

General Membership June 29, 2022

Notes from June 29, 2022 Summer breakout groups

John Gelber's notes:

Question of software to be used

- Family Search (free)
- Ancestry (popular, not free)
- Family Tree Maker

Resources at

- Southern Arizona Genealogy Society
- LDS Libraries

Talked about DNA

- Matches – Find out interesting matches
- Useful for building Tree

Talked about Military Records

Talked about Birth Records/Adoption

Shared stories

Pam and Mark's Notes

Mark Hester and I had the pleasure of visiting with Cloyce and Kaye Miller and Cloyce's half-sister Janet Shropshire. All three brought material to discuss their family trees. Cloyce was interested in researching his biological father who died in Belgium during WW II when Cloyce was very young. Kaye brought a handwritten family tree that she made in high school. Janet was trying to prove the family legend that she was part Indian. Mark gave each of them suggestions on how to further their research and they were very interested and grateful. We were able to ask some general questions about their genealogical experiences such as a) what kind of software they are using and b) if they had any DNA surprises. But mostly they were interested in getting help and talking about their research. We had a delightful conversation and achieved the goal of getting to know our members better. I am looking forward to July and August's meetings when we will continue to break into small groups.

UPDATE: from Mark: Janet Shropshire took an Ancestry DNA Kit that I had and will be sending her DNA to be analyzed.