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*Genealogy begins as an interest,
Becomes a hobby,
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession
As in its last stages,
is an incurable disease!*

MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held from September thru May on the second Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon at **MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HARGROVE LIBRARY**, 3400 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona 86442 928-758-2420. Locations may change upon notice. A calendar of meetings is posted on the web page.

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MEMBERSHIP & DUES

The annual membership dues is \$20.00 per year for a single membership and \$25.00 per year for a family membership. The dues is due at the September meeting. Please send your membership dues to Membership Chairperson c/o The TriState Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 21902, Bullhead City, AZ 86439.

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The TRI STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY was established in 1990. The society promotes further interest in genealogy and family history. It also provides fellowship and assistance to those interested in these subjects.

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WEB PAGE

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~azcanvtsgs/> Andrea Wetzstein is our coordinator. Please contact her at azgenealogymail-websites@yahoo.com with comments & suggestions.

MINUTES

Tri-State Genealogical Society

Minutes of the Meeting

October 9, 2009

Mohave Community College Library, Bullhead City, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by Susan Zmrzel at 10:00 a.m. Eleven members were present.

Minutes of the September 11 meeting were read by Susan Zmrzel and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary Moffatt. Current balance on hand is \$788.86.

Committee reports:

Membership - Mary Moffatt. Nine members have paid dues. Two more joined today. Books and Magazines – Mary Moffatt. Renewed Family Tree and Internet Genealogy. “Google Your Family Tree” is now on the shelf. We received a thank you letter from MCC.

Publicity and Program – Gail Mendoza. Sylvia Bisnar will speak next meeting about publishing a book.

Communications and Newsletter – Susan Zmrzel. Newsletter will be done soon and Andrea will put it on the web site. Someone else needs to take over the newsletter.

Web Page – Andrea Wetzstein. Not in attendance, no report.

FGS Delegate – Patti Goodman. Not in attendance, no report.

Cemetery Project – Susan Zmrzel. No action.

Footnote.com might be available at the library. Susan will talk to the librarian about it.

Susan announced the death of local historian Harold Reed.

Program was how to use FamilyTree Maker 2009 and hints on brick walls.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Tri State Genealogical Society

Minutes of the Meeting

November 13, 2009

Mohave Community College Library
Bullhead City, AZ

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Susan Zmrzel. Minutes of October 9th meeting were read by Sect. Patti Goodman. Treasures Report given by Mary Moffett and will be filed as read. Membership Chair Mary Moffett said 11 members paid and Gail makes 12. Publicity and Program Chair Gail Mendoza said Sylvia had an emergency and had to cancel until a later date.. Communication and Newsletter Chairman Susan needs someone else to volunteer to be the newsletter editor. Tri State Gen Web Page Chair Andrea will continue to handle it. FGS Delegate Patti explained the voting for Officers and Directors. Cemetery Project Chairman Susan stated not much to report this time.

New Business

Gail to check with Staples re: Tri fold info. Page. Patti will send Mrs. Reed a Sympathy Card. John will publish his book.

Meeting Presentation given. They included: American Profile Preserving Precious Heirlooms Genealogy Power Search, Take a look at Google Your Family Tree by Dan Lynch.

Meeting closed 11:55
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Goodman.

Tri State Genealogical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
December 11, 2009
Mohave Community College Library
Bullhead City, AZ

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Zmrzel at 10:00 A.M. Eight Members and 1 guest were welcomed and an attendance sign sheet was passed around. Our guest was asked to tell us where he stands with his research.

Minutes of the Nov meeting were read and will stand as read.

Treasurer's Report stated at bal of \$804.86 as of Oct. 30th and one membership received brings it to a balance of \$824.86 as of Nov. 30th .

The report will be filed as read.

Book and Mag. Chair. No report

Publicity and Program: No report

Communication and Newsletter: Susan will like someone else to volunteer to be the editor.

Tri State Gen Web Page: No report

FGS Delegate will discuss weather we need to be members.

Cemetery Project Chair: Will start up after the first of the year.

Program for meeting was by Sylvia Bisnar on how to compile your family history and assemble a book and where to get it printed.

Meeting closed at 12:00

Respectfully submitted

Patti Goodman

PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES:

I would like to include photographs and stories from the members. If you have any and would like to add them to the monthly newsletters, Please email them to me at Slybiz@aol.com.

NEWS & INFORMATION

- > St. George, Utah Here We Come!
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- > Let Your Light Shine at the St. George Family History Expo
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- > If you love family history, you'll love the St. George
- > Family History Expo! Our flagship event, the St. George Expo
- > will feature nearly 80 classes for beginning researchers to
- > professional genealogists, exhibits, and hands-on
- > demonstrations to help you learn the tech to trace your
- > roots!
- >
- > The St. George, Utah Family History Expo 2010 will take
- > place:
- > Friday 26 February 2010, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- > Saturday 27 February 2010, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- > At-the-door registration begins at 7 a.m. Friday and 7:30
- > a.m. Saturday at the The Dixie Convention Center

(<http://www.dixiecenter.com>) 1835 Convention Center Drive
> St. George, Utah 84790
>
> It's free to enter our exhibit hall, opened to the public
> starting at 9 a.m. both days! You can also hear our
> prestigious keynote speaker, Bernie Gracy
> (http://www.fhexpos.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=54#highlights)
> at 8 a.m. on Friday absolutely free at our opening session!
>
> This event is sponsored in part by Family Search,
> Ancestry.com, RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, Generation
> Maps, Family Insight-Ohana Software, Ancestral Quest, and
> Genealogy Gems Podcast!
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> It's not too late to get in on the early registration
> (<http://www.fhexpos.com>) for this event. Register by 1
> February 2010 and save \$10 off the cost of a full
> registration. Early registration is just \$65 to attend
> informative classes and workshops by some of the country's
> top genealogists. The cost of registration prior to the
> event and at the door is as follows:
> \$75 for both days, \$40 for a single day, or \$12 per class
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> Register online and get immediate access to all class
> syllabi! Note: Online class syllabi are available only to
> those who register online.
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> Learn More about the Expo
> Learn all about Expo presenters and the powerful, inspiring
> topics they teach at [fhexpos.com](http://www.fhexpos.com) (<http://www.fhexpos.com>).
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> Visit our homepage and click on the St. George Expo banner.
> On the event page you will find orange boxes that will lead
> you to information about presenters, the schedule,
> exhibitors, event highlights and door prizes! With the help
> of our sponsors, great give-a-ways are awarded throughout
> both days.
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> We can't wait to see you at the St. George, Utah Family
> History Expo! Family History Expos, Inc. is a beacon to
> guide you through a sea of family history information. The
> more people participate, the brighter our light shines.
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> Family History Expo
> (http://www.fhexpos.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=54),

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FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

How to Bring Old Memories Back to Life

by [Jim Miller](#)

<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=32875>

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend for putting old photographs on to a DVD? My wife and I have acquired hundreds of family photos over the years, and would like to put them in a format that makes them easier to share with our kids, grandkids and other family members. We also have several dozen rolls of old home movies from the 1960's on 8mm film, and stacks of old vinyl albums we'd like to convert too. What can you tell us? —Modernizing Mel

Dear Mel, Converting old photographs, home movies and even vinyl records into DVD or CD format is known as digitizing, and it's a smart move that will help protect and preserve your family memories as well as make them a lot easier to share. Here are some good resources and tips to help you get started.

Photos: If you have hundreds of snap shots your easiest option is to send them to a bulk scanning service. [Scanmyphotos.com](#) (949-474-7654) is one of the quickest and least expensive costing \$50 (including shipping) for 1,000 photos, or 5 cents each. You'll get JPEG files on a DVD in a few days, along with your original pictures.

If, however, you have some old photos you'd like to upgrade, try Scancafe.com (866-745-0392) which offers a higher 600 dpi (dots per inch) resolution scan and will make color corrections for 27 cents per picture. These services can also convert old slides and film negatives too. Or, you can also do-it-yourself if you have a home computer and a scanner.

Home Movies: The best way to convert your old home movies from film to DVD is to outsource it. Companies like Mymovietransfer.com (800-865-7172) and Moviestuff.tv (830-966-4664) digitize 8mm, 16mm, and super 8 film for around \$20 for a 50-foot reel of 8mm film, which is about 4 and a half minutes of running time. Or, if you have bunches of old film try Homemoviedepot.com (866-386-6843), which converts a box full for \$199.

If you'd like to do the conversion yourself, one option is to project your old movies on a screen or white wall and use a digital camcorder on a tripod to record the images as they play. The results won't be as good as the outsourced options but it will digitize your film.

Videotapes: If you have old video tapes you'd like to digitize, you can use a video-conversion service like Digmypics.com which will transfer a two-hour VHS to DVD for \$15. Or, you can do it yourself if you have a DVD recorder and a VCR. If you don't have a recorder, consider Sony's compact DVDirect VRD-MC5 for around \$200. This nifty device lets you plug in your VCR, pop in a DVD, and record. It also lets you transfer high-definition home videos directly from a camcorder to a DVD, as well as record digital photos to a DVD as a slideshow or just for photo storage.

Old Records: A great way to convert your old vinyl albums is with the Ion iTTUSB (www.ionaudio.com; \$120), a specialized turntable that plugs directly into your PC or Mac via a USB port. To convert cassette tapes you'll need the Ion TAPE 2 PC (\$150). These devices let you easily transfer music from records or cassettes to your computer. Once it's on your computer, you can listen to your music, record it to CD, or transfer it to an iPod or MP3 player and take it with you.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors in Passenger Arrival Records



Whether it's around the corner or across the country, relocating to a new home is a memorable event in our lives. There are always trials and tribulations that come with moving, but when we compare it to what many of our immigrant ancestors went through, not being able to find the can opener for a few weeks pales in comparison.

For many, leaving home meant saying goodbye to family members, knowing that they would never see some of them again. In some cases, parents left their children for extended periods to get established in their new home and raise the necessary funds to send for them. Embarking on a sometimes hazardous voyage, moving to a foreign land, and beginning life anew requires a special kind of courage.

Passenger arrival records are highly valued by family historians not only for the information they may include, but also for what they represent—that decision by an immigrant to leave the old world behind and thus, set a new course for themselves and their descendants. The trick is in locating the records. Here are some tips to help find the arrival record for your immigrant ancestor.

Search Multiple Ports of Entry

Many a search has been thrown by the inherited story that an ancestor came through Ellis Island. While close to 22 million immigrants did pass through the famous immigration station, many arrived through other U.S. ports, and through Canada, which was often a cheaper route.

Some may have even entered the U.S. more than once. Janos Szucs arrived in the U.S. twice, once through Baltimore in July of 1902, and then again in October of that same year, through Ellis Island. This is a good reminder not to overlook other matches once you do locate an ancestor. You may find that he or she made several trips too.

You can search all of the passenger arrival records that are available at Ancestry.com through the Immigration Collection page.

