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Welcome back. The GSYA Newsletter is resuming publication; but in a new format. The volume number (as always) reflects the number of years this organization has been around. Volume 1 started in March of 1981 – the month and year the society was organized. Volume 38 starts with March – April 2018 – our 38th year.

Now, instead of reprinting complete articles which may be of interest, only an introduction will be given with a link to the original article for those who want to make the jump. [Comments in brackets are this editor's.] **[Sorry, but the first 3 1/2 pages in this issue contain items I think you need to know. Then I start the links.]**

Since this Newsletter will be available on our website for all to see, information that can be found on the website will not be included here, i.e. officers, upcoming programs, etc. Society members and a few other interested people will receive an email notice when each issue is posted.

Please send comments, questions, suggestions, complaints to the editor, Betsy Gottsponer at bgottsponer@gmail.com

GSYA MEETING -- SEE THE MEETING SCHEDULE – LAST SATURDAY.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JUDITH MARCUM

Greetings from NC! It was 78 degrees today, a rather warmer day than usual. But so happy to be here rather than in Yuma during the summer. My daughter's husband has gotten a job in Orlando, FL, and she will be moving this month to Florida. Because she and her family are moving to the east coast, I have decided to move back to NC at the end of March next year. All of my family with the exception of my 2 single sons are here in NC and my daughter in Florida. I will continue to serve as President of GSYA until our elections next March. I have two presentations that I will still present as we planned.

And I will still work at the FHC until the end of March.

This was a very difficult decision to make, but as I am getting older, I need to be around family with the current health problems I have. So, I have already purchased a home in Southport, NC. All I need to do is prepare to move and sell my mobile home. I can continue being the webmaster if the board decides as it is just a matter of keeping the info updated. But, I wanted everyone on the board to know about this early so that they can start searching for a member who is willing to run as President next year. The office of President is not near as complex since we do not have Dining with the Dead anymore.

After living in Yuma 42 years, this move will be hard for me since I will have to make new friends and become involved in new organizations. But I felt I needed to do this before I turn 70 which is not too far away. Thanks for everyone's support, and hope everything goes ok the next two months until I return.

What will Happen to the AZ State Library Collection of Genealogical Books?

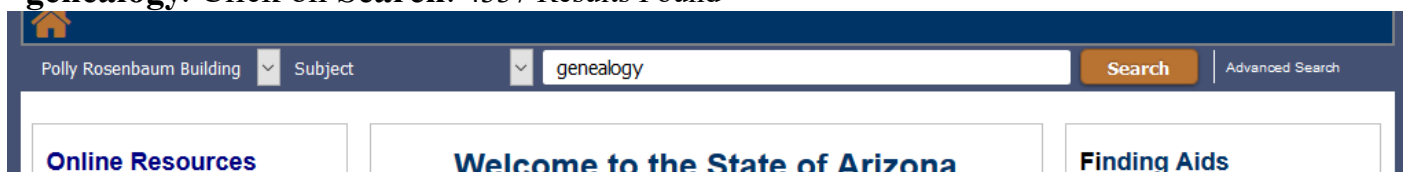
In a couple of months, decisions will be made regarding the final disposal of the non-Arizona genealogy collection. Currently the books, microfilm, and microfiche are stored in boxes at the Polly Rosenbaum History and Archives Building.

Holly Henley has succeeded Joan Clark as State Librarian. She has asked AzGAB to find contacts within the Genealogy Community who would be willing to meet with her and discuss the disposition of the remaining collection. (Betsy is on that committee.) As most of you know, the Genealogy Library was shut down at the State Capitol and moved over to the Archives building. Any non-Arizona genealogy cataloged materials were boxed and shipped to FamilySearch so they could digitize it. After digitizing, Family Search returned the material. Those items under copyright were not digitized.

Working with AzGAB, West Valley Genealogical Society and the McClelland Irish Library offered to take the boxes of returned books. And find some of them homes.

If you would like to see what books are in those boxes go to:

<https://azlibrary.gov/collections> Click on Research Library Catalog icon (the one with the magnifying glass). Choose **Polly Rosenbaum Building**, choose **subject**, type in **genealogy**. Click on **Search**. 4337 Results Found



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AZ State Library website. It features a home icon, a dropdown menu for 'Polly Rosenbaum Building', a dropdown menu for 'Subject', a search input field containing 'genealogy', a 'Search' button, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Below the search bar, there are three main content areas: 'Online Resources', 'Welcome to the State of Arizona', and 'Finding Aids'.

Budget Cut Proposed For Allen County Public Library May Close World Famous Genealogy Center. Please respond before 28 Aug.

From: **IAJGS Public Records Access Alert [AzGAB belongs to this organization]**

Date: Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 9:36 PM

Subject: [Records-Access-Alerts] (US) Allen County Public Library Budget Cut Proposed

The Allen County (Fort Wayne, IN) Public Library is home to the Genealogy Center the largest publicly-owned genealogy collection in the United States .

A Fort Wayne City Councilman, Jason Arp, proposed cutting the budget of the Allen County Public Library so that it will no longer be self-sustaining. Mr. Arp recently proposed eliminating the Allen County business personal property tax and proposed the loss of the library funding as a way to "fund" the proposed property tax elimination. Instead Mr. Arp suggests that Amazon should replace libraries. Of Arp's proposal goes through the library would lose \$3.9 million in annual revenue—the same amount it spends on new books each year; the same as the annual cost to operate all the library branches throughout the county and the amount is the same to combined operating budget of every department at the main branch of the library in Ft. Wayne. The Mayor of Fort Wayne and other another City Councilman and a mayoral candidate, local school area representatives all oppose the proposal.

An article in the *Journal Gazette* addresses this current proposal and is opposed to it:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/20180720/tax-removal-plan-decried>

To read more please see Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at:

<https://blog.eogn.com/2018/08/13/a-fort-wayne-indiana-city-councilman-proposes-eliminating-the-annual-budget-for-the-allen-county-public-library/>

The genealogical community has seen this happen before---trying to eliminate archives and libraries by budget cuts and the genealogical community has been very successful in getting reversals. While there is a groundswell of opposition, if you are so inclined, please contact the person's below with your concerns about Councilman Arp's proposal, **before the August 28 City Council meeting**: Councilman Arp mentioned this week on a radio show that his proposal to eliminate the business property tax on new business equipment will be discussed at the August 28 City Council meeting. We don't know if there will be a vote as an official notice has not yet been released.

Email or call the city councilpersons Paul Ensley, paul@paulensley.com, 260-255-5176; Russ Jehl, russ@russjehl.com, 260-255-4580; Tom Didier, tdidiers5@frontier.com, 260-489-4559; Jason Arp, jasonarpcitycouncil@gmail.com, 260- 210-0310; Geoff Paddock, geoffreypaddock@aol.com, 260-432-5700; Glynn Hines, glynnhines@aol.com, 260- 447-7144; Michael Barranda, michaelbarranda@gmail.com, 260-427-1145; John Crawford, jncrawfordmd@gmail.com, 260-433-0295; Tom Freistroffer, freistrofferatlarge@gmail.com, 260- 704-4229.

GYSA PURCHASED SUBSCRIPTION TO LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS FOR MEMBER USE ONLY

GSYA has purchased a one-year subscription to Legacy Family Tree Webinars at a cost of \$30.00 (the normal fee is \$80.00). There are 670 plus videos which can be downloaded onto a laptop or iPad, two new videos are added each Wednesday. Most Webinars include a download in a PDF format for a handout. Paid members have access to the site by emailing Betty McEntire, who will confirm membership before forwarding the email request to Judith. The site will be checked frequently for any new informational webinars about DNA.

[DATABASE OF 620,000 WW I CANADIAN PERSONNEL FILES COMPLETED](#)

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

To mark the centennial of the end of the First World War and the heroic and tragic events that led up to it, we are pleased to announce the completion of the digitization of all Canadian military personnel records from the Great War.

[Expanded Ellis Island Immigrant Records 1820-1957 are now Online](#)

[Dick Eastman](#)

[FamilySearch](#) and [The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.](#) announced today the entire collection of Ellis Island New York Passenger Arrival Lists from 1820 to 1957 are now available online on both websites giving the opportunity to the descendants of over 100 million arrivals to discover their ancestors quicker and free of charge.

[Free and Open-Source Software \(FOSS\) Explained](#)

[Dick Eastman](#)

NOTE: *This article may appear to be unrelated to either genealogy or history. However, some genealogy software is released as Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) and a number of questions about such software have been posted to the discussion board on the newsletter's web site in recent weeks. I thought a short article explaining the term might help others who have not yet asked "What is FOSS?"*

WITH THE NEXT VERSION OF MICROSOFT WINDOWS, SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR WINDOWS PC AS YOU KNOW IT

Dick Eastman

NOTE: *This article is not about genealogy but I suspect many Windows users will be interested in it. If you are looking for true genealogy-related articles, I suggest you skip this one.*

Huge changes are coming from Microsoft. A new rumor is going around that claims Microsoft is switching from **SELLING** Windows to **RENTING** it instead. Some users think it will be an improvement while others believe it will be a major step backwards to computing in the way it was done in the 1970s when very expensive mainframes did all the computing and all data input and output by humans was done by using remote “dumb terminals.”

Free Handout on Newspapers Available For Download

There's nothing more exciting than discovering your family story.

Newspapers tell us the names, dates and places but most importantly they tell our ancestors' stories, and make their experiences memorable and unforgettable.

Here's a helpful resource including specific steps you can take to learn the stories of your ancestors.

If you haven't had a chance to review, you can download it free [here](#).

Hopefully you'll be one step closer to discovering the fascinating details of your family's past.

Hope you enjoy!
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In the Future, You Might Live Forever Online

Dick Eastman

One thought: be careful about those snide comments you are thinking of posting online.

Your great-great-grandchildren might read them! What impression will they have of your comments? Internet trolls beware!

British Archives Online Catalog Lists 32,000,000+ Record Descriptions

Anne Bodine, Yuma Family History Center Director.

The United Kingdom's National Archives maintains an online catalog “Discovery” with more than 32 million descriptions of records held by the National Archives and the 2,500 archives across the country. Over 9 million records are available for download. An introduction to Discovery, at <https://tinyurl.com/yb76yoke> provides links to getting started as well as links to guides.

War of 1812 Pension Files are Digitized on Fold3.Com

Anne Bodine, Yuma Family History Center Director.

Lead by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the genealogical community began digitizing the files in 2015 and the Pension Files for surnames A through M are now available free online at www.Fold3.com. Files may contain family records proving births, marriages, deaths, maiden names, and many other details of the extended families of the 1812 veterans.

Are You Missing Most of the Available Genealogy Information?

Dick Eastman

I read the entire message, but my eyes kept jumping back to the words in his first sentence: “... **but only through the Internet.**” Doesn’t he realize that 95% of the information of interest to genealogists is not yet available on the Internet?

Mesa Family History Library Closing

The Mesa FamilySearch Library will CLOSE permanently at 5:00 pm September 14, 2018. A new Discovery Center will be opening in the future. The Library's web page has been moved to the FamilySearch wiki at

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Mesa_Arizona_FamilySearch_Library