



# ARIZONA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

<http://azcpg.weebly.com>

Monthly Update #1

July 2014

## Welcome to the first issue of the AzCPG enews-letter!

During the first Board meeting for AzCPG's 2014-2015 year it was decided one of the goals for this year will be to enhance communication between members. We currently have 30 paid members and not all participate in the Yahoo group which has been the primary communication vehicle thus far.

This year we will offer members multiple means of communicating: Yahoo Group, Facebook page, Google+ community group, and LinkedIn discussion group. We hope that one or more of these options will appeal to you!

Towards this end, we would like to collect our members' "social networking" information to add to the membership listing. Please let Janna (Secretary) or Donna (Webmaster) know if you have a LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, etc. professional profile and/or presence. We will add that data to the membership list.

We have made a commitment to work toward having three "virtual" quarterly events during the next several months as well as our annual meeting. Target for the annual meeting will be May 1 - May 15, 2015.

A special thank you to Barbara Ball for volunteering to put together the AzCPG newsletter! I'm sure she would appreciate contributions, comments and feedback. Deadline for newsletter contributions is the 2nd of each month.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the elected Board members to let us know how we may best serve you.

*Sharon Atkins, President*

### Conversations held this month on yahoogroups.com

☀ One member posed a question regarding client contracts for genealogical research. He was wanting a template on which to base his own contract. The only suggestion was to check Elizabeth Shown Mills' book *Professional Genealogy*.

*Editors' Note:* There is a lengthy contract example beginning on page 115 of ProGen. It would also be wise to read the entire chapter dealing with contracts. A simpler contract can be found on the Board for Certification of Genealogists website - <http://www.bcgcertification.org/skillbuilders/clientagreement.pdf>

☀ An informal video conference was held by several members to discuss ideas and plans for the coming year. Suggestions were as follows:

- Reach out to AzGAB to leverage our membership in that organization
- Articles group will be reading “advertised” to membership
- Members are encouraged to connect with others via their chosen social media profiles, especially after they are listed with the Council website. (See above)
- Membership Chair reports 30 members and \$359 in assets

**Next Discussion Article**

“A Family for William Gray of New Madrid County, Territory of Missouri,” by Melinda Daffin Henningfield. Published in the NGS Quarterly, September 2013, pp. 207-230. Group meets 18 September, 9:00 a.m., at the Irish Cultural Center - 1106 N. Central Ave, Phoenix.

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**AzCPG Objectives:**

- ❖ To promote professional standards in genealogical research, writing and speaking
- ❖ To promote the education of the membership and the public
- ❖ To promote awareness of professional genealogical services
- ❖ To promote improved access and preservation of records used in genealogical and local history research
- ❖ To promote awareness of activities and/or laws, which may affect genealogical and local history research, including pending legislation in Arizona and elsewhere
- ❖ To provide support for those engaged in genealogical pursuits as a business
- ❖ To enable those interested in any aspect of professional genealogy to network together

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