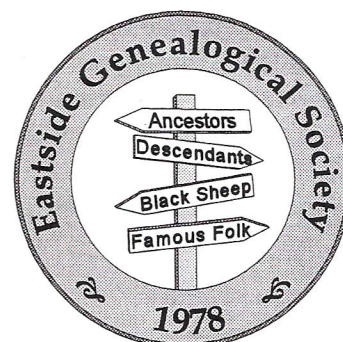


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, 12 April 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m., (7:00 p.m. Supply Table, welcome new members, socialize, ask questions)
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Preserving Photographs
Speaker: Nicolette Romberg

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The speaker for our April 12 general meeting will be Nicolette Romberg from the Archives section of the University of Washington Libraries. She has done archival work for 20 years. She teaches care and management of photo collections at various workshops and gives talks on how to take care of photograph collections.

A native Washingtonian, she has recently returned to her home state after sojourns as an archivist at University of Kansas and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. She will tell us about her work at U.W. and talk about how to care for our personal photographs. She'll also talk a bit on how to date photographs and arrange them.

MAY PROGRAM: Gary Zimmerman, President of the board of the Fiske Genealogical Library, will be our speaker in May and will talk about public land transfer records.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Kim Nichols for all her work in organizing RootsFair! Comments from

everyone who attended are very positive. Thanks, Kim, and also thanks to the many EGS volunteers who staffed the tables and worked so hard to make the day a success.

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD: You never know where you are going to meet a relative. I had invited my friend Charleen to come up for Portland for RootsFair (and to help at the used book sale table). Charleen was talking to another person at the table about her Fitzhugh ancestors. I noticed a woman across the table perk up her ears at that name. She asked Charleen to repeat the name, and then she practically dove across the table to give Charleen a big hug, and said, "Charleen, I'm Susan!" Turns out Susan was also a Fitzhugh descendant and she and Charleen had been corresponding via e-mail for some time, but had never met.

And again, in the "small world" category. Norman and Esther Blye, members of the Bellevue Historical Society, had finished their time working at the BHS table at RootsFair and were strolling around the other displays. In front of the table for the South King County Genealogical Society, Norman noticed a large family poster with many old photos on it. Imagine his surprise when he recognized that it was his own family! His mother and father's wedding picture was on it—their marriage was Dec. 31, 1899. His daughter, who had been a Seafair Princess, was there in a picture. And there was a family picture of his entire family, when he was about 3 years old (he is now 82!) Further discussion with Colleen Rockwell of the South King County group revealed that she had borrowed the poster from his niece in Federal Way, who has been

working for several years on the family genealogy. Colleen had 4 large posters to display, and could only use two of them, due to space problems. It was just coincidence that one of the two she chose was Norman's family, and a further coincidence that he just happened to walk by and see it. It was fun to stand there and talk to Norman and his wife, and to hear the stories behind the pictures. And what a treat for Norman to find himself there on the poster.

FOUND: Someone researching the family name of LENNAE in Donegal left a book at the Irish Roundtable booth, that they had purchased at the Rootsfair on March 10. If you left this book, please call Mickey Main or Bobbie Gyll to pick it up.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY:

As part of Women's History Month, EGS had the privilege of hearing Peri Muhich share with us her research into the history of the Mercer Girls. She gave a well-done presentation of the first group of women Asa Mercer brought to Seattle in 1864 in his attempt to help the male-to-female ratio in Seattle's population. There are many rumors floating around about these girls and their lives but not much information is available based on facts. Many of the rumors stem from the scandal that surrounded the second attempt by Asa Mercer to bring more girls to the northwest. So much scandal surrounded that attempt that many descendants are hesitant to talk about their ancestor's link to the Mercer Girls.

Who were these girls? Where did they come from? What happened to them once they arrived in Seattle? These questions and more were ones Peri hopes to answer in her research efforts about the Mercer Girls. She has searched birth, marriage and death records, census, journals, newspapers, land records, probate records, local history books and had interviews with descendants of Asa Mercer and the Mercer Girls. Peri is sorting out all the information she can gather and has information that is accessible on an excellent web page she has created. It can be reached at <<http://www.mercergirls.com>>. On Ms. Muhich's web page there is also a list of fictional books you can read on the Mercer Girls. She hopes to one day publish the true story of their lives. As an example of her efforts, Ms. Muhich shared with us the story of Sara

Jane Gallagher, one of the original Mercer Girls.

Peri has a collection of pictures of the girls that she has collected from ancestors. She also told about a reception they had in 1998 for all the descendants of the Mercer Girls where she was able to meet and discuss with them their ancestors' stories.

Thank you for presenting your research with EGS and we look forward to seeing your published works.

(Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Lee Helser, 425-747-5156 researching Clark, Dodeswell, Greenway, Helser.

Diane Pruett, researching Klement, Miller, Neumann, Pickering, Pruett, Stehno, Warren.

Jean Tobin, 425-881-7807.

OUR THANKS TO: *Sharon Pakkala*, who for several years has been in charge of the vertical files at the Bellevue Regional Library. Sharon has resigned this month, and I want to express our gratitude to her for all the work she has done in maintaining those files. Mary Daniels has agreed to be the Vertical File Chairman, and we thank Mary for being willing to take on this role.

AWARDS PRESENTED: EGS has purchased an embosser and we are now able to present very nice appreciation certificates (thanks to Gordon Young) to society members who have given years of service to EGS. Certificates have been mailed or given to Gloria Brown, for all her many areas of volunteer service; to Gil Andrews for his many years of mailing out the newsletter; to Myra McDowell for her work on the Nominating Committee (and many years as head of the sales table); and to Florine Alexander for her years as historian. We could not do what we do as a society without the work of many dedicated volunteers, and we are pleased to be able to present this little token of our thanks to these volunteers. (Submitted by Mickey Main)

TRAINING CERTIFICATE AWARDS:

Congratulations to: Judy Buss, Virginia Butler, Ielene Edmonson, Gil Gilluly, Freda Zimmerman-Griffin, Millie Hall, Gaye Hager, Lew Hager, Lee Helser, Jan Henderson, Joyce Horn, Lori Hyde, Maxine Klink, Harris McCarley, Karen Poling, Barbara Sauerbrey and Vickie Olson.

Certificates of Completion have been presented to the people listed above following their successful completion of an Intermediate Genealogy class given by the Eastside Genealogical Society.

SPRING GENEALOGY CLASSES:

Spring classes start Tuesday, 3 April 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. A continuation of the intermediate classes which were held at Senior Centers will begin with an organizational meeting for those who are interested. The first class will be held at Washington State Archives on the Bellevue Community College campus. The Regional Archivist, Michael Saunders, will guide a tour of the new building and explain the newest concepts in storage of vital records for the area. At the same time, we will hear about plans for field trips to several outlying libraries including Fiske, Tacoma Public Library and the Seattle Genealogy Society Library in North Seattle. We will help arrange car pooling for the out-of-town trips and allow time for use of those libraries.

The schedule for visiting the libraries is as follows:

April 10	Seattle Genealogical Society Library
April 17	Tacoma Public Library
May 1	Fiske Library

Anyone interested in visiting these collections is welcome to join the class; they are open to all. There will be no lectures as such. Further details will be presented by Betty Bennett, who can be reached at (425)747-6926 or e-mail david_ben@msn.com. If you need directions, call Betty and she will e-mail or give you directions. Later plans will include a field trip to Seattle Public Library in May.

EARLY ELECTRICITY:

The family Bible is the receptacle for all sorts of interesting items outside the text and genealogical information. Pat Midtskog recently discovered a newspaper clipping in her McVay Bible. Since her great grandfather, to whom the Bible was presented, was a minister, she wonders if electricity was the theme for a sermon. It isn't dated and there is nothing about the name of the newspaper, but on the back side are some items dated 1888, and the newspaper is probably in Ohio. The article is entitled:

"ABOUT ELECTRICITY"

Twenty Questions and Answers

Q. How strong a current is used to send a message

over an Atlantic cable?

A. 30 cells of battery only. Equal to 30 Volts.

Q. What is the longest distance over which conversation by telephone is daily maintained?

A. About 750 miles, from Portland, Maine, to Buffalo, N.Y.

Q. What is the fastest time made by an electric railway? A. A mile a minute by a small experimental car. 20 miles an hour on street railway system.

Q. How many miles of submarine cable are there in operation?

A. Over 100,000 miles, or enough to girdle the earth four times.

Q. What is the maximum power generated by an electric motor? A. 75 Horsepower. Experiments indicate that 100 horse power will soon be reached.

Q. How is a break in submarine cable located?

A. By measuring the electricity needed to charge the remaining unbroken part.

Q. How many miles of Telegraph wire in operation in the U.S.?

A. Over a million, or enough to encircle the globe forty times.

Q. How many messages can be transmitted over a wire at one time?

A. Four, by the quadruplex system in daily use.

Q. How is telegraphing from a moving train accomplished? A. Through a circuit from the car roof inducing a current in the wire on poles along the track.

Q. What are the most widely separated points between which it is possible to send a telegram?

A. British Columbia and New Zealand, via America and Europe.

Q. How many miles of telephone wire in operation in the U.S.?

A. More than 170,000, over which 1,055,000 messages are sent daily.

Q. What is the greatest candle power of arc light used in a lighthouse?

A. Two million, in lighthouse at Housholm, Denmark.

Q. How many persons in the U.S. are engaged in business depending solely on electricity?

A. Estimated, 250,000.

Q. How long does it take to transmit a message from San Francisco to Hong Kong?

A. About 15 minutes. Via New York, Canso, Penzance, Aden, Bombay, Madras, Penang, and Singapore.

Q. What is the fastest time made by an operator sending messages by Morse system?

A. About forty-two words per minute.

Q. How many telephones are in use in the U.S.?

A. About 300,000.

Q. What war vessel has the most complete electrical plant?

A. United States man of war, "Chicago."

Q. What is the average cost, per mile, of a transatlantic submarine cable?

A. About \$1,000.

Q. How many miles of electric railway are there in operation in the U.S.?

A. About 400 miles, and much more under construction.

Q. What strength of current is dangerous to human life?

A. 500 volts, depending largely on physical condition.-- (Scribner's Magazine—Submitted by Pat Midtskog)

*My family tree must have
been used for firewood.*

ORPHANS: Until the last century a mother had no legal custody of her children, so the term "orphan" meant only that the father was dead. (A tidbit from *The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois Newsletter*)

CORRECTION: In last month's Bulletin Board, the internet address for the DAR Library was incorrect. It should be: <<http://dar.library.net>>.

DOLLARHIDE TO SPEAK: Heritage Quest is celebrating the beginning of its fourth year with an open house on Sunday, 14 April 2001. Bill Dollarhide will speak on "Wagon Roads in Colonial America", "County Boundary Changes", "Forgotten Public Land Records" and "Using Deeds to Trace the Trails of Your Ancestors." Classes will be held in the Sumner Public Library, 1116 Fryer Ave. The cost is \$10 per class or \$35 for all four. You can call Heritage Quest to reserve your seat at 253-863-1806 and you must pay at Heritage Quest prior to the class. Their mail address is 909 Main Street, Suite 5, Sumner WA 98390.

MICHIGAN VITAL RECORDS: The following records are available on microfilm at the Library of Michigan, 717 W Allegan, Lansing MI 48909-7507:

Births—1867-1915; Marriages—1867-1921, 1950-1969, 1867-1925; Divorces—1897-1969, 1897-1922; Deaths—1867-1914, 1971-1996, 1867-1897. The Library is able to furnish names of record searchers who will, for a fee, research the materials archived in the Library of Michigan.

COPY CENTER TIPS:

1. Know what's OK to copy and what isn't. Copyright and other laws absolutely prohibit the reproduction of certain things (passports, stamps, money, etc.)

2. Copyright law does include a "fair use" standard which allows you to replicate a limited amount of published material for educational purposes, but don't expect to lift things wholesale.

3. Proofread before making copies, especially of color pages that are expensive.

4. If you are planning to copy something unusual (belt buckles, jewelry, tiles, etc.), find out whether it can be done. And if you have old

pictures in thick elaborate frames, take the pictures out. Copy machines have trouble reading images that aren't directly on the machine surface. (From: *Seattle Times*, 2/17/01, p. C-1)

LEWIS AND CLARK:

As time moves us to the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the media have showered us with articles of trips, lectures, and books about the event. A couple of the celebrations take place in the northwest as follows:

There is a 9-day cruise on the riverboat Columbia Queen along the route of the 1804-1805 Lewis and Clark trip. The *Seattle Times* Travel Section of the 4 February 2001 issue has a lengthy tale about the journey made by an AP reporter on that cruise. Visit the web site <<http://www.deltaqueen.com>> for specific information about the dates.

For a lasting honor about the expedition, one of the country's most famous artists has agreed to design four Lewis and Clark memorials across Washington. Maya Lin, best known as the designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington DC, is expected to have her 4-site work ready for the bicentennial celebration. This commemorative work of art will honor Lewis and Clark, and will also tell the story from the perspec-

tive of Native Americans.

Specific sites have not been selected, but officials are trying to secure land for Lin's work on the Pacific Coast and near the junctions of major Columbia River tributaries—the Snake, the Clearwater and the Willamette. One likely mid-Columbia site is at Hood Park, near the mouth of the Snake River. The tentative schedule is for completion by 4 July 2005. (From: Eastside Journal, 2/18/2001, p. A9)

GET WELL SOON: A "Get Well Soon" card was sent to Barbara Gyll in March. We hope you are in good health now.

THE PAST RECREATED:

Add another series of books to those mentioned in the Notable Books column in the February 2001 issue of this newsletter. The new series is the *CHRONICLE OF AMERICA*, which offers a graphic period-by-period survey of how this nation developed. *Colonial Times* covers the years 1600-1700 and relates why the Europeans settled here and what they found, and how the Indians shared in the story. *American Revolution* covers 1700-1800 and traces the growth of the Colonies into a nation. Author Joy Masoff concentrates on daily life as well as historical events. Children and adults alike will learn and love this "history the easy way". (From: *Parade Magazine*, 2/25/01)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: The Library has severe fire-safety problems that not only threaten human life, but leave some of the Library's most valuable and irreplaceable collections with grossly inadequate fire protection. Action by Congress is predicted to eliminate the fire hazards. (From: *Seattle Times*, 2/1/01)

COPIES AT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY: EGS member Melissa Clausen reports on the new system of paying for copies on the machines at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Payment is now by using a card purchased at a vending machine, although you can still pay by coins if you have only a few copies to be made. The cost of the card is \$1.00

with \$.60 going as the cost of the card, and the balance as credit: you can insert additional money up to \$50 on the card. As the voice of experience warns, "Be sure to sign the card". Then you can be located to retrieve it if you have left the card in the copier.

NEWBERRY LIBRARY NEWS: Three new quick searches have been added to the Newberry web site: a Chicago ward/enumeration district search, a Soundex search, and a Chicago church records search (<<http://www.newberry.org/nl/genealogy/quicksearch.html>>). In the new church search service, Newberry staff will search records in the li-

brary collection for baptisms, marriages, and deaths/burials. Finally, a new page of Chicago databases (<<http://www.newberry.org/nl/genealogy/chicagodata.htm>>) has been added. (From *The FOGCutter*, January 2001)

DISPOSABLE CELL

PHONES? Almost. To really go local, buy a cell phone;

Rick Steeves, the northwest's travel guru, says that in Europe, cell phones are nearly disposable. For about \$100, you get a phone, your own number, and \$25 worth of calls. The phones are the hardware; the chip is what matters—just drop by a newsstand to recharge the phone when necessary. Although chips work only in the country where they are purchased, the phone is fine throughout Europe. Just buy a new chip in the next country, and pop it in. (From the *Seattle Times*, 2/18/01, p. E 10)

SCOTLAND FOREVER!

On 20 March 1998, the US Senate passed a resolution designating 7 April as National Tartan Day, to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

The choice of that day relates to the declaration of Scottish independence—The Declaration of Arbroath on 6 April 1320. The Declaration was written on behalf of the Community of the Realm of Scotland by the Chancellor of Scotland, and directed to Pope John XXII as International Arbitrator. This was

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

the first time in European history that power and rights were declared by the people. It is deemed to be the noblest statement of Scottish national sentiment, and an emotional outpouring of a nation's pride and dignity and its claim to freedom. (From: *Irish/Scottish Gaelic Bulletin*, February 2000)

ELLIS ISLAND:

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has announced the opening of the American Family Immigration History Center on 17 April. This project has been in the making for some time. Completed, the Center will use interactive computer technology to place immigration records at the fingertips of visitors to Ellis Island and the Center's web site.

Giant-sized thanks are due the LDS Church, which rendered help in gathering information on more than 17 million people who immigrated through the Port of New York from 1892 to 1924, the prime years of Ellis Island processing. Ships' passenger lists filed at the National Archives provided the immigrant's surname and given name, ship's name, port of origin, arrival date, age, marital status, nationality, and last town and country of residence.

Visitors to the Center will be able to access terminals and print any information they find for a small fee, and will receive a scanned reproduction of the manifest on which their ancestors' names appear. Visitors can submit their own photos and documents to enhance the database. (From: *Ancestry Magazine*, March/April 2001)

ONLINE OBITUARIES:

Dick Eastman has published an article about a free online database of obituaries in his newsletter of January 8, 2001. Here are a few excerpts from that article.

Arrangeonline.com is a new Web site that offers a free online database of obituaries. Arrangeonline.com launched its Web site in early October with the exclusive endorsement of the National Funeral Directors Association. The startup says that they now have more than 5 million death records online.

ArrangeOnline's National Obituary Archive makes millions of obituaries available to genealogists and family-tree researchers, as well as those seeking information about the most recent deaths in their community. The custom-built archive en-

ables visitors to search not just by name or date but also by hometown, place of birth, place of death, organization membership and numerous identifying criteria.

ArrangeOnline also offers a free Obituary Alert feature that enables users to register for e-mail notification whenever an obituary fitting their selected criteria is published on Arrangeonline.com.

Apparently ArrangeOnline pre-loaded their database with information from the Social Security Death Index, which lists deaths from the mid-1960s with a few in earlier years. Those records have no text for memorials. The company is supplementing that data with information provided by funeral homes, which will include text of memorials.

"Funeral directors who use our software can upload every obituary in their files literally with a single mouse click," according to Continental President Michael Fullington. "We will have the largest obituary archive in the world in a matter of weeks." He estimated that between 5 million and 10 million obituaries already reside in The Director's Assistant databases of individual funeral homes. Funeral directors use the industry-leading software to handle about one million of the 2.4 million deaths in the United States each year.

You can find ArrangeOnline's free database at: <<http://www.arrangeonline.com>>.

CHEERS FOR THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The Seattle Times on 9 March 2001 joined the fans of the Downtown Library with a short article relating that the Downtown Library is one of only a dozen public libraries across the country with a full-time genealogy librarian to assist patrons. With its electronic and print resources, the Seattle Library has the largest genealogy collection north of San Francisco and west of Salt Lake City. With librarian Darlene Hamilton to show the way, many researchers have enjoyed genealogy and library study, and greet their ancestors as they are revealed through genealogical research. Thank you, Darlene!

NOTABLE BOOKS IN THE BELLEVUE LIBRARY:

Kyle Betit, writing in the Jan/Feb 2001 issue of *Family Chronicle*, suggests that researchers will find valuable genealogical material in the records of fraternal and benevolent societies. These groups touched the lives of North Americans in the 19th

and 20th centuries, especially the immigrants. They joined religious, political, ethnic, charitable, and fraternal groups; in 1896, there were over 4 million members of fraternal organizations. A list of the largest fraternal groups then in the US can be found on John Yates' website at <www.wf.net/~jyates/join.htm>.

The Bellevue Regional Library has several excellent books on this subject which can lead you to the present locations of society records:

1. *Fraternal Organizations* by Alvin J. Schmidt, call number R366, published in 1980. Ask at the 2nd floor reference desk for this book; it is not on the library shelves open to patrons. This is the book probably of most help to researchers; it was published in 1980 and has 363 pages plus 5 appendices and an index. The first appendix is a chronological catalog of fraternal organizations discussed in the book; second appendix, a list of geographic headquarters by state or province, and the addresses of the head offices; third, fraternal organizations by ethnic affiliation; fourth, groups by religious affiliations; fifth interrelated groups.
2. *Dictionary of Secret and Other Societies* by Arthur Preuss, call number R366.03 PRE, published in 1925, 502 pages. This book is not as up-to-date as more recently published books, but it has much information about the early days of the groups and the reasons for establishing them.
3. *International Encyclopedia of Secret Societies and Fraternal Orders* by Alan Alexrod, R366.03 AXE, published in 1997. This fairly new book has a very good bibliography where you may find the titles of other books to search for. Addresses of home offices are given where the organizations are still active.
4. *The Secret Societies of All Ages and Countries* by Charles W. Heckethorn, R366 HEC, published in 1965 in two volumes; originally published in 1897. The author's treatment of the subject varies from the previous three books. He not only gives a history of various societies, but also places their formation in the history of the times, in particular how they fit into the wars and aggressive actions of nations and various groups.

Several books recommended by Mr Betit in the Family Chronicle article are not in the King County Library System, Seattle Public Library System, or the University of Washington Libraries. But, a few were located as follows:

1. *The Immigration History Research Center: A Guide to Collections*, ed. Susanne Moody and Joel Wurl, published in 1991. Western Washington University in Bellingham has this book (call number E184.A1 U58 1991) and the following book. They are available through Inter-Library Loan.

2. *Records of Ethnic Fraternal Benefit Associations in the US*, published in 1981 by the Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota. Call number at WWU is HS1507.A1 R4 1981.

All of the books in the BRL and WWU libraries are reference. The only circulating book is located at the University of Washington. This is *Irish American Voluntary Organizations* by Michael Funchion, 1983. There is one copy in the main library at the UW, and another in the Department of Social Work library. If you have a UW library card, you can check out this book.

There are two well-known repositories in the US that collect records of North American ethnic societies. The Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota gathers, preserves and offers archival and published resources about immigration and ethnicity on a national scope. The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia documents American immigration, ethnic groups and societies. Balch publishes a 128-page, soft-bound book—A guide to Manuscript and Microfilm Collections of the Research Library of the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies—which can be found in the reference section of the Suzallo Library at the University of Washington, call number Z1361 E4 B35 1992. This is a very handy book in which to locate what official records from various groups are archived at the Balch Institute.

Mention must be made again of the comprehensive article by Kyle Betit in the Jan/Feb 2001 *Family Chronicle*. Researchers are in his debt for his compilation of facts and figures about "Fraternal and Benevolent Societies".

FREEDMAN'S BANK RECORDS:

The Mormon Church has published records for the post-Civil War Freedman's Bank for newly freed slaves, making ancestral records available for as many as 12 million African Americans.

The records have been in the National Archives, but difficult to access. The church spent 11 years extracting and linking the 480,000 names contained in the records. The result is a database on

compact disc that includes family names, birth locations and names of former slave owners. (From *The Seattle Times*, 2/28/01)

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Blackjack chewing gum
Candy cigarettes
Pop machines that dispensed bottles
Coffee shops [and diners] with tableside jukeboxes
Home milk delivery in glass bottles, with cardboard stoppers [also using a siphon to remove the cream to a cream pitcher]
Telephone party lines [operators asking "Number Please?"]
Newsreels before the movie
P.F. Flyers
Butch wax
Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive 6933), [or even before that, numbers such as 833W]
Peashooters
Howdy Doody [Captain Midnight, etc.]
45rpm records
S&H green stamps [Rationing stamps, US Savings stamps]
Hi-fi's [or radios in four foot high cabinets]
Metal Ice Cube trays with levers [ice boxes with ice delivered by truck]
Mimeograph paper
Blue flashbulbs
Roller skate keys
Cork popguns
Outdoor drive-in theaters
Studebakers [I owned one]
Washing machines with wringers [washboards]
Scoring: Give one point for each item; 0-5
You're still young, 6-10 You're getting older, 11-15
Don't tell your age, 16-23 You're older than dirt.
(Courtesy of Mower Co. MN Genealogical Society Newsletter; Feb 2001, submitted by Frankie Larson)
Ed. Note: I took a little license and added some comments of my own shown in brackets. I did not realize just how old I am.

CIVIL WAR STORIES:

The following letter is an excerpt from a letter written by my great-grandfather William White, to his family, during the Civil War. It was written on a Sunday in 1862, when his unit was in Mississippi.

Apparently the war activities ceased on a Sunday. William was approximately 23 years old when

he wrote this. He survived the war with a bullet injury to his head, but was able to establish a contracting and building business in Springfield Illinois after the war. He died August 9, 1889 as a result of a runaway horse accident, which occurred July 28th, exactly 25 years from the date of his being wounded in battle. He and his wife were in the buggy and the high-spirited horse ran away with them, after he shied at a newspaper blowing. William's head went through the buggy and he broke his collarbone. He was ill for 10 days before he died. He was just 9 days short of being 50 years old. (Submitted by Mickey Main)

CONFERENCE CANCELLATION: Please note that the Sno-Isle conference scheduled for April 7 has been cancelled, apparently due to lack of registrations.

THE NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY TECHNOLOGY CENTER:

The Society has announced the opening of a Technology Center on 6 March 2001 on the third floor of the Society's building. The building is located in New York City. More information at <<http://www.nygbs.org>>.

MICHIGAN 1870 CENSUS RECORDS: In his 26 February 2001 Newsletter, Dick Eastman announced that the Michigan State Library has now put the index and the actual images of the Michigan 1870 census on line. You can see and print the images on your own printer. The records are located at <<http://envoy.libofmich.lib.us/1870-census>>.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: "King County, Washington's First 150 Years: More Voices, New Stories From Our Common Past" is the title of the Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild invitation for proposals for historical studies and essays that expand historical knowledge and understanding of the past 150 years of King County, Washington. For details on the goals, process, requirements, format and deadline, direct inquiries to Mary Wright at wrightm@u.washington.edu or 206-543-7894 during business hours. The deadline is 14 April 2001.



EGS MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name (Regular Schedule)	Meeting Notice (Information Contact)
EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday 10:00 a.m.)	The EGS Board will meet on Thursday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Firehouse #9.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bellevue Regional Library. The Supply Table opens at 7:00 p.m.
Computer Interest Group (Third Saturday, 9:30 a.m.)	Will meet Saturday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center. (Ray French, 425-746-7730)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Third Saturday on odd numbered months at 9:30 a.m.)	Will meet on Saturday, May 12 at 9:30 at Fire Station #22. (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170, rosebode@jps.net).
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 a.m.)	Will meet on Thursday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Mall Food Court. (Melissa Clausen, 425-373-1488)
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 p.m.)	Will meet on Friday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. Rosemarie Peterson will Present "German Heraldry". (Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583, rjpankrat@email.msn.com)
Italian Interest Group	Will meet on April 22 at the Lake Hills Library. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, collectingroots@aol.com)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	Will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional Archives Bldg., BCC campus. (Carol Owings, 425-641-9930 or rocar@ncfweb.net)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Third Thursday, 10:00)	For April, the group will travel to Salt Lake City. Space is still available. Call Kim for information. (Kim Nichols 425-402-9050 or nichols@nwlinc.com).
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group (3rd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.)	Will meet Wednesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. Call Mary Lou for the meeting place. (Ann Lamb 425-788-7918, annl7777@aol.com)

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NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760

Firehouse #22
6602 108th Ave NE,
Kirkland, WA

LDS Family History Center-Bellevue
10675 NE 20th St
Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690

LDS Fam. Hist. Center - Redmond
10115 172nd Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 425-881-7488

North Bend Library
115 East Fourth St
North Bend, WA 425-888-0554

Crossroads Mall Shopping Center,
Community Meeting Room
NE 8th and 156th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA.

Issaquah Public Library
140 East Sunset Way
Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430

LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria
4200 124th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361

National Archives and Records Admin.
6125 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-7999

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1000 Fourth Ave
Seattle, WA 206-386-4636

Firehouse #9
12412 SE 69th Way
Bellevue, WA

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350

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7910 NE 132nd St.
Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781

Newport Way Library
14520 SE Newport Way
Bellevue WA 425-747-2390

Snoqualmie Public Library
38580 SE River Street
Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS**2001**

- April 12-14 Utah Genealogical Association 2001 Conference. World class speakers on several topics such as "When Sources Are Wrong!", "Organizing", Beginning Ireland Research" and many others. More information at <<http://www.infouga.org>> or call 888-463-6842.
- April 14 The Heritage Quest Open House featuring Bill Dollarhide speaking on four different subjects. Call 253-863-1806 for reservations. Classes are limited to 50 people. See the article on page 4.
- April 14 The Redmond Historical Society meets Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Room 104 in Redmond WA.
- April 27-28 The Iowa Genealogical Society presents "Precious Land, A Migration to the Prairie", with Nancy J. Emmert and representatives of the American Society of the Germans to Russia as speakers. See <<http://www.iowagenealogy.org>>.
- April 28 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Port Orchard) will sponsor an all day Saturday seminar featuring Myra Vanderpool Gormley. For information, call 360-377-7026 or e-mail morrison@nwnet.com. Their web page is <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsrgs/homepage.htm>>.
- May 5 The Eaton County Genealogical Society presents John Colletta, Ph.D. giving sessions on primary sources, newspapers, Ellis Island and brick walls in Okemos MI. See <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~miecgs/index.htm>>.
- May 16-19 National Genealogical Society Conference In The States with the theme "Explore New Frontiers" will be held in Portland, OR. It will be hosted by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This is a great educational opportunity to attend classes, labs and tours. The Clark County Genealogical Society of Washington and the Genealogical Council of Oregon, Inc. are participating societies. See <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>, <<http://www.gfo.org>>, or call 800-473-0060 for information on registration, sessions, etc.
- May 27-Jun 3 GenCruise leaving from Vancouver BC to several locations in Alaska. See the article in this (February issue). Call 1-800-290-6500 (Pam Ruiz) for reservations or more information at <<http://www.gencruise.com>>.
- July 8-13 The International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will feature more than 170 lectures in London, England. See <<http://www.jewishgen.org/london2001>>.
- August 23-25 Journey to the Past on board The Queen Mary in Long Beach CA presented by the British Isles Family History Society-USA. Authors and lecturers from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the US will share their knowledge with us. Further information from Dorothy Losee, 310-838-6085 or e-mail her at dotom2@aol.com.
- Sep 12-15 The Federation of Genealogical Societies' 25th conference will be held in Davenport IA. The Quad Cities Conference, Great River Bend Genealogy; A Heartland Gathering. Contact Nancy J. Emmert, CG, FGS/QC 2001 Program Chair, 2820 Marshall Ct., #1, Madison, WI 53705-2270; 608-231-3003; emmert@execpc.com or see <<http://www.fgs.org>>.
- October 27-28 National Genealogical Society Regional Conference, co-hosted by California Genealogical Society, San Francisco. Their web site is <<http://www.calgensoc.org>>.

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MEETINGS:

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