



NAGS-ZINE---Your Northern Arizona Genealogical Society's Newsletter



Editor's Message:

Happy Spring! Spring means many things to many people--but to Genealogists it means (among other things) that we can finally walk through cemeteries easily and unfettered by cold and (sometimes) snow! It also means a host of new genealogy shows and fairs to look forward to! And more daylight hours for our weary eyes to search through a multitude of data with!

This month's NAGS-ZINE is focused on some of the NEW genealogy sources and techniques brought about by the advancement of both the internet and science. I hope you enjoy it!

Lisa Elvin Staltari



Welcome to our New Members !

Marilyn Baldwin
Betty Cooper
Laurie Desmarais
Becky Hancock
Jack and Kathy Messersmith
Cheryl Moreno
Nancy Nelson
Shirley Nelson
Carolyn Abel Smith
Jodi Weber
Sue Williams

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



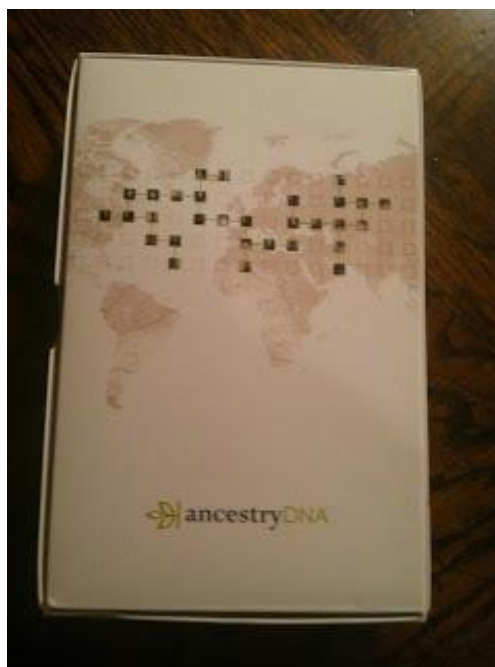
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It's hard to believe that another quarter has come and gone. We had three really good programs this quarter; I hope that you had the opportunity to attend them. In January Valene Woolridge presented Ancestry Beyond the Basics. She gave us tips on how to get the most from our searches. The February program was Googling for Genealogy by Sue Williams. Did you know Google could do all those things? Barbara Wich gave us a tour of the Archives and what types of records you can find and how to get to them. Barbara had the good fortune to spend a month last summer at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. She shared the expertise she learned on her trip. Do we envy her or what?

The new quarter will bring somewhat of a departure for normal; the April 26th meeting will feature "What does that mean?" Bring the archaic terms you have found in your research and find out what they really mean. Also, when we run out of terms there will be the opportunity for questions and sharing. **May 24th**, we will be meeting at the **Prescott Valley Public Library starting at 1:00 p.m. with program at 1:30 in the Computer Room** for a program by Jo Arnsperger on "Using Google Earth for Genealogy". The June 28th meeting will be at the **Peregrine Bookstore at 219 N. Cortez St.** in downtown Prescott at the usual time of 1:30 p.m. social & 2:00 program. Sharon Atkins will be presenting a program on using ephemera such as letters, photos, newspaper and journal articles, etc. in your research. Sharon has just published a book called "The P.E.O. Founders' Scrapbook" using these methods, which will be available for purchase and signing.

Did you know that NAGS has a database of over 58,000 "Deaths and Dispositions" for Yavapai County. It is accessible at <http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/cemetery-database/> the database contains not just burials in YC but also people who died here but were shipped elsewhere for burial and many that do not show a place of burial. Compare this with Findagrave.com which has only about 30,000 burials for YC and the USGenWeb project <http://arizonagravestones.org/> which contains about 33,500 photos many of which are linked from the Sharlot.org site. Also, contents by cemetery are different from website to website, for example Mountain View Cemetery has 13,097 in AzGravestones, 10,600 in NAGS database and only 5,600 in FindAGrave. The NAGS project was started in the 1980's by Abby Ritzinger, Gene Chesson, Grant & Marge Brown and others. Marge was instrumental in being the computerization of the database in a DOS program called FE5. After Marge passed away in 1994 the project was taken over in 1996 by Pat Potter and Raylene Junkins, with Sue Kissel joining later and they continue with the project today. The group worked with Sharlot Hall Archives to give the database an online presence. Sadly, Grant Brown just passed away this last month.

As always the Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Family History Center and you are more than welcome to attend. Would love to have you and your ideas.



DNA--the Final Frontier!

by **Lisa Elvin Staltari**

When I tell people I am having my husband's DNA done, they sometimes (often) give me a fearful look, not quite understanding. Am I looking for cancer, some medical malformations, or perhaps even more sinister mental imbalance (this is particularly funny when I think about some of our disputes)? Noooooo, I reply, I am trying to trace his tree, and every little bit of information may help me solve the mystery of my poor hubby's ancestral roots. Shrouded as they are by men who abandoned families, died too young, or worse lived in one of the most challenging states to track (Arkansas). Not having the resources to fly to Little Rock, Arkansas, and having exhausted most of my online resources, I am turning to this new approach to finding one's roots.

As a member of Ancestry.com, I was first on the list to receive one of their Beta Test DNA tests, and I eagerly awaited my turn. As I waited, however, I realized that although I am very, very interested in finding my ancestral DNA, my tree is very well documented and I anticipate no real surprises (although of course, I could be in for a surprise!), over coffee one day, I told my husband that I was going to give my test to him. His surprise and delight were thanks enough!

So I waited for the email that announced that it was finally my "turn". I waited. And waited. Four months. Finally the precious email arrived. I paid the introductory price of 99.00 and awaited the famous box!

It came in record time! My hubby proceeded to read all the instructions. He is a stickler for detail. As I watched him, I thought to myself, gosh, I'm glad he's doing it, so I can learn from him how to do it. It was remarkably easy.



He woke up the next morning, spit into the little vial, and closed it up, ready to mail.

Before we mailed it, we activated the code in his Ancestry.com file, so that when the results come in he will be eligible to be matched (by DNA) to any third, fourth or beyond cousins. This is another service that Ancestry.com is offering. And therein lies the true value of this testing.

The DNA results when they come will tell us what his ethnic profile is, i.e. 40 percent European (White), 30% Black, 10% Native American etc. etc. along with other markers; but the real strength of this DNA testing is the ability to match it to cousins and other members of a tree. Through these matches, I may be able to substantiate or eliminate a possible branch that will lead to the discovery of another generation of grandparents.

I like to think that DNA truly will unlock hundreds of years of secrets, lost documents, burned churches, and flood ravaged county buildings. It may also lead us to unexpected discoveries. For example, if it turns out that my husband has a fairly close 3rd cousin who is of a different ethnic background--then we probably know that somewhere, somehow, someone wasn't telling the truth about the parentage. Or that we took a detour somewhere in our paper research.

Stay tuned--I will report the results in the next edition!



Social Media for Genealogy

by Sharon Atkins

Many NAGS members appear to be somewhat comfortable using Facebook and Pinterest (although not necessarily for Genealogy). Thus, for this particular column I decided to focus on the Google+ platform.



To me, Google+ offers the user the ability to communicate with others interested in a multitude of genealogy topics, to collaborate on specific genealogy projects or research, and to participate in a vast number of educational opportunities.

To understand the value of Google+, let's begin with the basics.

The Basics

First, in order to participate in the Google+ community you will need to have a gmail address. That's your "ticket" to the party! Remember, you can create a separate gmail account to use specifically for genealogy...that's an individual choice.

After you have your gmail email account, then sign up for Google+. Here you will want to create a profile of yourself that will attract the audience you will to primarily communicate with. Select a cover photo that would attract other genealogists...if you want to use Google+ for genealogy for example, a photo of an Airplane, or a balloon may not accomplish that! Within your description of yourself, use verbiage that is relevant to the type of folks you wish to "attract" to communicate with you and/or to your area of interest/expertise. For example, I use "Uncover your personal connection to history, embrace genealogy." My goal is communicate the value and excitement of pursuing genealogy.

The Fun Part

Now comes the fun part! Finding people you wish to include into your circles (groups) of people. You can sort your connections into any self-defined circle, such as friends, family, quilting, cooking, genealogy, school, etc. This will enhance your ability to reach out and communicate with people who you may have something in common with. You can have just one circle where you include everyone, or multiple circles. Once your circles are identified you

will be able to sort/segment the view of your home page to reflect only posts from these specific circles.

Use the Google+ search bar to search for people, pages or posts within Google+. Try searching “genealogy” and you will quickly discover Google+ will suggest people and/or pages for you to “join.”

On the top of the page, on the same line as the list of circles you have set up, you will find the “Explore” option. Select that and use the # sign to search for topics of interest to you. This will create a list of posts, by others, which are pertinent to your search term. #Genealogy or #Family History.

The Value

The real power/interest of Google+ to me is the variety of available Communities. Communities are a means to share information and/or pose questions.

Communities are very similar to the concept of “message boards” in that you can join and participate with people on a specific topic of interest. I belong to Communities of interest to me such as New York Genealogy, Ephemera Rescue, iPad for Genealogy, and DearMYRTLE’S Genealogy...you get the idea. When joining a community you have the option of turning on and off any notifications (encouraging or eliminating emails notifications of posts). You have control over your level of participation.

Some communities provide education – i.e. DearMYRTLE has “Monday’s with Myrt” and she also has a “Mastering Genealogy Proof Standards” study group. Many of these educational opportunities are done via streaming broadcasts which can be viewed “live” or after the fact. The advantage of live is your ability to participate in the conversation. The advantage of after the fact is that you view it on your schedule.

Hangouts are another feature of Google+. How many of you use FaceTime with your iphone or ipad? Google+ is FaceTime on steroids! You can have up to 10 people in a live video conference. I’ve participated in Google+ Hangouts for committee meetings, educational opportunities and one-on-one just as I would a “regular” telephone call. The best part is that, for now, it’s FREE.

While it may seem complicated at first, I encourage you all to give Google+ a test drive. Once you get the hang of it you will wonder why you didn’t do it sooner ☺



Pin the Tail on the Ancestor!

by Lisa Elvin Staltari

I will be the first to tell you that I wasn't an easy convert to Pinterest, but once it took hold, I can't imagine life without it. Whereas Facebook, Twitter and the other social medias, bring you direct contact with other people (which can be a good AND a bad thing) Pinterest relies on you and your interests. You create a bulletin board (at last count I have about 50 boards) for all your varied interests. I use it for cooking and decorating of course, but also for some of my other interests, like books and train travel. I have boards for just about everything I like. It reminds me of when I was a little girl and would cut and paste into my scrapbooks. Sometimes it's something I like to look at, but many times, it's something I want to keep so I can refer it to later. This last is precisely the reason I use Pinterest for Genealogy. I only have one bulletin board for Genealogy--but this is soon to change, as I will be creating other boards that can be specific to my interest. This Pinterest board is exactly the same as if you bookmarked a favorite site--but instead of some nameless web address, you have a picture to jog your memory. For most of us, we live in a visual world, and having the picture sometimes is the best form of "note taking". Here's a recent find:


Anatomy of a Social Security Number

SSN area numbers assigned by states			
001-003 New Hampshire	002-006 Michigan	444-443 Colorado	
004-007 Maine	007-009 Minnesota	555-555 New Mexico	
008-009 Vermont	405-407 Kentucky	444-449 New Mexico	
010-012 Massachusetts	408-411 Tennessee	555-557 Arizona	
033-039 Rhode Island	786-791 Tennessee	409-409 Arizona	
000-040 Connecticut	414-421 Arkansas	786-795 Arizona	
004-134 New York	425-428 Mississippi	124-129 Utah	
191-198 New Jersey	427-430 Missouri	444-447 Utah	
119-121 Pennsylvania	512-513 Mississippi	414-414 Nevada	
212-220 Maryland	429-432 Arkansas	488-488 Nevada	
121-122 Delaware	516-519 Arkansas	121-121 Washington	
123-121 Virginia	433-439 Louisiana	589-584 Oregon	
481-489 Virginia	589-591 Louisiana	441-411 California	
212-236 West Virginia	440-449 Oklahoma	402-426 California	
212-246 North Carolina	488-492 Texas	514 Alaska	
441-449 North Carolina	427-445 Texas	525-526 Hawaii	
441-449 North Carolina	448-451 Minnesota	719-721 Hawaii	
544-549 South Carolina	479-489 Iowa	327-329 DC	
614-618 South Carolina	586-589 Missouri	380 Virgin Islands	
222-222 Georgia	591-592 North Dakota	244-244 Puerto Rico	
441-475 Georgia	525-534 South Dakota	444-444 Guam	
241-247 Florida	525-528 Nebraska	596 Guam	
344-345 Florida	525-531 Kansas	444 American Samoa	
744-772 Florida	516-517 Montana	596 Philippines Islands	
344-372 Ohio	516-518 Idaho	719-729 National Board	
355-377 Indiana	529 Wyoming		
124-124 Illinois	517-518 Colorado		

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blog.genealogists.com

Here's another one:

 Finder's Free Family tree connection guide						
Relation to common relative	Son or daughter	Grandchild	Great grandchild	2nd great grandchild	3rd great grandchild	4th great grandchild
Son or daughter	Brother or sister	Niece or nephew	Grand niece or nephew	Great grand niece or nephew	2nd great grand niece or nephew	3rd great grand niece or nephew
Grandchild	Niece or nephew	First cousin	First cousin 1x removed	First cousin 2x removed	First cousin 3x removed	First cousin 4x removed
Great grandchild	Grand niece or nephew	First cousin 1x removed	Second cousin	Second cousin 1x removed	Second cousin 2x removed	Second cousin 3x removed
2nd great grandchild	Great grand niece or nephew	First cousin 2x removed	Second cousin 1x removed	Third cousin	Third cousin 1x removed	Third cousin 2x removed
3rd great grandchild	2nd great grand niece or nephew	First cousin 3x removed	Second cousin 2x removed	Third cousin 1x removed	Fourth cousin	Fourth cousin 1x removed
4th great grandchild	3rd great grand niece or nephew	First cousin 4x removed	Second cousin 3x removed	Third cousin 2x removed	Fourth cousin 1x removed	Fifth cousin

Joining Pinterest is fairly easy www.pinterest.com. Once there, create a board. Again, easy. In the search parameter, search for something you want to look for. (I might suggest you get your feet wet with something other than genealogy--search for sewing knitting or cooking. Make your first board specific--and then practice.) Once that is done, you might want to find other friends who have boards. You can follow their boards and they can follow yours. Each of you can peak at each other's boards and "repin" something you find there. Sometimes you don't have any friends who like your specific things. That's when you turn to the thousands of people who have boards that WILL relate to what you are into. You see an image and then you simply click on the thumbtack image. Voila! It's on your board now. There are also SECRET boards you can do, if you want to create a board that the general public cannot see. These boards are only for the people you invite, and cannot be accessed or seen by anyone else. (One of my secret boards is my Wish List for my husband to look at for gift ideas .)

Once you have begun the process of pinning, you can download the app for your phone or tablet. This is when Pinning gets obsessive. I sometimes arrive early to pick up my daughter at school so I can get a few "pins" in before school lets out. That to me is the beauty of Pinterest. It is a unique and solitary activity, that focuses on things that I like. Some people love Facebook so they can see what other people are doing, or twitter so they can see what other people are saying. And truth be told, there is a vital need for both these sites, but sometimes, it's nice to just "virtually" get out those scissors and thumbtacks and quietly pin onto my bulletin board.

SPOTLIGHT ON: MICHIGAN



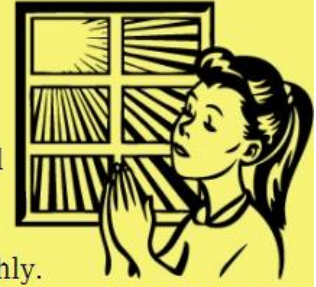
Michigan is one of those states that people go to or through--no matter what family I am researching, it always seems like Michigan is a drawing card for many of them. Those of you with Canadian roots that ended up in the U.S. often will experience this Michigan Moment!

Here are some of my favorite Michigan websites:

1. www.seekingmichigan.org
2. <http://www.detroitpubliclibrary.org/wayne-county-death-record-index>
3. www.mifamilyhistory.org
4. data.wmgs.org
5. <http://www.deathindexes.com/michigan/>
6. www.michigan.gov/familyhistory
7. <http://www.hsmichigan.org/>
8. <http://www.migenweb.net/>

GENEALOGY GRINS

God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find, the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly.

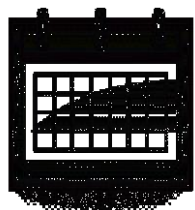


Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

Genealogy Rule #5

The application for a death certificate you want insists that you provide the maiden name of the deceased's mother, which is exactly what you don't know and is the reason you are trying to get the death certificate in the first place.

GENEALOGY CALENDER OF EVENTS



APRIL-JULY 2014

Fridays, April 18th & April 25
Finding and Evaluating Genealogical Evidence
Yavapai College
www.yc.edu/commed

Saturday, April 26
Northern Arizona Genealogical Society
Monthly Meeting
Family History Center
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (1:30 pm for networking and socializing)
Topic: Archaic Terms Legal terms, causes of death, strange calendar dates, genealogy concepts – Julian vs. Gregorian; White Plague; Feme Covert; Inst. vs. Ult.
Please come and share those cultural / confusing / archaic / foreign terms that turn up in your research.
We will try to clarify what they might mean in the context of your research. If you know the answer to some terminology you had to look up, come and share what you found and how that helped.

May 2 – 3, 2014
Family History Expo at Sacramento, California
Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast
Sacramento, CA, 95841
<https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/69>

May 3, 2014

Huguenot Seminar
Joseph Smith Memorial Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
Call: [801-240-4950](tel:801-240-4950)
Send RSVP info to: fhlclassreg@familysearch.org

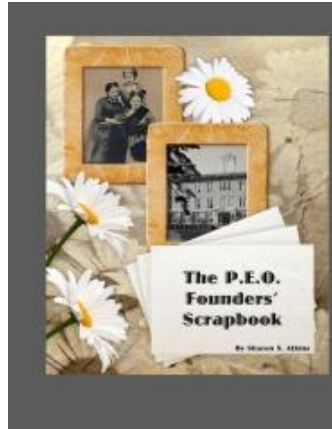
May 7–10, 2014
NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Richmond, Virginia
One of the largest annual family history conferences in North America, the National Genealogical Society's annual Family History Conference features lectures, hands-on computer labs, booths, and workshops.

Saturday, May 24, 2014
Northern Arizona Genealogical Society
Monthly Meeting
Location: PRESCOTT VALLEY LIBRARY
(Please note the change of venue for this meeting)
Time: 1 pm (Please note the change of time for this meeting)
Topic: Google Earth
Speaker: Jo Arnsperger

June 6–8, 2014
Southern California Genealogy Jamboree
Burbank, California
This annual conference sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society attracts nearly 1700 genealogists to Burbank, California for a weekend of education and fun. They also offer a number of free online webinars for those who can't attend the conference in person.

Saturday, June 28, 2014
Northern Arizona Genealogical Society
Monthly Meeting
Location: **Peregrine Book Store 219A North Cortez, Prescott.**
Time: 2:00 pm.
Topic: Case Studies Using Ephemera
Speaker: (Author and NAGS member)
Sharon Atkins
Book Signing after Meeting

BOOK NEWS!!



The P.E.O. Founders' Scrapbook, filled with ephemera such as letters, photos, newspaper and journal articles and even a music score, allows the reader to peek into the lives of the seven founders of P.E.O.: Mary Allen, Alice Bird, Hattie Briggs, Alice Coffin, Suela Pearson, Franc Roads and Ella Stewart as well as their descendants and relations.

Encounter what their life was like before, during and after the formation of The P.E.O. Sisterhood. Discover the impact their lives had upon their families, the communities where they lived and the world around them.

Explore, in a way never before presented, how these women exemplified the “pioneering spirit” of their era.

Follow the adventures in *The P.E.O. Founders' Scrapbook* to find the answers to these questions:

- Which founder has ancestors still deeply involved with Iowa Wesleyan?
- Which one was released from her teaching position after many years with a school district?
- Which one wrote lyrics to a song?
- Who had family connections to the Underground Railway?
- Whose husband ran a campaign vying for the office of Governor of Iowa?
- Which founder's children were raised by an uncle and aunt?
- Whose name may have been “misspelled ” for years?

Author Sharon S. Atkins has compiled the authoritative guide to the lives of the founders of P.E.O. including life event timelines, family tree charts, and source citations for the genealogy research involved in creating *The P.E.O. Founders' Scrapbook*.



Membership Information

Northern Arizona Genealogical Society (NAGS)

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/St/Zip: _____

Genealogy Experience Level:

Beginner: _____ Intermediate: _____ Advanced: _____ Professional: _____

Please list the surnames you are researching, along with locations and time periods:

Example: Bowen Erie County, PA 1840-1890

Please check any committee(s) on which you might be willing to serve:

AZGAB Liaison: ____ Cemetery: ____ Historian: ____ Hospitality: ____ Library: ____

Would you be willing to teach a class at a seminar, meeting or workshop? _____

If yes, please list your topics of choice: _____

Do we have your permission to include your phone and/or e-mail on our membership roster to be distributed on request to members only? _____

Please mail this form and your check for annual membership (January – December)

\$15 for individual membership; \$25 for family membership

Payable to:

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