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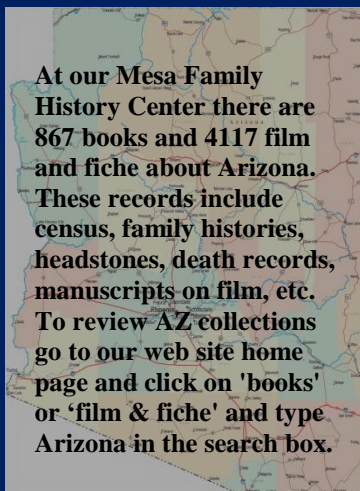
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

As we begin 2012 we are grateful for the connection the Mesa Family History Center (MFHC) has with the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City. As you may be aware, the MFHC is a branch of the FHL in Salt Lake City along with more than 4500 other Family History Centers throughout the world. It is through this connection to the FHL that patrons are able to order from the vast collections of microfilms and microfiche that are part of the repositories of the FHL. Did you know that you can order microfilm and fiche on short term loan, and have these films shipped to any of the 4500 plus family history centers world-wide? You can then go to the designated FH Center to review these films.

We have some patrons who spend winters in Arizona and summers in cooler climates. During the summer the patron has films on short term loan delivered to FH Centers located near their homes. Likewise when they are in Arizona, they have films sent to the MFHC for their review. If you would like to find the locations of FH Centers near you, please visit our website at mesarfhc.org. On the home page near the bottom of the page click on [FHC Locations](#). If you need help with how to order microfilm or fiche, please go to the above website and click on "Order Microfilm/Fiche".

The New Year brings some minor changes:

- For many years the Mesa family History Center has been distinguished by the word "Regional" in its name – The Mesa *Regional* Family History Center. Henceforth, local references to our Center will simply be the Mesa Family History Center. However, when ordering film/fiche be aware that we are recognized as the Mesa, Arizona Large Multi-Stake Family History Center.
- Beginning in January, we will offer some new classes, not previously available. We invite you to enjoy the new classes and learn new genealogy skills through DNA, "Find a Grave", and others.
- The Mesa Family History Center has experienced limited parking. We expect the parking restrictions to be improved in early 2012 with the expansion of the parking lot, easier access, enhanced landscaping and improved lighting.

We wish all a very prosperous and happy new year.

Sherril A. Harmon, Director

We would like to highlight the 8 week series of free

US Research classes

Starting on January 24, 2012, two sessions of classes will be held.

The first will be Tuesdays at 1:30 pm, and the second on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Classes are held in the Training Center Auditorium, 464 East 1st Ave., Mesa (West of the Temple).

Each participant may purchase a "USB flash drive"

(\$10 or less) which will have all the course materials and slides.

Call 480-964-1200 to sign up.

Lesson 1: Surveying and Researching the Internet
Tuesday and Wednesday
Jan 24 & 25

Lesson 2: US Census Records
Tuesday and Wednesday
Jan 31 & Feb 1

Lesson 3: US Civil and Church Vital Records
Tuesday and Wednesday
Feb 7 & 8

Lesson 4: US Immigration and Naturalization
Tuesday and Wednesday
Feb 14 & 15

Lesson 5: US Land Records
Tuesday and Wednesday
Feb 21 & 22

Lesson 6: US Probate and Court Records
Tuesday and Wednesday
Feb 28 & 29

Lesson 7: US Military Records
Tuesday and Wednesday
March 6 & 7

Lesson 8: Tools
Tuesday and Wednesday
Mar 13 & 14

British Isles Research

Classes start January 25
At the training center, 1:30 pm.
These courses include records about England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Lesson 1: Overview and Internet
Wednesday Jan 25

Lesson 2: Census Records
Wednesday Feb 1

Lesson 3: Civil Registration
Wednesday Feb 8

Lesson 4: Church Records
Wednesday Feb 15

Lesson 5: Probate and court records
Wednesday Feb 22

Lesson 6: Immigration Records
Wednesday Feb 29

Lesson 7: Land Records
Wednesday March 7

Lesson 8: Military Records
Wednesday March 14

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN ARIZONA

February, 14, 1912 - February, 14, 2012

A few facts about Arizona:

Arizona was inhabited by the Indians many years before the first European visitors came in the early 1500's seeking treasure.

Arizona is divided into three large areas. The Plateau in the North, the mountain range in the middle and the desert area in the Southern part of the state.

When George Washington became President of the United States, Arizona was still under Spanish rule. Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821. After the Mexican War, 1846-48, Mexico gave control of the area North of the Gila River to the United States and this became a part of the New Mexico Territory in 1850. In 1853 the Gadsen Purchase added the area South of the Gila River.

In 1863 Arizona was separated from New Mexico and made a territory. It was a territory for 49 years. The population in 1863 was about 10,000 people and grew to more the 200,000 people in 1912. The population in 2000 was over 5 million.

In 1886 the Apache Indian Chief, Geronimo, was captured. In 1911 the Roosevelt Dam was opened. Arizona's first newspaper, called the "Weekly Arizonian", was published in Tubac in March of 1859.

Arizona's nickname is "The Copper State". The state bird is the Cactus Wren, the state flower is the blossom on the Saguaro Cactus and the state tree is the Palo Verde. Arizona became a state on February 14 1912. Happy 100th anniversary AZ!

- Melba Preece

In the Center About Arizona

The Mesa Family History Center has an agreement with the State of Arizona to extract current obituary information from Arizona newspapers. Each morning the name, age, date of death and other information is extracted and put on our web site. Look on our homepage for "AZ Obits". Search name and date. It will give you an index. You can then go to the listed newspaper to find the information.

ALSO--Clicking on "AZ Births & Deaths" Will take you to the Arizona Department of Health Services. There you will have access to birth records from 1855-1935 and death records from 1844-1960.



Free Seminar

Walking Through Arizona State Archives

Presented by Dr. Melanie Sturgeon
Director of Arizona State Archives

WHEN:

**January 19, 2012
At 7pm**

WHERE:

**Mesa Family History Training Center
464 E. 1st Ave Mesa, AZ
(West of the Temple)**

No Pre-Registration Required

**For additional information or questions call
Mesa Family History Center
480-964-1200**

ABOUT MELANIE STURGEON

Dr. Melanie Sturgeon is the Director of the Arizona State Archives, a Division of Office of the Secretary of State. She has a Ph.D. in history from Arizona State University and has taught family history classes for many years. She works closely with state and local government agencies throughout the state to identify and preserve permanent historical records. She has served as President of the Southwest Oral History Association, the Conference of Inter Mountain Archivists and the Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona. She has served on the Board of the Council of State Archivists and is presently serving as a board member of the National Association of Government Archivists and Records Administrators. She is also on the Arizona Genealogical Advisory board.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Arizona Family History Expo 2012

Mesa Convention Center 263 N. Center Street Mesa, AZ 85201 January 20 - 21, 2012

There will be two keynote addresses, forty two classes to choose from, a group presentation during dinner, prizes with a grand prize awarded at the closing and many exhibits. Classes are designed for beginners, intermediate and advanced genealogists. For registration, presentations and presenter information click on this link <http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent.aspx?eid=46>

Other Expos Info

Click on this link [Family expos](#)

Yuma Family History Expo 2012, Hilton Garden Inn / Pivot Point Conference Center 310 Madison Yuma, AZ 85364
January 17, 2012

St. George Family History Expo 2012, The Dixie Center 1835 Convention Center Dr. St. George, UT 84790
February 24 - 25, 2012

-Darlene Carroll

NEW CLASSES IN 2012

"FIND A GRAVE" FOR FAMILY RESEARCH

"Find A Grave" will be taught by Shirley Nance at the training center on Wednesday Jan 18 at 10 am.

This is a free resource website for finding the final resting places (cemeteries and headstones) of family members and friends. With over 72 million names listed, and 800,000 contributors, it is an invaluable tool for family genealogical and historical research. Learn how to register, search, and submit memorials to <http://www.findagrave.com/>.

-Shirley Nance

DNA FAMILY RESEARCH

The DNA class will be taught by Leon Barnwell and will be held on Thursday Jan 12 at the training center at 10 am.

The purpose of this class is to find your family roots and locate your family origins. Basic information on what DNA, genes, and chromosomes are all about. We literally carry our ancestors with us in the cells in our body, we are a part of all those who came before us. The DNA class will show you how to order tests and to find those you are connected to by using the internet sites.

-Leon Barnwell

ORGANIZING YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH

Have you ever wanted to know how to Document Sources using Personal Ancestral File or any of the other Affiliate Software packages available? Plan now to attend the class taught by Lynn Melville on "Ways and Tools for Documentation". This class would be held at the Training Center on Monday, January 16th at 10 am. The class will include learning how to organize your multi-media items such as photos and scanned document so they can be attached to events for individuals recorded in your personal software database.

-Lynn Melville

Class in Spanish

Every Thursday at 6-8 p.m.

The Hispanic Committee teaches research and computer techniques all in Spanish. Instructor Carmen Rodriguez
Phone (480) 964-1200

COMMITTEES

Canadian Committee
Marie Welch
Chairman

German Committee
Norene Thomas
Chairman

Immigration & Naturalization Committee
Robert Marshall
Chairman

Land & Probate Committee
Bob Wilcock
Chairman

LDS Records Committee
Richard Heywood
Chairman

Military Committee
Denis Brimhall
Chairman

British Isles Committee
Joan Rowley
Chairman

Native American, Hawaiian & African-American Committee
Hattie Mason
Chairman

Scandinavian Committee
Karen Keath
Chairman

Hispanic committee
Ronald Evans
Chairman

MESA FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITE

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GETTING STARTED

Getting started has a selection of links that leads you to a wonderful start in your genealogy work. This page also gives insight on how to organize and do genealogy work step by step. This Link also takes you to many great resources (websites) and worksheets (PDF format) that will improve your genealogy work.
(To access webpage or PDF click on the blue underline type)

Famous People

The first link leads you to the old family search. This particular website has supplied examples of research using famous people. It also has two types of pedigree charts. One is a tree and the second one is a regular chart. Both are in PDF format and printable. It also has a "How do I start?" guide, a research guide and catalog.
(May take a while to load)

Pedigree Chart

This pedigree chart is 4 generations long. All you have to do is save a copy or print!
Note: When saved it will be in a PDF format.
**We also have available interactive forms on the link "forms and aids".
More details next month.**

Family Group Sheets

This link is to our Family Group sheets that holds up to 17 names. Starting with the husband and wife which includes information like: their parents, burial dates, birth dates and other spouses. There are 15 places for listing the children information including sex, birth date, death date, marriage place and date and spouse.

Family Search

This link leads to a FREE website called "Family Search." As with any site, always start with the information you know then decide what you want to learn. That will determine the direction and records you select to view.

Ancestry.com

This link leads you to a subscription website called Ancestry.com. Even though at home you pay for access, the website is FREE when at the Mesa Family History Center. This website provides you with census records, birth, death, marriage, passenger lists, obituaries, military, and other records. Ancestry is one of many free subscriptions we have at The Mesa Family History Center

To have access to more steps on the Getting Started Web Page click on this link below.
http://www.mesarfhc.org/pdf_files/getting_started.pdf

Our start page is an awesome way to start your genealogy. It is most helpful and easy.

FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

JANUARY 2012

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE

CLASSES HELD IN CLASSROOM AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS/ELEVATOR

Category	Class Description	DAY	DATE	DATE	Time	Instructors
Getting Started	Organizing a Research Notebook & Getting Started	Fri	6		1:00	J. Taylor
Research Classes	Planning a Search	Thu	every		3:00	J. Rowley
	Church Records	Fri	6		10:00	M. Preece
	Emigration/Immigration	Wed	18		10:00	J. Taylor
	Land and Probate	Wed	4		10:00	R. Wilcock
	LDS Records	Tue	10		10:00	R. Heywood
	Military	Wed	11		10:00	D. Brimhall
	Native American, African American, Polynesian	Mon	9		10:00	H. Mason
	Geographic Specialties	British Isles	Tue	24		10:00
Canadian		Tue	3		10:00	M. Welch
German		Fri	13		10:00	N. Thomas
Hispanic		Wed	25		10:00	R. Evans
Scandinavian		Fri	27		10:00	K. Keath
Revolving Classes	Exciting New Courses					
	Starting February					
	For a Limited running time					
Using the Websites	Mesa Regional Fam Hist Ctr Website	Wed	25		1:00	D. Molgard
	Family Search Historical Records/Catalog	Thu	every		11:00	Marshall
	Family Search Wiki Learn/Videos	Wed	4	18	11:00	J. Tanner
	How to Input on the Wiki not available 16, 23	Mon	every		11:00	J. Tanner
	Godfrey Memorial Library/Heritage Quest	Fri	6		11:00	D. Crawford
	Animaps/Historic Map Works/Google Map	Thu	5	19	1:00	W. VanKirk
	Progenealogist	Thu	12	26	1:00	D. Carroll
	Ancestry	Wed	18		1:00	R. Johnson
	Fold3	Fri	13	27	1:00	J. Taylor
Interfacing with New Family Search	Roots Magic: Using With New Family Search	Wed	11	25	11:00	J. Tanner
	Ancestral Quest: Using With New Family Search	Tue	10	24	11:00	J. Wharton
	Legacy: Using With New Family Search	Wed	every		3:00	D. Brady
	Family Insight: Using With New FamilySearch	Tue	3	17	3:00	S. Barnwell

JANUARY 2012 - SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR THE JM ROOM & TRAINING CENTER

	CLASS	Class #	Day	Date	Begins	Ends	Place	Teacher
RESEARCH	Census and Subscription Sites	506	Mon	9-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	J. Taylor
	How to use DNA in Family Research		Thurs	12-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	S. Barnwell
	Ways and Tools for Documentation	507	Mon	16-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	L. Melville
	Find-A-Grave		Wed	18-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	S. Nance
	Using records at the State Archives for research		Thurs	19-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Auditorium	M. Sturgeon
	Google Gen, Whats New etc	508	Mon	23-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	J. Tanner
	USA Research (8 Week Course)	170-1	Tues	24-Jan	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Auditorium	C. Shults
	British Isles Research (8 week course)	190-1	Wed	25-Jan	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Auditorium	C. Shults
	USA Research (8 Week Course)	171-1	Wed	25-Jan	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Auditorium	C. Shults
	Wiki & Forums	509	Mon	30-Jan	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Training Ctr	J. Tanner
USA Research (8 Week Course)	170-2	Tues	31-Jan	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Auditorium	C. Shults	
SOFTWARE	Ancestral Quest	302	Tues	3-Jan	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Training Ctr	D. Brimhall
	Roots Magic	301	Thurs	5-Jan	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Training Ctr	K. Percy
	Ancestral Quest (sign up required)	682	Tues	10-Jan	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Training Ctr	D. Brimhall
	Roots Magis (sign up required)	681	Thurs	12-Jan	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Training Ctr	K. Percy
	Legacy	303	Thurs	19-Jan	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Training Ctr	R Johnson
	Legacy (sign up required)	683	Thurs	26-Jan	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Training Ctr	R Johnson
NEW FAMILY SEARCH	Intro/Combining Records	401	Thurs	5-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Classroom	D. Brady
	Intro/Combining Records	411	Sat	7-Jan	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	N. Thomas
	Contributing Information	402	Thurs	12-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Classroom	D. Brady
	Contributing Information	412	Sat	14-Jan	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	J. Taylor
	Temple Submission & chk for Prior Ord.	403	Thurs	19-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Classroom	D. Brady
	Temple Submission & chk for Prior Ord.	413	Sat	21-Jan	Closed for Mesa Family History Expo			
	Problem Solving 1	404	Thurs	26-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	Classroom	D. Brady
	Problem Solving 1	414	Sat	28-Jan	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	JM Room	D. Brady
Prsthd Leaders	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	Tues	3-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	Thurs	5-Jan	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	Tues	10-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	Thurs	12-Jan	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	Tues	17-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (Spanish)	182	Thurs	19-Jan	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	JM Room	C. Rodriguez
	Prsthd Leaders & Consultants (English)	180	Tues	24-Jan	7:00 PM	8:45 PM	JM Room	D. Crawford
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