



## ARIZONA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

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Monthly Update

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your AzCPG Board has been working on ways to improve the value of your membership. We are anxious to have us all begin sharing ideas, education, tips and techniques we can apply to our genealogy research and/or our genealogy-related business! Here are two AzCPG membership educational opportunities to add to your calendars:

**17 January 2015:** 10:00am – 10:45am On-line discussion:

*How to Start a Genealogy-Related Business*

Discussion leaders: Genealogy One-on-One owners Janna Larson and Daniela Moneta

**2 May 2015:** 10:00am-12:00noon Annual Meeting:

*Presenter/Tour Guide: Dr. Melanie Sturgeon*

Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Bldg., 1901 W. Madison, Phoenix, AZ

Luncheon location: TBA

Stay tuned for the announcement of more programs during 2015

PLEASE NOTE: We will be using Google+ for the on-line presentation on 17 January 2015. Therefore, you should familiarize yourself with this platform. Here are some helpful resources:

Google+ Tips: You are all invited to join the AzCPG Community located on Google+.

DearMyrt (and Cousin Russ) have created short video presentations addressing the subject; “Why Host Virtual Meetings.”

I recommend you take time to view the *How to Use Hangout and Use Google+* videos which can be found on Dear Myrtle’s YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZIX5znu6d7CCz6xobwMXOA>

**Don’t miss out on the 17 January Google+ Hangout!  
You will need to be a part of the Google+ AzCPG community in order to participate.**

As we did last month, we again offer you a challenge for October. In fact, the same challenge!

**Part 1:** Join Google+ TODAY. Not only are there some interesting genealogical communities; but this will be the platform we will use to conduct the AzCPG educational programs. Why are we promoting the use of this platform? Because it uses my favorite 4-letter word, “FREE.”

**Part 2:** If you are already a member of Google+; or have just signed up; join the AzCPG Community – this is where we will host the AzCPG virtual meetings.

**Part 3:** Experiment. Share the Google+ genealogy communities you like the best, and why. Just comment within the Google+ AzCPG community.

Thank you for being part of AzCPG! — *Sharon Atkins, President*

## OCTOBER MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

*During the course of the year, the AzCPG newsletter will highlight different members interested in sharing their “genealogy journey.” Where applicable, articles will also include a description of the member’s “perfect client.” Perhaps we can not only learn about each other; but, also act as “referral engines” for one another.*

Barbara Ball, AzCPG Newsletter Editor, Tucson  
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My genealogy journey began when I was about 35 and married my husband George. I had children, he did not. George was a WWII ‘accident’ baby. His mother, Ruth, was pregnant with him at the same time his sister (also Ruth) was pregnant with the boy who would be adopted by George’s parents and raised as his brother. Confused yet? So were my young children!

I began drawing them diagrams of the children’s new family and posting these diagrams on the refrigerator. They were color coded so the children would know which people were in the same generation they were. Sometimes there were diagrams from both the “original family” and the new family with arrows and so forth - easy for children to understand and read.

When my UofA job fell to budget cuts about 15 years later, I had more “free” time to fool around with what had become an interesting hobby. I got some software (Reunion), and listened closely to my elderly mother-in-law’s stories. Sadly, by then my own mother had died.

I took the NGS Home Study Course. When it became clear that I was not going to find another job in my field of work (spatial analysis and cartography) I decided to take the Boston University Certificate Course (OL2); then I signed up for ProGen8.

I was off and running! I took a Boston University summer course from Drs. Colletta and Jones. Additional genealogy education included attending SLIG four times and GRIP once. Currently, I’m on the clock for BCG certification. And, of course, I joined APG and other groups and tried to find clients.

Therein, as they say, lies the rub. I've been less than successful at attracting clients. If you know or meet someone who has the following genealogy research needs, I'd appreciate the referral.

My perfect client would be somebody who:

- Has some knowledge and information about their family.
- Would benefit from help organizing and digitizing their information.
- Has immigrants from an English speaking country who came to the USA in the 1800's and settled in that swath of land between about Illinois and New Hampshire.
- Would be interested in their ancestor's lives, not just their vital statistics. A unique aspect of my business is the creation of maps and graphics to illustrate ancestral stories.
- Would understand the value of professionally done genealogy research (and have very deep pockets!)

If you would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, or if you would like to see someone else featured, please contact our President or Newsletter Editor with this information.

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