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Participation

I recently attended a Chapter meeting of the Family History Society and the leader was asking others to “step up and participate.” People were needed to fill the various positions that enable the Chapter to operate. Someone in the back of the room whispered to their neighbor, “I paid my dues, isn’t that enough?”

The answer to that question is obviously, “No!” As members of this organization we have to participate. Webster defines participation as “A taking part or sharing.” For this organization to continue we must take part and share.

The newsletter frequently has a request for individuals to volunteer for one job or another. And, there are many jobs in every Chapter which need filling.

Without members participating we would not have Chapter meetings, we would not have a place to meet, a speaker, or a trainer.

Without members participating we would not have a newsletter, annual meeting with outstanding speakers, booklets on getting started, or a website.

Without members participating you would not even have someone to send your dues to!

I stepped up to volunteer and am enjoying the experience. How about you? Although we are busy with our lives, there is always time for a little more when it is important.

Perhaps another phrase for participation is “giving back.”

Anonymous

New Technology

Families and individuals throughout the world will soon have greater online access to information about their ancestors and family histories.

ebrary®, a leading provider of e-content services and technology, announced that Brigham Young University (BYU) has licensed its technology to locally host portions of the university library's digital collections including genealogical records and art materials. This will enhance university library patron access and use of the library's digital resources, and improve the family research process," said Robert Murdoch, Assistant University Librarian At BYU. BYU will be among the first customers for ebrary's standalone licensed product – code named ISIS – that is hosted on the customers' servers, behind their firewalls. ISIS is currently under its last phase of development and is slated to ship in 2008. It will offer

- * Full text searching and indexing
- * Easy PDF submission
- * ebrary InfoTools™ provide contextual linking across multiple online resources
- * The ebrary Reader™ streams pages online, eliminating cumbersome document downloads
- * Personal bookshelves
- * Highlighting and annotating
- * Multiple search options
- * Copying and printing with an automatic citation and URL hyperlink back to the source
- * Reporting tools and usage statistics

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Editors Comments:
My apology for the late arrival of your newsletter. Several things contributed to this, as you can tell by the blanks. My not being up to par physically did not help the situation
Margaret Rennaker
Pro tem Editor

**Do Not
Forget
to
Vote**

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JANUARY Board Meeting Notes

Barbara Marshall was approved as Book Fund Chairman to replace Sharon Leezer who resigned.

FHSA membership is now 304.

Karen Blackmore will be conducting beginning and intermediate genealogy workshops at the Glendale Public Library this month.

Permission was granted to put the Cochise County portion of the Arizona 1910 Federal Census Index on the website mycochise.com.

Godfrey Library will link to Double Butte Cemetery through the FHSA website.

The next meeting will be 2 February 2008 in Tempe, AZ at 2132 E El Parque Dr. beginning 9 AM.

GIVING BACK

I know when I “retired” as editor of the FHSA newsletter, I had every intention of getting back into research. However, I tend to get distracted. Years ago I obtained a copy of a book on my BOBBITT line, *The Bobbitt Family in America*. It contains more than 900 pages of names, dates, places and some narrative. What a massive undertaking by those responsible, one of whom I met while attending a Bobbitt reunion in West Virginia in August 2000, and it has become known as the “Bible” for this family line. However, it was not indexed which, by sheer volume, made it a daunting task for anyone to find their particular branch. Years ago I undertook the project of filling out a family group sheet on every person listed. Through a vast network of “cousins,” it ended up on the internet and is out there for all to use.

For the past several months I have been doing the same thing on another book on one of my THOMAS line, *Our Kinsmen: A Record of the Ancestors and Descendants of Griffith Thomas*. While this book, put together in late 1937-early 1938, is a mere 100+ pages, it too contained scads of names, dates and places. I again took on the project of filling out family group sheets on everyone mentioned. This time, however, I took it a step or two farther. I looked up everyone who was alive at the time in the 1850-1930 censuses which, of course, proved some things in the book wrong, filled in missing names of children, dates, etc. After that, the Social Security Death Index filled in some gaps where I had a DOB but not a DOD, or vice versa. I offered the resulting huge notebook to the Madison County, Ohio Genealogy Society and they have responded that they would be delighted to have this. As my branches, at least, settled in the Madison/Fayette County areas, I thought they would better appreciate the work contained therein. I just have to figure out whether to photocopy or scan it and it will be on its way to Ohio.



ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 1, 2008. 10:00 AM—12:30 PM at Mustang Library, 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Speaker: Reba Wells **Grandrud**, Former Director of the Arizona Historical Society Museum and National Register Coordinator for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office.

Topics: Women in the 19th Century Diaries, Stories, the West, Research and writing tips

This program made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council.



Any typos and/or gramatickle errors are deliberate. Keeps you on your toes

Now I have bitten off an even bigger challenge. I have a copy of *Descendants of Jasper Blake: Emigrant from England to Hampton, NH, ca. 1649-1979*. I fear I am **not** a descendant of this family but, again, it is 543 pages long with literally all names, dates and places and virtually no narrative. It is REALLY impossible to find anyone in this book as it too is not indexed. This will take me a while. While tedious, I enjoy this type of work. In my own small way, I am attempting to return to the genealogical community at large something that will be of assistance to fellow researchers.

Judy **Shubert**, At Large

To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE

6TH —EAST VALLEY:

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

6:00 PM Class: Trudi **Arledge** “Genealogy Toolbox”

7:00 PM Meeting: “Little Known Facts about the Census” by Shirley **Hodges**

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

11th—FOUNTAIN HILLS

Meets the 2nd **Monday** of each month (except summers) Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr. (next to new Town Hall, across from Post Office), Fountain Hills.

9:00 AM Class: planning session

Field Trip on Tuesday, February 12 to the West Valley Genealogical Society and Library.

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

11th—TEMPE:

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

6:15 PM Lesson: Marsha **Allen** Part 2 of “Things I Wish I’d Known at the Beginning”

7:00 PM Meeting: “Native American Ancestor Hunting” by Laurie Beth **Roman**

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

19th—PARADISE VALLEY:

Meets the 3rd **Tuesday** at Senior Center at Via Linda, 10440 N. Via Linda, Room 6, Scottsdale.

6:15 PM General query/success story time

7:00 PM Historian and genealogist, Rita **Ackerman**, will speak on the advantages of combining these related fields, and how this strategy paid off in writing her recently published and highly reviewed book, *O.K. Corral:*

Postscript: The Death of Ike Clanton.

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

20th—DAYTIMERS:

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

10:00 AM Meeting: “Probate Court Records” created by DeAnne **Shelley** via Power Point

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

25th—GLENDALE:

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

7:00 PM Chapter discussion “**Familysearch.org**” and choose a project on the Centennial Cemetery Project.

Reminder Facilitator: Russ **Strong** , 623-878-9084 (rgstrong-genes@cox.net)

?? —SCOTTSDALE

See instructions below: at press time no confirmed information available.

Meeting Facilitator: Donna **Wiesley** 480-941-5760 (djcwies@aol.com)

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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

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 Ballroom #2, 38579 S. Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrook, AZ. Speaker will be Barbara A.H. **Nuehring** giving valuable information on: Timelines-Understanding your Ancestors' World; Using Boxes to Think Outside the Box; Researching Your German Ancestors Without Going to Europe; and Exploiting Maps to Track Down Your Ancestors. Registration and payment by January 18, 2008. Members \$25.00 and Non-members \$35.00 . Seminar starts at 9 a.m. For more information contact Gloria **Quigg** 520-818-2115 or (<http://sb-genealogy.org/>).
- 7 **Black History 1787-1860** By Raymond **Carter**, VP, Black Family Genealogy & History Society sponser by Arizona State Library Genealogy at Carnegie Center, 1101 W. Washington. **Registration is required in Advance. Space is limited. FREE. 12 noon—1:00 P.M.** www.lib.az.us link to Other Resources, click on Genealogy Online Registration by phone 602-926-3938.
- 9 & 10 **VNSA Used Book Sale** Exhibit Building, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 West McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ. For more information (www.vnsabooksale.org) or please call 602-265-6805.
- 14 **MUSEUMS ON THE MALL:** celebrating Arizona's statehood. Thursday, 10 AM to 2 PM Senate Lawn, Arizona State Capitol - 1700 West Washington, Phoenix. Free and open to the public, activities include Statehood Day Program and Historic Carnegie Library 100th Birthday Open House. For additional information go online at www.azhumanities.org click on Museums on the Mall & view.
- 23 **West Valley Genealogical Society** presents a Seminar at the Sun Grove Resort Village, 10134 W. Mohawk Lane, Peoria, AZ (off 99th Ave. just north of Beardsley). The speaker: Meldon J. **Wolfgang**, III; owner of Jonathan Sheppard Books. Writer of the genealogy column for the New York State Archives Partnership Trust's Magazine *ARCHIVES*. Registration fee \$40. includes continental breakfast and sit down lunch. Further information available at 623-544-8681. More facts later.
- 23 & 24 **43rd Annual Arizona Gathering and Highland Games** sponsored by the Calendonian Society of Arizona will be at Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix, AZ. For information, contact them at (<http://www.arizonascots.com/game.html>) or 602-431-0095

March 2008

- 2 & 3 **Arizona Convocation 2008** sponsored by Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. Sunday Evening & Monday at Hilton Tucson East, 7600 East Broadway, Tucson AZ 85710. e-mail: sweber@lib.az.us or www.lib.az.us/convocations for additional information
- 15 **Arizona State Genealogical Society** workshop featuring Colleen **Fitzpatrick**. 9 a.m.—Noon. Topics: Forensic Genealogy; Analyzing & Documenting Old Photographs. Contact Barbara Salyer at 520-296-1498 or bsalyer@mindspring.com.
- 29 **Evergreen Cemetery Tour** sponsored by the **Arizona State Genealogical Society**, Tucson, Arizona. Tours will be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, contact Betty **Cook**, 520-886-3363.

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Need SURNAME INDEX Help

Please feel free to contact Susi Fathauer (gafaz@cox.net) if you have any questions about or problems using the new FHSA SURNAME INDEX

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF 2008 FHSA OFFICERS

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

___ Susi Fathauer,
Tempe Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

___ Roni Falcon,
Glendale Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

___ Margie Aker,
Paradise Valley Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY

___ Jessie Larson,
East Valley Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

___ Jeanne Reichenbacher,
Paradise Valley Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

___ Roseanne Hein,
Fountain Hills Chapter

___ _____
(write in)

Note: Voting may be accomplished at Chapter Meetings, by Mail-in Ballot (FHSA, Attn: Election Dept., PO Box 63094, Phoenix, AZ 85082-3094 received before February 29, 2008 or at the Registration Desk at the Annual Meeting, March 1, 2008.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE 2008

President – Susi Fathauer (Tempe Chapter)

Susi Fathauer has been a member of the Tempe Chapter since 1992. She has served as Chapter President and Vice President and is currently FHSA 2nd Vice President. She has also served as Tempe's representative for the Book Fund and Nominating Committees. As a 4th Generation Arizonan, she enjoys volunteering at the AZ State Library and Archives, preparing newspapers for microfilming. Susi works part-time as a Gifted Services Specialist at Mountain Pointe High School in Ahwatukee where she lives with her husband George and sons, Wes and Chris. She also believes we are living in such an exciting time for genealogists. Every day we are benefiting from new resources and indexes that are being made available on the Internet.

1st Vice President – Roni Falcon (Glendale Chapter)

Roni Falcon a member of the Glendale Chapter since 2005 is currently serving as Vice-President and Program Chair. She is currently the FHSA 1st Vice President and has been conducting family research for 12 years. In addition to her works a self-employed hairstylist, she has many other interests. She expresses her creative side through various craft projects, which includes quilting, jewelry making, scrapbooking, cooking, and gardening. She has experience planning golf tournaments and serves as a volunteer on various projects.

2nd Vice President – Margie Aker (Paradise Valley Chapter)

Margie Aker a member since 2006 is currently serving as Co-President for the Paradise Valley Chapter. She is a researcher, writer, trainer, and professor. She comes from a long line of educators. Genealogy has been her hobby for years; her family has been writing their history for centuries. She is a published author.

Secretary – Jessie Larson (East Valley Chapter)

A member since 1995, although living in Mesa, Jessie Larson initially attended the Fountain Hills Chapter because they met in the daytime during the hours her five children were in school. Having been interested in genealogy for 30 + years, she has discovered the thrill of researching onsite in the towns where her ancestors once lived and in visiting ancestral homelands. She and her cousins have organized several large 3-days family reunions with the added objective of everyone learning a little more about their family by skits based on their ancestor's lives, printing books of life stories, and CD's of family pictures. Jessie thoroughly enjoys genealogy conferences and guest speakers. She is currently serving as the Secretary for FHSA.

Treasurer—Jeanne Reichenbacher (Paradise Chapter)

With a B.A. in Business Education has been an owner and co-owner of three businesses since 1969 and her main duties were in the accounting field. In current business since 1980, she now supervises the daily accounting: generates monthly financial statements; reconciles bank statements; files quarterly payroll reports and end-of-month federal and state corporate reports. Collecting family history has been a hobby since 1973 and has expanded to researching for other relatives, & friends of friends. Jeanne & her husband have traveled extensively in search of their roots: OH, IN, New England, Quebec, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland and of course Salt Lake City. Semi retirement has afforded the time to become active in local genealogy associations. Jeanne has been an FHSA member since 2006. She is currently serving as the Treasurer for FHSA.

Nominating Committee Chairperson-Roseanne Hein (Fountain Hills Chapter)

Roseanne (Ro) Hein is new to the FHSA family and anxious to be involved with people who share her interest in genealogy, no Chapter should be surprised to see her at one of their meeting. She is currently serving as the Fountain Hills Chapter Appointed Representative to the Board. For at least five years, she has been actively researching her maternal lineage that begins in Northern Ireland and Birmingham, England and leading her to Ontario, Canada and Youngstown, Ohio. She is also a member of the Kiwanis Scottsdale McCormick club where she has been secretary for more than 13 years. Her husband, Larry and she enjoy snow skiing—a sport that has taken them all over the western United States and Canada. She also has skied in Italy and Austria. Look for her at Sky Harbor Airport on Wednesday mornings, where she volunteer as a navigator to assist travelers find their way around the airport. You can't miss her in her purple uniform.