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A great big THANKS goes out to Jack Masheco and the Rim Country Classic Auto Club for their generous gift of \$1,000.00 to Northern Gila County Genealogical Society!!!

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We specialize in helping add branches to family trees!

MEETINGS: Meetings are held at **1:30 p.m.**, the first **Thursday** of the month (unless a holiday) at the Genealogy Library. Visitors are always welcome!

CORRESPONDENCE: Please address all correspondence to NGCGS Library and include a long self-addressed, stamped envelope for inquiries.

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Up-coming Events- Mark Your Calendar NOW:

August 7, Thursday- Program, no business meeting-**Renee Durfee will give a 'How To' session** on: The Preponderance of evidence to prove the name of one of the wives of ancestor, John Doyle.

September 4, Thursday- Regular business meeting. For the program, Lois Sobatka will be taking us on a covered wagon trip from Kansas to Payson, Arizona along the Santa Fe Trail with the Haughts and the Clines.

October 4, Saturday- Regular business meeting. For the program, Val Sullivan will be talking about The National Road and the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road and how these roads impacted **our ancestors' lives**.

November 6, Thursday- General business meeting. For the program, Paty Henderson will be **talking about Slover's Run. Slover was a scout for General Washington and who died fighting a bear.**

"Beginning Genealogy" Classes

Peggy Gray's monthly basic genealogy class for beginners is a great success, AND we have received several new members as a result! Each class is held at the genealogy library on the third Friday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Each class will be the same, so if one date isn't good for you, pre-register for a different month. 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

Thank You, Peggy for conducting these beginning classes! We have gained several new members because of your efforts.

We are the Chosen!

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who has gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.


How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.


It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so, we love each one, as far back as we can reach, that we might be born who we are, that we might remember them. So, we do, with love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

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Family History Society of Arizona 
25th Anniversary FALL SEMINAR
 Marshall Trimble & "In Search of Annie Moore"
 Saturday, October 18, 2008

St. Matthew United Methodist Church - 2540 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ



"Arizona's colorful history is alive and well with Marshall Trimble," wrote the late Senator Barry Goldwater. He's the state's favorite native son and is often referred to as the 'Will Rogers of Arizona'. "While enjoying the reputation of being one of America's most popular raconteurs of this nation's colorful folk history, Marshall Trimble is also considered the dean of Arizona historians." He's taught Arizona and western history at the college level for more than 30 years.



A young Irish girl named Annie Moore was the first passenger registered coming through the immigration station known as Ellis Island. When Ellis Island was reopened after refurbishing, a bronze statue was unveiled along with a story of what became of Annie Moore. There's just one problem... the story they recounted wasn't that of the correct Annie Moore. While researching the story for a documentary, professional genealogist Megan Smolenyak discovers the true Annie Moore and her descendants.

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome and Announcements
- 9:15 – 10:00 am "In Search of Annie Moore" video
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break and Vendors
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Sue Clark – *Ellis Island & the Immigrant Experience*
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm Lunch and Vendors
- 12:30 – 1:45 pm Marshall Trimble - Old Arizona Tales
- 1:45 – 2:00 pm Raffle, Door Prizes and Closing

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Marshall will have a book table and be available to sign books at the conclusion of the meeting.

Cost: \$35.00 until Oct. 11 – Lunch included - \$40.00 after Oct. 11 - (Lunch not guaranteed after Oct. 11th)

\$40.00 Non-members (\$5.00 may be applied to new member fee of \$20.00)

Refunds: Available until October 4th. For more information: Susi Fathauer 480.893.6689 or gafaz@cox.net

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 Check# _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Lunch Choice: Ham _____ Turkey _____ Veggie _____
 Are you a member of the FHSA? Yes _____ No _____ Chapter _____
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**Announces Its Winter 2008 Seminar
and
Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board Hosts a Special Event**

Featuring: John Philip Colletta
National Genealogy Speaker & Author, Washington, D.C.

Friday, November 7, 2008 – AzGAB Presentation

➤ 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
5335 E. Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85711
Embassy Suites Williams Center, Saguaro & Kachina Rooms

Topic:

How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History

Saturday, November 8, 2008 –ASGS Seminar

(Lunch included – not guaranteed after November 1)
➤ 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
655 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson, Arizona 85711
Christ Church United Methodist, Fellowship Hall

Topics:

Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas
Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence
How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records
Hacks and Hookers & Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesteryear’s English



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John Philip Colletta is one of America’s most popular genealogical lecturers. Dr. Colletta received his Ph.D. in Medieval French Literature from The Catholic University of America. He is based in Washington, D.C. where he conducted workshops for the National Archives and taught courses for the Smithsonian Institution for 21 years.

He lectures nationally and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City). He has also been an instructor and course coordinator for the National Institute on Genealogical Research (Washington, DC), the Genealogical Institute of Texas (Dallas), and the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America (Springfield, IL).

His published books include *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record*, *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*, and *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Ford Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. Dr. Colletta has also appeared on local and national television, including Episode Four of “Ancestors,” the ten part KBYU-TV series and its sequel in 2000.

For more information, contact Barbara B. Salyer (bsalyer@mindspring.com)

Arizona State Genealogical Society 2008 Winter Seminar

Complete and mail this registration form and your check made payable to ASGS to:
 Thelma Gonzales, Seminar Registrar, 3211 N. Cherry Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719-2219

No refunds after November 1, 2008

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Friday, November 7th
 ___ Dinner with Colletta \$10.00 _____
 ___ Colletta Presentation \$15.00 _____
Saturday, November 8th
 ___ ASGS member/affiliate (before 10/25) \$40.00 _____
 ___ Non-Member & after 10/25 \$45.00 _____
 ___ ASGS Membership \$22.00 _____
 ___ Both Friday & Saturday presentations \$50.00 _____
 ___ Both Presentations and Friday dinner \$60.00 _____
Total Enclosed _____

"Brick Walls"

by: Clarice Christensen

In searching for my Mother's family in Chicago, Il I have run into too many brick walls to count. Her Father (my Grandfather) died when she was 5 yrs. of age. When my Grandfather died my Grandmother never mentioned his family to her children. My Grandfather had immigrated in 1899 and had four siblings that followed him in 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1909. Axel Victor Anderson came in 1902 and Oscar Einar Anderson came in 1909. Anna Maria and Teckla came in 1903 and 1904. Mom had been told that when Victor came to America he changed his name from "Anderson" to "Palmquist" and lived in Chicago, Il. Many frustrated days, weeks, months and years in researching finally took me to believe, perhaps, Victor did change his name. When he left Sweden in 1902 his name was Axel Victor Barnard Anderson. Why "Palmquist"? I found Victor and his brother Oscar Einar registered in 1917-1918 WW1 under the surname of "Palmquist". Their birthdates matched so I know these are my Grandfather's brothers. Additional information was their wives names and Victor had a child.

At the Mormon Family History Library, Salt Lake City, I found marriage certificates for Victor and Mary (Hanson) Palmquist, Oscar Einar and Sophie (Sakreson) Palmquist and a birth certificate for Lillian Victoria Palmquist b: 30/5/06 child of Victor and Mary Palmquist.

In the 1920 census Lillian was living with her parents, however, in 1930 she is not. This would mean she is probably married. Now I need to find her spouses name. How do I find her?

I sent for Victor's death certificate to find an informants name. Victor died in 1947, is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery and the informant is his wife Mary. No mention of daughter Lillian. It asks for Victor's fathers name and Mary reports it as Alfred Palmquist. His name was Otto Alfred Anderson. My Mothers family was unaware that the surname was "Anderson". I still have no information on Lillian's married name. Her mother Mary died 1955 in Chicago, Il. I sent for her death certificate KNOWING the informant would be her daughter Lillian. WRONG! The informant was Martha Hanson perhaps a relative to Mary. Now comes the good part of the story. Victor and Mary are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Blue Island, Il. I called for the information they have on the burial cards. I spoke to Lewis, a very kind and caring person. Of course, the cards state the burial lot and section. No real help to me. I told Lewis my plight and how I have to find a child or grandchild of Lillian "whats her name"! He said he would look in the vault and see if any records connected to Victor and Mary would mention Lillian. About a week later Lewis called and said nothing new EXCEPT it named a Lillian Wahlgren that took care of the arrangements for her mother Mary. BINGO! Now I have a married surname. I have sent for a death certificate for Lillian Victoria Palmquist Wahlgren in Chicago, Il. Say a little genealogy prayer that I will finally find my family.

My Mother's name was Lillian Odelia Anderson Anderson. No doubt in my mind Lillian Victoria was named after my Mom. Mom was b:31/5/05 in MN. and Lillian Victoria was b: 30/5/06 Il. At this time was my Grandfather and his brother Victor's families close? I would like to believe they were. What happened after my Grandfather died I don't know. Oscar Einar (brother) married having no children. He died between 1920-1930 and his wife Sophie d:1977. Their is no family left on Sophie's side as well. Mom and Lillian Victoria lived their lives in a distance of 400 miles and never knew each other. I am saddened by this. My Grandmother died when Mom was 21 yrs old. Mom had a brother and family but the rest of their family was lost to them.

I will find my family and someday soon I will telephone one of them and say "I'm your lost family and oh, by the way you're Anderson's not Palmquist's". I hope they won't hang up on me and we will have a reunion that we will be able to enjoy the rest of our lives. They will be surprised that there about 40 of us with we cousins, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I look forward to that day.



Congratulations to: Carol Brooks, wife of member Bob Brooks for winning the quilt raffle on the July 3rd picnic. Sue Owen donated her time and materials for this beautiful quilt and the raffle netted our club \$176.00.

Thanks to: Val Sullivan for her very enlightening May 3rd program on 'Using Timelines in Your Research'

Judy Voran for taking time out of her busy schedule to give a June 21st session 'How To' about Ancestry.com

Paty Henderson for hosting our July 3rd picnic and for bringing Dennis Perch to speak about the Declaration of Independence. A great time was had by all !

Before I Close.....

Grace Johns, a long standing member of our society has moved to Montana. Her new address is:

Grace Johns

3710 American Way #301

Missoula, Mt 59808

I'm sure she would love to hear from us.!!

Happy Hunting,

Nancy Hancock

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