



# FHSA Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

What Judy **Shubert** kept stressing to the Board before her resignation is still the norm; few people sent an item suitable for publishing. A newsletter editor does not write the items, reporters do. Where are Society reporters? Many people have stories to tell but lack the skills to put them on paper.

Thank you to all who have sent an e-mails giving me facts about items to be included in the newsletter.

Linda Caldwell **McCleary** a FHSA At-large member sent this link (<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/?p=1476>).

24-7 Family History Circle "Genealogical Societies: Publish or Perish?" by George C. Morgan . It is 3 pages of good information.

Janna **Larson**, Instructor PV Chapter sent this link (<http://www.usmm.net/revdead.html>). "Revolutionary War Prisoners on Ships" The website has in alphabetical order 8000 names of Revolutionary War Prisoners.

Judy **Bates**, FH member shared a list of 16 "Funny true things". Two, have all ready been used.

Susi **Fathauer**, TE  
A new set of Revolutionary War Pension Files were recently released on 7 day free trial:( [www.footnote.com/pressroom](http://www.footnote.com/pressroom)).

Sally **Pavia**, former member  
Free downloadable U.S.Census template forms in Word format. No registration or unzipping required. (<http://genealogygenius.com/UScensusform1939.aspx>)

## Family Search

The assets and experience of the Genealogical Society of Utah has been combined with the state-of-the-art technology resources of Family Search– all under the single brand name of **Family Search**.

The following announcement was written by Family Search, a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Popular web sites available for free through local Family History Centers.

Footnote  
HeritageQuest/ProQuest  
Kindred Konnections  
World Vital Records

## Godfrey Library Update

Included in e-mails from Richard Black, Director. Use [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org) to reach the library web site. You get someone else with [www.godfreylibrary.org](http://www.godfreylibrary.org) State of Connecticut Dept. of Public Health issued a letter of approval on 5/24/07 to Godfrey Memorial Library which allows current members access to Connecticut Vital Records. "Members must show photographic identification and a valid Godfrey Memorial Library Membership Card before being granted access to vital records."

Godfrey will now offer a variety of subscription packages. The recent changes to the website reflect what is available.

Godfrey Memorial Library is included as a premium database or services offered throughout FamilySearch centers worldwide.

You will see significant additions to the Godfrey Scholar Program in the weeks ahead. Much of this material will be unique to Godfrey.

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a glorious  
and  
safe  
4th of July

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information and materials are always welcome for inclusion into the newsletter. Information should reach the editor by the **10th** of each month to make it into the coming issue. Send items directly to the President, Margaret **Rennaker**, at 8780 E. McKellips Rd., Lot 477A, Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4803 or (margaret166@cox.net).

### APOLOGY

June Newsletter was addressed and stamped when we were notified it also had to have edges sealed. Sorry for mess.

All e-mail and mailing address, phone number changes should be sent to Membership Chairman, Lynn **Crawford** at 1230 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206 or (lcrawford46@cox.net)

## DISCLAIMER

We freely admit to lovingly "lifting" some of the filler items from other publications, newsletters, the Internet, and miscellaneous sources. For that reason, some of the material contained herein cannot be verified and we apologize for any misinformation.

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has been changed  
due to Postal  
Regulation.

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be sealed.  
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Reduce bulk for  
envelope.  
Less folds-single  
sheets stapled  
together.

## Indentured Servant Search

An estimated 75 percent of Colonial-era immigrants financed their passage to America with indenture contracts—the immigrant agreed to work for an established settler in exchange for a ticket.

If your ancestor was among them, you can search the beginnings of an indentured servant database that genealogy research firm Price & Associates has posted at <http://immigrantservants.com>. The information comes from published sources such as indexes and biographies; eventually, it'll cover 100,000 names.

You can search on a name, use the advanced search to add a given name or birth information, or browse. Results show the servant's name, colony, date of birth (if known) and date of servitude. Click View by a name to see more details, such as a surname variants, length of servitude, death information and the firm's research notes—with source citations.

You can take it from there to dig up more details in those sources, but should you want professional assistance, a Learn More link explains Price & Associates' services. The company's Web site also offers some helpful how-to articles (click Resources).

Submitted by Bobbie **Ryan**, PV

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Call or e-mail for more information  
on workshops and events.

Any typos and/or gramatickle errors are deliberate. Keeps you on your toes.

## Civil War Battlefields At Risk

Sites as well-known as Gettysburg, PA and humble as Iuka, MS are on the Civil War Preservation Trust's 2007 list of most-endangered Civil War battlefields. (<http://www.civilwar.org>) Threats include residential and commercial development, installation of power lines and damage from hurricane Katrina.



\*Locate Sources \*Collect Proofs \*Evaluate Evidence  
\*Guide Your Research \*Compile A History

### Janna Larson and Daniela Moneta

Visit our website at [www.GenealogyOne-on-One.com](http://www.GenealogyOne-on-One.com)

Did your ancestor fight for Independence in the Revolutionary War? Daniela and Janna can help you find military records of all kinds.

## FUNNY TRUE THING

He and his daughter are listed as not being born. From an actual correspondence received by Family History Dept.

## JULY CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE

### 4th—EAST VALLEY:

Meets the 1st **Wednesday** at Fellowship Square, Bldg 4, First Floor, 6945 E Main, Mesa

**Have a Safe 4th of July, we will see you in August**

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Reminder Facilitator: Bill **Gertz**, 480-325-3173 (Gertz@asu.edu)

### 9th—TEMPE:

Meets the 2nd **Monday** at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, Globe Room, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

**6:15 PM** How-to-Class: Gary **Wood** “Ways to Search Your Family Tree for Free”

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**7:00 PM** Meeting: “**Church Records and Documentation**” by Milli **Packard**

Reminder Facilitator: Marilyn **Senn**, 480-705-0927 (marilyns41@cox.net)

### 17th—PARADISE VALLEY:

Meets the 3rd **Tuesday** at Senior Center at Via Linda, 10440 N. Via Linda, Room 6, Scottsdale.

**6:15 PM** How-to-Class: Janna **Larson** “Church”

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**7:00 PM** Meeting: “**Amish and Mennonite Research and DNA Impact on our Genealogy**” by Bob **Burns**

Reminder Facilitator: Norma **Suckle**, 602-867-3087 (norma@Lsnent.com)

### 18th—DAYTIMERS:

Meets the 3rd **Wednesday** at Coco’s Restaurant, 4700 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale

**10:00 AM** Meeting: “**Going to the Court House**” by Margaret **Rennaker** and Karen **Blackmore**

Please plan to buy at least a beverage.

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Reminder Facilitator: Charles **Rennaker** 480-990-2348 (7473chas@cvrennaker.com)

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### 24th—SCOTTSDALE:

Meets the 4th **Tuesday** at Paiute Neighborhood Center, Bldg 9, 6535 E Osborn Rd., Scottsdale

**6:30 PM** How-to-Class: Barbara **Marshall** “Putting the names to the numbers in 1790-1840 census”

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**7:15 PM** Meeting: “**Save Your Stories**” by Joanne **Thyken**

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Reminder Facilitator: Robert **Gayle**, 602-971-3429 (ragayle@mindspring.com)

### 30th—GLENDALE:

Meets the last **Monday** at Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown Ave, Glendale

**7:00 PM** Meeting: “**Civil War Living History**” by Terrance **Gilliam**

Reminder Facilitator: Ted **Finch**, 602-993-7791 (tedfinch@earthlink.net)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR— Saturday October 20, 2007 The Family History Society of Arizona will present Tricia Malone **Williams**, M.Ed. with “**Keys to unlocking your Past!**”

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 2007

- 18-22 International Convention of the Germans from *Russia Historical Society at Bismarck, ND*  
For further information and Registration see: (<http://www.grhs.org>).

### August 2007

- 15-18 *Federation of Genealogical Societies* Conference in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. A FGS/ACPL registration brochure was given to each Chapter at June 2 Board Meeting. Contact FGS at PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940, Office: 512-336-2731, Fax: 512-336-2732 or FGS Web Site:(<http://www.fgs.org>).

### September 2007

- 6 Lunchtime Family History Lessons at Carnegie Center “Courthouse Records for Genealogy” by *Genealogy Staff* from *Arizona State Library*.
- 14-16 *The Black Family Genealogy & History Society* will host the Seventh Annual West Coast Summit on African-American Genealogy, “Celebrating Generations—Past, Present and Future” at the Double Tree Guest Suites, 320 North 44th Street, Phoenix. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Matthew C. **Whitaker**, Arizona State University associate professor, award-winning scholar and author of the book, “Race Work: the Rise of Civil Rights in the Urban West.” Room reservations can be made at 1-800-800-3098. Mention the Seventh Annual West Coast Summit on African-American Genealogy to receive the specially discounted room rate. Check their website at (<http://www.bfghs.net>).

### October 2007

- 4 Lunchtime Family History Lessons at Carnegie Center “Skeletons in the Archives’ Attic” by the *Archives Staff* from *Arizona State Library*.
- 20 **FHSA FALL SEMINAR**, Creighton United Methodist Church, 4900 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix. Our speaker is Tricia Malone **Williams**, M.Ed. with “Keys to Unlocking Your Past” Her topics will be *Researching Your Roots, Parts 1 & 2; Immigration & Naturalization; and Breaking Down Brick Wall Barriers in Family Research*. For more information: Call Barbara **Marshall** (480-945-5288) or e-mail ([GMarsh8214@aol.com](mailto:GMarsh8214@aol.com)).
- 27 *Northern Arizona Genealogical Society* is hosting their annual workshop at the LDS Church in Prescott. Information will be forthcoming. For further information, contact D. Sue Crowder **Kissel** at ([dskissel@cablone.net](mailto:dskissel@cablone.net)).

### November 2007

- 10 *West Valley Genealogical Society* morning mini-seminar on “The Old Northwest Territory” by Jean **White** at the First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City, AZ. For more information contact [bobbijo3@cox.net](mailto:bobbijo3@cox.net) or call 623-544-8681. Registration is \$20.00
- 17 *Arizona State Genealogical Society* Winter 2007 Seminar at the Radisson Hotel, 6555 East Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ from 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. featuring Donna Potter **Phillips**. Donna is a genealogy speaker and columnist for *Everton’s Genealogical Helper*, *Internet Genealogist*, *Family Chronicle*, and *The History Magazine*. Registration \$37.50 ASGS & Affiliate members; \$40.00 non-members. For further information contact Sharon **Barry**, 520-327-8097 or ([sbarry36@cox.net](mailto:sbarry36@cox.net)).

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## ALERT

This page will only be repeated when there are changes in officers.

## Notes from the June BOARD MEETING

The President presented Charles **Rennaker** as Assistant Webmaster. The Board approved.

Items for sale by Society were discussed. Book fund donations and revenue low for May.

Each Chapter was given a supply of entry forms for the fall seminar. Also a Registration brochure for FGS 2007 Conference August 15-18 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Chapter Reports from all but P.V. were presented.

Charles Rennaker brought his projector and laptop computer and the members reviewed the layout of the FHSA Website. Positioning of headings, deletions of old information were discussed.

Discussion about advertising for FHSA Chapter meetings. Remainder of meeting was discussion about Chapter Problems. The goal is to get more individual participation at chapter level so just a few people don't end up doing all the work.

## Remember When

Today, June 10th, looking back on more than 70 years. What do I remember —

Coyote howls, the turkey's gobbling.

Big black kettle on fire in yard used to make soap. (Grandma used suet, lye and what?)

Three, gallon freezers filled with plain, peach and buggy ice cream mixture. (Bugs were shaved Hershey candy bars} Sunday dinner dessert with Grandma, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins & us.

Hugh knife (pig sticker-currently in back of my kitchen drawer) Never saw Daddy use it just heard the pigs.

The party line, our first ring was two shorts but everyone picked up. Now they buy a scanner and wait for you to use your portable phone.

The WPA necessity. First time I remember anything made with cement. Daddy said it did away with all the fun at Halloween.

Getting my arm caught in the wringer of the newfangled washing machine when we moved to town. WHAT Do You Remember? by M.**Rennaker**

## HOWEVER DID WE GET STARTED WITH THIS CRAZY HOBBY?

My quest into genealogy started about seven years ago, the last year by mother was able to come to visit in the winter. She was already 98 years old, but still had a remarkable memory. Most nights after dinner we would sit down at my computer, where I would write as she told me, the story of her life, with a few leading questions from me. I thought I knew my mother so well, but believe me, she told me many things I did not know about her life; especially before I was born.

To keep her story in a special place, I went out to buy a **genealogy program** to write her story in. My mother helped me fill in most dates of birth and deaths of grandparents, uncles, aunts and even some distant relatives in Germany. My curiosity was peaked, and I was a genealogy addict! How our children laughed when I found that my husband and I were fifth cousins!

Marilyn **Senn**, Tempe Chapter

## Fall Seminar Set for Saturday, October 20, 2007

The answer to those blue words on the July Chapter Happenings Schedule page 4.

October

Oktober—German  
Octobre—French  
Okakopa—Hawaiian  
Octubre\_\_Spanish  
Deireadh—Irish

Saturday

sobota—Polish  
sabado—Spanish  
zaterdag—Dutch  
lauantal—Finnish  
samedi—French

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vicesimus—Latin  
zwanzigste—German

Twenty

iwakaula—Hawaiian

Thanks for your bright idea, L. **Casey**. SC

## They Changed Our Name at Ellis Island

By Donna Przecha

We have all heard someone say that their family name was “changed by the Inspectors at Ellis Island.” Nowadays our names are recorded when we are born and are virtually never changed. You can still use any name you want as long as you do not intend to defraud but, in fact, with drivers’ licenses, social security numbers, credit cards, etc., it is just too complicated to try to alter your name except through a court proceeding.

People seem to feel that it was the same way at the turn of the century. They think that immigrants had one correct way to spell their name in the old country, when they encountered the clerk at Ellis Island it was changed to something else and then it was spelled that way ever after in America. The explanation usually is that the immigrant spoke little or no English, so either the immigrant inadvertently gave an incorrect reply to the question of “What is your name?” or the clerk misunderstood the name or decided it was too complicated.

In reality, it is highly unlikely that this happened. The *Immigration and Naturalization Service* has a good article on immigrant name changes that explains why this wonderful story is a myth: the clerks at Ellis Island didn’t write down names. They worked from lists that were created by the shipping companies. What usually happened was the emigrant brought a ticket from an office near his home. So, the seller probably spoke the same language and transcribed the name correctly. In cases where the name was recorded incorrectly, it likely occurred in the old country, not at Ellis Island.

There are several questions to consider when talking about the accuracy of name spellings on records:

- 1. When the record was created, was there a standard (“correct”) way to spell the name?
- 2. Did the individual know how to spell the name himself? (Was he literate?)
- 3. If he did not write the name himself, did the recording clerk ask him his preferred spelling?

So much of the time, the answer to a least one of these questions was “no.” However, let us assume that your emigrant knew how to spell his name and it was written correctly on the list created by the shipping company and used by the inspectors at Ellis Island. When he arrived at Ellis Island, he was checked against the list. With all the immigrants

coming through the facility, many translators were employed so language problems were rare.

Bear in mind that name changes were often made by the immigrants themselves. Let’s see what some of those possible reasons are.

### Employment

The vast majority of immigrants came to the United States to get jobs. There was a huge pool of workers, usually unskilled, who were desperate to work. Employers didn’t have to abide by anti-discriminatory laws and were not given sensitivity training. They often found foreign names difficult and preferred workers who were somewhat Americanized. If an immigrant had family or friends who arrived earlier they may have advised the new arrival to take an easier, more Americanized name. Similarly, a boss may have found the foreign name too difficult to say and suggested a simpler name (he might say, for example, “That name is too difficult for me. How about I call you Sam?”). The new employee didn’t object and he may have just decided to use the new name for everything. And, since wages were usually paid in cash, he didn’t have to worry about a name on a check being the same as the bank account or a Social Security investigation.

While a new arrival might quickly choose a simpler name in order to get a job, he might later have second thoughts and choose yet another one. For example, he might have selected “John” originally because it was the first American name that came to mind. However, after being in the United States for a while he might learn that his foreign name actually had an equivalent in English and decide it would be more accurate to use that name.

### Fitting In

Assimilating into American culture is another reason why your ancestors might have changed their names. While some immigrants came with the idea of working for a while and returning home, most came to stay forever. Many wanted to become Americans as fast as possible so they changed their style of clothes and adopted a more American name.

The immigrants who came as children were especially eager to assimilate. With their friends at school urging them to modernize their names, they may not have wanted to be saddled with an old-fashioned sounding name.

(well be continued in the August Newsletter)