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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 9, 1992, 7:30 p.m.
(7:00 p.m. Beginners, Supplies, and Library Tables open)
Bellevue Public Library, 11501 Main Street, Bellevue, WA

Guest Speaker: Janet G. Nixon Baccus of Puyallup, WA.

Topic: Immigrants and Naturalization

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

*WSGS, chartered bel.
Tacoma Pierce CO, Past Pres.*

Janet G. Nixon Baccus taught genealogy courses for ten years, and wrote the Routes to Roots newspaper column for five years. She has compiled one book and has two others nearly ready to print. Ms. Baccus speaks on the use of maps and land records, military records, census research, unusual records, Coast to Coast in Less Than Fifty Years, probates, etc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the early coming of Spring, not only are the tree's leafing and flowers blooming but the genealogy bug is biting fiercely. There are a rash of genealogical conferences springing forth in response to the bug, such as the South King County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar in Des Moines on 4 April, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the NGS "Conference in the States" in Jacksonville, Florida, 29 April through 2 May; and the 8th Annual WSGS Conference "America - Land of Opportunity" with guest speakers, William H. Schoeffler and Anita Cheek Milner, in Everett, Washington on 29-31 May. I would encourage you to take advantage of some of these opportunities, or you could just schedule a trip to the National Archives to look at the 1920 census, or the Seattle Public Library, or the local Family History Center in your locality. There is nothing like soothing the bug bite by scheduling a little time to find more of those elusive ancestors.

Beginning genealogy by Mary Magnuson (April-May)

Contact Redmond Senior Center

Intermediate genealogy by Frankie Larson (April 15-May 20)

Contact Bellevue Community College

SPEAKER REVIEW

Mary DeMatteo Sangalang

EGS was delighted to host **Judith Allison Walters** as our March guest speaker on Understanding Old Photographs. A very informative slide show and talk was presented and many members questions were addressed during a question-and-answer period.

Judith showed many different examples of the evolution of photo-finishing, including a few taken at the time of the Civil War, indicated by a Revenue Stamp attached on the back of the photo, showing that a tax had been paid. This Civil War period can also be identified by a double line border around the edge of the photo, with one line thicker than the other, and dates from September 1864 - August 1866. **Note:** Copies were made from at least 1860; some tintypes, and all convex photos are copies - you need the original to figure the date.

One suggestion for determining the date of a photo is to study the fashions worn during the different time periods. A 1907 McCall's magazine showed women wearing upswept hair, high-collar blouses with V-shaped lace necks, and cinched waists. Little boys wore dresses, leggings, and a loose fitting belt on their hips! Once you are familiar with the fashions of the time periods, you can study your old photos to see what clothing they depict and guess at the time the photo was taken, within a couple of years of that fashion trend.

A few things to remember about preservation of old photographs are:

1. Hang photos on a wall out of the direct sunlight.
2. Black and white, or sepia tone (brown) last the longest, some up to 150 years.
3. Color photos will fade if exposed to light - direct or indirect.
4. It is best to make a negative and a copy of the original photo, store them in a safe place away from heat and moisture (a safety deposit box is a good idea), and hang the copy on the wall to enjoy.
5. Do not use a ball-point pen or pencil to write on the back of your photos, as the pressure of writing or the ink bleeding through may ruin your photo. Use a permanent photomarker pen purchased from a photo store, or a Stabilo All-Art pencil (available from Bellevue Art & Frame). **Note:** Neither of these methods can be erased. Typing on adhesive labels is convenient (type before you stick it on the photo!) but not recommended as the adhesive will yellow and loosen with age, and the effects of the adhesive to deterioration of the photo are not yet known.
6. Fiber based papers on which a photo is printed last longer, however they can wrinkle. Today's resin coated paper doesn't last as long. Specify archival quality paper if you desire a more permanent copy of your photo (more costly, of course). **Note:** If you have the negative stored properly, you can always make more copies instead of going to the expense of purchasing archival quality paper.

7. If the photo is rolled and you would like to flatten it to make a copy, very carefully lay a piece of glass over one end, pushing slowly until the whole photo is flat. This is one way to frame an original in this condition - unfold with the glass, then slip on backing and frame.
8. **Hint from Mary** - handle photos only at the edges or borders, or when wearing white cotton gloves. This will prevent smudges, fingerprints, and most of all, oils from your hands permanently marking and deteriorating your precious photos.

To make your own copies and negatives, you will need a 35mm camera with a 50mm micro lens and "M" ring, two garage lights with 75 watt bulbs, and a tripod. Mount the lights at a 45-degree angle toward the photo. Reverse the tripod so that the camera hangs straight down, facing the photo on a flat surface. Some helpful ideas to obtain the best copy are:

1. When your photo is faded and washed out - use a No. 47 dark blue gelatin filter and high contrast paper to print; you will be amazed at how much of your picture is retored visually.
2. To prevent reflections when photographing through glass, or if there are already reflections in the photo - make a hole the size of your camera-lens opening in a piece of black paper and place over the camera, open the "F" stop and take the picture; reflections are absorbed by the black paper.
3. Kodak sells postcard stock so you can print your photo on postcards and mail to family members.
4. Tintypes are actually reverse image phtos - hold up to a mirror to view, or turn negative over to copy and get the accurate pose (i.e., tintype shows grandma on left/grandpa on right, they actually were reversed when the photo was taken, flip the tintype over to correct the reverse image.

Judith has a home-based business copying photos, making negatives, and collecting old photographs. She has compiled several books, and a catalog listing her collection, along with handouts on dating old photographs, and guidelines for making your own copy slides and copy color negatives. She can copy your photos and for a nominal fee. You can obtain her catalog to see if your ancestor's surname is included in her photo collection from around the world. Contact Judith for more information and price schedules at: **Judith Allison Walters, P.O. Box 129, Bothell, WA 98041**
(206) 488-8236

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A word of appreciation for those of you who have submitted items or articles for the Bulletin Board by the 20th of the month. This is really helping and gives more time to editing. For those of you who have not submitted an article and would like to, I would love to hear from you. Please send submittals to: **Jan Ulstein, P.O. Box 1185, Bellevue, WA 98009**
Thanks!!!

LIBRARY REPORT

Mary Jo Graves

The collection of newsletters from other states is now in the library at the Lake Hills Public Library. They are bound in red book-report covers. There are newsletters from the following states: Georgia, Oregon, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, Kentucky, Vermont, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Virginia, South Carolina, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Some of these states have chapters in different counties, however, in most instances, all the information is in the same book. The information in each book varies somewhat, but on the average you will find birth, marriage, death, cemetery records; ancestor surnames, deeds, queries, Civil War Salt List, 1885 Territorial Census of Dakota, and bio sketches of men in the Union regiments of Kentucky, etc.

The newsletters of genealogical societies in Washington State are presenting a problem. Many of the issues are missing. If anyone is storing newsletters, or can fill in any of the missing issues, please contact Mary Jo Graves (255-7910).

Important News for Genealogical Researchers

The Washington State Library in Olympia would like to let members know about a change in the Washington/Northwest Room's hours for the General Public. New hours are: Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a permanent change, and will continue after the Legislature adjourns. The new hours apply to both the Northwest History and Microform collections, including all newspapers on microfilm.

Circulating books and microfilm are still available at any time. Ask your local library about making an interlibrary loan request. They do loan newspaper microfilms - up to 10 reels at one time.

Researchers can make appointments if they need to use non-circulating materials, such as manuscript collections, rare books or other fragile materials. Appointments are not available for use of newspaper or census microfilm.

For appointments or information, please call:

**Gayle Palmer or Ellen Levesque, 206/753-4024
c/o Washington/Northwest Room, Washington State Library
P.O. Box 42475, Olympia, WA 98504-2475**

Warning! If you have read in recent publications regarding the advice to microwave old books to rid them of bugs, BE AWARE that many older books contain glue that could melt and/or metal parts that could damage your microwave. (Lewis County G.S., March 1992, reprinted from the Stillaguamish Star Newsletter, Jan-Feb 1991)

Faded writing too dim to read? Try an ordinary 75 watt black light bulb in any light that casts light directly on the material. It is reported to do wonders to bring out dim copy. (Lewis County G.S., March 1992, reprinted from the Tri-City G.S., Nov. 1991)

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Notes from Members

From our Membership Chairman, Judy Smith: Do you have ancestors in the deep south? While travelling recently I found a column titled, Family Trees, in the Sunday edition of The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi. This column is written by Nancy Parks and includes queries. Send queries to Family Trees, P.O. Box 387, Louisville, MS 39339.

From Joyce Ossinger (868-1850) a note on the Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group's next meeting: We will meet on April 15th at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Janice Pankratz, 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City. We will study a tape by Alice Eichholz, C.G., on New England Town Records. Members and friends are invited to bring and share their research problems. Alice Eichholz is an associate professor at Norwich University, where she directs independent studies in psychology and history. Her publications include Ancestry's Red Book; American State, County and Town Sources; Black Genesis (with James M. Rose); and Collecting Vermont Ancestors. She has held various offices for the Association of Professional Genealogists. Call 222-7583 for further information.

From Melissa Clausen, leader of the Computer Interest Group, the following notes:

- o Many EGS Computer Interest Group members have lots of experience with various kinds of hardware and software. Do you have a question, or do you have a problem with your system or with a program that you are using? Call Melissa, 451-9613, for a referral "expert" who will help you solve your problem.
- o Computer Interest Group magazine exchange begins! Do you have stacks of computer magazines and newspapers that you no longer want? Bring them to the Computer Interest Group meetings for the "freebie" table. You will get the joy of watching someone else take them, and perhaps you will find some magazines that you will want too.
- o **Update on Beginning DOS.** This is just to let you know the details for this class have not been settled yet. If you have questions, call Melissa (451-9613)

- o Would the person who borrowed the PAF 3-ring binder from the Computer Interest Group library, please return it at the next CIG meeting.

A note from Cyril Noble, leader of the British Interest Group. Plans for this group are moving right along -- Cyril is scheduling speakers for the next two meetings. This month, Richard Gates will be speaking to us on How to Use Vital Statistics in British Research. Join us at the Newport Library (see calendar for details).

For Your Information

- o English from the Roots Up: Help for Reading, Writing, Spelling and SAT Scores, by Joegil Lundquist. Literacy Unlimited, 1989.
Those of you mature enough to remember sitting in Latin classes will remember the old joke, "Latin's a dead language, it killed the Romans and now it's killing me." According to the author of this intriguing text, the lack of Latin (and Greek) in contemporary education may be killing comprehension of English in America. Graphically showing the roots and derivations of our language in a workbook format, the author provides a fascinating and strong argument to return to the days of *veni, vidi, vici*. A great book for language afficianados; public, private and home-schooling educators; basic literacy and ESL tutors; and all crossword and Scrabble lovers. Reviewed by Susan B. Madden, Literacy/Young Adult Department. (from OMNIBUS - Materials from King County Library Systems, Winter 1992)
- o ***Oregon Trail Ancestors?** A published list is now available of known Oregon Trail participants. Write: California Trails Association, P.O. Box 42, Gerald, MO 63967 (reprinted from News 'N' Notes, St. Louis G.S., September 1991)
- o ***Descendants of Swiss State of Valais.** The Swiss government is sponsoring a program to reunite descendants of Swiss emigrants and Swiss citizens. Write: Valasians of the World Project, 915 North Clark Street, Appleton, WI 54911. (reprinted from Nuggets from Paradise, August 1991).
- o ***State of WA Professional Licensing Records.** Earliest records go back to 1881 for Physicians and Accoucheurs (my trusty Cassells defines the latter as "midwives"). Some other professions included were Drugless Healers, Embalmers, and Barbers. Records are available through the State Archives. (reprinted from Whitman County G.S.)
- o ***Washington State Death Certificates.** A bill (SB5958) introduced to raise the cost of a death certificate to \$37 was not approved, however, an amendment has been proposed which will raise the cost to \$16. Use the WA Legislature Hotline (1-800-562-6000) to register your concern.
- o ***Texas Death Records.** Texas Death Records are now closed due to recent legislation to forestall possibility of illegal aliens using records to establish identification. (reprinted from Cuahoga West, Ohio, G.S. V.15, #2)

- o ***Veterans Records of Admissions to Army Hospitals.** National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO now has the records of admission for the periods of 1942-1945 and 1950-1954. This is important for veterans whose records were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the St. Louis Records Center. (reprinted from Skagit Valley G.S. and American Legion Auxiliary, WA State Newsletter)

Note from the Editor: *these items from the Olympia G.S. Quarterly, January 1992. Great January issue, Olympia G.S.! Thank you!!

**PILGRIMS, FARMERS, AND RANCHERS:
MARKS AND BRANDS AS A GENEALOGICAL SOURCE
By Kathleen W. Hinckley, CGRS, CGL**

Genealogists continually seek records by which they can separate identities; document relationships; and discover dates of birth, marriage, and death. Toward that end, one type of extant record is frequently neglected: the cattle and crop brands and marks that for centuries have been crucial to the livelihood of rural and small-town families.

American Roots of Branding. In the American mind, branding is usually associated with the great herds of the western United States. However, the custom was followed in all the colonies and states. The first known reference to the practice appears in a 1640 record book of Virginia.

By the time of the American Revolution, branding and its attending rituals were well-established practices in the British Southeast as well as the Spanish Southwest. Annual roundups and branding of calves, as well as long drives of herds to tidewater and coastal markets, were common a century before such practices began on the Great Plains. Branding also appears frequently in historical accounts of frontier development. Exploring Montana, Captain Meriwether Lewis, for example, burned his cachet into the leather packs in which he sent furs, botanical specimens, and other items to Saint Louis. The iron he used to mark the horses he bought from Shoshone and Flathead tribes is now owned by the Oregon Historical Society. Following a different lifestyle, Mormon pioneers depended heavily on cattle for sustenance and labor while establishing their Zion in "the tops of the mountains." While the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has not recorded brands for many years, its extant books are full of ward, stake, and priesthood quorum registrations.

The Civil War's depletion of livestock in the embattled Southeast left Texas as the nation's prime supplier of cattle; and the famous Chisholm Trail, which stretched from San Antonio to Abilene along the wagon trail marked by the Indian trader Jesse Chisholm, became the route by which Texas ranchers drove their herds to the Kansas railheads. In its heyday between 1866 and 1880, Abilene alone shipped out nearly five million head. Cattlemen of the plains also found good profits by supplying military posts, mining camps, and railroad section crews.

Personal Brand Books. In the heyday of America's Western cattle drives, the professional cowboy carried his own personal brand book, a work that was as much a part of his trial gear as his gun or lariat....depictions of brands used in the area worked by the cowboy, reports of stolen cattle, rough maps of cattle drives, and other trail information needed for ready reference....The Loving Brand Book, a manuscript record of cattle marks from Texas northward and westward through nine states. Each of the more than fifteen hundred marks and brands that are pictured is accompanied by an identification of the owner, ranch, and post office.

Cattlemen's Association Records. Late in the nineteenth century, cattlemen began banding together for the protection of their livestock against rustlers and hostile Indian groups, as well as for the recovery of reparations from railroads....These cattlemen's associations ... had their cattlemen counterparts. Both sexes created minute books, annual reports, and membership records that often survive in historical societies and archives....Membership in a cattlemen's organization has almost routinely appeared in the obituaries of members, serving now as a red flag to the alert genealogist.

Summation. A cattle or crop brand was a form of family crest, not just burned into the hides of animals and bundles of tobacco but also engraved on the table silver, monogrammed on the family linens, painted on the barn or bunkhouse, tooled on the leather of a belt or saddle horn, stamped on homemade butter, and forked into pies. The attending customs, legislation, and enforcement of these brands and marks in America have produced a variety of records to reward the diligent researcher who cherishes this aspect of family history and recognizes its potential for resolving genealogical problems.

There follows a very comprehensive "Notes and References" section.

Editor's Note: Marks and brands are an unexpected and unusual resource for the genealogist but should prove to be a fascinating search. The above is merely an excerpt from this excellent article. Other points of interest which are included are: Legislation; Terminology; Miscellaneous Marks; Estray Registrations; Genealogical Use of Branding Records; Case Studies; Locating the Records; Locating the Original Records; Finding Published Resources; Published Brand Books; Biographical Aids.

Anyone wishing to read the full article will find it in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 79, Number 4, December 1991.

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On a lighter note! Recipes from my favorite cookbook, given to me by my late uncle, Frederick James Diamond Cook, whose favorite pastime was prospecting in the Yukon and Northern B.C. This book, Buckskin Cookery, is made up of pioneer recipes donated by old timers and natives of B.C. (Ed.)

"WEAH"(Indian) "Black Bread"

Collect the black moss hanging from fir trees only. Jack pine no good. Clean out needles, twigs, bird dirt, and nests. Wash good and soak overnight.

Dig a pit 4 feet deep. Lay sticks in bottom to drain. Line with sour grass. Lay the moss on the grass. Cover with more grass. Heat stones hot and lay on grass. Cover over with bark, and then dirt.

Next day, dig up. Moss is packed down to a few inches. Cut in squares and dry for winter. Stew with sugar. Good eating.



"TOAST" (Indian)

Sprinkle salt on top of hot stove. Toast bread. Salt stops bread sticking.

BLUEBERRY JAM

Use 3/4 pound of sugar to 1 pound of berries.

Prepare your bottles well ahead of time. Tie strings soaked in coal oil around the shoulders of old brandy bottles, and set them afire. This cracks the necks, and they can be knocked off. File the edges of the bottles smooth and wash and sterilize them. Cook your jam and fill the bottles. Seal with 2 or 3 thicknesses of brown paper, well pasted together, and tied strongly with string.



Mrs. Cecelia Baker.

LITTLE BLACK BEAR PASTRY

For the most delicious pie crust you ever tasted, use as shortening the rendered fat from a little black bear that had been eating blackberries.

R. J. Meek, Indian Agent,
Lytton, B.C.

APRIL 1992 CALENDAR

- April 2, 1992 EGS Board Meeting, LDS Church by the Family History Center, 7:00 p.m.
- April 3, 1992 German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- April 9, 1992 EGS Membership Meeting, Bellevue Public Library,
7:00 p.m. Beginners' Table
7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
Speaker: Janet G. Nixon Baccus
Topic: Immigrants and Naturalization
- April 11, 1992 Roots III User Group meets at the Sumner Public Library
1116 Fryar Avenue, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- April 13, 1992 Irish Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
7:00 p.m. Questions and answers
7:30 p.m. Mary Magnuson will speak on "Are you digging
deep enough for your Irish roots?"
- April 14, 1992 Midwestern Interest Group, meeting at the home of Eunice Jobes
14711 SE 15th Place, Bellevue, 7:00 p.m. (747-4112)
- April 18, 1992 Italian Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- April 18, 1992 EGS Computer Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
10:00 a.m. to noon
Tech session: How to submit your family information to the Ancestral File
at the LDS Library
- April 24-25, 1992 Provo, Utah - A genealogical workshop, "Introductory Personal Ancestral File
Workshop," will be held at the BYU Conference Center on the BYU campus. The fee
is \$95 for seminar, course handouts and workshop syllabus. For more information
write or call Conferences and Workshops, 136 Harman Building, Provo, UT 84602 or
Phone: 801/378-4853
- April 24-26, 1992 WORLDFFEST '92 at Northgate Mall. A unique celebration of our many cultural
traditions, sponsored by the Ethnic Heritage Council and Northgate Mall. Ethnic food,
crafts, entertainment, and children's parade.
- April 25, 1992 British Interest Group, Newport Hills Library
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Speaker: Richard Gates - How to use Vital Statistics in British Research
- April 28, 1992 New England Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
7:00 p.m.
- May 1, 1992 German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- May 7, 1992 EGS Board Meeting, LDS Church by the Family History Center, 7:00 p.m.
- May 9, 1992 Roots III User Group meeting at ???
- May 11, 1992 Irish Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
7:00 p.m. Research problems and help
7:30 p.m. Helen Leary Olson and Beth Leary Smith will speak on their Research Trip
to County Cork (with emphasis on the light side)
- May 14, 1992 EGS General Membership Meeting, Bellevue Public Library
7:00 p.m. Beginners' Table
7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting - EGS 10th Anniversary Party
Speaker: Lorraine McConaghy, "Combining Oral History and Genealogy." Genealogy
from an historian's point of view.
- May 16, 1992 EGS Computer Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- May 16, 1992 Family History Fair, Genealogical Forum of Oregon
1410 SW Morrison, Portland, Oregon
Mini-seminars, vendors tables (including EGS). Forum library tours: 9:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m. No charge.
- May 29, 1992 8th Annual WA State Genealogy Society Conference, Everett, WA, "America
-- Land of Opportunity." Guest Speakers: William H. Schoeffler, Anita
Cheek Milner
- June 5, 1992 German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- July 13-17, 1992 Washington, D.C. The National Institute on Genealogical Research announces a week-
long program geared toward experienced researchers - genealogists, historians,
archivists, and librarians to learn more about the records in the National Archives.
Class size is limited to 40. Write to the National Institute on Genealogical Research,
Box 14274, Washington, D.C., 20044-4274, for an application.



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