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Upcoming meetings:

Meetings are held at the LDS Church on Ruth Street
1:30 pm Social Time; 2:00 pm Meeting

October 24, Orphan Trains,

Speaker: Dori Vaughan

November 21, Round Table Discussions: Brick Walls

December 12, Christmas Party,

Writing Your Own Obituary,

Speaker: Gretchen Eastman

*Bring your favorite Cookie, Bar, Brownie (and the recipe)
for us to sample and enjoy.*

Meet the New Officers and Committee Chairman

President: Dick Hiatt

Vice President: Valene Woolridge

Treasurer: Carol Hubert

Secretary: Sue Williams

Committee Chairmen:

AzGAB and FGS Rep: Sue Kissel
Bulletin: Gretchen Eastman
Death & Dispositions: Sue Kissel
Facebook Coordinator: Cheryl Moreno
Historian: Virginia Grundvig
Hospitality: Nancy Nelson
Member at Large: Raylene Junkins
Membership: Martha Welch
FHC Liaison: Kent Evans
Library: John Thorne
Program Committee: Barbara Wich, Sue Kissel, Marilyn Day
Special Projects: Nancy Miller
Publicity: Vacant
Webpage: Marilyn Day

Message from the President: Dick Hiatt

Autumn has always been my favorite time of year, when the leaves begin to change color. Every year my wife and I head for Sedona and drive 89A up Oak Canyon to Flagstaff, stop for lunch, and then continue on to Hart Prairie on road 151 off of highway 180 just west of the cutoff to the Snow Bowl to see the changing of the leaves. The Quaking Aspen will turn bright yellow and begin to drop their leaves very soon now. The solitude of the forests, the wildlife, and the colors on the slopes of the San Francisco Peaks are just what the soul needs. I hope you can all take time out to enjoy the beauty of nature and relax before the rush of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season is upon us.

The members who helped fill all of the unexpected vacancies on the NAGS board have really helped out. We are all pulling together learning our respective jobs led by our indispensable seasoned veterans. The program

committee is planning with all our help an outstanding series of programs for all of us in 2016. We are so fortunate to have Gretchen Eastman as a newsletter editor and we are sure that you will enjoy her first issue.

Having volunteered for many years at the Family History Center, I have enjoyed working with people from beginners to those who taught me a few things in genealogy. I am familiar with and have family trees in familysearch.org, ancestry.com and Legacy and have decided that Legacy 8.0 is my favorite. Whatever software we use, I think we all agree with the importance of attaching sources to our trees that verify the existence of our ancestors. I'm a great believer in using media to bring our ancestors to life. Stories, pictures, sound bites and even short videos will grab the interest of children, grandchildren and their children long after we are gone. It is important to get those stories from our older ancestors while they are still with us. My older relatives are all gone and now it's up to me to research and attach those memories to ancestors. What better way for future generations to get to know their family that they have never met than to see them in a video telling a story from their have much to learn but if I can help you with media please let me know. Let's all have fun learning together.

New Officers' Biographies

(We will have more biographies next Bulletin)

Dick Hiatt

I was born in Kent, Washington and spent most of my growing up years in Washington State, working on the Olympic Peninsula at a small country grocery store in the summer. I met my wife Sandra at Central Washington College and we were married after graduation and have two children (girl & boy) who are quite successful, but failed in the grandchildren category! My wife and I love to travel and now have settled down close to home. I have taught high school math, physics, chemistry, and computer science for 21 years in California, mostly in Huntington Beach, and the last 24 years mathematics and computer programming at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. I was fortunate to work with some of the top high school chess

players in the nation that dominated competition in the western United States for many years. I have trained retrievers for obedience and field work competition.

History and genealogy are my passion now. My principle research in genealogy has been in Barry County, Missouri; Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and immigration records from Northern Europe. I have volunteered at the Prescott Family History Center for about 7 years. As director of the FHC we paired up with NAGS in conducting some great workshops with attendance around 200. It would be fun to do another one next year. In the talks I have given I always stressed sources that verify the information given about ancestors and making them come alive with stories and pictures.

John Thorne

John Thorne is currently serving as the Library Mentor for NAGS. His background includes degrees in engineering and business, including a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering. He served as general manager and as technical director of several high-tech titanium foundries. After retirement in 2002 he began pursuit of a "second career" in genealogical research; he wrote and published two hard cover books concerning his Thorne Family History and is presently working on a third volume. His research enabled him to prove lineage to Sons of the American Revolution, including 12 supplemental applications, and he has served in most officer positions of the local Prescott Chapter. He is a member of the Huguenot Society of Arizona and has served in several officer positions. He also belongs to the First Families of Ohio, having proven direct ancestry to 18 residents of Ohio prior to 1821 including 2 who were resident prior to 1803 when Ohio became a state. His interest in "old world" lineage includes membership in the National Society Dames and Barons of the Magna Charta; he is presently Regent for the Arizona Division. Also, he belongs to the Colonial Order of the Crown. This year his membership application was approved to the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva, having proved direct lineage for 32 generations back to Godiva, wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia; according to legend she made her famous ride through Coventry, England as early as 1045. And, John is a

proud member of Flagon and Trencher, having proved a direct ancestor of a Colonial Tavern Keeper. Cheers!

Gretchen Eastman

I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. When I was in 6th grade my father decided that winters where the temperatures got down to 40 below zero was not good. We moved to Long Beach California, where I attended Junior High, High School and Long Beach State College. In 1964, after College Graduation, I joined American Airlines as a “Stewardess” and retired in 2007. One of the perks of being a Flight Attendant was being able to fly to Washington, DC, Boston, and other places to do Genealogical Research. I married, lived in Irving, Texas and have one daughter and three grandchildren. My first husband passed away in 2002. In 2004, I reconnected with my High School sweetheart, John Eastman and we moved to the Prescott, Arizona area where his children had moved. We married in 2007 at Court House in Prescott. We enjoy camping and Cruising and visiting California where John’s brothers live. It is our hope to see more of the United States and Canada in the near future.

My genealogy history began in 1980 when my mother got a letter from a cousin asking questions about our family. I was hooked immediately and took genealogy courses at Southern Methodist University, and volunteered at the Dallas and Irving Public Libraries. I joined the Irving Genealogical Society and served as an officer and wrote their monthly Newsletter. I volunteered at the Irving Public Library teaching internet classes and workshops and with the Dallas Genealogy Society in their speaker’s program. I worked in the Genealogy Department one day a week.

In addition to doing the NAGS Bulletin, I volunteer at the Sharlot Hall Museum and Archives. I am presently working on the Women’s Territorial Rose Garden, updating biographies and writing new biographies for the Kiosk that will open in the Sharlot Hall Building in January. I am still finding

new information on my “brick walls,” that I finally solved.... all except the Alsip family who sailed from Belfast, Ireland in 1816 and lived in Allegheny Township in Pennsylvania. I have accomplished my goal to get my known family members “across the water.”

I look forward to being apart of the NAGS.

NAGS is participating in FRY’S Community Rewards Program

By Raylene Morrow Junkins

NAGS has signed up to participate in the Fry’s Community Rewards Program, our number is 56216. This is a no cost program to NAGS or yourself as Fry’s share part of their profits with non-profit organizations. Approximately .5 to 1% is paid back to our organization. Certain items; gas, prescriptions, alcohol, tobacco, gift cards, stamps, etc. don’t qualify to the profit sharing.

If you shop at a Fry’s/Kroger etc. store and have a VIP Card it is very simple to sign up.

1. Go to <http://www.frysfood.com/>. If you don’t have a Fry’s account select ‘register’ and follow the instructions for registering.

2. Find the ‘Community’ tab across the top of the screen and follow the instructions.

You can use the number 56216, or just start typing Northern Arizona Genealogical Society.

If you are already registered for another organization, you can add NAGS and the funds will be split between all organizations selected. This is all you have to do.

Each quarter a check will be sent to NAGS for our share, and it will really add up. So stop right now and sign up.

All that is required is that once a year on Sept. 1st you must re-register. I even got a reminder when I checked out with my groceries.

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Premium Family History Websites

Premium Family History Websites that are Free at the Family History Center

Did you know that a number of subscriptions family history websites are free to use at the Family History Center, 1001 Ruth St., Prescott, AZ? So why not visit today and check them out. If nothing else give it a test drive before you spend your genealogy dollars subscribing to find it doesn't include what you thought it did.

This is the first of a series of articles I plan to write, sharing some of these great resources.

The First is Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com/>). I think you are probably familiar with this mega site, but you may not want to spend \$299.00 or more a year. Why not go to the FHC and do your researching there for free. If you only subscribe to the U.S. records and need to check out World records give it a try.

Next, Access Newspaper Archives (<http://www.newspaperarchive.com>) it is the world's largest online newspaper archive. Search it to find obituaries, birth announcements, sport articles, marriages, comics and more—to fill in the life stories you are interested in. All historical newspapers are full-page and fully searchable.

Third, Historic Map Works Library (<http://www.proquest.historicmapworks.com/>) is one of the most extensive digital map collections available, with over 470,000 high-resolution, full color historic and antique maps. It contains a core collection of property and land ownership (plat) maps. This unique content allows genealogists, historians, and academic researchers to track the “residential genealogy” of families and locations.

The FHC hours are Mon. & Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs. 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. and they don’t charge for copies.

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HAVE YOU TRIED THIS WEBSITE?

Check it out!

Digital State Archives (<http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/>). This site has links to all 50 states and a few other places.

State Archives sites tend to be very hard to navigate, and they do a good job of hiding the information they contain. This site helps to eliminate some of the confusion. State Archives don’t advertise the wonderful materials they have digitized. Check it out, you never know what you will find.

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AncestryDNA

Have you been tested?

AncestryDNA is a cutting edge DNA testing service that utilizes some of the latest autosomal testing technology to revolutionize the way you discover your family history. This service combines advanced DNA science with the world’s largest online family history resource to predict your genetic ethnicity and help you find new family connections. It maps ethnicity going back multiple generations and provides insight into such possibilities as:

what region of Europe are my ancestors from, or am I likely to have East Asian heritage? AncestryDNA can also help identify relationships with unknown relatives through a dynamic list of DNA matches.

Both women and men can use AncestryDNA since they all carry the DNA that is being tested. In fact, men and women are tested in the same way for the same number of markers. Unlike some other DNA tests, which only analyze the Y-chromosome (and can only be taken by a male to look at your direct paternal lineage) or mitochondrial DNA (can be taken by a male or female but only looks at your direct maternal lineage), AncestryDNA looks at a person's entire genome at over 700,000 locations.

The AncestryDNA test uses microarray-based autosomal DNA testing, which surveys a person's entire genome at over 700,000 locations, all with a simple saliva sample. Additionally, the new online interface integrates state-of-the-art tools for you to utilize your DNA results for family history research.

Your AncestryDNA results include information about your ethnicity across 26 regions/ethnicities and identifies potential relatives through DNA matching to others who have taken the AncestryDNA test. Your results are a great starting point for more family history research,

AncestryDNA is a simple saliva test you can do in the comfort of your own home. Once you order, you will receive the AncestryDNA kit in the mail in a matter of days. Your AncestryDNA kit includes full instructions, a saliva collection tube, and a pre-paid return mailer (so you don't have additional costs to return your DNA.) After returning your sample by just dropping it in the mail, your DNA is processed at the lab. You then receive an email notifying you that your results are ready to explore on the AncestryDNA website.

Your AncestryDNA test results will normally take about 6-8 weeks to process from the time that the lab receives your DNA sample. Please note that you must also activate your DNA kit online in order to begin processing.

When your AncestryDNA results are ready, you will receive an email from AncestryDNA notifying you, with a link to view your results. Your results will also be available online in your password-protected AncestryDNA account.

Discovery Day, September 19, 2015

Discovery Day under the direction of Kent Evans was a great success with over 160 people attending. The LDS Church provided free lunch for everyone in attendance, delicious subs with lots of meat in them, cookies and fruit. The tables were beautifully decorated and the NAGS freebee table was well received. Our NAGS presenters were Sharon Atkins (Timelines), Raylene Junkins (It's in the Land), Sue Williams (Stories of early Pioneers), Valene Woolridge (the new ancestry.com), and Dick Hiatt (2 talks on using family search).

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

October 21 & 22, 2015

<http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>

Please join the National Archives for the 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 21 & 22. This will be a live broadcast via YouTube so you can ask our genealogy experts questions at the end of their talks.

Presenters

Speakers will include genealogy experts from National Archives locations across the nation.

Live Lecture Sessions

Lectures will feature tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogists and novices. Recorded sessions will remain available online after the event.

PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY VIEWERY

The Betty Ritter Viewerie at the Prescott Public Library provides multi-dimensional display areas for museum-quality displays. The viewerie is located on

the main floor near the back doors. There are three exhibits sections approx.

14' long which change monthly. For the month of October, the Northern Arizona Genealogical Society has section "C" of the Viewerie and the exhibit promotes Family History Month. The exhibit was set up by Carol Hubert, Sue Kissel, Carol Tanner, Bill and Sandra Hiatt, Raylene Junkins, and Debra Mathews. Please be sure and stop by the Library and check out the exhibit.



