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From the Editor:

This issue describes, in separate articles, some of the things two board members, Judy Voran and Val Sullivan, learned when they attended a recent day-long workshop on Connecting Public Resources in Gila County held at the beautiful Dream Manor Inn east of Globe. The workshop was sponsored by CLiP – Connecting Libraries and Professionals, and was moderated by our Assistant County Manager and County Librarian, Jacque C. Griffin. This was a time of learning, comparing resources, networking and idea sharing. Organizations that were invited to attend this informative meeting included representatives of each the nine Public libraries in the Gila County Library District; public school librarians of Gila County; the various County Museums (including Tribal Museums); and representatives from the Arizona Museum Association, the Arizona Humanities Council, and the State Library, Archives and Public Records.

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Up-coming Events- Mark Your Calendar NOW:

September 6, Thursday-

General Meeting – Jinx Pyle, President of the Northern Gila County Historical Society, will be talking about collaborating with our Genealogy Society.

September 20th, Thursday -

NGCGS Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. We will be serving punch and cookies to celebrate Payson's 125th Anniversary and to celebrate the 4th year that we have been at our present location. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Oct. 25, 2003.

September 27th, Saturday -

Immediate Past President Grace John's 90th birthday! Happy B-Day!

October 4th, Thursday -

General Meeting – Kay Keplinger, one of our society member, will be talking about her genealogical research in Scotland.

October 5th-7th Weekend

125th Anniversary of Payson- Activities held all weekend long! The society will have a booth on Saturday, October 6th. Parade will be that morning.

November 1, Thursday

- **General Meeting-** Clarice Christensen, one of our society member, will be talking about her genealogical research in Sweden.



Smithsonian's BETWEEN FENCES Coming to Arizona

Between Fences is a Museum on Main Street Exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The exhibit explores the history of fences in America, conveying information about the people who built them, how they view and use their property, and the nature of their relations with their neighbors.

Between Fences is being brought to six locations in Arizona by the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) for six weeks at each site. The Arizona host sites will highlight physical and cultural fences related to western ranching, Native American reservations, and this

country's border with Mexico, among other topics. The six sites include Nogales, Ajo, Globe, Topawa, Cottonwood, and Winslow.

Nearby hosts for this exhibit are: the Gila County Historical Society from Jan 26-March 9, 2008; the Verde Historical Society/Clemenceau Heritage Museum in Cottonwood from May 3-June 15, 2008; and the Winslow Historical Society at the Snowdrift Art Space in Winslow June 21-August 2, 2008. The Gila County Museum is located behind the Globe Chamber of Commerce; its director is Bill Hauk.

For more information, check out the AHC website at www.azhumanities.org.

Other Gila County Museums

A second museum that was represented at the meeting was the Military Museum located in Punkin Center (Tonto Basin) offering a variety of military artifacts.

A third museum was the San Carlos Apache Culture Center Museum under the direction of Herb Stevens. Although technically it is located in Peridot in Graham County, the reservation lies primarily in Gila County. The museum has a variety of displays on Apache culture, history, and also a shop. Located in a prominent stucco building at milepost 272 on Highway 70, the center is easily accessible on the main reservation highway from points both west and east, and offers a place where visitors can receive an introduction to Apache heritage.



Globe Area Family History Center

There were five representatives from the Globe Area Family History Center (FHC). In addition to the services provided by our local FHC, Globe also has indexed mortuary records of the Lamont Funeral Home from 1898-2003; Gila County

Courthouse Marriage records from 1881-1970; the San Carlos Censuses from 1888-1933; all the Arizona census films through 1930; obituary records from Globe area newspapers from 1995 to present; indexed cemetery records of

Globe and Pinal Cemeteries; and a variety of maps.

Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-12:00 and 7:00-9:00; Wednesday

night from 7:00-9:00; and Friday from 9:00-1:00. They are located on Ensign Dr. in East Globe.



WorldCat

WorldCat is the world’s largest bibliographic database. It contains information about more than 68 million items owned by 7,600 libraries around the world. Constant growth makes WorldCat a rich resource for genealogists who seek primary source materials. Some of these materials link to digitized versions of the document. It is a quick reference guide to autobiographies, cemetery records, church histories and records; Civil War and other military records; family histories, papers, and Bibles; indexes to burial records, obituaries, and wills; pictures; probate records; and LOTS more! Access to WorldCat is through FirstSearch, a software application available only through libraries. **But our resident librarian, Judy Voran, might be persuaded to give us a program in the future on how to do a search on WorldCat through FirstSearch as well as talk about the Public Access Catalog and Amigos!**

We can obtain these materials from other libraries by:

- Using Interlibrary loan
- Driving to the library if it is close enough
- Locating a researcher in the area of the holding library who would be willing to visit the library for you and determine if the material is useful, or by
- Looking for the material at web-based booksellers, now that you know it exists.



State Resources

Several representatives from State Agencies also attended. They included Mary Villegas for the **State Library, Archives and Public Records**; Ann Mary Johnson for the **Arizona Humanities Council (AHC)**; and Tom Wilson of the **Arizona Museum Association (AMA)**. Each gave a presentation on what they have to offer.

Since members of our Society have already held a field trip to the State Library and the entire February 2006 edition of Gila Heritage was dedicated to its resources, the editor won’t take up additional space in this issue except to say

that the new archives building has had its ground breaking ceremony!

Ann Mary Johnson indicated that AHC is an independent non-profit organization that provides funding for public programming, life long learning, history,

culture, and archeology. AHC has five on-going programs: competitive grants, rural institutions grants, a speaker's bureau (which is non-competitive), book discussions, and Mother Read AZ-a program on Family Literature. The Speakers Bureau programs are designed for organizations that want to foster humanities-based programs and discussions among diverse audiences. AHC provides the speakers and pays them directly, providing top scholars to communities throughout the state. Host organizations select the presentations, schedule the speakers, provide the venue, intriguing things to do. For a "best of the best" listing of what to see and do, click on Itinerary in the menu bar. It will take you to a section entitled "Heritage Highlights." These are organized by 1/2 day, 1, 2 and 3-day adventures starting from Phoenix, Tucson or Flagstaff. You can also search this web site by region or alphabetically. And, to learn what special events are happening, click on "Events" for a month-by-month list of heritage and cultural festivals, fairs and fun.

and generate an audience. The Community Book Discussions are designed for organizations that want to foster discussions of great literature among diverse adult audiences. AHC provides 20 copies of the book, a study guide, and a skilled facilitator to lead the discussion. The program offers over 100 books for discussion.

AHC holds annual events such as the Book Festival and Museums on the Mall. Their website is www.arizonaheritagetraveler.org. On this site you'll find dozens of fun and

The other site which is sponsored by AHC is www.AZcentennial.gov. Arizona commemorates 100 years of Statehood on February 14, 2012. As the last of the contiguous 48 states admitted to the Union, Arizona and its citizens have a wonderful opportunity to showcase the state's beauty, history and future. Among other things, one can read the 11-page Centennial Plan to be followed in celebrating the State of Arizona's 100th Birthday.

The Association of Museums in Arizona is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment and support of Arizona's museum community. Organized in 1982, the Museum Association of Arizona:

- Fosters communication and cooperation between Arizona museums and related organizations
- Provides educational opportunities for the whole museum community
- Advocates and publicizes these objectives statewide

Thomas Wilson gave a brief description of the types of museums currently operating around the State of Arizona. They include history, art, science, natural history, children's, and Native American. A website which will give the reader additional information is: www.azmuseums.org.



County Resources Available

Jacque Griffin, County Librarian, gave a 20-minute review regarding Gila County Library Resources we may not know about. She described the yellow Gila County Library District Patron Card which provides access to county library books available through Inter-Library Loan and is

also the gateway to the State-wide access. There are large-print books available, three types (play away, DVD, and cassette) of audio books, a collection of posters, State databases on line, books for Every Child Ready to Read, and Tonto Natural Resources.

What's So Special?

During the day each organization was allowed time to share with the rest of the attendees what was so special about their group. The Miami Librarian indicated that they housed the Miami Sports Hall of Fame (1917-2002) in their library, that they had a mining exhibit, many large-type books, and a real GHOST. They also have marriage records that they will scan and give to the Northern Gila County Genealogy Society so we can post this to our website.

The Miami Sports Hall of Fame received funding through the Arizona Tax Credit program and had the Globe prison inmates make the trophy cases.

Representatives from the prison indicated they needed books donated for their inmates to read. The prison houses about 350 men and they have about 2,000 books. People or libraries can contact the County Librarian at jgriffin@co.gila.az.us to make arrangements for the donations.

Panel Discussion

After a delicious lunch the afternoon session started out with a panel discussion on Collaboration, Leveraging, and Marketing.

Tom Wilson (AMA) explained that the three main points under **collaboration** were: what do you want to accomplish; who needs to be at the table to do it; and think creatively and do the unexpected.

For **leveraging**, Ann Mary Johnson (AHC) described the funding that was available through AHC, requirements to be eligible, and matching funds.

Jaime Ball of the State Archives gave a powerpoint presentation on **marketing** ideas. One of her main points was: get the project visible. Decide whether to have an amateur or a professional do the graphics. She showed examples of a brochure done by both to illustrate her point.

We then broke into groups to discuss collaborating, leveraging, marketing, and resource sharing among our individual organizations. The afternoon concluded with group presentations and an evaluation.

It was an educational experience in a beautiful setting, well-organized, and Judy

and Val were honored to be included in the day's activities.

Genealogy Website Review

In addition to the websites already provided, here are a few more that we discovered by going to this workshop:

For more information about the value of WorldCat as a research tool, go to: www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/. This site includes a full tutorial on effective genealogical research in WorldCat.

The Gila County website is <http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/>. You can explore several different subjects. Or just click on "library district". This page announces that public library service is a cornerstone of freedom and that Gila County Affiliate Libraries exist to:

- Preserve historical and cultural heritage.
- Provide access to informational, educational and recreational resources.
- Promote life long learning now and for future generations.

From here, one can search the County Library District Catalog using Polaris, which is your gateway to library resources and the web.

If you know of any websites that may be of interest to our readers, please send the website address and a one-line description to Val Sullivan, vsull9173@aol.com.



You Can Never Have Enough Sources

by Rhonda R. McClure

From: <http://www.genealogy.com/rhonda060100.html>

A few years ago a discussion erupted on an online bulletin board about the method in which a particular genealogy program handled footnotes to display the source documentation. There were many complaints about the number of "Ibids" that the program was generating, as once source had been used to document many different facts. This prompted me to write an article about how this particular genealogy program could print out a bibliography instead of footnotes.

In response to that article, a professional researcher wrote to me suggesting that perhaps the researchers should have been more concerned that they had relied so much on a single source. This

Genealogists should not rely heavily on a

got me thinking then, and a published genealogy that I was looking at recently reminded me of this issue.

There Are Never Too Many Sources

I confess: I belong to the school of thinking that says you can never have too many sources. Of course, the type of sources you rely on is extremely important, with primary documents generally the most reliable. However, there are times when all you will be able to work with will be secondary sources or those that imply the information indirectly. In such a case, it becomes imperative that you amass more than a single source to verify that the information is correct.

Even if a secondary source has been compiled by a well-known and highly respected genealogist, you should still do your best to look for additional resources to back up the suppositions and conclusions found in the secondary source. You just never know when a researcher's conclusions may fall short. With those researchers that have proven themselves, this is often not a problem. However, few newcomers to genealogy know just who can be trusted. By routinely looking for other sources, you can better assure yourself that you won't get led down the wrong trail.

Where Did They Get the Information?

One issue that few researchers keep in mind when working with different published family histories is the sources those researchers relied on. Very often a researcher will justify a conclusion because they have found the same information in two different published family histories. Unfortunately, more often than not, the published family histories the researcher is relying on may both have gotten erroneous information from the same source originally.

That is why, whenever possible, it is important not to rely on published family histories alone. After all, if the published family history contains some information, they had to get it from somewhere. This means that in many instances you, as the present researcher, should be able to recreate the research. Just be sure to draw your own conclusions. Sometimes it is easy to fall into the trap of not viewing the evidence objectively, but instead, being swayed by the conclusions of the previous research found in the published genealogy.

The Ultimate Goal

While primary documentation is the ultimate goal, oftentimes such documents may not exist, at least not specifically for the event we are trying to prove. Sometimes, our only alternative is to rely on secondary documents. In that case, I often find myself not only citing one source, but also others. I find myself looking at the source documentation from the published genealogy. Or, if they haven't included footnotes, a search of the bibliography to see what other resources I may not be aware of.


When dealing with fellow genealogists, we oftentimes will take what they share with us and verify the accuracy. I know that I am always thrilled when I receive information


and they have cited a source that I either wasn't aware of or hadn't thought to check. However, when we are working with published materials, oftentimes we don't seem to be as diligent in verifying the accuracy of the information.

In Conclusion

So, if you are having trouble taking a particular line back further, you may want to step back and re-examine the conclusions you drew based on the source or sources you relied on. See if perhaps there are some other sources that may enhance your understanding of the family unit and those who associated with it.



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"Beginning Genealogy" Classes

Peggy Gray's monthly basic genealogy classes for beginners have been very successful. As a result of her classes, the society has gained several new members. The classes are held at the genealogy library on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Fall classes will be held **Sept. 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19**. Each class will be the same, so if one date isn't good for you, pre-register for a different month. In your travels around town, if you hear of anyone that's needing help with their genealogy, let them know about these wonderful sessions! Pre-registration and payment of fee is required. If attendees are already members of the society, the class only costs \$5; if an attendee joins the society (\$15) the class will cost \$5; if an attendee does not join the society, the class will cost \$25. For more information, call Peggy Gray at (928) 474-5015 or Nancy Hancock at (928) 479-2485.



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