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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 13, 1992, 7:30 p.m. (7:00 Beginners, Supplies, and Library Tables open)
Bellevue Public Library, 11501 Main Street, Bellevue, WA

Guest Speaker: Kathy Turner, Edmonds Community Librarian, Genealogy Specialist

Topic: How To Use Local Libraries: Exhausting local sources before writing or visiting other areas.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Our February speaker is Kathy Turner, who will speak on "How to use local libraries: Exhausting local sources before writing or visiting other areas." Kathy has pursued her genealogy since 1976, researching her Irish and Danish ancestors as well as her husband's German family in Connecticut. Kathy is employed as an Edmonds Community Librarian Genealogy Specialist. She will focus on libraries in the greater Seattle area, giving us clues such as what to ask, and where to go, to find certain information for your research. She will also explain the differences between the King County Library System and the Sno-Isle Regional Library System where she works. She has traveled to many libraries throughout the U.S. and will treat us to a slide show of the Salt Lake City, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, and the Boston Public Libraries. Come learn how to make the most of your local library resources!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Mullen

In looking back over the old records of EGS, I gained a perspective of the growth of our Society over the last 13 years. In 1978, we started as an interest group of the Seattle Genealogical Society. In 1982, EGS was established with approximately 61 new members. In May of 1983, we were up to 105 and May of 1990, we had 269 members. As of our last count, we have now grown to 320 members, with 122 in attendance at our last membership meeting.

Our computer interest group has grown significantly as more and more people are turning to the computer as a means of organizing their genealogical research and storing family information. As we continue to grow, I would appreciate any suggestions you have to improve our Society and the services it provides.

REVIEW OF JANUARY, 1992 SPEAKER

Mary DeMatteo Sangalang

Attendees at our January EGS general meeting were treated to a very informative talk from speaker Phil Lothyan, Director of the National Archives Pacific Northwest Region. Seattle is lucky to be home to one of the 12 regional branches of the National Archives, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Of particular interest to the genealogist is the first-ever release of the 1920 Federal Census on March 3, 1992. As Phil stated, this is the census that produced the people who fought in WWII. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of WWII, Phil is also working on a project about those involved in the war. The 1920 census will contain similar categories of questions asked in previous census with some exceptions: 1) No union service army/navy, etc., how long married, how many children born to mother; 2) Persons born in Austria, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, and Russia had to specify province or region (due to frequently changing country boundaries); 3) Individuals were not required to spell their names to the enumerator (be open-minded about different spellings of an ancestor's name!); 4) Race was based on enumerator's judgement!; 5) Residency was where a person slept, except for transients. In the 1920 census, there are no separate schedules for Native Americans or Reservations; schedules are geographic with territory, military in back of 1920 catalog; institutions are Soundexed separately at the end of each state listing; the 1920 census is the last to be Soundexed. The government has not allocated funds or personnel to Soundex further censuses.

To obtain a copy of the 1920 catalog you may send \$2 plus postage and handling to the National Archives in Washington or to the Pacific Northwest Regional Branch. The 1920 census can be rented for \$23 from the National Archives (WA D.C.) or from AGL - American Genealogical Library, Scholarly Resources, or the the LDS in Salt Lake City. It is advisable to obtain a copy of the catalog and determine the Soundex of the surnames to research, and the film roll numbers, prior to visiting the Archives, in order to maximize your microfilm reader research time. Readers are reserved for four hours by writing - Attention: Celia, Genealogy Department, National Archives & Records Administration, 6125 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115. Reservations must either be made in person or in writing. No phone reservations are allowed. Half the readers are reserved, so there is a possibility of using a reader for two hours without a reservation. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; the first Tuesday of the month, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and the first Saturday following the first Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. For further information call (206) 526-6507. The Archives relies on volunteers to assist researchers, catalog new films, work on index projects, and so on. Please consider volunteering for this worthy genealogical cause so that we may all benefit from the Archive's resources.

ANNUAL MINISEMINAR AND UNWANTED TREASURES SALE - SGS

Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Queen Anne Masonic Lodge, 1608 Fourth Avenue West, Seattle, WA

This is a learning and earning, incredible, edible and enjoyable weekend! Call Marilyn Rose, Director of Education for information or suggestions on topics.

JAMBOREE - Southern California Genealogical Society

March 1, 1992 "500 Years in the New World" is the theme for this 23rd annual jamboree.

SCGS, 122 S. San Fernando Boulevard, P.O. Box 4377, Burbank, CA 91503

Phone: (818) 843-7247

THREE REASONS FOR BEING A MEMBER OF EGS

Lois Rogers Luce

On my first visit to an EGS meeting in May, 1986, when I signed in I noticed a person by the name of Louis Towne had signed in ahead of me. Town/e was the surname of Harold's (my husband's) grandmother who, by the age of five, was living in a foster home. Little was known of her mother, and less was known of her father! I made a point of searching out Louis Towne. Through him we started out on the wonderful road of research, back to William and Joanna Towne, who were in Salem, MA, by 1640. (They are the parents of two of the eleven witches hung 300 years ago.)

In August, 1991, Kathleen Peck Probasco came to speak on "How to Publish a Surname Periodical on a Shoestring." Now, we do not expect to publish anything except a monthly "newspaper" to our 14 grandchildren, but we always benefit from the meetings and we were in attendance that night. We learned from Mrs. Probasco that many of the descendants of the first Pecks to this country changed the name to Pack. We signed up for her Peck surname publication. She wrote back with much information, plus the name of another researcher working on the same Pack line. Result? We now have a line from Margaret Pack of Tolland, CT, in the 1720's, back to Deacon Paul Peck, who was in Hartford, CT, before 1650.

Last November, EGS had a fall workshop. When we signed up we were given the opportunity to write down a couple of surnames we were working on. Harold has a Smith family we are having trouble with. They were in Connecticut in the 1820's. Harold's great grandmother was the 9th of 14 children. We were intrigued with the middle names of the sons, being quite sure those were important surnames of maternal lines, but we were not getting anywhere or finding out anything. When I signed up last November, I wrote down a couple of those middle names, not expecting anything to come of it. But Mary Curtis of EGS saw the name I had written and called. It was a little embarrassing to admit that I was only throwing out a "middle name," but she pursued it until a connection was made. Her grandmother's maiden name was Ladd, and her mother's maiden name was Tyler, another of the middle names. We found a marriage of a Ladd to a Darby, still another of the middle names! Through Mary, we have found a Ladd line to Daniel Ladd, who came over on the Mary & John in 1634, and a Tyler line to Job Tyler, who was in Massachussetts by 1666.

If genealogy is the name of the game, the Eastside Genealogical Society is sure a good place to play it.

Pitfalls to Avoid in Reading Stones

1. Numbers often confused are 1 and 4; also 3 and 8.
2. Note all various spellings of names. The person ordering the stone and the stone-cutter often made mistakes.
3. If two stones placed next to each other are exactly alike, note this fact. It is possible the markers are for siblings, but most likely they were chosen for a husband and wife.

(Western Reserve Historical Society Newsletter)

Editor's Note: In the case of my own grt grandfather, the stone was aged and worn; the C had been recorded as a G and thus, Cooke became Goode. Fortunately, the stone served for my grt grandmother as well, and because her maiden name was also on the stone, I was able to properly identify it and have the records corrected.

NEW MEMBERS - NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1991

Martha L. Burns 5034 Butterworth Rd Mercer Island 98040 232-7811	Louise Marshall 13819 173rd Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98052 556-9754	Phil & Wendy McCrain 13021 NE 49th St Kirkland, WA 98033 828-6609
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Research Tips

- o Unusual family surnames -- Ditto and Decost. Remember when using published records which have been copied from handwritten listings, deed books, vital records, church records, etc., that occasionally the transcriber recorded the children of someone who had been listed with a ditto mark, or the word "ditto," as having the surname Ditto. By the same mistake, the word "deceased" often written "decst" and slightly raised after a name, has been occasionally added to the original name as a surname, thus, John Stuart ^{decst} becomes John Stuart Decost. This suggests a policy of always checking middle names in indexes, etc.

(The Researcher, Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society)

- o Registers of the Jewish Community in Hamburg date back to 1769. For information write to Staatsarchiv, ABC Strasse 19, 2000 Hamburg, West Germany.
(Relatively Speaking of Alberta Genealogical Society, May 1991)
- o Moscow News features an "Archive Service" Genealogical Bureau to help those trying to make contact with living relatives. Contact Archive-Service, 103050 Moscow, USSR.
(Newsleaf, Ontario Genealogy Society, November 1991)
- o From 1972 every alien arriving in Great Britain was required to register with the Clerk of the Peace. These records are generally available in the County Record Office. Immigrants' records after 1836 are now available at Public Record Office, Kew.
(Family Tree Magazine, May 1991)

LIBRARY CHANGES

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has expanded the number of microfilm reading stations by as many as 150, on the second floor of the library. The US/Canada Reference Unit is being combined on the second floor with the General and LDS Reference Unit. Combining the collections allows the installation of all books on the main floor and all microfilms and additional microfilm readers on the second floor.

LDS SEMINAR -- 1992 LEAP INTO GENEALOGY

The Family History Center, Bothell Stake, will hold a seminar, open to all, on February 29, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. The address is 16500 NE 124th Avenue, Woodinville. This is a great seminar for those just getting started or those who feel they need a refresher course! Come bright and early and ready to learn a lot. Bring a sack lunch. There is no charge for this seminar -- EGS Interest Group display booths will be open from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Directions: Going North of I-405, take Exit 22. For further information, call Connie Balazic, 788-2792.

HALBERT'S IS AT IT AGAIN!

Linda Hjelm has received notice from Halbert's, Bath, Ohio, of a History of the Hjelms book. They claim the information was obtained from reference books indexing ship passenger lists, genealogy registers, and other official records ... The book apparently has a few pages on "how to do genealogy" and some telephone indexes. They also say they will provide an international directory of virtually every surname household with addresses. \$31.38 with tax. Be aware that these are scams.

THE HOTLINE (Linda Hjelm)

Question: What is a Gold Star Mother," from Mary Sangalang

Answer: A Gold Star Mother was the designation for a World War II mother who had lost sons or daughters in the war. Donna Hart's grandmother was a Gold Star Mother. There is no current active group, however, you may call Mrs. Emily Wright, 232-9441, for further information.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Lois Jackson

Many of our special interest groups are functioning in a most lively and progressive fashion. The interest and enthusiasm within these groups is evident in their various members and demonstrated by their activities.

These groups and their chairpersons are listed below. It will be noticed that there is an asterisk after five of the groups indicating the fact that they are at present inactive. The person listed for each is a contact person who may be able to answer your questions and provide information at the present time.

Action is afoot to reactivate these five groups, namely: British Isles, Canada, Midwest, New England, and Northwest. I will send around a clipboard at the February meeting for people to sign who are interested in joining these groups. It would be ever so appreciated if you would indicate your willingness to chair a group. It is really a very nominal job.

After that meeting, I shall arrange a time and place for each to meet, which will be announced in the Calendar of the next Newsletter.

Come and join us in this next adventure!

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Lois Jackson, Coordinator, 746-5187

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10. Northwest*: Linda Hjelm, 392-6193
11. Scandinavian: Cheryl Reed, 788-4968
12. Snoqualmie Valley: Jan Pankratz, 222-7583
13. Southern: ~~Helen Joiner~~, 746-0343
Don Taylor

*Denotes inactive groups.

Memo from the Editor: Because of my own work schedule, and the need to edit the newsletter and have it printed in a timely fashion, I would greatly appreciate it if you would have all submittals to the Newsletter in to me by the 20th of the month, rather than the 25th. You can mail the information to me: Jan Ulstein, P.O. Box 1185, Bellevue, WA 98009-1185. Thanks for your help on this.

1992 CALENDAR

February 6, 1992 7:00 p.m. EGS Board Meeting
LDS Church, next to the Family History Center, Bellevue

February 7, 1992 1:30-3:30 p.m. German Interest Group
Lake Hills Library, Bellevue

February 8, 1992 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Roots III User Group
National Archives Conference Room

February 10, 1992 Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group
Trip to the Fiske Library: meet by the totem pole in Fall City at 9:00; bring a sack lunch

February 10, 1992 7:15 p.m. Irish Interest Group
LDS Family History Center
10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue
Linda Hjelm will explain how to use the LDS records for Irish research

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February 15, 1992 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon EGS Computer Interest Group
Lake Hills Public Library, Bellevue
Tech Session: How to do it!

February 21-22, 1992 HERITAGE '92 - Fifth Annual WA State Heritage
Conference Tyee Hotel, Tumwater, WA
Focus on the heritage of Washington's communities.
For information call Heritage Resource Center
Olympia, 586-0219

February 22, 1992 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Italian Interest Group*
Lake Hills Library, Bellevue

February 26, 1992 10:00 a.m. Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group
Janice Pankratz' home, 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City
Program tape by Robert Charles Anderson, International Society
for British Genealogy and Family History. Subject -- Proving
Trans-Atlantic Connections: How much evidence do we need?
Call 222-7583 for information.

February 27, 1992 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mid-Atlantic/Southern Interest Group***
Newport Way Library, Bellevue
Topics: Pennsylvania and Kentucky Research

February 29, 1992 LDS Seminar "Leap into Genealogy"
LDS Chapel, 16500 124th Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA
(see separate note on this seminar)

March 6, 1992 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. German Interest Group**
Lake Hills Library

March 9, 1992 7:15 p.m. Irish Interest Group
Lake Hills Library, Bellevue
Mary Magnuson will speak on "How to get started in Irish research."

March 12, 1992 EGS General Membership Meeting
Bellevue Public Library
7:00 p.m. -- Beginners' Table
7:30 p.m. -- Membership Meeting

March 14, 1992 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Italian Interest Group*
Lake Hills Library

March 14, 1992 Clark County Genealogical Society
1992 Seminar with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street
Vancouver, WA

March 24, 1992 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mid-Atlantic/Southern Interest Group***
Newport Way Library, Bellevue
Topics: New York and Tennessee Research

April 3, 1992 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. German Interest Group**
Lake Hills Library

April 24-26, 1992 WORLDVEST '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.

May 14, 1992 EGS General Membership Meeting
Bellevue Public Library
Speaker: Lorraine McConaghy, "Combining Oral History and
Genealogy" Genealogy from a historian's point of view.

May 29 to 31 8th Annual WA State Genealogy Society
Conference, Everett, WA
"America -- Land of Opportunity"
Guest Speakers: William H. Schoeffler, Anita Check Milner

*Italian Interest Group - is open to all persons researching Italian ancestors in both the U.S.
and Italy. Call Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, 883-1245, for further information.

**German Interest Group - meets the first Friday of each month.

***Mid-Atlantic and Southern Interest Groups have been combined into one group.
Chairman is Don Taylor, 643-4438

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