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October Workshop Attended by 150 Plus

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The annual Genealogy workshop hosted by NAGS was again an impressive success. More than 150 individuals attended the workshop, many of them first-timers. The variety of sessions provided something for everyone from



beginner to advanced; from archival preservation of records to scrapbooking to preserve your family story. Several different genealogy

software products were presented as well as how-to sessions on German, English, Scandinavian and Scottish research. Barbara Wich gave an interesting and informative presentation on researching in New York state. Presentations on Pennsylvania research by Lee Campbell and Using Newspapers by Sue Kissel were also well attended and very informative. The old standbys of Using Family Search, Ancestry and Heritage Quest were also very popular. As an attendee of the workshop I want to thank all the volunteers from the Workshop Committee who spent many hours plan-

ning, organizing, setting up and cleaning up. You guys did a GREAT JOB. Also a big thank you to all the Presenters for sharing your expertise. As a presenter, I would also like to thank the same people for conducting



a well organized event. If you enjoyed this year's event, think about volunteering in some capacity next year.

The 1940 Census—Are you Ready?

The 1940 Census will be available to the public on April 2, 2012 at this [link](#). This is a site through the National Archives. There will be NO index initially but you can be a part of the national indexing effort—sign up with FamilySearch Indexing. Check out [Steve](#)

[Morse's](#) website to get more in-depth information and help in preparing for this event. One thing I don't see publicized anywhere, but I learned in Raylene Junkins' presentation: there are NO images of the census, just images of punch cards. Be prepared for the site to crash.

**Time to Renew
 Your NAGS
 Membership
 See the
 attached Form**

Membership Continues to Increase

Our membership continued it's upward trend during 2011 culminating with 107 individuals and/or organizations on our rolls. As you know if you are a continuing member it is that renewal time again. Attached to the newsletter is the NAGS Membership form. If you plan on continuing your membership please complete the form and mail to the indicated address. You can also drop the form off at the monthly meeting the end of January. The more members our organization has the better resource pool we have to pull from. Talk to your friends and neighbors; see if they are interested in genealogy and invite them to a meeting. Welcome to our new members and returning members for 2012.

New members:

- Stephen and Sue Burk**
- Tom and Catherine Graham**
- Nancy Nelson**
- Brenda Norris**
- Joel J. Thomas**

To access the Membership form online click [here](#).

Be sure to include your surnames; you never know when you might find a new cousin. Also think about how you might like to contribute to our organization.

We have some really exciting programs scheduled for 2012 including an all day workshop dedicated to DNA results and what to do with them, as well as hopefully an all day seminar presented by Kerry Bartels from the Southern California NARA facility, explaining how to use the NARA online catalog and what kind of records you might expect to find at NARA. In April we will have a creative writing instructor from Yavapai College share with us some tricks on writing a family memoir. 2012 is shaping up to be a very full and active year for NAGS members. Don't be left out, get your membership forms in.



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

Holiday Party 2011 Stoneridge Country Club



The Holiday Party was held at Stoneridge Country Club. We had over 40 members and some spouses in attendance. The slideshow presentation of member wedding pictures was amazing. Thank you Nancy Miller for putting it together. The food was delicious and the company was charming. Happy Holidays to all.

Mini Courses to Start in January

As promised, mini classes will be presented each month after our regularly scheduled meeting starting in January. These classes will be very short, no more than 20 minutes, and will introduce fun and easy techniques to help with many different aspects of genealogical research and electronic devices or software. The first class will

introduce the Billion Graves app and will include a demonstration of how it all works. In February, you can watch a demonstration pertaining to genealogy training webinars; how to find webinars to suit your interests and how to watch them in the comfort of your home. In March there will be a demonstration of

EverNote, a free software program that helps organize your notes. The schedule for April, May and June is still in development. I welcome any ideas you might have. Send suggestions to jarnspiger@ca-bleone.net.

Using Old Techniques in the 21st Century

In the 21st century it seems we are constantly bombarded with “new” technology, “new” websites, “new” record collections and “new” electronic devices. It is true the Internet has enabled far wider research for all genealogists but we must all remember; everything is NOT on the internet and just because there are all these “new” resources, we should not forget the old resources. If you are looking for a marriage certificate for your great grandparents and you are not able to find the image on FamilySearch or Ancestry, does that mean you give up?

No, what that means is you utilize your library resource, *The Handybook for Genealogists*, get a phone number for the county clerk of choice and pick up your phone and call. My experience has been very positive with this approach. Most of the time the individual will check the indexes; yes they have indexes to the marriage records even back into the 1800s, and let you know right away if they have the record. Then, if they do, the cost is usually anywhere between \$2.00 and \$15.00 for a certified copy and/or a photocopy of the original marriage

book. Once they have received your check or money order, the coveted record will be mailed to you. This process does take a bit longer than clicking on the image in FamilySearch and saving a digital copy to your computer, but, if there is no record on FamilySearch, by following this process you have become a smarter and more effective researcher. The same process may be utilized for death records and probate records. The staff at these county offices are more than willing to check the indexes and supply you with the requested information. Give it a try in 2012.



The new website for
NAGS is located at
[http://
nags.weebly.com](http://nags.weebly.com).
Our new webmaster
is Marilyn Day.
Check out the site
and give feedback.

Roots Magic 5 Released in November 2011

I am a fan of Roots Magic. I have used it since Roots Magic 3 I think. I have also used various other genealogy database programs including The Master Genealogist and Legacy. Each have their own unique features that attract me. However, for me, Roots Magic provides the best overall experience. With the new

release of Roots Magic 5 comes the Timeline view that I really liked in Legacy as well as the CountyCheck which I believe mirrors Legacy's feature of County Verification. However, for me, the best new feature is the Research Log and the new connection of the To-Do-List to the Research Log. I believe this new feature

was created with a great deal of input from some of the top names in the genealogy field. That is just my opinion. There is a free version of RootsMagic also but I am not sure what features it has. Take a few minutes to check out the videos [here](#) on the company's website.

Do You Have a SmartPhone, iPad or Other Android Device? Read On!

Just in time for Christmas, I attended a free webinar sponsored by UGA (Utah Genealogical Association) through their Virtual Chapter Presentations. (These presentations are free to the public, but only at the time of the webinar. The recorded webinar is then only available to members.) So anyway, back to the webinar: it was called The BillionGraves webinar. This amazing and relatively new website and “app” has brought me kicking and screaming into the 21st century’s “electronic device revolution”. If you have an electronic device with either the Apple iOS or Google Android OS (operating system) and GPS, you too can participate in this worldwide project. The scope of this project is to digitally map all the cemeteries of the world using GPS and

digital images of the markers in the cemetery. For further in depth information about the site click [here](#). The BillionGraves App can be downloaded free from the BillionGraves website or from your device’s App Marketplace. How does this work you may be asking yourself? Very simply, the App along with your device, allows you to survey a cemetery by taking pictures of SOME or ALL of the headstones, then upload the pictures as well as the GPS data for each picture to the BillionGraves website. The information is mapped and transcribed by volunteers to create this virtual cemetery survey. I was so excited after watching this webinar. I now have my Galaxy Tablet with GPS; thank you Santa, and have downloaded the App. On

the BillionGraves website there is a map showing all known cemeteries around the world and then distinguishing between those that have been mapped and those that have not. None of the cemeteries in Yavapai County have been mapped. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a fun and easy project regardless of your perceived experience in genealogy or with technology for that matter. Younger members of community may also find this an interesting project; maybe your children. I will be talking about this at the January meeting and hope to form a group of individuals who would like to participate also. Please contact me at jarnspiger@cablone.net if you are interested in working with me on this project.



Are you a Quilter?
This [website](#) is one of the best I have found for patterns, information and pictures with historic significance.

SSDI Index Removed from RootsWeb as of Nov. 1

A policy change by the Social Security Administration has required the removal of this free database from [RootsWeb](#) as well as other changes to data presented by Ancestry,

FamilySearch and other online providers. The reason cited: Identify Theft. Really? If you Google “SSDI Death Index Removed” you will find a plethora of articles to read

about this most recent development in the restriction of records so helpful for genealogical research.

Links in the Newsletter

NAGS website membership form	http://nags.weebly.com/uploads/9/0/6/5/9065403/membership_form_2012.pdf
RootsMagic 5 webinars	http://www.rootsmagic.com/webinars/
RootsWeb SSDI Death Index	http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ssdi.html
PAHR-Access	http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm
Barbara Brachman Quilt Blog	http://barbarabrackman.blogspot.com/

Some 1891 Marriage Notices from Prescott Papers

This is a new column for the Bulletin. These are images of newspaper articles relating to

From Weekly Journal Miner; 1 July 1891, p. 2

Justices of the peace and all authorized to perform the marriage ceremony, take notice that under a new law passed by the last Legislature, a license has to be obtained from the probate judge by the contracting parties before they can marry, and that it is a misdemeanor if they tie the nuptial knot without a license. The law went into effect the first of this month, and all marriages since that time without a license are, therefore, illegal.—Ex.

Coconino Clips.

A double marriage ceremony was performed by Judge Layton at his office at 10 o'clock a. m. August 26. The high contracting parties were Mr. R. B. Sellers to Miss Louisa Huber, and Mr. H. B. Lang to Miss Clarissa May Riggs. All parties are residents near the Enterprise mill, and are well and favorably known throughout this section. The Sun extends congratulations.—Sun.

From Weekly Journal Miner, 2 Sept 1891, p. 3

individuals living in Prescott in the 1800s and 1900s. The images are from two newspa-

From Prescott Evening Courier, 27 April 1891, p. 4

The Irish (Dublin) Times, of April 9th, has the following marriage notice, the chief actor in which was a Prescott man, who sent us a copy of the paper :

" BROWNE AND RICHARDSON.—April 7th, at the Presbyterian Church, Tullamore, by the Rev. H. P. Glenn, William Thomson, of Prescott, Arizona, U. S. A., fourth son of the late Bailie Browne, Musselborough, Edinburgh, to Isabella, younger daughter of the late Mr. John Richardson, Mullacrew, King's county, formerly of Perthshire, Scotland."

From Prescott Evening Courier, 21 Dec., 1891, p. 3

Phoenix Gazette, Dec. 17th :
Dr. Thomas Darlington, Jr., and Miss Lillie Ham were married last evening by Judge Baxter. The couple left for California. The marriage was secret.

pers, The Weekly Journal Miner and The Prescott Evening Courier. The digital images are clipped from GenealogyBank.com; accessed Dec 2011

From Weekly Journal Miner, 27 May 1891, p. 4

Watts-Coster.

Major J. M. Watts and Mrs. Amelia Coster were married Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, at the home of the bride, on Front Street. The marriage was a quiet one, attended only by the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Rev. John A. Maxwell, of the M. E. church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Watts left on Wednesday morning for a visit of several days with friends at various points in the State. On their return trip they will spend a few days in Delphi, and then proceed to their future home at Prescott, Arizona, where Major Watts officiates as clerk of the U. S. Court.

Major Watts is so well known to the readers of the Journal that every one will feel like offering congratulations when this paragraph is read. The bride is a lady of charming social qualities, and will leave a host of friends in Delphi.—Delphi (Ind.) Journal, May 14, 1891.



Remember the 1940 census will be available April 2, 2012. Are you ready? Have you done your prep work? See the article on page 1

Pennsylvania Loosens Restrictions for Vital Records

A grassroots movement started in August of 2007 by ordinary citizens of the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania has culminated with the passage of new legislature in Pennsylvania to provide for

more open access to birth and death records. The new law will allow access to death records over 50 years old and birth records over 105 years old. Although the new law does not require the records to

be put online, it does make it legal to do so which is a huge step forward. The law goes in to effect Feb. 13, 2012 and the repository for these open records will be the Pennsylvania Archives. For further information click [here](#).

SIG Writing Group to be Formed for NAGS Members

Interest has been expressed for the formation of a Special Interest Group (SIG) to promote the writing experience as it pertains to genealogy. This group may meet monthly or perhaps more frequently, and at a time to be determined by consensus of those interested. There will be an initial organizational meeting on Jan 28, 2012 at 1:30 pm, just prior to the January monthly meeting.

I will share some goals I would like to achieve through this group. The group is open to all levels of researcher from beginning to advanced but will focus on advanced topics and methodology. I invite anyone interested to attend the meeting or email me at jarnspiger@cableone.net with their ideas. I also welcome anyone with a background in writing to help guide this new SIG.



Barbara Wich and Linda Schmitz at AzGab workshop in Phoenix .

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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 state and out of state events check out the [AZGAB Site](#)

<p>January 2012</p> <p>Fri-Sat 20-21 Family History Expo Mesa, AZ</p> <p>Sat. 28th NAGS monthly meeting, Scandinavian Research plus new mini class 1:30-3:30</p>	<p>February 2012</p> <p>Thur—Sat. 4-6th Roots Tech Salt Lake City, UT</p> <p>Sat. 18th West Valley GS; Kory L. Meyerink Sun City, AZ</p> <p>Sat. 18th NAGS monthly meeting, Gene Therapy 1:30-3:30</p>
<p>March 2012</p> <p>Thur 8th Arizona Archives Genealogy Class subject to be announced 12-1 pm</p> <p>Sat. 10th FHS of Arizona featuring Lisa Louise Cooke All day</p> <p>Sat. 17th NAGS monthly Meeting Getting Ready for the 1940 Census 1:30-3:30</p>	<p>Upcoming Webinars</p> <p>Check the Geneawebinars Website for up to date</p> <p>Check the Legacy website for up to date listings</p> <p>Check RootsMagic website for up to date listings</p>