



ARIZONA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

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Monthly Update

August, 2014

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the Labor Day holiday is behind us the season has arrived for those of us who grew up in the era that “demands” it’s time to stop wearing white! It’s also time to start planning our fall genealogy activities calendars.

Your AzCPG Board has set a goal of holding three virtual meetings between now and May 2015. (Specific dates and topics to be announced.) While you wait to hear what exciting meeting topics await you, please consider joining the AzCPG Community located on Google+.

Genealogy Bloggers DearMyrt and Cousin Russ have created short video presentations addressing the subject “Why Host Virtual Meetings.” I highly recommend you take time to view these videos which can be found on Dear Myrtle’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZIX5znu6d7CCz6xobwMXOA>

September assignment.

Part 1:

Please join Google+ TODAY. Not only are there some interesting genealogical communities; but this will be the initial platform we will use to conduct the AzCPG Virtual meetings. Why are we promoting the use of this platform? Because it uses my favorite four-letter word, “FREE.”

Part 2:

If you are already a member of Google+ or have just signed up, join the AzCPG Community.

Part 3:

Share with AzCPG the Google+ genealogy communities you like the best and why. Just comment within the Google+ AzCPG community. I can’t wait to learn about the communities that interest you!

Part 4:

Experiment with Google+! You will need to be a part of the Google+ AzCPG community in order to participate.

Your AzCPG Board is anxious to begin sharing ideas, education, tips and techniques you can apply to your genealogy research and/or your genealogy business!

Thanks for being part of AzCPG!

Sharon Atkins
President

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION THIS MONTH

Our new Newsletter. How do you like it?

- Nicely done! Great idea to connect everyone here in Arizona.
- Love it. Thanks so much for putting this together!

Who Do You Think You Are – Series begins in July.

- Great first episode! I watched it at the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburg with a bunch of genealogists, good time!
- No better way to watch Who Do You Think You Are? than with a bunch of enthusiastic genealogists. After watching at GRIP, it just wasn't the same watching last week's episode at home...alone...
- Michelle...maybe there are some AzCPG members in the Mesa area that would like to get together for "Who Do You Think You Are" viewing "parties?" The show is interesting - and, points out alternative records to review that perhaps many people don't realize exist.

So happy that you liked our first newsletter too.

Obituary Search

- I am looking for someone who will do an obit search for a Jacob E. Taylor, died in July 1979 (prob. 25th) possibly in Phoenix. Also, he had a wife Frankie (Frances?). A co. in Illinois is trying to locate descendants. They actually don't think he had children, which leaves Frankie as an heir. They will pay - can someone do this for me (I am just in town for a few days and heading back out on Friday). Thank you -- *Janet Buchanan*
- Hi Janet, I'd be happy to do the obit look up for you. *Conni*

Free Tom Jones Webinar Available until August 10

- If you didn't get a chance to view Tom Jones's webinar, "Debunking Misleading Records," when it was presented live last Saturday, you can still watch it for free at the Legacy Family Tree Webinars website http://www.familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars.php until August 10. Tom is the author of the book *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and the co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. *Donna Meszaros*
- It was a terrific presentation, as we always expect from Tom. I just finished watching it. Only wish I had the handout! But his article was published in the June 2012 issue of NGSQ. *Barb*

Probate Question

- I'm curious to know if anyone has an opinion on this question. My brother recently died. In his will, he disinherited his daughters by his first marriage. I have left him money in my will. If I die without changing my will, does his will "reactivate" upon my death to continue the disinheritance? *Janna*
- I am not an attorney, but I would research the law in the state in which your brother's will was probated. Nevertheless, if I were giving advice, it would be to change your will. I assume a codicil is still possible. *LeRoy*
- No, you can not will anything to a deceased person. Depending on how your Will is written, the part to your deceased brother would go into the Rest and Residue of your Estate. I'm not an attorney but I worked as an heir searcher for 22 years for the largest Heir Search firm in the United States. Probate laws

change every year, so that is why everyone should review their Estate Planning every year. *William S. Bryan*

- I'm also not an attorney, but I think it may depend upon whether or not he actually has an estate or whether everything has been distributed. My suggestion to EVERY ONE of you. Don't depend just on a will. Get a trust. I believe in Arizona that if you estate, including cars, jewelry, house, etc. has a value of more than \$50,000, then your estate must go to probate. That could take a couple of years and up to 10% of your estate just to settle. A trust can avoid those limitations and issues. Again, I have no legal training. I'm just watching my husband try to settle is Dad's and his step-mom's estates (two separate ones). Dad had a good trust. He died second and his estate was settled within 5 months. Beth had a horrible trust and some other problems and it's been almost two years. It's just now winding up. Fortunately, at least, she did have a trust, not just a will.

Karen Blackmore

- Karen, A Trust? Since when did this law come into being? My mother died in Tucson in 1995 leaving a 3 page will and property and money worth >\$200,000. She had no trust, just an administrator. The estate was settled within six months. We paid the lawyer, but there was no probate. It was all very simple. *Barbara*

New Gen Proof Study Groups Forming

- Hi all, I just want to let the group know that two new Gen Proof Study Groups are forming and will begin in September. The Gen Proof Groups study the book, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* by Tom Jones. There is no charge to participate other than the cost of the book. The group mentors have all been through the book in their own mentoring group with Tom Jones. We are now offering

groups at two different levels: Beginner/Intermediate and Advanced. The same material is covered in each group. The self assessed skill level of the participants is what determines the group you would register for. This way participants with similar skill levels will work through the book together. Here is the information on the two groups: Shelley Bishop will mentor an Advanced group using Google+ Communities with a video chat (hangout) option. They will cover one chapter per week beginning September 1st. Solid intermediate participants are welcome in this group as well.

Julie George will mentor a Beginner/Interm group using Google+ Community. This group will also cover one chapter each week and begins September 8th.

Both mentors have selected the following format for their study groups: Asynchronous discussion board-- The group will not meet at a designated time but have ongoing discussions on a private Google + Community discussion board throughout the week. The mentor will log on each day to answer questions and highlight certain concepts, and participants should check in daily also.

If you are interested in either of these groups or would like to be placed on the waiting list for a future group, send an email to genproofstudy@gmail.com. Include your preference of group level (beginner/intermediate or advanced.) If you have any questions, please email me at genproofstudy@gmail.com. É Thanks!
Michelle Goodrum

Welcome Emily Garber to AzCPG

Welcome, Emily, to the Arizona Council of Professional Genealogists! I've copied our President, Sharon Atkins, on this email as well as Daniela Moneta who will be sending you an invitation to our chat line, and Donna Meszaros who will

be posting your information on our website. We're glad to have you on board!

Here is Emily's information:

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Emily specializes in Jewish Genealogy, Genealogy Methodology and Education, New York City, and Eastern Europe. She is an archaeologist by training (B.A. and M.A.). She has been researching her Jewish ancestry since 2007

and holds a certificate from Boston University's Genealogical Research program. In 2013 she traveled to the Ukraine to visit archives and family villages. Emily is an author, lecturer, consultant and blogger. She is chair of the Phoenix Jewish Genealogy Group and owner of Extra Yad Genealogy Services.

Janna Larson Going to Salt Lake City Sep 9 to 17

- I'm going to SLC Sep 9 to 17. If anyone wants something specific done, I might be able to find time, although clients are booking me up quickly. Write to me at jannaclarson@yahoo.com. Genealogy One on One will offer our "new client special" rate of \$35 an hour for all the hours booked by an AzCPG member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Genealogy Class For Beginners by Robert Wilbanks - September 13 from 1:00 - 3:30
Paradise Valley Community Center for City of Phoenix Parks & Rec. - 17402 N. 40th St.
The flyer for his class can be found here:

<http://www.robertwilbanks.com/ancestralpride/Free%20Workshop%20Flyer%20Fall%202014.pdf>

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