

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road

Member Meeting

17 October 2009

GREETERS: Helen Lenz and Marilyn Rohrer

WELCOME: Connie Stewart- President – 10:05 a.m.

Connie welcomed the Members and Visitors to our meeting today and invited the visitors to join our group if they found the meeting today favorable.

OPENING PRAYER: Fran Lightner

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Connie announced the Ivins Family History Fair to be held November 13th and 14th with the Keynote Speaker being Ronald T. Halverson on Friday evening.. The Friday Event will be from 6:00 p.m. To 10:00 p.m. and the Saturday event will be from 10:00 a.m. To 2:30 p.m. NO COST and All are invited.

It was announced that in connection with the National Family History Month in October the Regional Family History Training Center will be holding it's annual OPEN HOUSE Today from 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ... Take the Tour and Have A Cookie!

Pictures of you and/or your family are being collected by Fran for the December Power Point presentation. Older Family pictures, please. Send your pictures to Fran at her email address: jflightner@skyviewmail.com

WELCOMING THE PRESENTER ... Julie Bliss Hammons Connie Stewart

Julie Bliss Hammons, originally from Millard County and Spanish Fork, Utah, moved to St. George about 10 months ago from Verde Valley in Arizona. Julie is married to Del Ray Hammons, and they have five children, 13 ¾ grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Julie have been a Stake Family History Center Director. For several years she taught a series of classes on "Using Your Computer For Genealogy" for the Verde Valley Computer Club. She wrote a Genealogy Column called "Relatively Speaking" for five years for the *Verde Independent* Newspaper. She also taught genealogy related classes for the Sedona Genealogy Club, the LDS Family History Center in Cottonwood, Arizona and presented classes for the Northern Arizona Genealogy Society at their conferences, as well as at the Genealogy Conference in the Verde Valley, and she has given genealogy lectures for civic groups.

Julie is currently serving a part-time mission at the St. George Regional Family History Training Center, where she teaches a series of classes related to research, namely: New England Research, Using Land & Probate Records, Census Records, Goggle-In Your Genealogy, Genealogy Notes and Sources. She loves to do research she states .. "A great day to me would be a day spent in the Research Library or Archive". In her spare time she is a quilter.

PRESENTATION..... BREAKING BRICK WALLS – CLUSTER RESEARCH Julie B. Hammons

Julie started her presentation with the explanation of

WHAT CAUSES BRICK WALLS?

- Incorrect Information
 - Family traditions that migrate to different families
 - Two people with the same name get switches in different families
- Earlier research is incorrect
- Families trying to hide their past
- People deliberately misleading you
 - Anjou
 - AKA lying

COMMON PROBLEMS

- Linking an event or relationship to a person only because of the names is the same
- Jumping over a generation in an attempt to link to the genealogy of a famous historical figure
- Failing to search records thoroughly and systematically
- Using only one or two good sources
- Moving too early to the next generation before the latest one has been fully explored
- Forming a theory and never changing it
- Relying on secondary (derivative) sources
- Drawing hasty conclusions

COMMON CAUSES

- Racing through research

RESEARCH LOG TOOLS

- TimeLine Tool

Example to TimeLine Tool for Mary Smith			
Years	Age	Comment	Place
1760		BORN to Samuel Smith and Mary Lou Brown	, Nansemond, Virginia
1761	1		
1762	2		
..... continue years to death date			
1780	18	Married John Jones - June 14, 1780	, Johnston, North Carolina
1781	19	Child born - James Jones - September 23, 1781	, Johnston, North Carolina
.....			
1833	73	Died	, Edgecombe, North Carolina

- Research Logs
 - Samples can be found at FamilySearch.org and other various sites on the Internet
- Map Tools
 - Good Maps can be found in a Library, on Google or various Wiki's on the Internet

CHECKLIST TOOLS

- List of records checked
- Check all names in your ancestral family
- Check collateral family names

LOOK FOR

- Naming Patterns
 - Mother's maiden name used as a middle name
- Gap in birth years of children
- Birth places of siblings
- Marriage places of siblings
- Wills/probates with married names of daughters

AND the List and suggestions continued! The attachment has many good suggestions and many helpful Internet Sites to use in you research.

The presentation was excellent and very well excepted by all in attendance.

CLOSING PRAYER: **Max Turpin**

Prize Winners: Lee Ann Riddoch, Betty Versteeg, Sunny Konold

Total Attendance: 31

Membership: 27

Visitors: 4

Filed by: June Morton – Recording Secretary