with this report also as it allows the user to drill down into the dataset to produce very specific results. By using filtered lists in conjunction with this tool it is easy to produce a list of ancestors who should be in the 1940 census, or the 1930 census or the 1880 census. A useful tool to help find the holes in your research.

## DNA All Day Seminar—May 19th, 2012 "I Have This Paper—Now What Do I Do?"

On May 19th we have the pleasure of welcoming Bonnie Cook from SCGS DNA group. Ms. Cook has many years of experience with genealogical research and DNA in particular. If you have had your DNA tested or a siblings and are

wondering what comes next, this is the event for you. There is limited seating for the event and there is no charge. A flyer is attached to the newsletter with a registration form. As of the printing of this newsletter there are only 25 seats left

for the workshop. Ms. Cook will be talking mainly about using FamilyTree DNA which is her specialty. Please bring your results with you to the meeting as she has offered to answer individual questions at the end of the day.

## A New Blog—The Legal Genealogist

There is a new blog on the block, The Legal Genealogist. The author of this blog is Judy Russell, a newly certified genealogist with a law degree among other things. Judy blogs about various topics which are important to family researchers in connection with the law. Judy addresses both present and

past laws and how understanding the law may help you in your research. Judy was a guest on DearMyrt's ongoing nightly 1940 Census webinar where she defended the release of the 1940 census and denounced the naysayers.

If you have a particular question you can contact

Judy, present your question and hopefully get an answer.

Judy is a self-professed DNA 'junkie' so if you are interested in the cutting edge view of this particular branch of genealogy I would suggest reading some of her posts.

Judy writes with a clear, concise and knowledgeable



**The launch of the  
SIG Writing Group  
has been postponed  
indefinitely. Any  
inconvenience to  
members is  
regrettable and  
unfortunate.**

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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.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 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](#)

<p>Month—April</p> <p>5th FHL—Using Resource Logs Dick Hiatt</p> <p>21st NAGS Meeting—Writing Their Story Kristen Kauffman</p> <p>21st Mini Class—1940 Census Jo Arnsperger</p>	<p>Month-May</p> <p>3rd Tea Party Survivor John Thorne</p> <p>9th-12th NGS Nat'l Conf Cincinnati</p> <p>19th DNA All Day Workshop SpingHill Suites—Bonnie Cook</p> <p>26th Free Online Resources Prescott Library—Jo Arnsperger</p>
<p>Month-June</p> <p>8th-10th SCGS Jamboree Burbank CA</p> <p>16th NAGS Meeting-Open Discussion Open forum</p> <p>23rd Free Online Resources Prescott Library—Jo Arnsperger</p>	<p>Month-July</p> <p>NO NAGS MONTHLY</p> <p>28th Free Online Resources Prescott Library—Jo Arnsperger</p>