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## PRESIDENT'S MOMENT – Susi Fathauer

### Do We Still Need Societies?

I've been reading some articles about genealogy societies and some of the ups & downs they are going through. As you get ready to renew your membership with FHSA in August, I wanted to share some thoughts and ideas with you.

Can aspiring family historians learn everything they need to know – every skill, every resource to try, and every tool at their disposal – while sitting in front of a computer in their PJs? I say, “no way”! Genealogy societies know people, places, resources, and have vast experience in many areas of family research. They are like-minded folk who enjoy being ‘mystery solvers’. Are you a ‘mystery solver’? Societies are people who enjoy talking with other researchers, givers of encouragement, and those who strive to leave a legacy of family history for future generations of their families.

An online poll concluded that 73 percent of Americans in 2007 said they were interested in discovering their family history, up from 60 percent in 2000. How can we as a Society, be more visible to those researchers? We're expanding our efforts to promote our society on our website. My hope is someone researching their family history who is looking for help will find our website and check out our chapters and what they have to offer in monthly lessons and speakers. We'd like to start more chapters in the outer reaches of our city areas like Sun Lakes, Maricopa, or Apache Junction. Is there interest in a chapter that meets on a Saturday for working folks? What about starting a Genealogy

Club at your church, clubhouse or senior center?

We'll continue to give you opportunities to learn, serve, preserve and have fun. Remember to e-mail Margaret at [margaret166@cox.net](mailto:margaret166@cox.net) with your ancestor stories, genealogy news items from newsletters or journals from other societies, and websites that have been helpful to you. The newsletter always needs new items.

Have a safe summer. Try to stay cool, Susi [gafaz@cox.net](mailto:gafaz@cox.net)

## MILITARY RECORDS

Military Records are always free to service members, spouses, and surviving children of deceased service members. All one has to do is fill in a SF-180 and either mail or fax it in to the National Military Records Center in St. Louis, Mo.

No one should have to pay for their own military records. Also living service members and surviving spouses and children can request for free duplicate awards and medals of the service member.

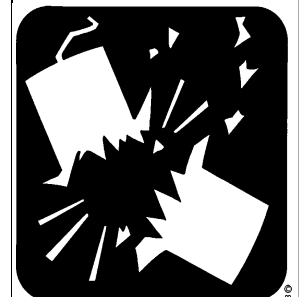
Again completing the SF-180 form available under forms at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or at any Veterans Administration office.

## 2008-2009 Membership Registration Form

Available now at [www.fhsa.org](http://www.fhsa.org) under FHSA Information tab, select Membership. The new form shows changes enacted by the board at it's April meeting. Members who do not have an access to the internet or simply prefer to receive the newsletter via U.S. Postal Service will need to pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year for the FHSA Newsletter.

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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISCLAIMER</b></p> <p>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.</p>

## NAMING PATTERNS

Naming patterns may provide important clues in family history research. People of all countries tend to name children after other family members, often using an unwritten, but traditional formula. In Ireland as in many other countries, the first-born son was generally named after the paternal grandfather, and the first daughter after the maternal grandmother. This was an especially common practice during the 19th century and earlier. Surnames in some Scandinavian countries are indicative of a child's parentage—the Swedish surname Johannson, for example, indicates the “son of Johann”. Surnames endings can even indicate the country of origin. The –son ending mentioned above is typically Swedish, while –sen (Jensen) is more likely to be Danish or Norwegian.

Middle names can also provide wonderful clues to ancestry. Children have often been given the mother's maiden name as a middle name to identify their ancestral ties. Or they may have been named after an uncle, aunt, or other more distant relative. French families frequently gave the father's name to a girl by changing one or two letters to a feminine form. You'll often find such family-derived names handed down from generation to generation. The next time your genealogy research comes to a standstill, try looking at family names for patterns—the answer may have been right under your nose all along. Sally Rolls **Pavia**, Glendale Chapter quoting from: <http://genealogy.about.com/library/tips/blnamingpatterns.htm>

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## NEW MEMBERS

None for July

## MEMBERS NEWS

Condolences to Bernie Ziegler, her sister Norma Jean Emmert died April 15, 2008.

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## JUNE BOARD MEETING

The Board met at 9 AM on Saturday June 7 at the Smurthwaite House, 1317 W. Jefferson.

Current membership is 323.

Website Update was discussed.

Board will try to plan leadership workshop.

Barbara Marshall announced that Book Fund Committee would meet again in the fall to select more books so they will want input from all the membership.

There will be no July Board Meeting.

Place for August meeting not available at present.



## Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women  
Who never knew each other.  
One you do not remember.  
The other you call Mother.  
Two different lives  
Shaped to make yours one  
One became your guiding star.  
The other became your sun.  
The first gave you life,  
and the second taught you to live in it.  
The first gave you a need for love,  
And the second was there to give it.  
One gave you a nationality.  
The other gave you a name.  
One gave you the seed of talent.  
The other gave you an aim.  
One gave you emotions,  
The other calmed your fears.  
One saw your first sweet smile.  
The other dried your tears.  
One gave you up.  
It was all that she could do.  
The other prayed for a child  
And God led her straight to you.  
And now you ask me,  
Through your tears,  
The age old questions  
Through the years,  
Heredity or environment,  
Which are you the product of?  
Neither, my darling—neither,  
Just two different kinds of love.  
Author Unknown.

This was taken from the Foothills Genealogical Society of Colorado Newsletter No. 77, Aug-Oct. 1989.

## NEED SURNAME INDEX HELP?

Please feel free to contact Susi Fathauer ([gafaz@cox.net](mailto:gafaz@cox.net)).

## JULY CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE

### 2nd —EAST VALLEY:

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

**6:00 PM** Class: “U.S. Migration” Trudi **Arledge**

**7:00 PM** Lecture: Bill **Kane**, “Writing and Publishing Your Family History”

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

### 14th—FOUNTAIN HILLS

Meets the 2nd **Monday** of each month (except summers) Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr. (next to new Town Hall, across from Post Office), Fountain Hills.

#### ON VACATION

Reminder Facilitator: Nikki **Van Reusen** 480-836-6820 (vanreusen@prodigy.net)

### 14th—TEMPE:

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

**6:15 PM** Group discussion

**7:00 PM** Lecture: “Top Ten Places To Find Maiden Names” by Susi **Fathauer**

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

### 15th—PARADISE VALLEY:

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

**6:15 PM** Open panel with questions, brick walls, etc.

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

### 16th—DAYTIMERS:

Meets the 3rd **Wednesday** at Room 10, Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale,

**1:00 PM** Meeting: “Searching for County Histories” Margaret **Rennaker**

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

### 28th—GLENDALE:

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

**7:00 PM** Meeting: Joyce **McCallum**, “Documents and Resources”

Reminder Facilitator: Russ **Strong**, 623-878-9084 (rgstrong-genes@cox.net)

### 29th —SCOTTSDALE

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

**6:15 PM** “Land Records” by Deanne **Shelley**

**7:00 PM** L. **Casey** “Researching in Chicago”

Reminder Facilitator: Robert **Gayle**, 602-971-3429 (robertgayle@qwest.net)

#### REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEB SITE

[www.fhsa.org](http://www.fhsa.org) for the latest updates on

**Chapter Meeting Calendar; Chapter Information and Chapter Location Maps**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### July 2008

- 17 **Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records** continues 100 year commemoration of Carnegie Library from 12-1PM presentation of "Postcard Images of Arizona, 1900-1920" by Dr. Jeremy **Rowe**. Carnegie Library is located at 1101 West Washington St., Parking is free. The presentation is open and free to the public. Contact Sarah Weber sweber@lib.az.us. or 602-926-3368.
- 28 - August 3 **International Convention of Germans from Russia** will be held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Casper, Wyoming. Convention web site: [www.germansfromrussia.net](http://www.germansfromrussia.net)  
Joint International convention of the GRHS and the AHSGR.

### August 2008

- 20 **Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records** presentation by Dr. Matthew **Whitaker**, "Race Work: The Rise of Civil Rights in the Urban West" at the Carnegie Center, 1101 West Washington St., Phoenix. The presentation will last from 12-1 PM, is free and open to the public. Parking is free. This is part of the commemoration of the Carnegie Library's 100 years in Phoenix. Contact Sarah Weber sweber@lib.az.us or 602-926-3368.

### September 2008

- 3-6 **Federation of Genealogical Societies** conference will be in Philadelphia, PA at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. For information, contact the FGS office at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).
- 4 Free—**Lunchtime Family History Lesson**. "Hispanic Genealogy" by speaker from Mesa Family History Center at Carnegie Center 1101 West Washington. Registration required.

### October 2008

- 9 Free—**Lunchtime Family History Lesson**. "Genealogical Research in Probate Records" by Genealogy Staff at Carnegie Library 1101 West Washington St. Registration required.
- 18 **FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF ARIZONA 'S** Fall Seminar. From Registration at 8 am "In Search of Annie Moore", Sue **Clark**—*The Immigrant Experience*, lunch followed by Marshall **Trimble**—*Old Arizona Tales*. At St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 2540 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ. Until October 11, Cost to FHSA members \$35.00 including lunch. \$40.00 for Non-members (\$5.00 may be applied to new member fee of \$20.00) For more information contact Susi **Fathauer** at [gafaz@cox.net](mailto:gafaz@cox.net) or 480-893-6689.

### November 2008

- 7 **Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board Hosts a Special Event:** Dinner with John Philip **Colletta** and/or presentation "How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History" Embassy Suites Hotel, 5335 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson Registration for dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and for presentation at 6:30 p.m. [www.azgab.org](http://www.azgab.org)
- 8 **Arizona State Genealogical Society** annual seminar featuring John Philip **Colletta**, Ph.D., The Seminar will be held at the Christ Church United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 655 N. Craycroft Road In Tucson, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with registration starting at 8:30. His topics will be:  
Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas  
Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence  
How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records  
Hints and Hookers & Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesteryear's English  
Detailed information at [www.azgab.org](http://www.azgab.org) along with registration form.  
Questions please contact Barbara **Salyer** [bsalyer@mindspring.com](mailto:bsalyer@mindspring.com)
- 14-15 **Family History Expo 2008** at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center St., Mesa, AZ 8 AM - 6 PM. Registration includes: Registration packet, name tag, CD syllabus and a goodie bag. Syllabus printed as a book is an additional \$24.95. Early Bird cost is \$65.00 for both days. For details go to: [http://www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming.php?event\\_id=43](http://www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=43)

## Book Fund Committee

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Tempe—Susi Fathauer

The following books and CDs purchased for

**INDIANA** (CD) *Military Records of the Indiana Volunteers...* Contains the following:

1. From Vicksburg to Raleigh, or, A complete history of the Twelfth Regiment Ind. Vol. Inf.
2. History of the Eighty-second Indiana Vol. Inf.
3. History of the Sixth Regiment Ind. Vol. Inf.
4. History of the Fifty-first Ind. Vet. Vol. Inf.
5. History of Forty-sixth Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf.
6. History of Seventh Ind. Cavalry Volunteers.
7. History of the Sixty-eighth Regiment, Ind. Vol. Inf. 1862-1865.
8. Souvenir, the Seventeenth Ind. Regiment.

**OHIO** (CD) *History of Stark County*

(CD) *History of Madison County*

(CD) *Genealogy & History of the State of Ohio ...* contains the following books:

1. History of Knox County
2. History of Morrow County and Ohio
3. History of Miami County
4. History of Coshocton County
5. History of Hancock County
6. History of Wyandot County
7. The County of Ross
8. History of Cuyahoga County
9. The County of Fulton
10. A Portrait and Biographical Record of Allen and Van Wert Counties
11. The History of the County of Highland in the State of Ohio.
12. History of Athens County
13. History of Noble County
14. History of Hamilton County & Cincinnati

**PENNSYLVANIA** *Abstracts of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Volumes 4 & 5.*

**TENNESSEE** *Washington County, TN Wills, 1777-1872* by Golden F. Burgner

*Washington County, TN—Settlement of Estate 1790-1841*, by Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas Jr. & Ella Sheffield

**VIRGINIA** (CD) *Genealogy and History of Essex County, Virginia ...* contains the following:

1. Essex County wills and deeds, 1714-1717.
2. Essex County wills and deeds, 1711-1714.

3. Essex County records, 1703-1706.

4. John Daniel, Sr., 1724-1819, of Essex County, VA

5. The four children of James Kay of Essex Co., VA.

**GERMANY** (CD) *German & Swiss Settlers in America 1700-1800's ...* contains the following:

1. Penn. German Pioneers: Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia, 1727-1808-(2 vols.)
2. Rhineland Emigrants
3. Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709-1786
4. True and Authentic Register of Persons Who in the Year 1709 Journeyed from Germany to America
5. List of Germans From the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709
6. Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration
7. The Book of Names, Especially Relating to the Early Palatines and the First Settlers in the Mohawk Valley
8. A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776.
9. The Germans of Colonial Georgia, 1733-1783.
10. Naturalizations of Foreign Protestants in the American and West Indian Colonies.
11. Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania 1727-1775
12. Persons Naturalized in the Province of Pennsylvania 1740-1733
13. The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and Creoles of German Descent
14. German Immigrant Servant Contracts.. at the Port of Philadelphia, 1817-1831.
15. A New Land Beckoned: German Immigration to Texas, 1844-1847
16. New Homes in a new Land: German Immigration to Texas, 1847-1861
17. German Immigrants from Bremen to New York, 1847-1871 (4 volumes).

The above items will be identified as in the memory of John Haughn, Past Parliamentarian of FHSA. Next month will finish the current list of purchases by the Book Fund Committee.

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## OLD TOMBSTONES

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont.

**Here lies the body of our Anna,**

**Done to death by a banana.**

**It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,**

**But the skin of the thing that made her go.**

## Genealogy – What to Do When It’s HOT!

When it’s HOT in Arizona, what can we do with our genealogy? Hopefully these ideas will help your research while allowing you to stay cool.

1. Visit a library. They are all air-conditioned and you can accomplish three things: getting out of the house, researching, and staying cool.

The Arizona State Archives and Genealogy Library in Phoenix is open during the work week. If you need more information, you can visit [www.fhsa.org](http://www.fhsa.org). click on the tab which says “Arizona Resources” and then click on “State Library” which will take you to the library information.

The West Valley Genealogy Library is in Youngtown. If you need a map or to check their hours, visit their web site at [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org). Yes, there is a \$5 per day research fee for non-members, but you will see other researchers; you can check out their classes; and you can look at different books, one of which might have just the information you have been hunting for.

The Mesa regional family history center is open 6 days a week, but check their web site at [www.mesarfhc.org](http://www.mesarfhc.org) to find out what dates they will be closed for holidays or their annual maintenance. They also offer free short classes on different research topics. Check the schedule on-line for topics. Before you go, check out their catalog for books that they have. Also, if you have some films you are thinking about ordering from the Family History Library, check the Mesa web page. You may find that they have some of the films on permanent loan and you won’t need to wait for your request to be processed.

Your local library may have books that provide historical background for the locale that your family lived in. In addition, most of them have books on how to do family research. You may want to look through them, and the books on the reference shelves, because they may be able to help you with your research. Check to see if you can access ancestry.com or heritage quest.com while you are visiting this library. And remember, many of the libraries now have little cafes so you can look at books and enjoy a cool beverage or snack at the same time.

2. Find books online. Work from home looking for copies or transcriptions of books that mention your ancestors or the area in which they lived. You may find biographies, history, cemetery listings or obituaries.

Google books will provide you with some books that are entirely on-line, some with snippet views and some with no information other than publishing data. In all cases though, you can see if it’s in a library that is local, or at a library that has an inter-library loan agreement with your local library. And, if you have access to Heritage Quest, don’t forget to check for the libraries that are in California. You may find that the book you want to read is available from them. Heritage Quest is available from home with a library card from the Maricopa County Library District, or you can access it from some public libraries.

BYU has some books which have been scanned and are on-line. Find some of the books by looking at the FHL web site, and choosing a book. The general information will tell you whether or not there are film notes so that you can request the microfilm. Some of the time you will be asked if you want to see the book on-line. If you click on the link you will be directed to this BYU site. You may also go directly to the BYU site at [www.lib.byu.edu/online.html](http://www.lib.byu.edu/online.html). A special note: when you repeat a search, make sure you aren’t looking at just the children’s catalog.

In one of your general search boxes, like in yahoo or google, type in “history” and then a county name. As an example, type in <history “Livingston county”>. You will see a list of web pages that have information about this area. Some of the sites actually have images, or transcribed pages, of the county histories. I have found numerous biographies of ancestors on these sites. No, you don’t have proof that the information is all true, but many of these bios were written in the late 1800s or early 1900s, so if they list children’s names or parents’ names, you can use it to help your future research.

Next month will publish 3 more ideas from Karen Blackmore, Daytimers Chapter

## Federation of Genealogical Societies

As a service to our members, the FHSA Board recently voted to renew our membership to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). One of the benefits to you, our members from this membership is that you can subscribe to the popular FORUM quarterly magazine at a 35% savings (\$15.00 per year). Here are some of the features provided in FORUM:

- News about discoveries, record access and record preservation.
- Feature articles on a variety of subjects of interest to all genealogists.
- Notices of important events taking place in the genealogical community.
- Detailed calendar of genealogical events, conferences and workshops.
- Indexing and publication projects in progress or completed.
- News from genealogical and historical societies worldwide.
- News briefs from family associations, ethnic organizations and international groups.
- Book reviews and notices covering a wide variety of publications. And much, much more!

FGS

P.O. Box 200940

Austin, TX 78720-0940

(Be sure to mention that you are a member of Family History Society of Arizona if you choose to try out the FORUM.) Susi **Fathauer**, Tempe Chapter

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## MAPS

Here are two excellent websites showing scans of antique maps. You can zoom in for details. The first is mostly European maps, but includes others, plus heraldry and a few books:

[www.maproom.org](http://www.maproom.org)

Another is the Rhyiner Map Collection, [www.stub.unibe.ch/stub/rhyiner](http://www.stub.unibe.ch/stub/rhyiner). This has antique maps from all over the world. It's easy to spend hours on these sites.

If you would like a basic Research Checklist to mark the documents you have searched, and ideas for more places to look, try [www.jelleyjar.com/ancestor/research.html](http://www.jelleyjar.com/ancestor/research.html) submitted by Beth **Horton**, Glendale Chapter

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

## QUESTION MADE TO EDITOR

Susie sent me an e-mail telling me she had been asked about a Society Recipe Book by a couple of people. Then I received a letter with an article about *Bratwurst's Oldest Recipe* from Leslie **Post**, Daytimers Chapter.

An item published in the German-Texas Heritage Society, Winter 2007 periodical, provides a quote from the San Antonio Express-News, Nov. 3, 2007 issue giving information about the oldest recipe for the contents of Bratwurst that an amateur historian has found. How long do you think Germans have been making Bratwurst? Want to give a guess?

The recipe says that officials required sausage makers in Thuringia to use only the purest, unspoiled meat, and were threatened with a fine of 24 pfennigs—a day's wages— if they did not. So —there were consumer protection laws very early —! How early ??? This is from a 1432 A.D. list of ingredients for Thuringian bratwurst?

Can you imagine the problems of keeping meat “unspoiled” in 1432? The major preservative I can imagine in those times was salt.

**DO WE HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST TO ASSEMBLE A SOCIETY RECIPE BOOK OR MAYBE DEVELOP A “Recipe Corner” ON THE FHSA WEB SITE?**

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Other article from Leslie (Der Blumenbaum, Jan-Mar. 2008)

## ANNA AMALIA LIBRARY—WEIMAR

“One of the most historically important libraries in Germany, the Anna Amalia Library at Weimar, where Goethe spent most of his life, went up in flames in Sept. 1997. It was housed in the 16th century rococo palace in Weimar and housed 50,000 books, a huge collection of medieval sheet music, and manuscripts of untold historic value. It was considered one of the most beautiful buildings and libraries of central Europe.

In a 67 hour long fire, irreplaceable books 16th -20th Century and 35 original paintings were totally lost. Can you imagine the anguish of historians as the fire raged? It took 100,400 gallons of water to extinguish the fire, which of course damaged many surviving volumes.

Of the damaged books rescued, about 16,000 have now been restored. The restoration process is expected to be completed in 2015. The cost to date is about 67 million dollars.

The library reopened to the public in December 1, 2007. Hidden in the rebuilt library is some “state-of-the-art” fire protection technologies to hopefully prevent a recurrence of such a tragic event.”