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October Genealogy Workshop Huge Success



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TIME TO RENEW

It's membership renewal time again. Please consider renewing your NAGS membership for another year. Your dues help us offer good programs throughout the year. Just fill out the attached form and send it to the PO address listed at the bottom of the form along with your check (\$15 individual or \$25 family) made out to NAGS.

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Thank you to all members of NAGS who helped to make the 2010 Genealogy Workshop a HUGE success. Attendance for the event was over 200 people; what a wonderful turnout. Thanks go out especially to the hard work of Vernie Jaeger, NAGS Publicity Chairman, and her team. Since our membership was somewhere around 80 folks at the time of the workshop, all those other attendees probably heard about the workshop through flyers, newspaper articles and word of mouth. Also a huge thank you goes out to the exceptional presenters. We had such diver-

sity in the breakout sessions offered; there was something for everyone from beginner to advanced. More thanks go to the LDS Church leadership for providing the facilities for NAGS to host the workshop, using the facility located on Ruth Ave. in Prescott and their technology team who made sure everything worked smoothly. The workshop would not be complete without the wonderful homemade beef vegetable stew and accompanying homemade bread provided by Carma Koester. The last big thank you goes to the rest of the Workshop committee who put in

many hours of work. Those members include Dick Hiatt, Raylene Junkins, Beverly Markham, Leslie Parsons, Virginia Grundvig, Valene Woolridge, Ernie Wiegler and Marilyn Day. If you missed the 2010 workshop mark your calendar now for this year's event which will again be in October of 2011. The venue will remain the same but you can be sure the breakout sessions will be fresh, exciting and educational. If you would like to share some of your personal expertise and provide a presentation please contact anyone on the board.

By Jo Arnsperger

Genealogical New Year Resolutions

Your Database

- Update and add source citations for all facts
- Merge place name variations into one entry
- Attach media files to sources
- Enhance family info with family stories
- Implement a data backup procedure

Your Research

- Utilize original resource records such as land records or probate records
- Attend at least one genealogical conference
- Try your hand at writing a short family history for one of your ancestors
- Try the FAN Club principle for a brick wall

Membership Reaches 99 Members

Our membership has increased by about 30 members during 2010 holding at 99 as of December 15, 2010. As you know if you are a continuing member it is that time again. Attached to the newsletter is the NAGS Membership form. If you plan on continuing your membership with NAGS please complete the form and mail to the indicated address. You can also drop the form off at the monthly meeting at the end of January. It would be wonderful if we could get our membership over the magical 100 mark. Talk to your friends or neighbors; see if they are interested in genealogy and invite them to a meeting.

Welcome to our brand new members:

Robert Bowman
David and Sherry Brown
Marilyn and Ronald Campbell
Jeri Carroll
Jack and Kathleen Cox
Wini Daniel
Karen Ellis
Charles Manning
Dianne Norris
Sharon Phelps
Ella Mae Schmidt
Karen Valentine
Marcia Ware
Martha Welch

I like to showcase our new members with a short genealogy summary of family names and locations. I try to include three each edition. If you would like to have your article included in the April newsletter please send your article to jarnspiger@cableone.net.

Members attending a breakout session during October 2010 workshop.



Send a short two or three paragraph bio and surnames researched to the Bulletin editor to be included in the next issue

Research Standards The Genealogical Proof Standard

Taken from the "BCG Genealogical Standards Manual", Millennium Edition, Feb. 2000

"The ultimate goal for all genealogists is to assemble (and perhaps share with others) a re-constructed family history that is as close to the truth as possible. In order to achieve that goal, we adhere to an overall standard by which we measure the credibility of the statements we make about ancestral identities, relationships, life events, and biographical details.

This credibility standard is called the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). We use the GPS, also, to assess the reliability of genealogical statements other people make, whether they relate to our families or to their own.

Meeting the Genealogical Proof Standard is a five-step process:

- a. We conduct a reasonably exhaustive search in reliable sources for all information that is or may be pertinent to the identity, relationship, event, or situation in question;
- b. We collect and include in our compilation a complete, accurate citation to the source or sources of each item of information we use;
- c. We analyze and correlate the collected information to assess its quality as evidence;
- d. We resolve any conflicts caused by items of evidence that contradict each other or are contrary to a proposed (hypothetical) solution to the question; and
- e. We arrive at a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

Meeting the GPS does not require—or ensure—proof beyond the shadow of a doubt, but an objection that "something else *could* have happened" is insufficient to discredit our own or another person's conclusions. Genealogists recognize, however, that any statement about ancestors, even if it meets the GPS, is not absolute or everlasting. When new evidence surfaces or flaws in the conclusion are found, we re-examine the statement to determine if it remains valid." (BCG Standards Manual, p. 1-2)



Mr. Egge, Pat Potter and Doris Egge: Christmas luncheon



Marilyn Andrus and Carol Hubert: Christmas luncheon

Gala Christmas Affair held at Stoneridge Country Club

Members new and old enjoyed a beautiful Christmas luncheon at the Stoneridge Country Club in Prescott Valley on December 11. The food was delicious, being an Italian menu, and the company was cheery. About 35 of our members were able to share the holiday spirit as well as favorite old photos of their ancestors. Thanks to Nancy Miller and Raylene Junkins for putting together the wonderful slide show of pictures, most depicting the occupations of ancestors. Those members who chose to were able to share about their pictures.

Several members also shared old artifacts preserved from their parents and grandparents. Our Hospitality Chairman, Carol Hubert and Treasurer, Marilyn Andrus welcomed attendees and President Marilyn Day emceed the affair. Thanks go to Mr. Miller for expertly running the PowerPoint presentation. Such affairs are a great opportunity to network with members in a relaxed informal environment and provide you the chance to share your genealogy passion with others of the same ilk.

President's Message

The door on 2010 is slowly closing and soon we'll be entering 2011. Looking back over the past year we can all be proud of the many excellent programs we had in 2010. The year in a nutshell included the following:

January - Tour of the Yavapai College Library facility.

February - Aaronetta Edmonds and her stories of family.

March - Mark Lowe spoke via the internet on "Developing a Research Plan."

April - Raylene Junkins, "Using Pre-1850 Census Data."

May - Colleen Fitzpatrick

spoke at a special all-day program held at Stoneridge Golf and Country Club on "Using DNA in your Genealogical Quest."

June - Barbara Wich spoke on the "Spanish Lady," the influenza epidemic of 1918.

July: no program

August - Sandee Hanahan, Aprons to Aprons, the Long and Short of It."

September - Gene Therapy session.

October 23—with the combined efforts of the Family History Center we held a Genealogy Workshop attended by 226 folks.

December—

Lastly, on Dec. 11, 35 of us gathered again at Stoneridge Country Club to share a meal and program of slides of our very own ancestors at work.

Don't forget the Tuesday night PLUGS classes at the FHC, too.

This has been a memorable year. We've shown what a viable society we are. It was an ambitious program of events, and it was tremendously successful. To all of you involved in any way in these programs, our thanks go out to you. Our charter is to educate and we certainly have met that goal this year.

Happy and healthy 2011.

Marilyn Day



Have you heard of
ProGen?

Here is another free
educational
opportunity for
researchers
thinking about
going professional.

Online Educational Resources

Here are some FREE online educational resources to further your genealogical expertise.

- [Ancestry free webinars](#)
- [FamilySearch free courses](#)
- [Genealogy.com free courses](#)
- [BYU free online courses](#)
- [About.com free course](#)

Listed here you will find some more extensive course offerings which do have a tuition.

- National Genealogical Society home-study course
- Boston University online course
- National Institute for Genealogical Studies

National conferences provide in-depth sessions focused on specific topics for all levels of experience.

- New England Genealogical and Historical Society
- National Genealogical Society
- Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research

Using the FAN Club Principle in Your Genealogical Research

Have you heard of the FAN Club Principle? You may have used this research technique but aren't aware of this particular acronym. The FAN Club is the Friends, Associates and Neighbors Club. This is the principle used by many researchers when they hit a "brick wall". This technique requires patience and the investment of time to be successful. Here is a brief explanation provided by Elizabeth Shown-Mills on her interpretation of the FAN Club research technique. "It may help to think of genealogical research as a bull's eye. Our specific ancestor is the target. When we start to research a newly identified ancestor, that's who we focus on. Much of the time (or MOST of the time, in some areas!), we do

seem to run out of records before we find the clear-cut evidence we need to identify his family or sort him from other same-name individuals.

At that point, we need to move out a ring on the bull's eye--i.e., we extend the search to all known kin and all records created by those known kin. If that does not produce the evidence we seek, we move out to another ring of the bulls' eye: others of the same surname who are in the same area but aren't known to be kin. From there, if need be, we move out another ring to known associates--and, eventually, to the ring we might call 'associates of associates.' As we visualize that bull's eye, we see that our core "target" (our specific

ancestor) is a very small one. As we move outward on those rings, the target gets bigger and bigger, the range of possibilities gets greater and greater, and the amount of time needed to cover all possibilities also increases. The problem that most researchers have when they first try the FAN Club approach is that they don't want to invest very much time in those Friends, Associates, and Neighbors. That's why the FAN Club Principle fails them." Posted on the APGPublicList mail list 2010

Give this technique a try with one of your brick wall ancestors. Good Luck!

By Jo Arnsperger



Sandee Hanahan
has resigned as
Program Chair. A
committee of four
has been formed
from the Board
Members to oversee
future programs

Books to be auctioned on EBay

After a thorough evaluation by the NAGS Library Chair and committee the decision was made to sell some of the surplus books previously being stored by Travis Holtzclaw on eBay. Proceeds will go into the NAGS account to be used for future programs.

October Workshop

Waiting for the presentation to start



The wonderful lunch staff—making it all happen



Links in this Newsletter

Ancestry free webinars: <http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx>

FamilySearch free courses: <https://learning.familysearch.org/researchcourses>

Genealogy.com free courses: <http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>

BYU free online courses: <http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/free.cfm>

About.com free genealogy course: <http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm>

ProGen Study Group: <http://progenstudy.org/>

Tribute Luncheon for Travis Holtzclaw

By Marilyn Day and Travis Holtzclaw

On the first Wednesday in October, 18 members and friends of NAGS met at the Prescott Golf and Country Club to share a special luncheon with guest member Travis Holtzclaw. Travis is one of those very special people that you wish you had known forever. He is a true southern gentleman.

The luncheon, intended as a tribute for Travis and his many years of involvement in NAGS, soon turned into a treat for all who attended as Travis shared a few of his life's stories. He told how, in 1980, he started part-time building a house on 20 acres in the north Georgia mountains. Before the house was done, he was laid off in the 1982 recession from a federal job in Atlanta, so he decided to take the time to finish building his house. Three weeks later he was offered and accepted a federal job in DC. In 1988, Jehre, now his wife, had been to Prescott, AZ, on her way to the Grand Canyon and was interested in exploring the area further to see if there were job opportunities. So in September that year they came to Prescott where Jehre soon began her psy-

chology practice. Travis explored possibilities at the VA and was offered a job – (reduced pay, of course).

Travis then told of his experiences working with Native American veterans. He built such a rapport with them that one told him "Holtzclaw" was a good Navajo name.

Travis told of the mighty Provoost bus that was supplied as a Mobile Health Clinic by the government to the Fort Whipple VA. In late August '92, even before the inaugural ceremonies, while Travis and the bus were on a planning visit in Parker, AZ, he received an urgent call from the VA Medical Center Director to return immediately to Prescott, that he and a medical team of nine were to be flown with the bus from Luke AF Base to Miami the following morning: "Hurricane Andrew has struck Florida and they were going to be needing our assistance." That next day the bus and staff (including Laurie McCoy, NP, also a NAGS member) were loaded onto a C5A AF transport plane. The bus and a mixed VA-National Guard medical team of 26 served as a clinic for the general population over six weeks in Homestead, Florida. As there was

no emergency in Arizona, the return to Prescott was not by air for the bus. It was driven back by their trained driver.

The years flew by, the '90s, then 2000. Jehre's health rapidly began to deteriorate and she closed her practice in 2002, with Travis retiring the following year. In August 2010, Travis' brother, Truman, passed away. The time now seemed right to plan a move the following spring to the new house Truman's construction crew had built for Travis in 2002, and where Truman had died on that land among those beautiful Appalachian Mountains.

With shared tears, all of us at the luncheon knew we had experienced something special as Travis shared his stories. And like the circle of life, Travis and Jehre will soon return to Georgia where they set out from so many years ago. The Peach state will be a little sweeter as the Grand Canyon state says good-bye to a very special friend.

Contact information for Travis will be: 78 Echota Trail, Morganton, GA, 30560
Phone: 706-374-4112



**Ernest Wiegleb has
agreed to replace
Travis Holtzclaw as
Historian for NAGS
for the remainder of
the 2010-2011
Board year**



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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](#)

<p>January 2011</p> <p>4th: PLUG meeting at FHC 6:30 pm, Nancy Miller</p> <p>13th: FHC class 1-2 pm: film of Jay Verkler at NGS conference in SLC on April 28, 2010. Subject: Family Search</p> <p>21st-22nd: Mesa Family History Expo: a Conference held in Mesa, Arizona in close proximity to the Mesa FHL.</p> <p>29th: NAGS monthly meeting 1:30 pm social, 2-3 pm meeting: Mr. and Ms. Trevor to give presentation on British and Scottish research.</p>	<p>February 2011</p> <p>1st: PLUG meeting at FHC 6:30 pm, Nancy Miller</p> <p>3rd: FHC class 1-2pm Beg/Int Genealogy, Gathering Information (Valene, Anita & Beverly)</p> <p>10th: FHC class 1-2 pm Beg/Int Genealogy, Using Census Information (Valene, Anita & Beverly)</p> <p>17th: FHC class 1-2 pm Beg/Int Genealogy, Using Family Search (Dick Hiatt)</p> <p>19th: West Valley Gen. Society 8:30-3:30 Arlene Eakle all day seminar</p> <p>24th: FHC class 1-2 pm Beg/Int Genealogy, Immigration Records before and after 1850</p> <p>26th: NAGS monthly meeting: 1:30 –3:00 Visit to Prescott Valley Library,</p>
<p>March 2011</p> <p>1st: PLUG meeting at FHC 6:30 pm, Nancy Miller</p> <p>17th: FHC class, 1-2 pm Finding Your German Ancestors (Ernie Wiegler & Dick Hiatt)</p> <p>26th: NAGS monthly meeting 1:30 social, 2-3 pm meeting. DearMyrtle (Pat Richly Erickson) via Go-ToMeeting</p>	<p>NAGS monthly meeting, 4th Saturday of the month, except January which will be the 5th Saturday.</p> <p>PLUG—Prescott Legacy User Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the FHC. Help using Legacy is available at the FHC every Tuesday evening 6-9 pm.</p> <p>Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of month at FHC</p>