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October Workshop 2012

The annual genealogy workshop was another great success. Hope you enjoy the pictures. If you missed the event in 2012 I highly recommend you attempt to attend in 2013. The offerings are varied and appropriate for beginners through advance researchers. Make it one of your New Year's Resolutions in 2013 to attend the NAGS October Workshop 2013. Hope to see you there.















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Highlights of 2012



The First Annual NAGS October is Family History Month Display at the Prescott Public Library. Board Members set up the Viewerie at the Prescott Public Library in celebration of Family History Month in October. Pictures courtesy of Sue Kissel and Marilyn Day.



Dec 2012 Christmas Party-Stoneridge Country Club







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

Well, the holidays are behind us and here's hoping everyone enjoyed them Now it's time for those New Year's resolutions, I hope one of them is to spend more time on genealogy and to help your society. Make your genealogy plans for the New Year there are so many choices; organize a family reunion, scan and organize your photos, update your genealogical computer program, attend a regional or national conference, give a talk at your society, preserve your research documents and heirlooms in archival materials, back-up your computer files off-site. So many choices, so little time, "git' her done" as Larry the Cable Guy says.

We just finished a very successful quarter. We had a display the month of October in the Prescott Public Library Viewerie that was well received. The workshop in October was well attended with about 150 participating.

We offered 28 classes during 4 tracks, with no major difficulties. Sue Kissel repeated her newspaper lesson at the November meeting with a good attendance. December saw us at the Stoneridge Golf Club for a luncheon and program on military. Nancy Miller put together a slide show of our relatives and ancestors who were in the military. It was well presented and received. If you did not attend any or all of these events please plan on attending next year.

We finished the year with just under 100 memberships, let's all renew now and bring in a friend to take us over 125 for 2013.

After surveying the membership and input from the board, the meetings for 2013 will **return to the fourth Saturday of the month**. I look forward to seeing you then. We have some good programs planned for the New Year, and the committee is finalizing the 2013 schedule. On January 26th, John Thorne will be presenting "The Rapalje Family of New Amsterdam". The February program is a "Helping Day – Stumbling Blocks & Brick Walls". Bring your questions and problems and someone will try to help you, or bring your expertise to help others.

In January, Family History Expos is again coming to Mesa with a two day program which includes a selection of 66 lectures by national speakers and a vendor hall with more than 30 vendors. The cost is very reasonable at \$79 for both days with preregistration. All the details can be found at http:// www.familyhistoryexpos .com/viewevent.aspx? eid=59&past=0

Raylene Morrow Junkins, Your President

Arizona Family History Expo 2013

Mesa Convention Center 263 N. Center Street Mesa, Arizona 85201

January 18 - 19, 2013



Monthly Meetings 4th Saturday of the Month 1:30–3:00 PM Come See What is Happening with NAGS

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Website Inquiries

Our NAGS website receives inquiries now and then. Here are the ones from Oct. to Dec. Their full messages have been saved. If you want to read more, just contact me -Marilyn Day - at margreenda@aol.com. All have been replied to and in the interest of space, my answers and ones coming from you, have not been included here. Thank you all for your assistance.

Terie Harris (<u>terieharris@aol.com</u>) was looking for a German researcher. (<u>ross231@xmission.com</u>) was looking for a photograph of former Prescott

resident and businessman (1928-1941) James Ira Maxwell. Barbara Chesser <u>be-</u>

<u>ches@q.com</u>) was looking for a birth certificate for her great grandmother, Blanche More Tuggle, who told the Census taker she was born in Arizona Territory circa 1876.

Rhonda Leone (<u>4mulesin09@gmail.com</u>) searching for a marriage record for her great-grandparents. Leroy Tubbs (birth date 17 July 1890 in Nevada, Missouri) married Nettie Bessie Grigg (birth date 27 July 1906 in Hackberry, Arizona) in Prescott, AZ on Feb 23, 1924. Ray Balzer (<u>RJBalzer@gmail.com</u>)

Starting a Genealogical service business primarily to help authors with formatting, error checking and indexing their books.

Amanda Osuna (<u>akosuna33@gmail.com</u>) Seeking information about her Native American ancestors. I replied that this was a perfect case for a DNA study.

NAGS Library(terieharris@)Volunteerswas looking fThursdays1-3 PMresearcher.Uuru mumuClaudia Ross

Prescott Valley Library 3rd Lee Campbell 10th Sharon Atkins 17th Bruce McKeeman 24th Jac Morse 31st Lee Campbell

Phil Barnes: Long Time Member Passed

Colonel Joseph P. "Phil" Barnes, 93, entered into rest on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.

He and his wife Maxine were among the first settlers at the Prescott Country Club, building their retirement home there 38 years ago. A member of the West Point Class of 1944, he served with distinction and valor in the Army Corps of Engineers through times of war and of peace until his retirement in 1974. His contributions to the development of our nation's nuclear defense in the early years of the Cold War are detailed in "Vanguard of America's Atomic Deterrence: The Sandia Pioneers." Phil Barnes was a leader in the Northern Arizona Genealogical Society, serving as its president, and taught genealogy courses at Yavapai Community College for many years. He was an avid golfer, active in the Northern Arizona chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and attended Faith United Community Church. Most of all, he is remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather by his surviving spouse of 68 years, Maxine Barnes; his children, Alicia, Bob and Kathy; and by his four grandchildren; his nine great-grandchildren; and his two great-greatgrandchildren.

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You Just Never Know

by Gene Arnspiger

I would like to share a story with you that I believe demonstrates how a small bit of information, insignificant in itself, can lead to amazing discoveries. My wife has been doing genealogical research on our various family lines for over 40 years. She was always frustrated by my line because she knew where we were from 1737 to the present, but could find no record of wills or graves that would positively prove her research and theories on my family's movement west.

In the year 2000, she and I went to Jessamine County, Kentucky, the home of my 3rd and 4th great -grandfathers, for the first annual "HistoryFest." I went along, although I had only marginal interest in her research.

The first day the attendees took a tour of historic sites and cemeteries, and while visiting the ruins of an old mill, I struck up a conversation with the owner of the land. One of the few bits of information I recalled was that my 4th greatgrandfather lived near this mill. I asked about old graveyards nearby, and he indicated there was one on private property across the creek from the mill. Arrangements were made to visit this secluded, overgrown and forgotten cemetery, and to make a long story short we found both great-grandfathers. My 4th great-grandfather was born around 1750, served in the Bedford County PA. Militia during the revolutionary war,

and had lain there forgotten for 180 years. Thanks to my wife's efforts I was able to ask the right question of the right person at the right time.

It was a deeply meaningful experience for me, and becomes more meaningful as time goes by. We are still talked about back there as the tourists who blew into town for the first time and within a day solved our mystery. All from one little tidbit of information that I happened to retain from the volumes she has shared over the years.

You never know what your tidbit will be, so keep accumulating all the information you can!

> The Prescott Family History Center will again be providing Genealogy Classes this spring. Schedule and topics to be announced soon.

New US Record Collections at FamilySearch In December 2012

Billion Graves Index California, County Marriages, 1850-1952 California, Los Angeles Passenger Lists, 1907-1948 California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918 Florida, Tampa, Passenger Lists, 1898-1945 California, San Mateo County Records, 1855-1991 California, San Mateo County, Colma, Italian Cemetery Records, 1899-2011 Idaho, Lemhi County Records, 1868-1964 Idaho, Minidoka County Records, 1913-1961 **Illinois**, Northern District (Eastern Division), Naturalization Index, 1926-1979 **Indiana, Marriages, 1811-1959 New Jersey, Calvary United Methodist Church Records,

1821-2003

New York, Buffalo, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Records, 1812-1970 **New York, Land Records, 1630-1975 New York, New York, Index to Passenger Lists, 1820-1846 ****Ohio**, County Marriages, 1789-1994 Ohio, County Naturalization Records, 1800-1977 Ohio, Jefferson County Court Records, 1797-1940 Oregon, Columbia County Records, 1854-1958 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Passenger Lists, 1800-1882 **United States** Social Security Death Index update United States, Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1820 -1908 United States, Civil War Widows and Other Dependents Pension Files

United States, Famine Irish Passenger Index, 1846-1851 **United States**, Germans to America Index, 1850-1897 United States, Italians to America Index, 1855-1900 United States. Mexican War Pension Index, 1887-1926 United States, New England, Petitions for Naturalization, 1787-1906 United States, Russians to America Index, 1834-1897 United States, World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 **Vermont,** Franklin County Probate Records, 1796-1921 **Washington, County Records, 1856-2009 Washington, Seattle, Passenger Lists, 1890-1957 **Wisconsin, Probate Estate Files, 1848-1935



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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

Website: http://nags.weebly.com Check out Northern Arizona Genealogical Society on Facebook

Calendar of Events

To see additional out of state events check out the <u>AZGAB Site</u>

January 2013	February 2013
Jan 18-19: Family History Expo—Mesa Arizona Jan 26: Tucson "Family History in the 21st Cen- tury" Free Jan 26: Pinal County Genealogical Society Annual Workshop Free Jan 26: NAGS Monthly Meeting: John Thorne	Feb 16: Green Valley Genealogical Society Annual Workshop: Jay Fonkert CG Feb 23: WVGS Annual Workshop: J. Mark Lowe, CG Feb: 23: NAGS Monthly Meeting: Helping Day
March 2013 Mar 9: FHSA Annual Workshop Mar 18-20, SLC, APG Professional Management Conference Mar 21-23: SLC RootsTech Mar 23: NAGS Monthly Meeting—TBA	FUTURE EVENTS NGS Annual Conference: May 8-11, 2013: Las Vegas, Nevada.