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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 12 August 1999
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "19th Century Medicine"
Speaker: Fred Welcher

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Our August meeting will feature Fred Welcher talking about 19th century medicine. According to Mr. Welcher, history has never given the medical practitioners of that era a fair shake and that they knew much more than they've been given credit for. All of us obviously had family from that period of time and we have a normal curiosity about what it was like for our ancestors when they required medical treatment. Our August program will be a wonderful opportunity to hear as well as see what they faced. Mr. Welcher will not only present a talk on the subject, he will also be bringing artifacts, such as a medical dictionary and drug book from the mid-1800s.

Fred Welcher is a lieutenant with the Central Pierce Fire and Rescue. A Civil War reenactor, Mr. Welcher belongs to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for which he is the Union medical director. Mr. Welcher was appointed to the National Subcommittee on Graves Registration for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This group can help people replace worn headstones on the graves of Union Civil War Veterans or even help them get a government headstone for the graves. This program will be of great interest to all of us with our passion for history and genealogy.

ATTENTION - VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Bellevue Regional Library will be closed on November 11, the day of our regular November meeting. EGS is working on the problem. We may have to meet on another day that month. Please read the next newsletters very carefully for further information.

TAYLOR FAMILY CHARTS: EGS has received a set of family history charts for the Taylor family: John Taylor born in 1699 through present day. Other family names included are Cope, Gascoyne, Barnett, James, Washington, Collins, Brantly, Lamar, Anthony, and Cabell, just to name a few. Place names include Ulceby, England; Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; and Sacramento, California, and others. If you are interested in seeing the charts, please come to the August EGS meeting. They will be available for viewing there.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER N. ROBERTSON

As I pause between travels in my mid-year pursuit of ancestral anecdotes and related data, I am thankful for the many EGS people who really keep EGS activities moving while other members appear and disappear while conducting their own summer ancestral pilgrimages. Hopefully, most members will have an opportunity to do some genealogical digging at some point during these months. It is a measure of the depth of experience the EGS membership possesses that programs can continue while many people are out and about.

In a way, such activity is a bit like a final examination on all the wisdom imparted to our membership and others during our monthly programs. We listen and take notes, but eventually we have to engage in research if we are to disassemble those brick walls each of us has lurking in our genealogical holdings. Further, we have a moral obligation to share the results of our work with others who should have an interest in what we have discovered. We may be right; we may be wrong; but we need to give others a chance to view our results even if we have to qualify them with some cautions.

Until next month, happy digging!

Peter N. Robertson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: EGS would like to welcome the following new members:

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| ◆ Fagerberg, Gene | 206-783-4649 | researching Fagerberg, Riggs, Gray |
| ◆ Gerard, Tina | 425-865-9448 | Gerard, Kaye, Haney, Descotes, Schatzma(n), Fahey |
| ◆ Lawrence, Donna M. | 425-488-3872 | |
| ◆ Mallonee, Richard C. | 425-746-4387 | Mallonee, Mallernee, Malernee |
| Wood, Sally M. | 425-232-1341 | |

GET WELL WISHES: EGS wishes the following people are feeling better soon: Janis Ulstein, Eleanor Dixon, Joe Julian, and his wife, Pat, who is recovering from broken bones.

EGS SURNAME FILE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ENTER DATA: The EGS Surname File is now in the process of being entered into a database. We hope to make this database available in the future both in printed form and via the Internet. Volunteers are needed to help enter the data on each submitted surname card. Data is being entered through a website on the Internet; in order to help enter you need to have Internet access and need to be able to accept "Cookies." (If you are able to visit sites such as the Family Treemaker site, you can accept cookies). If you are interested in helping on this project, please email Kim Nichols at: nichols@nwlink.com or phone at 425-402-9050.

EGS SUMMER TRAVELERS: Have you recently taken a family history-related trip? Or will you be taking one this summer? Please consider writing a short paragraph or a line or two about your trip. Members are interested in hearing about where you went and what you found! Here are some EGS members who have recently traveled:

Peter and Lois Robertson - England

Jackie Bushnell - Washington, DC

Janice Pankratz - Iowa

Ann and Ken Passe' - visited Germany and Poland in late May. In Stolzenau (Niedersachsen, Germany), they happened upon a windmill with a Passe ancestor's name carved inside. They were able to access the local church record books, but the old German script was quite challenging. A researcher in Gottingen will pursue the record books at the Hannover Archives. In Poland they visited family in Warsaw and Lipnica Wielka (Nowy Sacz) and searched churches and cemeteries in Nowy Sacz and Krosno provinces. A parish priest in Jasienna was delighted to share the old record books and even provided lunch!

ANNOUNCEMENT CALLING FOR CONSULTANTS: The Puget Sound Branch of the Washington State Archives, located in Bellevue, is calling for historians and genealogists who are interested in receiving referrals for research projects. They are looking for consultants who are interested in or willing to do research in the local government records held by the Puget Sound Regional Archives for people who are unable or unwilling to come to the archives to do the research themselves. The list compiled from these submissions will be made available to patrons who are unable or choose not to do their own research. The list will be supplied to patrons upon request and with a statement that identifies the consultants on the list as independent contractors with no recommendations or guarantees from the Archives for the work that the consultants perform. If you would be interested in having your name place on this list, please submit your name, contact information and areas of specialization to Deborah Kennedy, email dkennedy@bcc.ctc.edu, fax at 425-373-3945, or phone 425-373-3940.

JULY EGS MEETING PROGRAM REVIEW - SALLY GENE MAHONEY

Some of the great gems in genealogy research which are often overlooked are city directories. Sally Gene Mahoney, a retired reporter for *The Seattle Times*, was the guest speaker at our July EGS General Meeting and she shared with us how to use city directories and even showed us some of the surprises which can be found in them. City directories first came into existence in London in 1677 long before the advent of the telephone in 1876. It wasn't until 1752 that city directories were written for US cities and most cities still publish them to this day except for a few cities which have become too large like NY, Chicago and Los Angeles (Sally Gene Mahoney, City Directories handout, 1998). They provide a means for locating all those ancestors who may never have owned land but instead lived and worked in cities or towns. The largest publisher of city directories is the R.L. Polk Company.

City directories usually contain the names of businesses, advertisers and individuals 18 years of age and older, his or her position in the household (i.e. head, border, renter), his or her profession and their address at the time the information was gathered. Keep in mind that in older city directories you are not likely to find women listed. Be sure to check out the list of abbreviations that go along with the directory. Abbreviations were used not only for addresses, but also for common names and position in the household. In some cases surnames were spelled the way the publisher, not the individual, thought they should be spelled. Be suspicious of errors. Also remember that older city directories were printed using individual pieces of type so any additions could only be made by adding a special section at the end.

Some city directories also have a reverse directory included which lists individuals by address. This would be a helpful method of determining who all lived at a particular household. It is helpful to have a map handy while looking at addresses because you may discover many family members who lived nearby. Be sure to use some detective work when reviewing city directories to find changes in profession and changes in marital status. In the days before moving vans people only moved short distances to stay near their church or ethnic group. By knowing this you can locate the church near where your ancestor lived and possibly find other family records at that church. Sally shared with us some gems which she has found in older directories like the one which listed detailed death information for an individual. Another directory told what city an individual had moved to at the time of publication. A great-grandmother who is suddenly listed as a widow helps you to narrow down the death date for her husband. An adult child who suddenly is listed indicates they may have recently turned 18. There is so much that can be learned from careful analyses of the information in city directories about your ancestors. We thank Sally Mahoney for sharing this valuable information with us. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member).

GENEALOGY ROUND TABLE MEETS: A Genealogy Round Table discussion group meets in the auditorium of the Seattle Public Library, Main Branch, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. The next meetings will be held August 10, September 14, and October 12, 1999. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Helen Hewitt (206-232-4677) or Gertrude Gray (253-520-9082).

PAF 4.0 AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD: The LDS Church has made the latest version of their PAF genealogy computer program available for downloading via their website at <<http://www.familysearch.org>>. Click on "What's New" to get to the download.

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON MOVING: The Forum is moving, and after July 19th will have a new address: 1515 SE Gideon, Portland OR 97242. The library is closed until approximately August 2, 1999. You may contact the Forum and library at 503-963-1932.

DOMESDAY BOOK: The Domesday Book, pronounced Dohmzday, was the first official record of the property holders living in England and the amount of land they held. The information was collected and recorded at the command of William the Conqueror in 1086. This was twenty years after he and his followers from Normandy crossed the English Channel and conquered England. After this the properties of the great English landowners were taken over by William and his followers.

William ordered the Domesday survey to find out how much land he owned, how the rest was divided and how the land was populated. The Kingdom was divided into districts. Each district supplied a census taker who knew the territory. The census and land survey covered most of the territory William controlled. No survey was taken in either London or Winchester and information about regions in northern England is incomplete. However the Domesday Book is viewed as the greatest record of medieval Europe. It is displayed at the Public Record Office in London. (From *The Family Tree*).

COPYING HINT: When copying black and white photos by machine, use a color copier. The color copiers register 254+ shades of gray, while black and white copiers only register about 16. (From *S.G.S. Society, Inc.*, April 1999).

DONATIONS BY EGS TO THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY: A list of all of the donations by EGS to the Bellevue Regional Library, sorted by subject, has been placed at the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library. Please note that this list is only a list of the books EGS has donated, not of the entire genealogy collection at the BRL, so patrons will still need to use the on-line catalog. Just thought members might be interested in knowing what all EGS has contributed, and can easily find those books by subject. (Margie Thorson, Library Acquisitions).

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY: The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations, or donated by EGS members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the June Bulletin.

- *18th Century Register of Emigrants From Southwest Germany (to America and other countries)*, by Werner Hacker. A compilation and documentation of the emigration records of over 30,000 emigrants using immigration data, tax records, bondage release papers, bills, etc. It lists names, birth year, place of origin, emigration date, profession, destination, and source of information. It covers today's areas of Rhine-Palatinate, Saarland, and Baden-Wuerttemberg. R929.343 HAC
- *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in New York 1820-1850*, by Mils William Olsson, 1967. Indexed by name of immigrant. R929.3747 OLS
- *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, 1988. A register of Virginia's colonial soldiers based on county court minutes and orders, bounty land applications and warrants, records of courts martial, and county militia rosters. R929.3755 BOC

Do you have a genealogy-related reference book or CD to donate to the growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or have a suggestion for one? If so, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling the acquisition chair Margery Perdue Thorson at 625-643-3502. (Carl Cason, email ccason@compuserve.com)

DEFINITION OF ANCESTORS: Ancestors are found along with old furniture and captive skeletons in all our best regulated families. Ancestors consist of forefathers and foremothers, to say nothing of uncles and aunts, who have done something grand and noble, like being beheaded by a king or having a relative who was governor of a colony. This enables them to be pointed out with pride by their descendants for evermore.

Being an ancestor is one of the easiest and most attractive of jobs. It merely consists of being boasted of by one's descendants. Thus, many ancestors have been able to make good after they are dead. More than one ancestor who has gone out of this life a poor person, and only a few jumps ahead of the sheriff, has had the good fortune, a century later, to become the ancestor of some ambitious family with plenty of money. They have become so famous in consequence of that, their tombstone has had to be greatly enlarged and improved.

Ancestors are one of the most valuable and satisfactory of possessions. They are non-taxable and cannot be stolen. Their upkeep is practically nothing, and they do not deteriorate with age and neglect. In fact, they increase in value as they grow older. An ancestor 600 years old is worth a whole mass meeting of 56 year old descendants.

Almost all rich people own and operate ancestors. But the poorest men have them too. Many a man who hasn't two vests to his name, and cannot hold a job two minutes, has ancestors which are the envy of his two-automobile neighbors. We cannot buy ancestors if we do not have them, but we can buy them for our children, by marrying discreetly. We should be proud of our ancestors, but not out loud.

We can choose our friends, but not our ancestors. (From GenHumor-L mailing list, 19 June 1999).

REQUEST FORMS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES: When requesting information from the National Archives, you must use the correct form. It is possible to request these forms via email and they will be mailed to you. Request the forms from: www.inquire@arch2.nara.gov Put one word in the subject heading - "form." In the body of the message include the form number, the number of copies you would like, your name and mailing address. Some of the forms you may request:

- Form 80 - Military Service and Pension Records prior to W.W.I
- Form 81 - Passenger Arrivals
- Form 82 - Copies of Census Records
- Form 83 - Eastern Cherokee Application
- Form 180 - Military Service Records after W.W.I.

CHERRY COUNTY, NEBRASKA BOOKS: If you have ancestors from this area, you might be interested in several books now available: "World War II and the People of Cherry County," "Who's Who in Nebraska," "A Sandhill Century," and "Valentine Graduate Directory, 1893 to Present." For more information about these books contact the Cherry County Historical Society & Museum, Box 284, Valentine, NE 69201.

WHAT DOES THE NEXT CENTURY LOOK LIKE FOR THE GENEALOGIST?

- ◆ Census records - if plans under consideration are adopted, it is predicted that future census records will be useless for genealogical research.
- ◆ Marriage records - these will be of less value in the future. By the year 2000, half of the births in the United States will be to parents who are not married. How will the marriage data be filled in for those births?
- ◆ Deeds - in the past, researchers were able to trace ancestors and their migration by checking deeds. With Americans on the move and many living in apartments, deeds will become less useful.
- ◆ Birth certificates - many current developments in our society, such as artificial insemination and surrogate mothers have changed the role of this vital record for genealogical research. (From *The Sun Cities Genealogist* via *S.C.G. Society, Inc.*, July 1999).

FOREIGN NAMES CROSS-REFERENCE WEBSITE: This is a collection of English given names cross-referenced to their Eastern European equivalents: <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~scoconee/names.html>>

OLD OCCUPATIONS: Below is a list of occupations gleaned from old records. (A continuation from last month's *Bulletin Board*).

Peregrinator	itinerant wanderer	Supercargo	Officer on merchant ship in charge of cargo & commercial concerns
Peruker	a wig maker	Tanner	one who tans (cures) animal hides
Pettifogger	a shyster lawyer	Tapley	one who put the tap in an ale cask
Pigman	crockery dealer	Tasker	reaper
Plumber	one who applied sheet lead for roofing & set lead frames for windows	Teamster	one who drives a team for hauling
Porter	door keeper	Thatcher	Roofer
Puddler	wrought iron worker	Tide waiter	customs inspector
Quarrier	quarry worker	Tinker	itinerant tin pot & pan seller/repairman
Rigger	hoist tackle worker	Tipstaff	Policeman
Ripper	seller of fish	Travers	toll bridge collector
Roper	maker of rope or nets	Tucker	cleaner of cloth goods
Saddler	one who makes/repairs/sells saddles or other furnishings for horses	Turner	a person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
Sawbones	Physician	Victualer	Tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food
Sawyer	one who saws, carpenter	Vulcan	Blacksmith
Schumacker	Shoemaker	Wagoner	Teamster not for hire
Scribler	a minor or worthless author	Wainwright	wagon maker
Scrivener	professional or public copyist or writer; notary public	Waiter	custom officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on good brought in
Scrutiner	Election judge	Waterman	boatman who plies for hire
Shrieve	Sheriff	Webster	operator of looms
Slater	Roofer	Wharfinger	owner of wharf
Slopseller	seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop	Wheelwright	makes or repairs wheels
Snobscat/Snob	one who repairs shoes	Whitesmith	tinsmith; worker of iron who polishes the work
Sorter	Tailor	Whiteing	street sweeper
Spinster	woman who spins or an unmarried woman	Whitster	bleacher of cloth
Spurrer	maker of spurs	Wright	workman, especially construction worker
Squire	Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of the peace	Yeoman	farmer who owns his own land
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(From Howard Family mailing list)

FREE BMD WEB SITE: This site's <<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>> objective is to provide free access to the Civil Registration index information from England and Wales, with the goal to cover the years 1837-1897.

U.S. CIVIL WAR AMNESTY PAPERS: With the close of the Civil War, President Andrew Johnson tried to heal some of the wounds by proclaiming, in 1865, a general amnesty of residents of the rebellious states. This amnesty did not apply to those who had held high office in the Confederacy, either as civilians or a military personnel. It also excluded southerners whose property valuation exceeded \$20,000. These people could still apply for amnesty and over the following two years, approximately 14,000 did so. Each was required to make a direct application to the President of the U.S. for pardon, take an oath of allegiance, and supply documents supporting their application. These application files are now in the custody of the National Archives, arranged by state and then alphabetically by the name of the person applying. Generally they give the applicant's name, age, occupation, residence, and other biographical data. The files and the index to them are available from the National Archives as microfilm publication M1003, *Case Files of Applications From Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons ("Amnesty Papers"), 1865-1867*. The comprehensive index covers all state together. (*Everton's Genealogical Helper*, May/June 1999).

GENEALOGICAL TOOLS: What are the tools that a genealogist uses? Here are some that you might use in your research:

1. Preprinted Forms - pedigree charts, family group sheets, abstract forms, and others.
2. Maps
3. Gazetteers - geographical dictionaries that help you locate specific locations, especially places that no longer exist or whose name has been changed.
4. Census Indexes and other census finding aids
5. CD-ROM reference disks - such as the LDS's "Family History SourceGuide," Ancestry's "The Source," and Family Tree Maker's "The Genealogist's All-in-One Address Book."
6. Genealogy Database programs - such as "Family Tree Maker" or "Personal Ancestral File (PAF)."
7. Internet Web Sites
8. Mailing Lists
9. Automated Aids - aids you may have developed to facilitate your own research, such as forms, spreadsheets, or automated reports
10. Other tools - tape recorder, video camcorder, paper, pens, pencils, paperclips, stapler, chalk, crayon, tissue paper, coins, etc. (From *Ancestry Daily News*, 26 March 1999).

"MAC," "MC" and "M": What is the difference between Mac, Mc and M? "Mac" is the most common element of Scottish surnames, and is Gaelic for "son." "Mc" is always an abbreviation of "Mac." It is also used as abbreviated to "M" although this spelling is now not common. "Mac" is always considered an addition to a name. In Scotland, names beginning with "Mac" are traditionally alphabetized under the first letter of the second name - "MacAlister" under "A."

After 1745, to avoid reprisals, many Scots anglicized their names by dropping the "Mac." They sometimes did so as the emigrated. "Mac" takes on a variety of pronunciations: "mek" (in Islay Gaelic); and "mick" (in the U.S.). Preceding a "k" or "g" sound, the final "k" of "Mac" disappears. It became the practice in the south of Scotland to write two words as one (MacHam as Machan; MacGrath as Magrath). Also, the "k" sound of "Mac" is duplicated and attached to the front of a following word if it begins with a vowel such as "MacAsh" to "MacCash." If the second name begins with a "k" or "g" creating two "k" sounds together, one may disappear, such as "MacKintosh" to "Macintosh." (*The Family Tree*).

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OFFERS ONLINE COURSE: The NGS now offers an online course. *Introduction to Genealogy*, a six-lesson course, is designed for beginners who have done little or no research in original records. Students learn to: record genealogical information; get started with family and published sources; find 20th century vital records; find birth, death, and marriage information for ancestors who lived in earlier centuries; use online finding aids and library catalogs; and write source citations for birth, death, and marriage information. Tuition is \$60 for NGS members and \$75 for nonmembers. A student who successfully completes the course receives a \$25 discount coupon that can be applied toward tuition for the NGS home study course, *American Genealogy: A Basic Course*. For more information, go to the NGS web site at: <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>, then choose "Education," then "Introduction to Genealogy: An Online Course." Click on "About the Course" for information (From *NGS Newsletter*, May/June 1999).

INDEX TO MAINE MARRIAGES: There is an index to Maine marriages from 1892 to 1966 online at: <<http://www.state.me.us/sos/arc/general/admin/arcserv.htm>>. Follow the link to Marriage Index. A plain copy or certified copy of marriage records issued between 1892 and 1923 may be ordered by email. See the webpage for details and costs. (From *So King News*, May/June 1999).

SPECIAL MOTEL RATE IN SALT LAKE CITY: The Econo-Lodge in Salt Lake City is offering a special "Genealogy package of \$44/single, \$49/double for summer and winter 1999-2000. They are located at 715 West North Temple, phone 801-363-0062, a few blocks from Temple Square. They offer shuttle service to and from the Family History Library plus coupon books for shopping at two malls. Call 1-800-55-ECONO or 1-877-BE-ECONO. (From *CGS News*, June 1999).

NEW LDS WEBSITE: The new website made available by the LDS Church at <<http://www.familysearch.org>> includes the following databases:

- ◆ Ancestral File, containing over 35 million names lineage-linked to families and pedigrees.
- ◆ International Genealogical Index (IGI), an index to over 285 million names of deceased individuals submitted to the Family History Department. It also includes names that have been copied (extracted) from vital records and other sources from around the world.
- ◆ Family History Library Catalog identifies over 2 million rolls of microfilm and thousands of books and other sources available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Many of these are available through local Family History Centers.
- ◆ Family History SourceGuide - contains over 150 research outlines, letter writing guides, glossary and other aids.
- ◆ Family History Centers - a list of over 3400 FHC located around the world.
- ◆ In addition, the site lists Internet sites, Collaborations lists, and a section called "Search For Ancestors" where you enter your ancestor's names or can search just by a surname. Also, the new version of PAF is available as a free download as well as a list of new products on CD-ROM. (From *NGS Newsletter*, May/June 1999).

RESEARCHING ONLINE: The following are websites that may be of value to you:

1. DAR Library - Now, before you travel to Washington D.C., you can check what is available before you go. The site is located at: <<http://dar.library.net/>>. You should start out by checking the extensive "Tips for Using the DAR Library Catalog," then start exploring for your names and places. This online catalog supersedes the printed DAR catalog, with over 30,000 titles not included in the printed version.
2. NUMAC - The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, at <<http://cweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html>> is a free cataloging program operated by the Library of Congress. It enables you to locate the repositories of thousands of manuscripts, bibles, family papers, business records, church and charity records and many more. You can search for family and place names and institutions associated with your ancestors. Each record in the catalog contains a detailed description of the item and a code for the institution that owns it. Once you locate a document you want, you can contact the institution that owns it to get a copy.
3. The Genealogy Helplist - This site, at <<http://www.concentric.net/%7EMikerice/helplist.html>> is a list of volunteers around the world that are willing to help locate specific items at institutions near them or with information that they can easily retrieve.
4. Library of Virginia - This site, at <<http://198.17.62.51/collection/LO.html>> may not only give you valuable information, but if you are successful you can even download an image of the original document. You'll find an index of those who receive land patents or grants in Virginia. If there is one you are looking for, you can then download a copy of the document. To see the library's digital collections page, see <<http://108.17.62.51/>>.
5. For Texas searches, see <<http://lonestar.simplenet.com/genealogy.html>>.
6. British Isles Genealogy look-ups are at <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/8555/lup.html>>.
7. To print out 1895 maps from a U.S. Atlas, see <<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>>.
8. For surname searches, look at Common Threads, <<http://www.gensource.com/common/index.htm>>.
9. Check Eastern States, General Land Office for over two million land title records back to 1820 for 13 states at <<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>>. (From *CGS News*, June 1999).

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT LAST FOREVER: For years, scientist thought the format of digital data would last forever. However, tests by the National Media Lab found that magnetic tapes might only last a decade, depending on storage conditions. The fate of floppy disks, videotape, hard drives and CD-ROM's is just as bleak. The CD-ROM, once regarded as indestructible, is proving vulnerable to magnetic fields, oxidation, humidity and material decay. And the hardware and software configurations used to extract information from preserved disks and tapes is also disappearing in the name of progress. What can we do? At this point, no one has an answer according to Abby Smith of the Council of Library and Information Resources. She says a good way to start is to separate the inconsequential from the historic and save on simple formats. (From *Newsweek*, July 12, 1999).

GRAVEYARDS AND GRAVESTONES: Old graveyards throughout the United States and Canada are living museums, and are an important source of genealogical information that is now in need of attention. Often they are badly cared for or not cared for at all. You may go to the graveyard and find missing or broken stones. It may be up to local cemetery associations, town officials, and citizen groups or historical societies to assume responsibility for preserving gravesites being jeopardized by commercial development or neighborhood neglect.

These old gravestones need attention if they are to be saved from destruction. If they exist in your family plot, look into methods of preservation after you gather all the information you need in your family search. Once farmers mistakenly tilled the soil of forgotten family plots; now rural and urban sprawl threaten graveyards dating to the 1600's, says John Sterling of the Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Project. He estimates that 200 cemeteries have been lost of the past century. If you want to report an undocumented cemetery, learn more about a local graveyard, or find out where your relatives might be buried, visit the town hall or city hall where records are kept of each cemetery.

When you do go to a graveyard to do rubbings or take photographs, remember to leave no trace. Remove any items you may have used. If someone else had not cleaned up after themselves, help improve the cemetery by doing it for them. There are several methods to make rubbings:

1. Dry method to use on all slate gravestones, using crayons and rice paper.
2. Carbon paper method using tracing paper, newsprint and ordinary carbon paper.
3. Wet or dabbing method for sandstone or weathered marble stones.
4. Foil and paper casting to make an exact replica of the gravestone.

For more information on techniques, check your local library for a copy of the book *Stranger Stop and Cast An Eye*, by G. Walker Jacobs (Stephen Greene Press, 1992). (From *Family Chronicle*, July/August 1999).

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA: The Allen County Library, organized in 1961, has a collection that has grown to more than 523,000 books, manuscripts, microfilms, and microfiches. According to Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Department, the collection grows at more than 1,000 new items per month through department purchases and gifts of materials. The collection includes more than 40,000 volumes of genealogies, a comprehensive collection of census records, and more than 30,000 city directories. Holdings include military records, passenger lists, United States local records, manuscripts and reprints, a Native American collection, African-American collection, volumes on the British Isles, England, Scotland and Ireland, and the largest English language genealogy and local history periodical collection with more than 3200 current subscriptions and more than 4100 titles.

Almost 100,000 researchers come to Fort Wayne each year and the city of Fort Wayne is committed to accommodating them all. There is a wide range of accommodations and restaurants available.

The Allen County Public Library is open Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. You can contact the library by writing P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270 or by phone at 219-421-1225. The street address is 900 Webster Street. If you would like information about Fort Wayne, contact the Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1021 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne IN 46802, or by calling 1-800-767-7752, or on the Internet at <<http://www.fwcvg.org>>. (From *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, May-June 1999).

DUST BUILDUP AND YOUR COMPUTER: Even your computer needs some "spring cleaning." Dust buildup is a danger to computer systems. You can often clean up dust from the outside of your computer with a cloth and water. But to clean the little corners and crevices, you will need to get a can of compressed air (available at most computer stores). Use its narrow stream of power to clean between the keys of the keyboard, to clean the computer fan, and to clean out all the parts inside your computer's case.

Cleaning your fan and filter will help your computer run cooler and better. But if the temperature outside turns very hot, your computer may need help to keep cool. One way is to increase the ventilation. Make sure it isn't confined to a small area and is unable to "breathe." If you have a box (case) with poor ventilation, you may need to cut some extra holes or even remove the case to get better circulation on the hottest days. But don't do this if your computer is in reach of small children, animals, or if there is any danger of anything else getting inside of the case. (From *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, May/June 1999).

WEBSITES: 18th Century Pennsylvania German Naming Customs - <<http://www.kaglo.com/germname.htm>>

Native American research in Wisconsin - <<http://members.aol.com/RoundSky/Wis-intro.html>>

Ohio migration trails - <<http://www.infinet.com/~dzimmerm/Gwen/migration.htm>>

New York Public Library - <<http://www.nypl.org>>

1999 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 3-6 August Brigham Young University's 1999 Genealogy and Family History Conference, Conference Center, BYU Campus. Cyndi Howells as well as many others from the Family History Department, BYU, and other places in the country will be presenters. Registration limited to 500 registrants. For more information, write 136 Harman Building, Provo, UT 84602, phone 801-378-4853, email valiant_evans@byu.edu or website <http://coned.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal>
- 8-13 August Jewish Genealogical Society's 19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy, New York City, a week of educational programming, research opportunities, networking, and fun. Contact Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 6398, New York, NY 10128, email jgsny@aol.com, website <http://members.aol.com/nyc99conf>
- 11-16 August "The People of America, Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, St. Louis, MO. Includes lectures, workshops, banquets, and vendors, as well as research opportunities. Registration \$60-150. Call 1-888-347-1500 or see the website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mostlogs/STINDEX.HTM>
- 20-22 August Augusta Genealogical Society's 20th Annual Homecoming/Seminar, Performing Arts Theater, Augusta State University. Includes research in area courthouses and libraries, cemetery tour, demonstrations, and seminar. For information, contact Augusta Genealogical Society Library, 706-722-4073.
- 18 September "Discovering Your Heritage," a genealogical workshop presented by Everton's Genealogical Helper and sponsored by the Crook County Genealogical Society (Prineville, Oregon), 8-4 p.m., \$35 by 18 August or \$40 after August 18 (includes lunch). For information, contact Sharon Russell at 541-447-6508 or email at drussell@bendnet.com
- 13-16 October Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International presents Genealogical/Cultural Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference will feature speakers on genealogical, historical and cultural topics as well as an on-site library, sales room, music and dance performances, bus tours and other special events. For more information, call 612-595-7799 or email CGSI@aol.com
- 15-16 October National Genealogical Society presents NGS Regional Conference, Chicago, Illinois at the Wyndham Northwest Chicago Hotel. For information/registration, phone toll-free 800-473-0060, email conference@ngsgenealogy.org or see the website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- 23 October Chelan Valley Genealogical Society presents its 1999 Fall Seminar with speaker Donna Potter Phillips, at the Caravel Conference Room, 322 W. Woodin, Chelan, WA 98815. Seminar fee \$30 until Oct. 1; \$35 after. Mail registration to Helen James, Registrar, C.V.G.S., 321 S. 3rd #8, Chelan, WA 98816.
- 30 October The Family History Society of Arizona Seminar '99, Phoenix, Arizona, featuring Richard L. Hooverson. Contact Barbara Marshall at 480-945-5288 or email at GMarsh8214@aol.com
- 17-21 January 2000 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2000, includes course tracks on: American Records & Research: Focusing on Families; Thoroughly Sourcing the Midwest; Early Modern and Medieval Sources in England and Wales; German and Swiss Research; Preparing a Family History in the New Millennium; The Power of a Credential: Preparing for Accreditation; Research Methodology: Problem Solving I; Advanced Methodology: Problem Solving II. To obtain a brochure, call the UGS office toll-free at 1-888-INFO-UGA or email them at uga@softsolutions.com
- 6-13 February NGS Trip to Salt Lake City. Dereka Smith, NGS librarian will lead a research trip; limited to 25 participants. Contact her at NGS, 800-473-0060 ext. 331 or email at smith@ngsgenealogy.org
- 31 May-3 June NGS Conference in the States, Providence, Rhode Island

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS READY TO HELP YOU: The EGS Library Volunteers are ready to help you with your research. These volunteers are at the Bellevue Regional Library, in room 6 on the second floor, on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

PIONEER PROVERBS:

- ◆ Swallows and Sparrows cannot understand the ambitions of the Swans.
- ◆ Many persons think they are wise when they are only windy.
- ◆ He that scatters thorns, let him go barefoot.
- ◆ A man without courage is a knife without an edge.
- ◆ Be careful of your thoughts; they may break into words at any time.
- ◆ Everyone who repeats it adds something to a scandal.
- ◆ People who are wrapped up in themselves make small packages.
- ◆ Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; Revenging one make you but even with him; Forgiving it sets you above him.
- ◆ Take the proverb to thy heart, take and hold it fast. Men live now and tomorrow, Learning always from the past.
(From *Seeking 'N Searching Ancestors* via *S.C.G. Society*, July 1999)

NEWBERRY LIBRARY'S ON-LINE CATALOG: The Newberry Library has provided access to its computer catalog through the website <http://www.newberry.org>. The Library has two main catalogs, the Card Catalog and the Computer Catalog. The Computer Catalog includes catalog records added since 1978. All other collections are catalogued in the Card Catalog. It is important to note that the two catalogs do not overlap, so to be most effective, you will need to use both.

EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Computer Interest Group	Will meet Saturday, August 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Tech Center, Eastgate area, Bellevue. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe at 425-880-4407.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	There will be no meetings in July & August; September's meeting will be Sept. 25, Firestation 22, 6602 108th Ave. NE, Houghton (Kirkland area). No meeting in October (come to the conference). November's meeting will be Nov. 25, same place/time. Call Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 for more information or email her at rosebode@scn.org
EGS Lunch Bunch	Will meet Thursday, August 26th at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.
German Interest Group	For more information call Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583.
Irish Research Roundtable	Call Mary Magnuson, 425-746-6627 for information and next meeting date.
Italian Interest Group	Call Mary at 425-649-2250 for info.
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group	Monday, August 23rd, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.
Portuguese Interest Group	Contact Barbara Guyll, 425-746-5603 for information.
Scandinavian Interest Group	Will meet August 10th, 10-noon, at Puget Sound Regional Archives (BCC). Call Carol Owings at 425-641-9930 for information.
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Formerly Midwest Group)	Will not meet in August and September. Next meeting is October 21, 10-noon at Firehouse 9. Watch newsletter for program. Call Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050, for more information.
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group	Call Mary Lou McKibben (425-888-2053) for information.

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

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

LDS Fam. Hist. Center-Kirkland
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

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Bellevue, 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

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

Firehouse #9
12412 SE 69th Way
Bellevue, WA

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

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
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1000 Fourth Ave.
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Newsletter Schedule: The *Bulletin Board* is published each month, except December. Submission of news and articles to the *Bulletin Board* must be in writing and received **by the 15th of each month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please call Kim at 425-402-9050 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and cooperation is appreciated. Please mail submissions to: Kim Nichols, 15525 NE 195th St., Woodinville, WA 98072-8465 or e-mail to: nichols@nwlinc.com **Note:** The EGS Board and the *Bulletin Board* reserve the right to limit and prioritize event announcements, space permitting, to non-profit organization items of genealogical interest.

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EGS CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

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| 5 | 10 a.m. | EGS Board meeting, Firestation 9 |
| 10 | 10 a.m. | Scandinavian Interest Group, Puget Sound Archives |
| 12 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting, Bellevue Regional Library |
| 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Computer Interest Group, Boeing Tech Center |
| 23 | 7 p.m. | Original 13 Colonies Interest Group, Firehouse 9 |
| 26 | 11:30 a.m. | EGS Lunch Bunch, Crossroads Mall Food Court |

SEPTEMBER

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| 2 | 10 a.m. | EGS Board Meeting, Firestation 9 |
| 9 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting, Bellevue Regional Library |

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