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## THE FALL SEMINAR

Hope you have mark your calendar to attend the fall seminar October 20th. Have you picked up your registration form at the chapter meeting? If not, please pick up the form at the next meeting. We have three exciting topics on the agenda. Our speaker Tricia Malone Williams has a BA in English Education and a MA in Education Technology. She is a member of several professional organizations including the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Many of us are not able to conduct our research at the local court houses, archives, libraries, historical societies, and cemeteries of our ancestors. The majority of us have found the Internet and other technology a great tool in assisting us in our research. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge and increase your skills in exploring the Internet. I can not wait to hear her speak at the two sessions on **RESEARCHING YOUR ROOTS**: Using the Internet to Explore FREE Genealogy websites. My one great-grandmother had a great saying: **you stop learning when you — — —**. Come to seminar hear the answer.

**Yes**, we are planning to have veggie and fruit trays during the breaks. **Yes**, we will still have the cookies, brownies, and muffins for the people with a sweet tooth. **Yes**, our vendors are located next to the seminar hall. **Yes**, we will have a raffle and door prizes.

*See you at the fall seminar  
October 20, 2007 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.  
Creighton United Methodist Church,  
4900 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ.  
L. Casey, Scottsdale Chapter.*

## PROJECTS

The Family History Association of Arizona, like many other volunteer organizations, has been concerned for several years about dwindling membership numbers and what can be done to bring members back. One possible solution to the problems, perhaps, is to bring back the camaraderie of working on projects together. Towards this end, FHSA President, Margaret Rennaker, asked Diane Sumrall, a representative of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, to attend the August FHSA Board meeting to present two projects for which the PCA is in need of volunteer participants. Your FHSA Board voted to adopt both projects.

The first project is the Inventory of Arizona Historic Cemeteries (IAHC). The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in conjunction with the Pioneers' Cemetery Association (PCA) and volunteers from a number of agencies and organizations, is spearheading an effort to create an inventory of historic cemeteries throughout the state. This comprehensive inventory will be a recognition of these significant burial sites, and that recognition will serve as an important step in the preservation of these special places. The plan is to register this Inventory as a Legacy Project celebrating the 2012 Arizona Statehood Centennial.

An historic cemetery is identified as being at least fifty years old, and consisting of one or more gravesites. While much information has already been amassed and is in various repositories in the fifteen Arizona counties, a concerted effort is needed to gather information and consolidate data in one place.

The SHPO. office repository for the collected information, has created a information form that includes general  
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YOU  
RENEWED  
YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP?**

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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).

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## 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.

### RENEWAL RETURNS

We had **21** renewal letters returned. Hopefully we will be able to get correct addresses. Renewal form available on web site under **FHSA MEMBERSHIP**.

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## FORMAT CHANGES

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## NAMES, NAMES, NAMES

Names, names, names! Shakespeare said "That which we would call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet". We started with one name, perhaps John. To distinguish one John from another he might have been John the carpenter or John the tall man or John from over the hill. Later on those names might evolve to John Carpenter, John Tallman or John Hill. The name, John however, was very common. Today we hear names like Apple and Antwan, Jahna, Kalenna and Jahmir. Are they male or female names? No one knows. This is the modern day system of naming, right? Wrong! We had names like that a hundred years ago. I've just finished transcribing cemetery records of Onondaga County, NY for the West Valley Genealogical Society Library in Youngtown. While I was transcribing the names I came across what I thought were normal names for the late 1700s early 1800s-like Sarah, Mehitable, Isaac and Aaron. Then I also began to find names like Jephthah, Hemon, Neodiah, Anzy, Dorastus and Zebina for men. I always thought my great-grandfather's name-Amaziah was unusual but I found a few others on the list. Some of the women's names were Lowly and Pluma and Vair. Can you imagine being called Ehelanrah or Sophronia? My mother-in-law lived with Alva Alfarata her whole life and her sister was Alcenia. Maybe we're just coming around full circle and what was old is now new again.

The CD containing this data will be available in the West Valley Library in September. By Dee **SNOOK**

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## MEMBER NEWS

Helen **SEATON**, author of 'What I Did on My Summer Vacation' (pages 6-7) is off to Scotland soon. Am looking forward to her report on that trip.

## FUNNY TRUE THINGS

Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.



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## FUNNY TRUE THING

Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?

**SEPTEMBER CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE****5th—EAST VALLEY:**

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

**6:00 PM** Beginners Class: Bill **Gertz** : Beginning Genealogy and Research

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

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

**10th—FOUNTAIN HILLS**

Meets the 2nd Monday at Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr (next to new Town Hall, across from Post Office) Fountain Hills.

**9:00 AM** Round Table Discussion: Summer Discoveries

**10:00 AM** Meeting: “Are You Still Doing Research the Old-Fashion Way?” by Jean **White**

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

**10th—TEMPE:**

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

**6:15 PM** How-to-Class: Sue **Clark** “Ellis Island-Destination and Treasure Trove-Tips for Visiting and Research”

**7:00 PM** Meeting: “Mortuary Records and State Cemeteries” by Paul **Messinger**

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

**18th—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** “Military”

**7:00 PM** Meeting: “Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears” by Joanne **Thyker**

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

**19th—DAYTIMERS:**

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

Please plan to buy at least a beverage.

**10:00 AM** “Discussion, Lots of Discussion—Yuma, Cemeteries, Helping with Seminar”

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

**24th—GLENDALE:**

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

**7:00 PM** Meeting: “DNA and Genealogy” by Lorin **Lindsay** and the second part of “The Journey on Man”

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

**25th—SCOTTSDALE:**

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

**6:30 PM** How-to-Class: Margaret **Rennaker** “Mentoring our fellow FHSA members”

**7:00 PM** Meeting: “US Gen Web” by Jim **Burgess**

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

**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEB SITE**  
**www.fhsa.org for the latest updates on**  
**Chapter Meeting Calendar**  
**Chapter Information and Chapter Location Maps**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2007

- 6 Lunchtime Family History Lessons at Carnegie Center “Courthouse Records for Genealogy” by **Genealogy Staff** from **Arizona State Library**. Registration is required in advance. Space is limited. Go to <http://www.lib.az.us> and choose the link “other resources” click on “Genealogy Online Registration” or Registration by phone 602-542-3942. **FREE**
- 13-16 “Nosotros Los Tejanos” 2007 National Conference on Hispanic Genealogy and History, check their website at <http://www.freewebs.com/nosotroslostejanos/index.htm>.
- 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 ([dkissel@cableone.net](mailto:dkissel@cableone.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)).

### February 2008

- 2 **Saddle Brooke Genealogy Club** celebrates 10th anniversary as a family history research organization with an All-Day Genealogy Seminar and Fair at the Mountain View Clubhouse. Speaker will be Barbara A.H. **Nuehring**. For more information contact Richard **McQuate** at ([rimal@wbhsi.net](mailto:rimal@wbhsi.net)).

## WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Summer vacations and family reunions are always good times to do genealogical research. Over the Memorial Day week-end, I attended a family reunion in St. Louis. While I have already picked the brains of my family about past events, I realized that I had not been adding the new marriages and children for my nieces and nephews. I added some of the younger generation to my database.

From St. Louis we moved on to Johnson and Massac Counties in southern Illinois to visit the graves of ancestors from my mother's side of the family: EMERSON, FISHER, AND HELM. The headstone of Jacob FISHER who was in the War of 1812 is still readable but I found that the headstone of another ancestor, Drury Willis EMERSON, can no longer be read. When I visited the cemetery 15 or 16 years ago I could still read most of it. Only the Masonic symbol is still legible. This is an indication of how fast headstones can deteriorate. Fortunately, the Massac County Illinois Genealogical Society did a reading of all the cemeteries several years ago so the information is available in their cemetery books.

Our next stop was Cape Girardeau, Missouri where I met with a cousin on my Dad's side of the family. For some reason, when I was growing up we never visited with Dad's relatives very much. The cousin isn't interested in genealogy at all, but her mother was. Now her granddaughter has become the family historian. When we met, they brought several photo albums with pictures of my CREWS and JACKSON grandparents and great-grandparents that I didn't know existed. They had me mark the pictures I wanted copied. Before I even returned from my trip, they had scanned the pictures and sent them to me.

At the end of June we went to Washington, DC for the DAR Continental Congress, their annual meeting. I was able to spend sometime in the DAR Library doing research. It is a wonderful library but during the annual meeting it is wall-to-wall people with long lines at the copy machines. If possible, don't visit during the annual meeting. I still managed to find a lot of information. The DAR has been making a huge effort to digitize their records. The documentation that accompanies DAR applications has been digitized and is available in the library. The DAR Library Online Catalog can be accessed at: ([www.dar.org/library](http://www.dar.org/library)).

After we left Washington, we went to the southwestern part of Virginia because I had a lot of ancestors who lived in Bedford, Campbell and

Halifax Counties. I was able to find and copy a lot of original records at the local courthouses. All three counties also had good genealogy libraries. Photocopies at the courthouses were 50 cent a page but I decided not to worry about the cost since I may never get back there again. At all the places I visited, the employees were friendly and helpful. In Halifax County, I visited the Ellis Creek Baptist Church Cemetery where many of my CREWS ancestors are buried. Of interest to me in Halifax County were the tobacco barns. A lot of people still grow tobacco in that area. At first I thought the strange looking buildings were skinny, two-story log cabins. However, I later found out that they are old tobacco barns. A great-great grandfather who was in the Civil War told his children that the army burned their tobacco barns during the war. Seeing the tobacco growing in the fields and the barns made that story more real to me. One reason for going to that part of Virginia was to see what the land and scenery looks like where so many of my ancestors lived. It is very green and hilly. However, the soil doesn't seem to be very good so I'm not sure how profitable it was to farm. I was looking forward to going back to the Library of Virginia in Richmond but unfortunately, it was the 4th of July and nothing was open.

Our next stop was Williamsburg, Virginia. I went to the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) annual meeting with my husband. On the day before the meeting started there was an all-day genealogy workshop. There were four speakers: Curt Witcher, Manager, Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, talked about military records. Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library, talked about the digitization of DAR records over the past two or three years. The third speaker was Jennifer McDaid from the Library of Virginia. Jennifer told us about the genealogical information that can be found in Legislative Petitions. I had never thought about checking petitions but in the early days, at least in Virginia, people could petition the legislature about any number of things. The right to petition was not restricted by class, race, or sex, so women and slaves could petition the legislature even though they had few other legal rights. These petitions can be searched through the Library of Virginia website at: ([www.lva.lib.va.us](http://www.lva.lib.va.us)). At the home page, click on Site Index and the scroll to the letter L and select the *Legislative Petitions Database*. The library of Virginia website is complex because there is so much information available, but if you keep working  
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## PROJECTS

information about these cemeteries. This information includes cemetery name, location, general condition of the cemetery and any markers, age, number of burials, and other important details. The cemetery owner's name, that of the record keeper, burial authority and the person and group performing the documentation are requested. At this time, this project is not seeking such information as the name associated with each burial. Forms are in digital format, and the PCA will gladly send the file to all interested persons.

Accomplishing this necessary work will require the assistance of volunteers from all areas of the state. You may join in this Arizona Statehood Centennial Project by contacting the SHPO, 1300 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007 (602-542-4009), or the PCA at PO Box 63342, Phoenix, AZ 85082-3342, e-mail [pioneerccm@yahoo.com](mailto:pioneerccm@yahoo.com) or 602-534-1262. The criteria for listing in national or state historic registers is quite exacting, and most cemeteries will not qualify. But even if no designations apply to it, a cemetery is still of great importance. Take a friend or someone you love and go walk an old cemetery.

A second project concerns Cementerio Lindo, the first Maricopa County Cemetery, also known as Salt River Cemetery during its use between 1890 and 1952. Owned by the City of Phoenix, it has fallen victim to drought and budget cuts and lies quite neglected. It is located on South 15th Avenue just north of the I-17 freeway. Visitors still come and place flowers at the graves.

A 1967 project cleaned up the cemetery, planted grass, a doubtful amenity since grass was not an original part of the landscape, and laid flat many stones so the grass could be mowed. Now many of the flat stones are lost, pushed down and covered with sod. PCA members attended several of the Phoenix budget hearings last winter and helped raise awareness in the City Council. There now has been some budget money designated for Cementerio Lindo, and work has been started. The City will do land and archaeological surveys, repair the fence, and an attractive entrance archway has been proposed. PCA will do the burial research aided by as many volunteers as wish to participate.

The PCA has fairly complete burial records through 1924, but the County records from that time through 1942 have been lost along with the

plat map of the cemetery. We feel that the most complete record of burials can be obtained from the Arizona death records which can be accessed online. It is a large undertaking because each death certificate must be downloaded in order to determine the burial location. We have an Excel database for collecting the burial information, and we will gladly meet with anyone interested to explain the process. Please contact the PCA at [pioneerccm@yahoo.com](mailto:pioneerccm@yahoo.com) or call 602-534-1262 or Diane at 480-991-6168

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WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION through the layers, vast amounts of information can be found. Susan Riggs, Manuscripts and Rare Books Librarian from the Swem Library at the College of William and Mary, was the fourth speaker of the day. She talked about Special Collections and some of the strengths of the Swem Library. I was able to spend about a day and a half at the Swem Library. They have wonderful information on Virginia and Virginia counties plus information on the surrounding states such as North Carolina. It was summer vacation so I almost had the library to myself. The staff was very hospitable. *The William and Mary Quarterly* is a publication of the library so they have multiple copies of the Index and the staff is knowledgeable about its use. The Swem Library Catalog can be accessed at: ([www.swem.wm.edu](http://www.swem.wm.edu)).

In spite of spending a lot of time at the library, I was able to enjoy many of the activities planned for the SAR meeting. We had a tour of Colonial Williamsburg and ate dinner in the Shields Tavern. We went to Jamestown which has several new features since I was there many years ago. Dr. William Kelso and his archaeological team from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) has done a lot more digging and research in the area of the original fort and has found thousands of artifacts which are on display in their new museum called the Archaearium. APVA has a website if you would like to know more: ([www.apva.org](http://www.apva.org)). There are many activities going on this year in honor of Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

As you can see, we like to combine a lot of history and genealogy with our vacations.  
Helen SEATON, East Valley

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## BOOK REVIEW

***That Dark and Bloody River: Chronicles of the Ohio River Valley* by Allan W. Eckert (New York: Bantam Books, 1995)**

Those of you with ties to Kentucky and Ohio may be interested as I am in reading this book. It is a superbly written narrative history of the colonists expansion westward into the Ohio River Valley, spanning nearly eighty years.

I, for one, did not realize that the Ohio river area played such a large part in the Revolutionary War and that struggles with the British continued for decades after that war was supposedly won. I did not realize, either, the savagery on the parts of both the whites and Indians.

Without a national army, the militia played a large part in the defense of the area, and it is highly likely that our ancestors frequently took part. Attacks on settlers and river travelers resulted in the deaths of thousands. I wonder how many of our people who cannot be found were killed by a musket ball or tomahawk?

Here is an example of his writing:

“September 1, 1777—Monday, 1 p.m.  
A very serious situation arose at the Zane Blockhouse. There were four men there and three women, all of whom had been firing continuously from the rifle ports ever since the fighting first broke out. Up in the loft space, where they had been taken to get them out of the way and give them greater safety, seven small children were huddled, four of them the Zane girls. Now the defenders discovered that a keg of gunpowder that was supposed to be on hand was empty, and the remaining supply in their powderhorns was nearly exhausted. Their only hope was to try to get some from the fort, where there was believed to be an ample supply. But Fort Henry was fully 60 yards away. The men began discussing who among them should attempt to pass through the gauntlet of gunfire twice to get it and bring it back here.

‘I’ll go get it.’ The words were spoken by Elizabeth Zane, and the others were shocked. ‘You can’t do that, Betsy!’ exclaimed Jonathan. ‘It’s too dangerous. One of us will go.’ Elizabeth shook her head. ‘No, it’ll be safer for me than for one of you. We all know that any man leaving here will be killed before he can get ten feet away. No.,’ she repeated, ‘they’ll see I’m a woman, and I’m betting they won’t shoot.’

They argued for a while, but Elizabeth was adamant, and everyone knew that once her mind was made up, there was no changing it. Silas gave in with an exas-

perated groan. ‘All right, do it, but try not to get killed. If you don’t get through, it won’t be the Indians who’ll kill me, it’ll be Ebenezer.’ He was only half-joking.

Gathering up her skirts so they would not impede her, Elizabeth nodded for the door to be opened, and as soon as it was, she raced outside and headed for the nearest portal of the fort, which in this case was the small sally port in the south picket wall. She knew lookouts in the fort would see her coming and have the doorway open for her when she arrived.

The Indians were stunned when she ran out, and at once the cry was raised ‘Squaw! Squaw!’

As she anticipated, no shots were fired as she ran the 60 yards, and she was able to get into the fort safely. She was met by her husband, who scolded her for taking such a chance, but she merely shrugged it off. ‘I thought I would get through all right, Eb.’ she said, ‘and I did. I’ll get back just as safely, I promise. Now there’s no time to waste. We’ve got to have gunpowder there, or we’re going under. And the girls are there, Eb.’

Col. Zane nodded grimly, and though their own supply was low, called for a keg to be brought. However, when they tried to lift it to her shoulder, it was simply too heavy for her to manage, especially since she would be running. The top of the keg was removed, and while Elizabeth held the ends of her apron to make a pouch, the gunpowder was poured in. She was able to handle about two-thirds of it, and she pulled the apron ends to her chest, the large bulge of the apron in front now making her look as if she was pregnant. She smiled at Ebenezer and kissed him and then nodded her head for the sally port to be opened.

Once again she raced out, going a little slower now because of the weight she was carrying. She covered a third of the distance back before being discovered and once again the cry of ‘Squaw’ was raised, but this time there were shots as well. Little spurts of dirt flew up as bullets struck the ground near her, and she began running a ragged course. More shots were fired and several balls passed through her skirts without striking her. Amazingly, she reached the blockhouse and plunged inside as the door was momentarily opened. Their own gunpowder was now completely gone, and that which she brought back was their salvation.”

This book is filled with personal stories, many gleaned from the Draper Manuscripts, a 491 volume set of documents that to this day has never been fully transcribed nor fully indexed.

Eckert’s book is available in paperback. I’m enjoying it so much, that I wrote the review before finishing reading it. His writing style is excellent and research impeccable. I highly recommend it to you!  
Sincerely,

Janna LARSON, Paradise Valley

## A FIRST TIMER'S TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

### Part One

When we decided that it was time for a business trip to Salt Lake City, my husband started setting up appointments. Of course, my first thought was the HFL! It is, though, a bit overwhelming to consider tackling this huge and totally unfamiliar building.

We had less than a month. My first move was to order the "Genealogy Planner" from the Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau ([www.genealogyinsaltlake.com](http://www.genealogyinsaltlake.com)). The brochure takes 3 weeks to arrive, and includes maps, hotels, day trips, and professional services.

While waiting for it, I was back on the computer, looking for a nearby hotel. There are plenty of choices; one is even next door to the library.

The Family Search website provides considerable information beyond their familiar Search function: library hours, rules, a floor plan of the library, and a map of the surrounding downtown area. My folder of printouts was getting thicker. Their well done website also provides an Education section, reached from the Library page. Here there is a list of classes, publications, and research guides for locations worldwide. More ideas.

Next, I hunted up three articles by Juliana Smith from the Ancestry Daily News out of my file: "Planning a Research Trip" dated 2/9/1999, "Preparing for a Trip to the Family History Library, 1/24/2000; and "The Pre-Family History Library Workout" from 8/4/2003. A fourth was "Did You Forget Pen and Paper" by Pamela Warren, from 2/19/2004. Being a list maker, these inspired a supply list of my own.

Goals had to be kept to what might be possible in a few days. I trimmed the list of unknowns to the four most mysterious families; two in my line and two in my husband's. Now, I know that the most efficient use of time is to order films first at my local FHC but the days in advance evaporated. The next best was to make a computer list of all the books and films available that I really wanted. I burned some midnight oil digging through Family Search's Locations, and through my note books on each family. Fortunately, when I'd made the notes, I had marked any books/films wanted with a hot pink marker, so it didn't take long to pick them out.

First priority was books available nowhere else. The other items were numbered according to the goals for each family (usually "Where on Earth Were They

Born?") and how likely they were to provide needed information rather than gratify historical curiosity. Added was a note on whom or what might be in the book, to avoid the second question, "Why did I list that one?"

With one ring binder for each set of families, I began to sort all these papers, along with blank paper for notes, timelines, and copies of records that might be useful. The lengthy book list was divided, too. General items, such as maps, went in the folder's pockets. Remembering the advice that one shouldn't try keeping track of a purse all day, personal items and office supplies went into 3-ring clear pencil cases. A day before takeoff, I had yet to consider minor details — packing clothing.

### Part Two

I felt fortunate to have three days in the Family History Library. The first day, newbies are given a yellow name tag (it should be green) and an orientation film. I made the expected blunders: getting off the elevator on the wrong floor, being baffled by unfamiliar equipment. The volunteer staff was unfailingly polite and cheerful, even though they must answer the same questions a hundred times a day.

Surprisingly, it didn't take long at all to memorize the layout of the floors—and by exploring each one I discovered more resources, often by accident. It became apparent why advertised research trips are a week long. Time went fast as I ran back and forth between long stacks of books or drawers of films to the study table or microfilm reader. I didn't know one could get so much exercise in a library. As I prowled with my now tattered list, it was amusing hearing others stalking down the rows, muttering numbers to themselves.

One day, I spent 10 hours in the library, with brief breaks for sustenance, a fact appreciated only by those who prefer books to night life. I attended an excellent class on "Finding Your Ancestor's Place of Origin". Later on each day, my husband would join me, searching in the deepest basement for his ancestors in the British Isles. He got involved in the hunt, still reeling through microfilms when I was ready to sleep.

Did we find anything? Well, no Holy Grails, such as the origins in Germany and France of my elusive great grandparents. I did find a Marriage Certificate for them, and one great uncle's Declaration of Intent (which said just "France"). I am delighted to have them. Reading the old history books certainly gave a better understanding of their area and their lives. John found a parish register entry for a great grandfather, and copied seven pages of possibly related people to fit into the puzzle. There are enough clues to keep me busy for months. Would I go again? Definitely.

Beth Schubert **HORTON**, Glendale Chapter

## Notes from the President

When the new membership renewal form was drafted the board elected to remove the option for a contribution to *The Malsolm H. Stern NARA* (National Archives Records Administration) *Gift Fund*. Opting for a contribution from the society as a whole.

The “Dollars for Documents” is a million dollar project with a dramatic goal. Raise \$1.25 million to microfilm two major collections of the National Archives:

- War of 1812 pension and bounty-land warrant records.
- United States Colored Troops (USCT) compiled service records.

This fund is administered by FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies). It finances the creation of finding aids and the microfilming of valuable research materials now preserved in the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. These microform copies, produced without government funding, are then distributed to the 13 National Archives Regional Archives for use by researchers.

The FGS NARA Filming Committee will continue to take suggestions for items to be micro-filmed. Ideas are solicited from anyone interested in genealogy. For a detailed list of items that have been filmed from 1983-2002 go to [www.fgs.org/](http://www.fgs.org/) scroll down to Stern-NARA Gift Fund (pages 2-3 and part of 4).

Access to this information is through any of the regional National Archives, but also through any LDS (Mormon) Family History Center in the world.

When I was reading Beth’s “A First Timer’s Trip to the Family History Library” I wondered if the articles she referenced could still be available. **YES** [www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx](http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx). What a find. Under Browse the Library “How to” there are over 103 pages. Was able to find all the articles she listed.

## SCHOOL RECORDS

Remember when you started to school? Your parents had to prove that you were a certain age before you could be enrolled. Well, think of school records as being another avenue to locating birth records.

Often you’ll find that school records, particularly primary school records, include place of birth and birth date. While these may not be acceptable primary sources, they may lead you to other places

## HOWEVER DID WE GET STARTED WITH THIS CRAZY HOBBY? sorry nobody sent an entry

### ART INSTITUTE

“Exhibit shows old photos. The image was unmistakably familiar: The bridge across the Schuylkill River, the graceful architecture of nearby buildings, the layout of the streets. Still, there was something missing—the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The iconic neoclassical building with the famous Rocky steps, exists in outline only at a gaping construction site in the aerial photo from 1923. It is one of thousands of pictures on [www.phillyhistory.org](http://www.phillyhistory.org), A Web site where current and former Philadelphians can find images of their city, their neighborhoods and, in some cases, even their homes. An exhibit to help publicize the site opened Saturday, August 4 at the Art Institute.”

The article published in the Friday 8/3/07 Arizona Republic does not mention how long the website will have the pictures online. I thought members might be interest as part of their genealogy research. Joyce **MCDONALD**, Glendale

## Notes from the August Board Meeting

Memberships are coming in. Treasurer reported net gain of \$629.56.

Projects were discussed, with motions made and carried to adopt.

L. Casey reported she is working on nominations for Society Officers for 2008-09.

Next Board Meeting—September 8, 2007 (2nd Saturday) at Lath House, 7th St & Monroe, Phoenix, AZ.

and other information. Some school records required extensive information, including name of family physician. The opens another avenue for you too!

Don’t overlook school records as a resource! Not only can they help you with vital statistics, but now you can also find out what kind of student the individual was too!

(from Jan 1998 HFSA Newsletter 3)

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