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Ernie with VP Carol Tanner



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What's Been Happening Plus Get Ready for Octoberfest

July was NAGS' annual vacation month with no meeting.

In August Ernie Wiegleb, Historian, spoke about German Research. Ernie has spent many years researching his elusive German roots and loves to share what he has learned in that time. The map resources provided during the presentation were especially interesting with the country boundary changes as well as the name changes. The handwriting discussion was also very enlightening.

The September meeting was presented by our President Raylene Junkins, entitled "Evaluating Online Resources". Highlights included reminders to examine and evaluate the contents of a resource. A critique of the National Archives, USGenWeb, RootsWeb and organization sites was included. The necessity of accurate source citations was discussed as well as an in depth discussion of the census records available on Heritage Quest, Family Search and Ancestry.

GET READY FOR OCTOBERFEST Coming October 22nd don't miss the NAGS all day Genealogy Workshop. New or returning member - don't miss this great opportunity for an entire day of fun and educational presentations as well as great networking with other members. Last year we had over 200 participants. This year should be even better. The class breakout sessions and a registration form are attached to this newsletter. The registration deadline is Oct. 17. Don't be left out.

Indexing with FamilySearch -Are You ??

We all love the free access to historic records provided by the familysearch.org website but how many of you are helping to make that possible? It is so easy to participate and it can be done from the comfort of

your own home, even on your laptop when you are travelling. For more information and to get started today click [here](#). Give a little back—it is easy and educational.



Dick and Sandra Hiatt hard at work at the FHC

THE FGS and the War of 1812 Pensions

The Federation of Genealogical Societies along with the National Archives and Fold3, has begun the digitalization project of the pension records from the War of 1812. Numerous genealogical organizations and individuals within the genealogical community have contributed financial assistance to the project.

The initiative plans to raise 3.8 million dollars in order to digitalize the 7.2 million records. The Preserve the Pension project hopes to complete the digitalization by 2015 and the best news Access to the records will be FREE

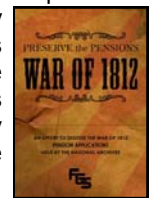
Your organization, Northern Arizona Genealogical Society is one of many organizations who have contributed to this project. Visit the FGS website at <http://www.fgs.org/1812/donors/>.

There are some other projects in the works in connection with the War of 1812.


Genea-Quilters are again involved in a quilting project with the final quilt to be donated to the Project at the 2012 annual FGS Conference which will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. Check out Genea-Quilters for more information about this.

After thinking about the War

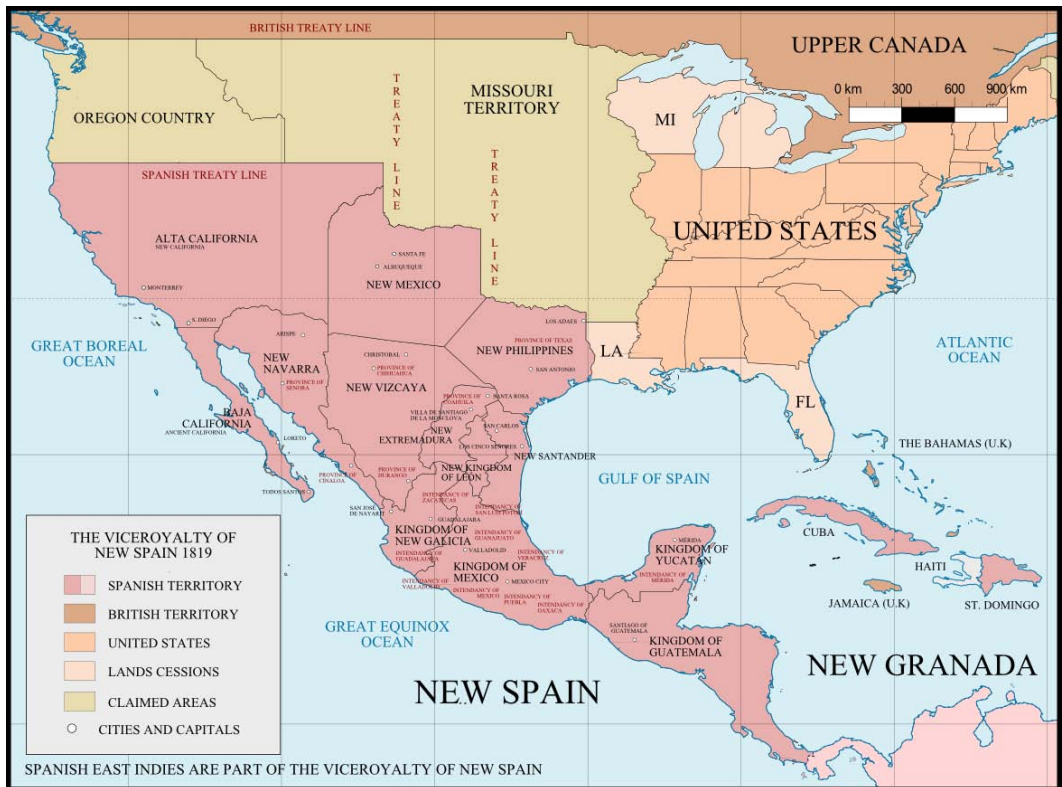
of 1812 and wondering what was happening in Arizona at that time I decided to do a little research. I didn't really know what I would find but I was intrigued to discover this map of the North American continent and the ownership of territory at the end of the war in 1815. Just thought this was interesting. If you are interested in reading more check out [this site](#) which is where I got this map. There are already 80,000 plus records online [here](#) as well as the opportunity to donate to the cause.



MY FAMILY TREE



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

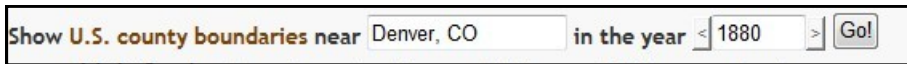


New Mini Classes Start in 2012

Starting in January of 2012 the NAGS program committee will be providing a new educational opportunity for members. Mini-classes, between 15-20 minutes with 5-10 minute Q&A will start in 2012. The mini classes will be held after the NAGS monthly meeting, the third Saturday of the month, at the LDS church on Ruth St. in Prescott. The subject matter is still being developed and will include quick and easy genealogy and technology tips and tricks. The mini classes will generally be taught by Jo Arnsperger.

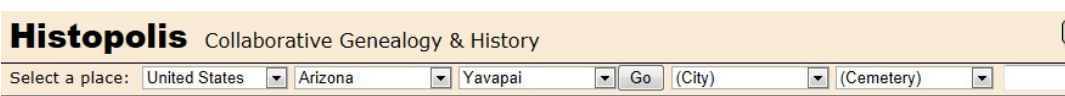
County Boundary Changes—How to Know When or Where

It has happened to all of us: looking in county records for that elusive marriage record only to be disappointed... it's not there. Often times the county boundary lines changed over time, sometimes as much as from one year to the next. Using the census every ten years may not show you those boundary changes. Your great grandfather should be in Smith County but he isn't, he is in Graham County. I recently discovered two wonderful free online tools to help me accurately and quickly understand the boundary changes for any county in the United States. The first website is RandyMajors.com and his Historical County Boundary Maps app. As his website states this app is in beta testing but I found it worked great with no problems. Simply input your county and state of interest in the input box as seen below and then scroll through the years to see the changes



The interactive map then displays the boundary changes. You then use the left mouse button to click on the county of choice in the map and see pertinent information about the county: the county name, when it was formed and the state law forming it.

The second website is Histopolis.com, Collaborative Genealogy and History, also an interactive site. We all know about townships within the counties but how can we figure out WHERE that township is in relation to the county and the other townships. I'm sure there are wonderful books available to help with this but Histopolis will let you see them immediately and will display important data about the townships including latitude and longitude, surrounding townships and meridian, Township number and Range number. The image below is the simple input screen. The map displays in the right side of the screen with the statistical data in the left part of the screen.



President's Message

I hope you all had a great summer and had a genealogy vacation, or attended a genealogy conference. After our summer break in July, we returned in August with a program on "German Research" by Ernie Weglieb and I presented the September program on "Evaluating Online Resources", both were very well received.

Plans are finalized for the Fall Workshop, the schedule and enrollment forms are attached. We will have 28 classes in 4 time slots with a delicious beef stew lunch with homemade bread. All for a nominal donation of \$10.00 register early because it may be necessary to limit some classes. There will be a wide variety of

classes to choose from, including several foreign countries, U. S. States, internet resources, genealogy computer software, beginning genealogy, record groups, women's pioneer stories, scrapbooking, and preservation of your family records by Jim Neal an expert from the State Archives. I'm sure you will find something to your liking.

Remember we will have a combined November/December meeting, a luncheon at the Stoneridge County Clubhouse. You will receive an email registration soon for that event. The theme of this year's luncheon is weddings, and

we are asking you to submit several wedding pictures, for yourself and your ancestors, to Nancy Miller at stampen@cablone.net. She will prepare a slide show of the photos that will be played during the luncheon.

Online Canadian Sources

- [Library and Archives Canada](#)
- [CanGenealogy](#)
- [Canadian Genealogy and History Links](#)
- [Canadian Genealogy Resources](#)



DID YOU KNOW
 As late as 1890 in some states a woman was NOT ALLOWED to make a Will if her husband was still living.

Online Learning Opportunities Free Webinars Right From Your Home

This area of genealogy training is exploding across the Internet. Many well-known genealogists, genealogy societies and genealogy software companies are jumping on the bandwagon and offering free webinars on a multitude of subjects.

The best place to start looking is [GeneaWebinars](#). Here is a taste of what is coming up over the next couple of months.

October 16, 2011 [An Introduction to Land Records, Federal Land States](#)—John Michael Neill (\$4.25)

November 2, 2011 [Cracking the Case of Nathan Brown's Parents](#)—Marian Pierre-Louis breaking down Geoff Rasmussen's brickwall.. Free door prizes given away.

Here is a sampling of recorded webinars that are free to access and available 24/7—whatever fits your schedule.

[Researching Your Connected Ancestors](#) by Marian Pierre-Louise.

[Newspapers for Genealogists: Using GenealogyBank to document every day of your Ancestors lives](#) by Tom Kemp

[Further Your Research and Unify Your Family Reunion with Beautiful Charts](#) by Janet Hovorka using Family ChArtist.

These webinars are brought to you through Legacy and some may be available for a limited time only.



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What's New in Genealogy Technology Fun

Free and Fun

Are you a crafty person? Do you like to combine your love of genealogy with scrapbooking, especially digitally? I found a fun app at [Fodey.com](#) where you can input text and generate a facsimile of a newspaper clipping. Just a fun little trick.

Geneabloggers Radio

Brought to you by Thomas MacEntee, this [radio show](#) is broadcast free every Friday evening. Thomas' guest speakers cover a broad spectrum of interests and expertise in the genealogical community. Come join the fun and maybe learn something.

Free Easy Website

[Weebly.com](#) provides the opportunity to create a beautiful customizable website without writing code. Simply drag and drop elements onto the page and add your text. Check out this recorded [Explorinar](#) by Thomas MacEntee.

Links in this Newsletter

Family Search Indexing—<https://familysearch.org/volunteer/indexing>
Map of North America 1819 —http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonora_y_Sinaloa
FGS War of 1812 Pension Project—<http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>
Randy Majors Map Site—<http://randymajors.com/p/maps.html>
Histopolis—<http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US>
Library and Archives of Canada—<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>
Canadian Genealogy and History Links—<http://www.islandnet.com/~cghl/>
CanGenealogy—<http://www.cangenealogy.com/>
Canadian Genealogy Resources—<http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/>
NAGS Facebook Page—<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Northern-Arizona-Genealogical-Society/187741371260483>
Legacy Sponsored Webinars—<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>
GeneaWebinars—<http://blog.geneawebinar.com>
Fodey.com—<http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>
Weebly.com—<http://www.weebly.com/>
Geneabloggers Radio—<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/geneabloggers>

What We Should Write and Why We Should Write It

In the January 2011 Bulletin the Genealogical Proof Standard was reproduced for your reference. In this article I will discuss the next step, the Proof Summary, and why everyone should be writing them.

Even though the title might be intimidating, a Proof Summary is simply a *soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion* to the research you have already done. Here are the standard pieces of a Proof Summary: Title, Date, Compiler or Author, Question Asked and Answered, Summary of Previous Research if any, Proof Argument, Evidence Analysis,

Alternative Possibilities if conflicting information is found, Future Research and Conclusions.

So why should you write Proof Summaries? You may not strive to be a “professional” genealogist, you simply love finding out about your family. The answer is twofold. The first and most important is the validation of the research, analysis and conclusion. If there are any “holes” in the research, writing the Proof Summary will expose them. The second reason is to have an objective and logical summary or conclusion to share with others. You may dis-

cover a cousin with a different conclusion than your research shows. If there is a clear and concisely written Proof Summary with sources fully cited and sound analysis, anyone will be able to see the validity of your research.

My advice: pick an easy research question and write a Proof Summary. The first one is always the hardest. Read some of the work samples on the BCG site and the numerous other resources on the Internet. Give it a try, you might be surprised at the different perspective you develop as you attempt to write your conclusions.

Holiday Party at StoneRidge—December 10, 2011

Are you planning on attending the annual Holiday Party at StoneRidge? The date is December 10, 2011. The theme this year is Weddings with decorations and a personalized member slide show. Have you gotten your photos to Nancy Bender Miller yet? The deadline is

fast approaching. December 3rd will be the last day Nancy accepts photos for the presentation. She has sent several reminder notices but as of this printing has not received many photos. The photos need to be related to weddings of you or your ancestors. She will include in the

slideshow an explanation of the photos which you provide. Each participant will have the opportunity to narrate their portion of the slideshow. Try to provide Nancy with relatively high resolution photos. The show last year was very entertaining. Don't miss out this year!

NAGS Facebook Challenge

If you have been around genealogy for more than ten years you probably remember posting “queries” about an ancestor with the hope of finding someone else researching that individual; also hoping they might have more information to share. If you were very “high tech” you might have used Genforum but many of us used print publications like *The*

Genealogical Helper or possibly publications of societies in the geographic area of our ancestor. I don't think I ever had a response from any of my queries. Today we have another tool that many of us may not utilize to it's fullest—that is Facebook. So I am issuing a challenge to all our members: if you have a Facebook account use the [NAGS Facebook](#) page to post

a query about an ancestor. The post can be no more than 400 characters so short and sweet works best. Add the NAGS Facebook page to your Favorites list so it's easy to get back to it. Also while you're there click the Like button if you haven't already... let's see how many “likes” the site can get. As of this writing we have 21. A big thank you for that.



Col. J. Philip Barnes
has been nominated
for the newly formed
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See the Addendum
to the Bulletin

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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>October 2011</p> <p>Oct. 22 Annual NAGS Workshop LDS Church, Ruth St., Prescott</p> <p>Oct. 29 NEHGS Society Workshop in Scottsdale, Arizona</p>	<p>November 2011</p> <p>Nov. 12 AZGAB Annual Workshop and Board Meeting at Carnegie Library 1101 W. Washington. Curt Witcher will present 4 programs. See the AZGAB website calendar</p>
<p>December 2011</p> <p>Dec. 10 Holiday Luncheon at StoneRidge CC</p>	

Addendum

Col. J. Philip Barnes

Nominated for AZGAB Founders Award 2011

Col. J. Philip Barnes (U. S. Army Ret.) has served the local, state, and national genealogical communities with commitment for over thirty years. In whatever task he volunteered to do, he proved himself worthy of the assignment and went far beyond anyone's normal expectations.

Phil was born in Nebraska however in his youth assisted his family homesteading the Owyhee Heights area adjacent to the S.E. border of Oregon. Phil's family set up their living quarters in the only structure on the property, an old abandoned chicken house that would serve as shelter for the family for several years.

Although Phil is of Quaker heritage he graduated from West Point and within two short years following his graduation, was involved in a critical role during the early days of the cold war era with the Soviet Union. This period is now known as his days as a SANDIA PIONEER. This project was so wrapped in secrecy that few know of it, even a half-century later. This Sandia Cadre of 60 young officers with Baccalaureate degrees in Engineering, has been described as "The best the Army had and the greatest single collection of abilities in one small unit that has existed in the history of the U.S. Army." Their mission: Rapid assembly of the atomic bomb.

Phil's interest in genealogy started over 40 years ago as his career with the U.S. Army was coming to a close. When Phil complied and published "The History and Genealogy of The Nathan P Goff Family" in 1972 he referred to himself as a "novice amateur genealogist" but like everything Phil has undertaken he didn't stay a "novice amateur" for long.

While living in St. Louis Missouri, Phil taught Genealogical Research in an adult education program in 1973-74.

After moving to Yavapai County, Arizona Phil designed and taught genealogy courses for Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ from 1981-1989. His "Genealogy for Beginners" course handout for 1985 is still listed on Amazon.com.

Phil was a founding member in the Prescott Chapter, GSA January 1981, later to become Northern Arizona Genealogical Society (NAGS) and an active board member until 2006. Phil served as Historian for Northern Arizona Genealogical Society (NAGS) 1991-2006 and taught a variety of classes for the society. His last lecture on genealogy was presented at the NAGS meeting Nov, 2003, his talk was on "EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE."

Phil completed the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives, Washington, D.C. – 1990, and is listed in WHO'S WHO IN GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY – 1990. Phil was a founding member Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board (AzGAB) 1990 and served as Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board (AZGAB) historian from 1990-1996.

Phil was an active Board member for the AzGAB/FGS Conference, "New Horizons" in Phoenix August 1992 including teaching classes at that conference and other conferences. The audiotape of Phil's class, "American Quaker Records" is still available online. Phil was listed in the AzGAB Speaker's Bureau and spoke for most Societies around the state for many years on a variety of subjects.

Phil was Chairman of the 1992 Elections Committee for the Association of Professional Genealogists, was named on the Quaker Genealogy Honor Roll by The Quaker Yeoman in 1991 and he was elected Fellow American College of Genealogists in 1991.

Phil has had many articles published in national genealogical publications. While compiling and publishing SOME OF OUR CHILDREN'S ANCESTORS (1971), THE NATHAN P. GOFF FAMILY (1972), THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL AND SALOME MESNER, 1938 IMMIGRANTS ABOARD THE SHIP FRIENDSHIP (1988) Phil amassed over 30,000 family names and has always been happy to assist genealogists with their research. Phil is currently working on THE TRAVIS EMERY FAMILY and compiling his total family history with all sources for immediate family members.

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