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DNA Seminar — May, 2010 NAGS Meeting

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Colleen Fitzpatrick Ph.D. and her DNA lecture



Listening to "The Strange Case of James-Jake Smithers-Gray"



Ms. Fitzpatrick's DNA books and CDs were available for purchase

A big thank you goes out to the NAGS program director Sandy Hanahan and the rest of the NAGS board members and committee heads for providing the NAGS membership with the wonderful opportunity to hear forensic genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick speak about DNA and how it can help us as family researchers break down or climb over our Brick Walls. On Saturday, May 22, over thirty-five attendees listened spellbound as Ms. Fitzpatrick talked about the "frozen arm", the only human remains found at the 1947 crash site of Northwest Flight 4477 in the

Alaskan wilderness.

Ms. Fitzpatrick started the seminar with an in-depth discussion of DNA covering the basics of cell anatomy, the different kinds of DNA, who has what and why, the terminology used in genetic DNA test results and what all those numbers mean. I have attended several DNA lectures over the past couple years and found the content in this presentation to be the most informative.

The buffet lunch was quite tasty and included both beef and chicken with green beans and potatoes. Chocolate fudge cake as

dessert completed the meal. The facilities at the Stone Ridge Country Club were top notch.

Hopefully the NAGS board will continue to be able to provide such relevant and unique speakers for our benefit. Unfortunately, the turnout for this event was not as high as expected or needed, to cover the costs of providing such a top level genealogy speaker. It is important as members of our society that we support the efforts of our leaders by attendance at sponsored events.

Sharlot Hall Archives and Library Tour

As part of the ongoing genealogy education program provided by the Prescott FHL, over 20 members enjoyed a tour of the Archives on June 24, 2010. Our guides were Sue Kissel and Pat Potter, NAGS members, Archive volunteers and experts on the holdings of the Archives.

Topics covered included the mission statement of the Archives, what to expect and how to behave in the Archives and a general summary of the records available for research. The handouts provided are a comprehensive list of the holdings of the Archives and could easily be incor-

porated into a researchers resource notebook. Thank you Pat, Sue and Dick, and the friendly staff of the archives for sharing your knowledge and expertise with us.

By Sharon Scanlan

By **Sharyn Cantwell Baker**

By [Lynda Avey](#)

A map of the United States with states colored in red, green, blue, and cyan. Red states include WI, IL, and IA. Green states include TX, OK, AR, AL, GA, and SC. Blue states include AZ and MS. Cyan states include MI and IN. Other states are white.

Sharon Scanlan—Wisconsin and Iowa

Sharyl Cantwell Baker—Georgia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona

Lynda Avey—Georgia, Alabama and Arizona

Local News

Have You Checked the NAGS website lately??

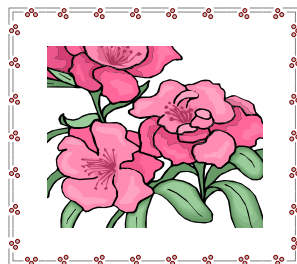
Sue Kissel has provided us with a diverse list of online resources. Here are just a few that I would recommend.

- [DAR Genealogical Research Database](#)
- [Salem Witch Trials](#)
- [Northern New York Historical Newspapers](#)

Mary Catherine Houser

1927-2010

[Full obituary](#)

**In Memory of Mary Catherine Houser**

Longtime NAGS member Mary Gilbert Houser died June 4th 2010 at her home in Mayer, Arizona. She was born Mary Catherine Gilbert on Oct 26, 1927, daughter of Theodore and Frances Allison Gilbert. In 1966 she and Robert "Bob" Houser were married in Phoenix. They have three daughters, five grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. In 1980 Bob and Mary retired to Mayer. We shall miss Mary at our meetings.

President's Message

As we close out fiscal year 2009-2010, we welcome several new people to the NAGS' board of directors. I would clearly be remiss if I did not take a few minutes to thank those of you who have served so faithfully over the past several years. To Doris Egge who has done just a delightful job with *The Bulletin*; to Raylene Junkins, who has managed our financial books; to Helena Howell who has been our secretarial scribe; to Sandee Hanahan who has served as V.P. and program chair; to Sue Prueter who managed hospitality and to Jac Morse who worked on publicity, a heartfelt thank you from all NAGS members for your faithfulness, your enthusiasm,

your knowledge and your time and energy. We look forward to continuing to see you at meetings and know that all your efforts have been appreciated.

We welcome new faces to the board. Marilyn Andrus will now serve as our treasurer and Raylene Junkins will move into the vice president's chair created when Sandee Hanahan decided to continue as program chair only. Carol Hubert has already proven herself with hospitality duties. We welcome Vernie Jaeger to the publicity position, Valene Woolridge as our new secretary and Jo Arnspiger as the new editor of *The Bulletin*. If there's anything we can do to help you please call on us.

And to all returning board members, know that your steadfastness and willingness to serve are appreciated.

Our program for the rest of 2010 is in place. We could use a few more presenters for the October 23rd workshop. Speak to Raylene if you're interested. Dare I mention our Christmas luncheon this far in advance? Be sure and save the date - Dec. 11.

Remember, if your summer plans include travel to genealogical repositories, prepare a list of your research questions before you go. May all of your searches be fruitful. By Marilyn Day



Your Society needs you. Come to the meetings, volunteer, get involved.

Online Sources from Blog AnceStories: The Story of my Ancestors

Blogger, Miriam of [AnceStories](#) posts an exhaustive list of online resources by state, weekly. Not all states have been completed, but here is a taste of what she has. For **Georgia**, *The Digital Library of Georgia*, *Georgia Virtual Vault: Digital Treasures from the Georgia Archives*. There are over 20 links.

Iowa Resources

There are over 20 links including, *Iowa Heritage Digital Collections*, *Iowa Genealogical Society* and *Davenport Public Library Quad City Memory* which includes obits and Scot county marriage certificates and licenses to just name a few.

Arkansas Resources

AnceStories has compiled a list of over 10 links including, *Arkansas County Records Database* and *Confederate Pensions Database*. For copyright reasons, I have not posted her links here but visit her page and use this wonderful compilation of online resources.

What is Blogging? Should I Be Doing It?

Have you wondered what a *blog* is or why you should be interested in them? Hopefully this article will pique your interest to at least start reading genealogy blogs.

Here are two definitions from [Wikipedia](#) and [Wiktionary](#) respectively:

web log: a shared on-line journal where people can post diary entries about their personal experiences and hobbies; "postings on a blog are usually in chronological order" and website that allows users to reflect, share opinions,

and discuss various topics in the form of an online journal while readers may comment on posts.

So how does this help you as a genealogist?

The first benefit of reading blogs is the possibility of connecting with previously unknown cousins; cousins who share your passion for genealogy. Those elusive clues about our ancestors can come from many different places including blogs. The

second benefit may apply to a smaller group of us, but blogs provide an avenue to share our "stories". Many of us proclaim our desire to "publish a family history" but in reality that is a daunting undertaking. But writing a blog post, just a couple paragraphs about one particular ancestor or memory, that seems doable, even fun and for this, blogs are the perfect vehicle. [Go to Genealogy-Blogfinder](#), search and see what you get. By JA



The Bulletin is always looking for interesting articles to include in the each issue. If you find something you would like to share please send it to the editor.

What's New in Genealogy Software

[MagiKey Family Tree](#)

MagiKey won *Best New Windows Product for 2010* awarded by FamilySearch. It's most innovative feature is the ability to track, compare and analyze Census data.

[Branches](#)

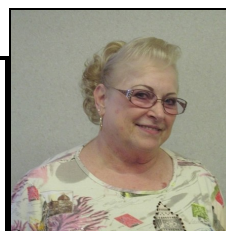
Tag-lined as "Genealogy for the 21st Century", Branches is a full featured stand-alone software program that lets you view, manage and organize your data in a modern graphical and database environment

[The Next Generation TNG](#)

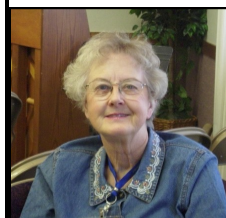
TNG 8 is a "cloud" genealogy program. All information is stored in a mysql database and sits with your hosting site. This is software for those who embrace the internet.

Links in this Newsletter

<http://news.nynln.net/> (Northern New York Historical Newspapers)
[http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/\(DAR Genealogical Research Database\)](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/(DAR_Genealogical_Research_Database))
<http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/salem/17docs.html> (Salem Witch Trials)
<http://branchesgenealogy.com> (Branches Genealogy Software)
<http://lythgoes.net/genealogy/software.php> (The Next Generation)
<http://themagikey.com> (MagiKey Family Tree with Census Tracker)
<http://www.more.com/2009/17738-the-dna-detective> (Colleen Fitzpatrick article)
<http://www.sharlot.org/archives/> (Sharlot Hall Library and Archives)
<http://www.forensicgenealogy.info> (Colleen Fitzpatrick Forensic Genealogy)



New board members:
Marilyn Andrus
Treasurer



Carol Hubert
Hospitality
Thank you ladies.

Family History Writing Contests

Two writing contests: The Pinellas Genealogist Contest and the SCGS 11th annual writing contest are great ways to try out your genealogy writing skills.

Pinellas Genealogical Society writing contest.

See the competition rules and submission address at

[Special Events](#)

The competition is sponsored by the Pinellas Genealogist, which is the quarterly journal of the Pinellas County, Florida, Genealogy Society.

The competition is not limited to any geographical area, and is open to anyone.

Entries may be original, unpublished papers or published

papers of 1,500 to 3,000 words. See the website for additional details.

First prize is \$50
Second prize is \$30
Third prize is \$20"

GENEii Writing contest

The SCGS also sponsors an annual writing contest. The current contest, the 11th annual Family History Writing Contest is open for original published or unpublished articles in two categories: less than 1000 words and between 1000-1500 words. See the

[SCGS](#) website for further details.

First prize is \$200

Second prize is \$100

Third prize is \$50

Prizes awarded in both categories



Barbara Wich and the "Spanish Lady"

The Spanish Lady ...The Forgotten Pandemic

If you missed the June 26th monthly meeting, you missed a GREAT presentation by Barbara Wich. Since the title of the presentation indicated the subject matter would be about "the Flu" I was not prepared for the in-depth analysis Barbara presented between "The Spanish Lady",

the flu, and WWI. I never realized there was a connection between the two events in our history. Her knowledge of both subjects was both amazing and captivating. As Marilyn Day commented "I'm going home to check my database for deaths in those years". I think all

present came away with a much deeper understanding and awareness of what our parents or grandparents may have lived through. Barbara is a wonderful speaker and her visual presentation complimented and enhanced her lecture. Thank you Barbara.

Editor

SCGS Jamboree - A First Timer's Impression

Southern California Genealogical Society hosted it's 47th annual Jamboree, June 10-13. As a first time attendee I was very impressed. With over 1700 attendees the organizers were still able to keep the feel friendly and personal. There was ample space to sit with friends to chat, take a break from sessions and just watch the

crowd. The breakout sessions were diverse and offered nationally known speakers from the fun to the serious. I had been told this is one of the best conferences and now I am a believer also. I only missed one session due to over popularity and that was my own fault for not getting there in plenty of time. The Ancestry scanning

opportunity was wonderful, there was virtually no waiting. I will definitely make this an annual trip.

Editor



Bruce Buzbee Roots Magic.4 session

Photo Courtesy of Pieter Bretnier



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you would like to
read about in the
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me know.**

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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

Calender of Events July thru October 2010

For additional events check out the
[AZGAB site](#)

July 2010

- Family History Center closed June 28—July 9, 2010
- July 10, AZGAB Board Meeting 1:30 Prescott FHC
- **No NAGS Meeting this month**
- July 16 Civil War Records presented by Dick Hiatt 1-2 pm at the Prescott FHC
- July 17 - Monsoon Madness, A Day of Military Records presented by the Arizona Genealogical Society. Time 9 am to 3 pm at the University Medical Center, Tucson, Az Rm 2117. \$20 for AZGS members, \$25 for non members. Lunch not included.

September 2010

- September 16 Land Records by Raylene Junkins 1-2 pm at the Prescott FHC
- Sept 25 - NAGS Meeting: Apron to Apron, The Long and Short of It, Sandee Hanahan 1:30

Mark your calendars **Feb 17, 2011** Arlene Eakle will be speaking at the West Valley Genealogical Society Annual Conference.

August 2010

- August 19 Probate records presented by Raylene Junkins 1-2 pm at the Prescott FHC
- August 28 - NAGS Meeting: Gene Therapy, bring your brick walls and research problems to brainstorm with other members 1:30

October 2010

- October 16—AZGS Workshop—Preservation and Care of Photographs. 9 am to noon. \$15.00 members, \$20 non members
- October 23 - NAGS/FHC Annual Genealogy Workshop, Seven tracks of four one hour sessions. Lunch is provided. 9 am to 3 pm.