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Monthly Meetings Provide Educational Opportunities

The April 2011 NAGS meeting *Transcriptions, Abstractions and Extractions* gave an overview of processes used to transcribe original documents found during genealogical research. The group participated in a hands-on exercise working through the discussed process to create an abstraction from a sample transcription. One of the free software tools used was *Transcript*, a very simple work processing program. You can download it from [here](#).

In May 2011 many of NAGS members enjoyed exchanging research ideas and stories during the Gene Therapy monthly meeting. The discussions were lively with members sharing, among other subjects, Texas research, the recent discovery of a Civil War diary and suggestions for non-English document translation. The Gene Therapy session seems to be a favorite among the membership as we had a large turnout. Hope you were able to join us.

In June 2011 the always popular *DearMyrt* joined NAGS members through the wonders of technology using webinar software, GoToWebinar. The presentation *Finding Your Female Ancestors* was well received and provided sound research techniques to help with further research for those elusive ladies. The familiar theme of Civil War pension files was discussed with case studies examined. The technology team performed brilliantly. Thank you Nancy and Sue.

Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2011-2012

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 Member at Large: Marilyn Day
 Website: Sue Kissel

New Website for Cyndi's List

After 15 years of service, the famous *Cyndi's List* has gotten a facelift. Among the updates to look forward to are "The Cyndi's List Daily" and a rolling Genealogy News Feed.

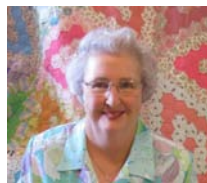
A custom database and improved administration tools will help with faster updates for new links and broken links.

It is amazing to me to realize this site continues to be a "one-woman" show". Check out the new [look](#).

Quick Tip

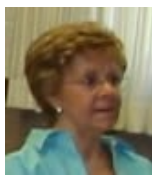
Don't forget about using your telephone. The county clerk's of small town America can be very helpful. Call them. Ask if the marriage record or death record you are looking for is there. Usually the cost is merely the cost of photocopies. Remember you never know unless you ask.

Welcome to Our New Board

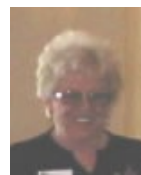


Raylene Junkins
President
began her genealogical pursuit with a How - To

course. She is an enthusiastic proponent of genealogical education, frequently sharing her expertise with NAGS members. Raylene has been a member of NAGS since the 1980's and served four years as Treasurer and one term as Vice President.



Carol Tanner
Vice President



Valene Woolridge
returning Secretary



Virginia Grundvig
Treasurer
past Librarian for NAGS



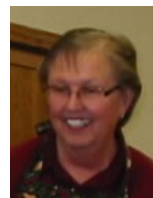
Carol Hubert,
returning Hospitality Chair: grew up in CA, lived on east coast. Retired college English teacher.



Pat Potter
Cemetery Project: native of Arizona; retired Librarian of PHS, former Board member of Sharlot Hall



Nancy Miller
PLUGS and Special Projects and general Go-To-Gal



Sue Kissel continuing Website and AZGAB Liaison: born in Michigan and lived most of her adult life in Yuma.



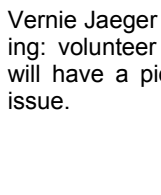
Ernie Wiegleb
Historian: German research specialist.



Brenda Sell
Membership Chair



Lee Campbell Librarian: researching since 1956. Born in Pennsylvania, worked in Washington and retired in Prescott.



Vernie Jaeger Publicity, continuing: volunteer with the FHC. I will have a picture for the next issue.



Jo Arnspiger
Bulletin Editor: Passionate about genealogy. Researching since 1975



Dick Hiatt FHC Liaison: great resource to help you get comfortable using the FHC library and computers



Marilyn Day
Member At Large: past president, former Director of the Westford Historical Society in MA



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

Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members

A big thank you to Marilyn Day (President), Marilyn Andrus (Treasurer), Raylene Junkins (Vice President) and Leslie Parsons (Membership) for your wonderful leadership during the 2010-2011 Board year. The general membership probably does realize how much time is required for these folks to perform their required duties, so I am sure we are all very appreciative of their generosity of time and experience. Many of the existing Board members are continuing for the current year, and they also all deserve a big Thank You.

President's Message

As your new President, I present this first message with great pleasure. First I must thank all previous officers and committee chairs for the fine job they have done in expanding and improving our organization. My hat is off to you. I also want to thank the fine new board and committee chairs who have taken over: I pledge to keep up the good work.

Just a reminder: July is a dark month with no board meeting or general meeting. We will resume in August with an interesting program on German Research presented by Ernie Wiegleb. In September I will be presenting a program on Quality Online Resources.

Mark your calendars for October 22, the date of our annual workshop. This is an opportunity for you to participate in a full day of learning with 32 classes in 4 time slots to choose from. Since I don't know all of you personally yet or what your expertise might be, this is your chance to give back to the society and give a class. If you have information you could share on a research topic, location or general research practice, take this opportunity to share your information with others. If you are interested, remember it's an informal setting and you will be among friends. We are still in the planning stages so email me at rjunkins@cablone.net to throw your name in the hat. Additionally, if there are topics you would like to see presented send us your ideas.

I attended the Southern California Genealogy Jamboree in June; it is a great program at a reasonable cost. There were about 2,000 in attendance and the event is much closer than NGS or FGS national conferences. Start planning now for next year. I came back with several ideas for our Society. I will be presenting these ideas to the board for activities our society might undertake in the future.

Raylene Morrow Junkins, President

Book Review—Shaking Your Family Tree by Barb Wich

Buzzy Jackson relates her first year's genealogical journey in a 234 page narrative, *Shaking the Family Tree: Blue Bloods, Black Sheep, and Other Obsessions of an Accidental Genealogist* (New York: Touchstone, A Division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., 2010). With a Ph.D. in United States history, she is no stranger to research. She approaches the documentation of her Jacksons, the 20th most common American surname, globally. Written in the style of a personal journal and addressed primarily to the novice genealogist, *Shaking the Family Tree* offers her observations about this potentially addictive hobby for some and a mystery to most. With her "desire to understand oneself through a better understanding of one's own family" she joins her local genealogy society for education and social support. Jackson emphasizes the popularity, connections and excitement derived from learning about one's family members in their place and time while simultaneously only implying the work and costs involved.

This is not a book on methodology, but an overview for avenues of research and the rewards of making old and new family connections. She explores finding information via the internet; family interviews; cemeteries; DNA; a genealogy cruise (with some 'genie star' name-dropping); the Family History Library in Salt Lake City; lineage societies, and a genealogy road trip to Alabama with her cousin Mooner. In relating her paths and progress, Buzzy Jackson's *Shaking the Family Tree* allows one a multifaceted glimpse of this compelling field of study. For those who enjoy watching "Who Do You Think You Are?", this book explores the reasons, tactics, findings, disappointments, and wisdom derived during a non-celebrity's search for her roots.



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

- [Rockingham Co., NH Registry of Deeds from 1629](#)
- [Washington Co., Maryland Free Library](#)

Online Family Trees To Use or Not To Use

There are a plethora of online family tree sites springing up all over the Internet. Ancestry is of course the first and largest site with FamilySearch probably next. (Currently only available to LDS members) In the last few years the trees on Ancestry have become extremely unreliable with numerous errors and almost no source citations. My concern is these other online trees will prove to have the same problems.

The new trend in “cloud” genealogy seems to be for totally collaborative trees where everyone connects to everyone else. Some of the sites allow privacy settings to restrict this and others do not. The goal of many of these sites seems to be to create One World Tree... with our help of course.

I was going to attempt to provide a summary of these different sites but realized quickly that was too complex a task. Instead I will provide the site url and a brief overview of the purpose of each site.

I will not provide a summary for either Ancestry or FamilySearch. This list is basically based on links found on the blog of Randy Seaver, [Genea-Musings](#) and several which were named in Family Tree Magazine’s 101 Best Websites.

Website Name	Description	URL
WeRelate	Wiki style shared approach utilizing both data and family trees. Project of the Foundation for On-Line Genealogy and the Allen County Public Library	http://werelate.com
Geni	A free and totally collaborative site with the goal of connecting everyone to everyone else. 100 million profiles.	http://geni.com
GeneTree	A collaborative product between GeneTree and SMGF, the Sorenson DNA project.	http://genetree.com
WikiTree	Input manually or upload a gedcom; make it private or share. Also a Wiki style site. Free	http://www.wikitree.com/
GeneaNet	Free and paying areas; includes over 400 million individuals. Include free and fee resources and indexes.	http://geneanet.com
MyHeritage	Basic product is free and allows 250 individuals. Premium product is 2500 individuals and \$6.95 a month. Premium Plus is unlimited individuals and \$9.95 a month. “Basic matching” for the basic and “enhanced matching” for the paid subscriptions.	http://myheritage.com
Family Pursuit	Wiki based collaborative online family tree database	http://familypursuit.com
Dynastree	Now MyHeritage.com	http://myheritage.com
Mocavo	Genealogical search engine plus online family tree option	http://mocavo.com
Tribal Pages	Upload your gedcom and get started. 80 million profiles. Free and fee subscriptions.	http://www.tribalpages.com/

Start getting those wedding pictures scanned and sent to Nancy Miller for our gala Christmas party December 10th at Stoneridge County Club in Prescott Valley.



Online Learning Opportunities Free Webinars Right From Your Home

Ready Set Write, Share Your Family's Story is a brand new webinar presented by Lisa Alzo, courtesy of Legacy Family Tree's webinars and archived on their site until July 11. Click [here](#).

NSDAR - Resources for your Revolutionary War Ancestors webinar presented by DearMyrt and sponsored by the SCGS. Date July 2 at 11am MST. Click [here](#) to register.

Leveraging the Power of We: a Watershed Event in Discovering Where to Find Your Ancestors, presented by Michael Ritchey of FamilySearch and hosted by

Legacy Family Tree. Date Wed. July 6 at 11am AZ time. Click [here](#) to get more info and register.

Google Images and Beyond by Maureen Taylor. Wednesday July 20. Legacy Family Tree webinar [site](#).

Organizing for Success by Karen Clifford, August 3. Legacy Family Tree Webinar [site](#).

Best Internet Resources for African-American Genealogy by Angela Walton-Raji. These are all available through the Legacy Family Tree webinar [site](#).

Newspapers for Genealogists by Tom Kemp August 17. Legacy Family Tree Webinars [site](#).

Photo Treasures Discovered At Jamboree by Maureen Taylor, August 6 [SCGS Extension Series](#)

Cemetery Research for Your New England Ancestors presented by Marian Pierre-Louise, August 17 [SCGS Extension Series](#)

Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors, by Marian Pierre-Louise, Sept. 21. [Legacy Family Tree Webinars site](#)

Untapped Resource State Library and Archives

During a recent client project I found myself looking for online Texas genealogy resources. Using the Texas rootsweb site to drill down to my county of interest, I discovered the [Texas State Library and Archives](#) link. I spent an enjoyable couple of hours browsing their online catalog and discovered the ILL (Inter-Library Loan) service. This archive provides rental of their entire microfilm collection for free. What a Great Service,, and somewhat unusual for a State Archive. Some of the items I was interested in were Naturalization Records for Gillespie county, Texas 11845-1890. These records are not digitalized but they were available on microfilm... through ILL. Thanks to the State of Texas for making these unique resources available to long distance researchers. Note: this service is currently not available due to updates to their system but will be up and running again in August of 2011.

Links in this Newsletter

<http://legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp>
<https://www1.gotomeeting/register/170393176>
<http://www.jacobboerema.nl/en/Freeware.htm>
<http://www.washcolibrary.org/>
<http://www.nhdeeds.com/rockingham/RoHome.html>
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/JamboreeExtensionSeries2011.htm>
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/search/>
<http://www.cyndislist.com/>
<http://italiangenealogy.com>



Do You Have Italian Ancestors? Are you stumped looking for them? Try this site: [Italian Genealogy](#) Registration is free and the response is amazing

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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

<p>Month July 2011</p> <p>There will be no general meeting this month.</p> <p>There will be no PLUGS meeting this month</p> <p>The Family History Center will be closed from July 4 through July 15, 2011</p> <p>July 8th AZGAB Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 pm Prescott</p> <p>July 26-29 BYU Family History Conference Provo, Utah</p>	<p>Month August 2011</p> <p>PLUGS Meeting Aug 2</p> <p>NAGS Monthly August 20—German Research with Ernie Wiegler</p> <p>Roots Magic User Group</p>
<p>Month September 2011</p> <p>NAGS monthly meeting Quality Online Resources with Raylene Junkins</p> <p>Sept 17-10 FGS Conference Springfield, Illinois</p>	<p>Upcoming Mark Your Calendar</p> <p>Nov 13-20 Wholly Gene's 7th Annual Cruise</p> <p>Nov 30-Dec 8 WVGS annual Washington DC research trip</p> <p>December 10 Annual Christmas Party</p>

**Annual NAGS Genealogy Workshop
October 22, 2011**