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PRESIDENT'S MOMENT – Susi Fathauer

Thank you Tempe Chapter for hosting the Fall Seminar and making our 25th anniversary a special event to remember. For me, meeting Julia **Devous**, the great-granddaughter of Annie Moore, the first emigrant on Ellis Island, is a special memory. And the funny thing I learned when getting to know Julia in the weeks that led up to our seminar, was that she worked for my sister-in-law at the Mesa Arts Center for several years! Another 'it's a small world' episode!

If you missed our seminar or would like to view the entire "In Search of Annie Moore" video again, go to www.rootstelevision.com. In the upper right is a box "Search Video". Type Annie Moore in that box and click Search. Scroll down to the 5th selection *In Search of Annie Moore*. After that, you may also choose to watch the *Annie Moore Memorial Ceremony* that was held in New York City the week before our seminar. Julia, her family, noted genealogists & Irish dignitaries, placed an historic marker on Annie's grave as several hundred people looked on. It was a beautiful ceremony.

I would also like to thank all those who attended our seminar and supported the society. In these changing economic times, we were concerned about the choices members would have to make as to whether to attend but many did and had a very enjoyable day.

I've been getting renewal notices from some of the societies I belong to and wonder if I'll have to cut back on a couple but I also know that genealogy is a big part of my life. It gives it added

value, brings me enjoyment and is my hobby. Attending the monthly chapter meetings and getting to know my fellow members has enriched my life and helped me learn new things to aid my research endeavors. I know that if you are receiving this newsletter, you have already renewed with FHSA for another year. **THANK YOU** for making that choice. Will you work with us this coming year to help our society grow not only in numbers but to find ways to help you break those brick walls, learn new research ideas and put the pieces of your family histories together? Thank you and have a blessed holiday season.

COMMON RESEARCH TRAPS TO AVOID!

1. Worrying about spelling of names.
2. Trusting Published and Online Family Trees
3. Relying Entirely on the Internet
4. Not keeping Track of Sources
5. Assuming that a man's wife is the mother of (all) his children.
6. Assuming all couples were legally married.
7. "Family" Coats of Arms
8. "The Book of Smiths" and other genealogical scams
9. Trusting women's ages
10. Inflexibility concerning the religious affiliations of ancestors.

This list was taken from an article written by Janice **Nickerson** in *Discovering FamilyHistory* October 2008. A professional genealogist based in Toronto, Canada. Her expertise includes Upper Canada, fur trade and aboriginal research, and turning bare bones genealogies into full-fledged family histories. Her website is www.UpperCanadaGenealogy.com

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A QUICK TRIP TO TUCSON

What an enjoyable experience, learning from and being entertained by Dr. John Philip **Colletta** at the special event “Assembling and Writing a Narrative Family History” hosted by AzGAB on Friday evening, November 7, 2008. When maintenance failed; he laid down his watch all ready reading after 9 p.m. (Washington time) ‘better get started on my allotted 90 minutes’. Without a microphone he managed to keep more than 40 people laughing and LEARNING. He introduced us to the Dual Nature of a Genealogical Work – it should be a reliable document as well as a readable story.

This is the second AzGAB special event attended by the **Rennakers**. We hope they will continue to provide such concise programs in the future.

NEED SURNAME INDEX HELP?

Please feel free to contact Susi **Fathauer**
(gafaz@cox.net).



AzCPG

The Arizona Council of Professional Genealogists (AzCPG) was created to fill a need in our community to have a forum where we can communicate with each other and exchange ideas. The organization is for genealogists, family historians, teachers, writers, indexers, archivists, librarians, lecturers, computer specialists, geneticists, newsletter editors, and all others working in the fields of family history.

You do not have to be a “professional” genealogist, someone who makes a living in genealogy, to join our organization. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning how to do good genealogical research using the standard of ethics established by the Association of Professional Genealogists <http://apgen.org/ethics/index.html>.

The objectives of AzCPG are:

- To promote professional standards in genealogical research, writing, and speaking
- To promote the education of the membership and the public
- To promote awareness of professional genealogical services
- To promote improved access and preservation of records used in genealogical and local history research
- To promote awareness of activities and/or laws, which may affect genealogical and local history research, including pending legislation in Arizona and elsewhere
- To provide support for those engaged in genealogical pursuits as a business
- To enable those interested in any aspect of professional genealogy to network together.

We have a message board on Yahoo Groups called AzCPG. To contribute to this message board (continued page 5)

Irish Ancestors

Research Recommendations:

AskAboutIreland.ie, by Michael J. **Leclerc**

Those with Irish ancestors may wish to check out a new website called AskAboutIreland.com. An initiative of the Information Society Fund, AskAboutIreland bills itself as 'your place to find answers about Ireland.' The site is filled with information about Irish culture, heritage, and locations, and provides access to images and documents from Irish public libraries, museums, and archives.

The site has five main areas: Topics, Places, Student Zone, Resources, and Information. The Information section explains the collaboration between AskAboutIreland and the Cultural Heritage Project. It also provides contact information and links to participating organizations. Among these are the National Museum of Ireland, Linen Hall Library in Belfast, the Cork Archives Institute, the Waterford Museum of Treasurers, Louth County Museum, Library.ie, Library and Information Services Council of Northern Ireland, Council of National Cultural Institutions (CNCI) and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) from Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales. The Student Zone provides information for both primary and secondary school students, including information, maps and games.

The Topics section provides access through the broad categories of Arts and Literature, Environment and Geography, History and Heritage, Life and Society, and Sports and Recreation. Under History and Heritage, for example, you can find information on the Poor Law Unions and their records. Dr. Raymond Gillespie outlines the events leading to the creation of workhouses in Ireland, daily life in the workhouse, and records of these organizations that survive today.

Some features, such as the Irish Times Archive, are only available to residents of Ireland. Most, however, are free to all. One of the most valuable items for genealogists is the online version of Griffith's Valuation. A project of OMS Services, the National Library of Ireland, and well-known genealogical publisher Eneclann, you will find the valuation in the Resources section.

Published between 1847 and 1864, Griffith's Valuation was the first land valuation in Ireland Overseen by Richard Griffith, (for whom it is named) the valuation lists every landholder and householder in every county in Ireland in the mid-1800's. This version allows you to search by place name or person name. Simply plug in a last name, and as much additional information (first name, county, barony, poor law union, or parish) that you have. The results show the surname and first name of the occupier, the county and parish name, and links to additional details, the original page of the valuation, and a map of the area. The maps are beautiful, scanned in full-color and very detailed. You can zoom in to see every detail. Loading the image can be slow at times, so be patient.

AskAboutIreland makes extensive use of pop-up windows, so make sure you have allowed your browser to allow pop-ups from this site. Many areas of the site, including Griffith's Valuation, are still in beta form and there may still be bugs. Problems will occur, but they are working to fix them. AskAboutIreland is a must-visit for all with Irish ancestors.

Submitted by Roseanne **Hein**

(Taken from the New England Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter and the Mahoning County newsletter, Mahoning Meanderings)

FHSA BOARD MEETING

The 2009 budget was proposed, discussed and modified.

Renewal forms will be mailed to everyone next year as well as being available on the web site.

Any member who would like to run for an FHSA office is encouraged to contact Roseanne Hein ro_hein@hotmail.com or 602-996-9082.

All members are encouraged to submit articles to the newsletter via e-mail to margaret166@cox.net with SUBJECT LINE: FHSA or via snail mail, 8780 E. McKellips Rd, Space 477A, Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4803

The Fall Seminar was discussed. We had 54 in attendance.

Plans are progressing on the 2009 Annual Meeting under the direction of the Fountain Hills chapter.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting 3 Jan 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

2707 S. College Ave. in Tempe.

25th ANNIVERSARY FHSA FALL SEMINAR

Tempe Chapter President T. Wayne Whipple was the host / MC of the 25th Anniversary Fall Seminar held at the St. Matthew United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 18th. A variety of vendors were present to sell materials or to give out genealogical / historical information. A continental breakfast was provided.

The "In Search of Annie Moore" video was shown with remarks by Annie's great granddaughter, Julia **Devous**. Annie Moore was the first immigrant to pass through the Ellis Island immigration station in 1892. When Ellis Island was renovated, interest in finding out about Annie Moore was heightened, but because of many incorrect "family tales", the real story of Annie Moore's life was not known. Professional genealogist Megan Smolenyak **Smolenyak** began the research and with assistance from genealogists in New York and Cork, Ireland, the real story of Annie Moore was documented. It can now be seen on www.rootstelevision.com

Sue **Clark** followed up the video with her talk on *Ellis Island & the Immigrant Experience*. Her talk made all of us realize what kind of experiences our immigrant ancestors may have encountered. We were given tips on how best to search the Ellis Island website and for additional National Archives records. Box lunches from Honeybaked Ham were distributed for lunch.

After lunch, the official Arizona historian Marshall **Trimble** delighted the participants with songs and stories about Arizona. His wit and charm, plus his love of Arizona, captivated the audience for over an hour.

After the final drawing for door prizes and the raffle, the attendees went their separate ways, appreciating the heroics of many of our immigrant ancestors and having a better appreciation of Arizona history. Linda Caldwell **McCleary**, Member at Large

COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store".

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet" Nikki **Van Reusen**, Fountain Hills Chapter

Door Prizes

Higginson Book Co Gift Certif.\$25.	Ted Pemberton
<i>Hopi Kachina Doll</i> Book	Bill Gertz
<i>Caring for Antiques</i> Book	Janice Davis
Changing Hands Gift Cert \$15.	Sue Douglas
Kitchen,Bath & Beyond Collectible	Jessie Larson
<i>Collectible Post Cards</i> book	W. Douglas
<i>Rock-n-Roll Treasures</i> Book	Russel Strong
<i>N.American Indian Artifacts</i> Book	Dorothy Sharp
<i>Pulling Legs Attached to Tender Feet</i>	M.Bullington
<i>Arizoniana</i>	K. Thomley
<i>Arizona Adventure</i>	A. Sampson
<i>In Old Arizona</i>	Robbie Lange
<i>Cowboy Poems</i> CD	Carolyn Griffin

Raffle

Genealogy One-on-One Research Gift Cert. 5 hours/ \$200. value	Jan Motley
<i>Iowa,Kansas & Nebraska Civil War Veteran's</i> Book \$30 value	T. Pemberton
<i>Family is a Forever Journey</i>	
Wall Hanging	Robbie Lange
My Ancestor's Found 2 for 1 SLC Family History Research Retreat	Pat DeHesus
<i>Evidence Explained</i> by Elizabeth Shown Milles \$49.95 value	Sue Clark
<i>The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy</i> by Val Greenwood	Bill Gertz

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AzCPG

you need to be a member of our organization. Our goal is to use the message board to exchange ideas. Membership is \$5 a year. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact our membership secretary, Janna **Larson** at Janna@GenealogyOne-on-One.com. We plan to have a face-to-face meeting at least once a year. In the future, we hope to have an annual seminar to which the public will be invited.

In other words, this organization will be for those who wish to exchange ideas on how we might conduct our selves in a professional way as we work in the many fields of family history. Discussing among other things, how to start a business, how to create a website for your genealogy business or your family research, how to become certified, how to promote a genealogy business, and how to interact with clients. This includes non-paying clients or work we do for friends and family. It also includes volunteer work we do for libraries and historical societies, for example, indexing cemetery records, obituaries, land records, etc. Daniela **Moneta**, CG

CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER ISSUE

William McCutchen of the Donner Party

By Robert Nagel, Los Gatos, CA, 15 Dec 1995

The party had made a series of mistakes which delayed their arrival at the foot of the pass. The avoidance of any one of the mistakes would have resulted in their successful crossing before the winter snows closed the pass. In spite of all their mistakes they would still have succeeded in crossing if the winter of 1846-7 had not been one of the earliest worst winters in recent history. The party made their first unsuccessful attempt October 31st, at a time of year when the pass is usually bare or under a light snow cover.

The Donner Party made a fatal mistake at Fort Bridger when they elected to take the Hastings Cutoff instead of one of the established emigrant trails. Lansford W. Hastings was promoting his cutoff trail which he claimed would shorten the route to California by 300 miles. Hastings had only partially scouted the trail, going from west to east without wagons. He had left word at Fort Laramie recommending his trail and saying that he would wait at Fort Bridger and pilot emigrants over his trail. It was getting late in the year to leave Fort Bridger for California and Hastings started west leading a train of 66 wagons before the Donner Party arrived at the fort. This wagon train was called the Harlan-Young Party. The McCutchens were probably part of one of the groups that made up the Harlan-Young Party before they got left behind at Fort Bridger.

The Donner Party left Fort Bridger July 31st, almost the last party to leave for California that year. On August 6th as they were heading into Weber Canyon following the tracks of the Hastings wagon train they came upon a message that Hastings had left by the trail. It warned any followers that the trail he had taken through Weber Canyon was almost impassable and advised them to take a different route. The message said that if they would send someone ahead for him he would return to guide them across the mountains by a better route. The party sent McCutchen, James Frazier Reed and Charles Tyler Stanton ahead to find Hastings and made camp to wait for their return, expecting them to return with Hastings in one or two days. But it was 5 days before one of the men returned without Hastings—5 more days lost. The three men had overtaken the Harlan-Young Party just beyond the mountains, near the south shore of Great Salt Lake. Hastings would not agree to return to lead the Donner Party—he was most likely anxious to get on to California with his wagon train. The three messengers'

horses were worn out so McCutchen and Stanton stayed with the wagon train to rest their horses while Hastings took Reed, with a borrowed horse, part way back and pointed out a general route across the mountains which he thought would be better. Reed made it back to the party and on August 12th they started to move again, following a route that Reed picked out. When McCutchen and Stanton returned they got lost and were starving by the time they found their way back to the party. The alternate route turned out to be almost impassable too, so bad that it took the party 15 days to travel 36 miles, and they did not get out of the mountains into Salt Lake Valley until August 27th. One wonders why they did not follow the Hastings Trail since the Hastings wagon train had made it through the canyon. The reason given was that the smaller Donner Party did not have enough manpower to wrestle their wagons over the nearly impassable trail through Weber Canyon.

About September 12th after a life-threatening crossing of the Salt Lake Desert the party knew that their situation had become desperate. They decided that they must send someone ahead to Sutter's Fort (at present Sacramento, California) to get help, McCutchen and Stanton volunteered. They succeeded in getting through to Sutter's Fort and Stanton returned to the party on October 19th with supplies and with two Indians loaned by Sutter. McCutchen had become ill and had to remain at Sutter's Fort. Stanton and both Indians died later in the mountains while leading a party of refugees out.

James Reed and Walter Herron arrived at Sutter's Fort October 28th. Reed had been banished from the Donner Party on October 6th after he had killed another member in a fight near the Humboldt River. He had left with no food or weapons but two of the party followed him a little way to give him a gun and a little food. Fortunately for Reed Donner family wagons were about thirty miles ahead of Reed's wagons so he was able to overtake them. Walter Herron, his teamster, agreed to go ahead with him to try to reach Sutter's Fort and send back relief, in case McCutchen and Stanton failed to get through.

On October 31st McCutchen and Reed left Sutter's Fort and headed back to the Sierras to attempt to rescue the party. The staging point for rescue attempts was the Johnson Ranch on Bear River near the present town of Wheatland. McCutchen and Reed left the Johnson Ranch November 4th with a pack train of thirty horses and a mule and two Indians loaned by Captain Sutter. At the head of Bear Valley they found James Curtis and his wife who had left their wagon train and decided to spend the winter in Bear Valley. **(to be continued in January issue)**

From May 1996 Issue of *McCutchen*, published by the McCutchen Trace Association. Donna **Wiesley**, Scottsdale Chapter got permission to use from the author.

DECEMBER CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE

3th —EAST VALLEY:

Meets the **1st Wednesday** at Fellowship Square, Bldg 4, First Floor, 6945 E Main, Mesa
6:00 PM Class: “Let’s Google” by Trudi **Arledge**
7:00 PM Lecture: Robert **Wilbanks**, “Civil War Military Records”
Reminder Facilitator: Bill **Gertz**, 480-325-3173 (Gertz@asu.edu)

8th—FOUNTAIN HILLS

Meets the **2nd Monday** of each month (except summers) Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr. (next to Town Hall, across from Post Office), Fountain Hills.
9:00 AM Class: Beginners, Problem Solving, Computer Lab
10:00 AM Annual “**Show and Tell**”. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite heirloom (old photo, lace handkerchief, china, etc) to tell about. Cookies and goodies will add to festive mood.
Reminder Facilitator: Nikki **Van Reusen** 480-836-6820 (vanreusen@prodigy.net)

8th—TEMPE:

Meets the **2nd Monday** at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, Sedona Room, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
7:00 PM **Holiday Party** Bring favorite goodies, beverages provided. We will share our successes and ?? for the year.
Reminder Facilitator: Marilyn **Senn**, 480-705-0927 (marilyns41@cox.net)

15th —GLENDALE: CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

. Meet at the Black Bear, 63rd Avenue and Bell Road
7:00 PM **Holiday Dinner**, maybe some interesting genealogy games as well as white elephant gift
Reminder Facilitator: Russ **Strong** , 623-878-9084 (rgstrong-genes@cox.net)

16th—PARADISE VALLEY:

Meets the **3rd Tuesday** at Senior Center at Via Linda, 10440 N. Via Linda, Room 6, Scottsdale.
6:00 PM ANNUAL **HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER**
Reminder Facilitator: Norma **Suckle**, 602-867-3087 (norma@Lsnent.com)

16th —SCOTTSDALE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

Tuesday at COCO’S RESTAURANT, 4700 N. Scottsdale Rd.
6:30 PM **Holiday Party**. We will have a gift exchange, gift cost not to exceed \$5.00. The gift exchange will have the same neat twist as it did last year.
Reminder Facilitator: Robert **Gayle**, 602-971-3429 (robertgayle@qwest.net)

17th—DAYTIMERS:

Meets the **3rd Wednesday** at Room 10, Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale,
1:00 PM “9/11” T. Wayne Whipple
Discussion: Sharing your genealogy research at Holiday time
Reminder Facilitator: Charles **Rennaker**, 480-990-2348 (7473chas@cvrennaker.com)

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEB SITE

www.fhsa.org for the latest updates on
Chapter Meeting Calendar;
Chapter Information
Chapter Location Maps

AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP

Reminder Facilitator: Margaret Rennaker, 480-990-2348 (margaret166@cox.net)

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

December 2008

- 11 **Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records** continues commemoration of the Carnegie Library's 100 years in Phoenix with Dr. Paul **Hietter** "To Encourage the Preservation and Sanctity of Marriage: Victorian Attitudes in Arizona Territory" at Carnegie Center 1101 West Washington St., Phoenix from 12 pm to 1 pm. Free and Open to public. For information contact Sarah Weber sweber@lib.az.us or 602-926-3368.

January 2009

- 10 **The San Diego Genealogy Society** will hold their annual luncheon and seminar, featuring Lloyd **Bockstruck**. For more information go to the society's web site www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs or send an e-mail to sdgs2008@yahoo.com
- 12-16 **The 2009 Annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy** sponsored by **Utah Genealogical Association**. Nationally known genealogists teach ten tracks of genealogical studies. Opportunities to have one-on-one consultations with instructors are available. Institute fees for UGA member are \$280; non-UGA member \$320. Housing is available at Institute Hotel, the Radisson Salt Lake City Hotel Downtown for \$81 single/double, \$91 triple or \$101 quad. For additional information, visit the website at www.infouga.org, e-mail institute@infouga.org or call toll free at 1.888.INFO.UGA.
- 24 **The 6th Annual Pinal County Genealogists Genealogy Workshop** will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1555 North Colorado, Casa Grande, AZ. Workshop includes sixteen lectures, some of the basic favorites plus new topics that have never been presented before at this workshop. Also there will be two 2-hour sessions for beginning researchers by Barbara Oestreich. In addition, three popular software programs Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic and PAF will be demonstrated. Price includes box lunch, syllabus and your choice of four 1-hr sessions; registration form is on the website at www.rootsweb.com/~azpcg For further information, contact Avis at billavis@cgmailbox.com or 520-316-0589.
- 24 **The Lake Havasu Genealogical Society** will hold its 14th **Annual Seminar** featuring Jean **White** of Phoenix, AZ. For additional information, contact Gloria at gloharr@rraz.net.

February 2009

- 21 **West Valley Genealogical Society's** Annual Seminar will feature Laura G **Prescott**, Professional Researcher, Writer and Speaker. Her subject "Finding the Unexpected in Unexpected Places". Seminar is Saturday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 12225 W. 103rd Ave., Sun City. Log on to: <http://www.azwvgs.org> for more information and registration.

March 2009

- 21 **Family History Society of Arizona** will hold its **ANNUAL MEETING** in Fountain Hills, AZ. More details available later on fhsa.org

June 2009

- 26-28 **Southern California Genealogical Society** will be sponsoring its annual **Genealogical Jamboree** at the Burbank Hilton and Convention Center, Burbank, California. This year's ethnic focus will be the British Isles (English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh). For additional information, check their website, www.scsgenealogy.com

September 2009

- 2-5 **Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. Little Rock, Arkansas.** For further information, contact the FGS office at www.fgs.org.