



## ARIZONA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

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Monthly Update

April, 2015

### *From the President:*

Happy April everyone! Only a month remains until our annual meeting – 2 May 2015; we will meet at 10 am at the Arizona State Archives. For all the details: <http://azcpg.weebly.com/meetings.html> Please remember to make your reservations with Janna **before 20 April** – and, let her know if you will be joining us for lunch. Guests are encouraged to attend!

One of the topics we will be discussing at the meeting is the idea of forming some special interest groups. Perhaps you have an interest in learning more about DNA analysis in genealogy, or military records, or ?. Come with some ideas....we can brainstorm together how to create some small special interest groups where we might learn from each other.

Remember, AzCPG couldn't function without all the volunteer help, especially from those that are not "elected." For example, please clap your virtual hands together to thank Donna Meszaros for keeping our website up to date; and Barbara Ball for compiling our newsletter each month. Thank you ever so much ladies! Won't you all please consider how you can share your time and talents with AzCPG? It's time for us to ask for volunteers from our membership to take the various Board positions (President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer). If each of us take a turn, for even just one year, it will make the work that much lighter for everyone. Please drop me an email if you're interested! AzCPG thanks you

I'm looking forward to seeing you all next month! *Sharon Atkins, President*

### *Courtesy of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:*

#### **Angie Harmon featured on Who Do You Think You Are?**

The U.S. version of *Who Do You Think You Are?* continues as Angie Harmon sets out to discover the roots of her beloved father, whose heritage is relatively vague.

On her journey, Angie uncovers the dramatic story of her five-times great grandfather, who endured hardship and danger as an immigrant coming to America. She discovers that he fought in the American Revolution and risked death for standing his ground. She makes modern connections with some of her own values that appear to have been in the family for generations.

#### Key details discovered in Angie's episode include:

- Angie traces her family back to her 5x great grandfather Michael Harmon. She discovers that Michael was the first immigrant ancestor on the Harmon side and, to her surprise, from Germany.
- Michael gave up his freedom to come to America, fought for his new country's independence, and risked everything at a pivotal point in America's history.
- Michael Harmon worked as an indentured servant once arriving in the US.
- Michael was released from servitude right in the middle of the Revolutionary War, and enlisted with the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment on May 10, 1777.

- Angie discovers that Michael camped at Valley Forge under the command of George Washington.
- Michael Harmon and his entire Pennsylvania line mutinied due to horrible conditions. Eventually the U.S. army met their terms, and the soldiers were able to leave the service if they chose – Michael’s war service ended after the mutiny. He later owned multiple plantations, got married, and had 7 children, perhaps starting the tradition of big Harmon families.
- Angie finds her ancestors land on an old map, and heads out to see it.

You can watch a preview of Angie’s episode at:

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/angie-harmon>.

### *From Linda McCleary*

This year at the legislature there is a bill (SB 1200 Mining and Mineral Museum; Transfer) that will move the Mining and Mineral Museum and its collections from the oversight of the Historical Society and into the Arizona Geological Survey. The Historical Society inherited the closed museum and collections during the Arizona Centennial during the economic downturn. Despite fiscal constraints, the Historical Society has done outstanding things with the collections. They have made the collection database available online, moved the valuable collections into adequate storage environments that were lacking previously, and opened up a brand new natural history exhibit.

In the few short years that the Historical Society has overseen the collections and the museum, they have made outstanding progress, but we need your help. We need you to call the Governor’s office and tell him:

- The Historical Society is efficiently and effectively maintaining the Mining and Mineral Museum and it should stay where it is.
- Leaving the Museum where it is currently will allow it to progress and flourish.
- It makes sense and is good government for the Museum to stay with the state agency that runs museums.

Please Call: 602.542.4331 and tell the Governor to leave the Museum and its collections where they are!

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