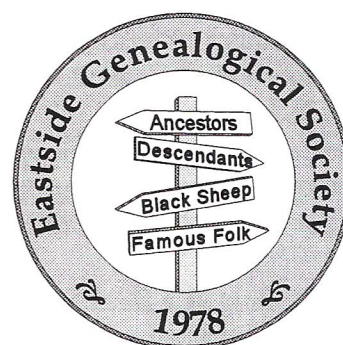


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, 8 February 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m., (7:00 p.m. Supply Table, welcome new members, socialize, ask questions)
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: United States Newspapers Program
Speaker: Sarah Fleming Munkasey

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Sarah Fleming Munkasey will be our speaker for the February 8th meeting of EGS. She began doing genealogical research about 30 years ago, and soon turned to newspaper research out of desperation, since the courthouse in Kentucky holding family records had burned down twice. Sarah has been an EGS member for nine years, serving as secretary, vice president, and program chair.

If you think births, marriages, and deaths are the only genealogical information to be found in old newspapers, come hear her presentation on newspaper research. She will cover the current status of the United States Newspaper Program, a national effort to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the U.S. from the eighteenth century to the present. Many states have now completed this project. Sarah will illustrate the wealth of information to be found in newspapers with examples from her research.

MARCH PROGRAM: Seattle's Mercer Girls to be presented by Peri Muhich.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Since the new year began, I have been deep into research on my grandmother's family, in particular, on siblings of her grandparents and their descendants. I am hoping this may open up some roadblocks, indicating where some of her family may have moved. It gets very confusing when the same names are carried down in the family for many generations. We have Abrahams in every generation, often cousins about the same age! So it has proven to me how very important it is to be accurate, to use dates, and to document the source of all information. For instance, one woman whose name was given to me as "Nancy" (but no source for that) is apparently named "Mary" according to her marriage record. This makes sense when I find that her mother and her daughter were also both named Mary. Well, it is pursuing and solving mysteries like this that keep us diligently searching. And then one day, we find a final piece of the puzzle, and we leap up and shout "Eureka! I've found it!"

I'd like to include here some standards for sound genealogical research that were published last fall in the Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter, and which came from recommendations by the National Genealogical Society. They are important standards for accurate research.

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently—

- Record the source for each item of information they collect.
- Test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not sup-

ported by the evidence.

- Seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- Use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- State something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- Limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- Avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- State carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- Recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- Consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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A WELCOME VISITOR: One of the original members of EGS attended the January meeting, and was pleased at how the society has flourished. This was Terry McCormick, who left Bellevue to live in Hawaii, and now is located in Morehead City, North Carolina. If any of you are familiar with McCormick Park in Bellevue, did you know that it was named in honor of the McCormicks who were early settlers here? Terry has been extremely generous in donating a great number of books to our library collection for genealogists. We hope we will see him again when he visits Bellevue.

REMEMBER THE ROOTS FAIR ON MARCH 10:

On Saturday, 10 March 2001 from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m., EGS will be hosting a Family Roots Fair at Crossroads Shopping Center in Bellevue, WA. The fair will be free and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Here is your chance to see all the exhibitors, talk to them about their groups and services, and shop for genealogy and history items.

We need used books and magazines for the used book and magazine sale. If you have any books or magazines that you would like to donate, you can bring them to the February EGS meeting, or call Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050 to arrange pickup. We will not be able to accept items on the day of the fair. We also need someone to oversee the book sale table. Call Kim if you are willing.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY:

To start out the new year we heard members of the Shore to Shore Interest Group speak about planning, preparation and their experiences visiting Salt Lake City and the Family History Center. The group was thorough in covering every aspect of such an important trip by sharing everything with information on choosing the appropriate time of year for the trip, air fares, hotel rates, information about restaurants in the area and accessibility. Kim Nichols spoke about travel plans to Salt Lake City and recommended contacting their Chamber of Commerce to obtain information for help in planning your trip and to shop around for the cheapest rates. She recommended a visit to the Family History Center web page at <<http://www.familysearch.org>> to check on classes that may be offered at the time you choose to visit.

For Betty Bennett, this was her first trip there. Keep in mind when packing that it may be cool in the library and to wear layers of clothing. She found the handicap access in Salt Lake City and the library to be very good. She also found Salt Lake City to be a quiet, clean and friendly city and very welcoming. The food was often like homemade and was very affordable.

Marty Gale spoke on what to take with you to the Family History Center. She emphasized that it is imperative to do as much research and preparation beforehand to get the most out of your time there. Since the Family History Center library catalog is online you can research in advance the books you want to see and print details of its call number and location before you get there. She recommended first focusing your time on the extensive

book collection in the library since most film and fiche might be ordered through local branches of the Family History Center. She recommended printing a quick report from your genealogy software giving you a summary of your family history. The Soundex numbers for all your surnames are also useful. Take with you a list of questions you hope to have answered while visiting the library. Compile all this information into notebooks that you can quickly refer to while in the library.

Thornton Gale spoke on the amenities and technical information for the Family History Center. He reviewed the library hours and the floor plan. He told us about the many computers, copy machines, film and fiche readers and printers and an Automated Resource Center for use of the hundreds of library CD-ROMs. Copies are inexpensive at the library and you are allowed 5 copies at a time when others are waiting. Jackie Bushnell spoke about the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. She described the floor plan of that building and explained that it contains an extensive collection of family biographies, research software, paper records and family group sheets. She found that building to be a lot less busy than the Family History Center and the people there very helpful and accommodating. Barbara Gyll spoke on her impressions as a first time visitor to the Family History Center. She said like many people she was overwhelmed by her first visit to the library but found the information to be easy to find and was successful in solving some of her genealogy questions.

The Shore to Shore Interest Group is planning a return trip to Salt Lake City leaving April 23rd or 24th and returning April 27th or 28th. Contact Kim Nichols for more information. Thank you all for sharing such valuable information with us. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Diane Hicks, 425-641-5503, Researching Briley, Ford, Stansbury, Stebbins, Stebbins, Tripp
Elizabeth (Beth) Reid, 425-373-1485, Researching Dorso, Foreman, Holding, Reid
Pat Sanders, Researching Boyles, Brackett, Graham, Jenkins, Sanders, Shirk/Sherk, Smith, Welker/Welcker

CURIOUS ABOUT GENEALOGY NUMBERING SYSTEMS? There are many numbering systems

used in genealogy: Henry, Ahnentafel, Register System, and several others. Two sites on the internet can help clarify these systems. The first is by Richard Pence at <http://www.saintclair.org/numbers>. The second site contains five articles by William Dollarhide. They can be found at <http://www.genealogybulletin.com/archives/>.

CLEANING STONE:

Before cleaning any stone, carefully check its condition. If the surface readily falls away, or you notice other conditions that indicate the stone is brittle or vulnerable, do not clean it. Cleaning may irreparably damage the surface.

The Cleaning Process

1. Use a non-ionic soap. One of the most readily available is Orvus, commonly used in association with horse and sheep husbandry. It can be found in feed stores. Mix a solution of one heaping tablespoon of Orvus to one gallon of clean water (it comes in either liquid or paste form).
2. Pre-wet the stone thoroughly with clean water and keep the stone wet during the entire process.
3. Thoroughly wash the wet stone using only natural bristled, wooden handled brushes of various sizes. The use of plastic handles is not recommended as color from the handles may leave material on the stone that will be very difficult to remove.
4. Be thorough. Wash all surfaces and rinse with lots of clean water.
5. When cleaning marble or limestone, one tablespoon of household ammonia can be added to the above mixture to help remove some greases and oils. Do not use ammonia on or near any bronze or other metal elements.
6. Lichens and algae can be removed by first thoroughly soaking the stone and then using a wooden scraper to gently remove the biological growth. This process may need to be repeated several times.
7. Not all stains can be removed. Do not expect the stones to appear new after cleaning.
8. Do not clean marble, limestone or sandstone more than once every 18 months. Every cleaning removes some of the face of the stone. However, occasionally rinsing with clean water to remove bird droppings and other accretions is acceptable.

9. Keep a simple treatment record of the cleaning, including date of the cleaning, materials used and any change in condition since last cleaning (such as a missing parts, graffiti and other damage. These records should be kept at a central location where the condition of the stones can be monitored over time.

Developed from data supplied by John R. Dennis, Dallas Museum of Art Conservation Lab. From page 8 of *Texas Preservation Guidelines-Preserving Historic Cemeteries* published by the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276. (From the FGS FORUM, Fall 2000)

Editor's note: There are several schools of thought on cleaning headstones. Some claim that any chemicals at all are worse than none while, as illustrated in this article, others would wash the stone.

The Association of Gravestone Studies (AGS) recommends, "Don't use shaving cream, chalk, graphite, dirt, or other concoctions in an attempt to read worn inscriptions. Using a large mirror to direct bright sunlight diagonally across the face of a grave marker casts shadows in indentations and makes inscriptions more visible." AGS has posted its list of "Gravestone Rubbings Dos and Don'ts" on its FAQ page at: <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/faq.htm>.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: If you are interested in topographic maps, check out this site. They have every USGS 1:100,000, 1:63,360, 1:25,000 and 1:24,000 scale map for the entire United States. Go to <http://www.topozone.com>.

THE 1901 BRITISH CENSUS ON THE INTERNET: On 1 January 2002, the British Public Record Office plans to release the 1901 census of England and Wales in the form of an online database. There will be a 50 pence fee to search for a name and an additional 80 pence fee for obtaining a copy. The fee may pose a problem for non-British researchers.

PALATINES TO AMERICA NEW OFFICE: The new Palatines to America Office is located at 611 E. Weber Road, Columbus, OH, 43211. It occupies about three thousand square feet on the first floor of the building and is easily accessible with plenty of parking space. They can be reached at 614-267-4700, fax: 614-26704888.

EGS BOOK LIST: Last month, we told you about the books that are available from the Book Supply Table before each General Meeting. Now, the full list is available on our web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wakcegs>. Go to the home page and click on the "Books Available" link.

INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THE NY-SCOGO LIFELINE.

WARREN COUNTY: A web site of interest to genealogists researching Warren County is at <http://www.co.warren.ny.us>. Click on "site index" for the Warren County Records Storage and Archives for an index to all filed survey maps from 1786 to 1992, all highway maps, and many reference maps and documents related to the purchase of highway rights-of-way. There is also an index to all naturalization papers filed in Warren County from 1813 to 1906.

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY: The St Lawrence Valley GS reports that the St. Lawrence County Historical Association now has a website at <http://www.slcha.org>. Hours, research materials and local historians are listed there.

HERITAGE QUEST MAGAZINE ARTICLES: *Heritage Quest Magazine* is offering the first 15 years—84 issues—on a CD-ROM at a reasonable price. Articles from 1985 through 1999 are included on this easily-searchable disk. Only the advertising and dated materials have been left out. Contact Heritage Quest at 800-760-2455 and ask for item number ACD-2000.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION; NEW RATES: The revised NARA fees were effective November 13, 2000. The new rates are: \$17.25 for a passenger arrival list, \$17.50 for a federal census request, \$17.00 for military service files over 75 years old and \$37.00 for full pension files that are over 75 years old. However, as an alternative to the full pension files, copies of just those documents that contain genealogical information can be ordered for \$14.75.

New order forms are: passenger arrival lists (NATF Form 81), federal census requests (NATF Form 82), pension files (NATF form 85 for the complete file), pension documents packet (NATF form 85) and military service files (NATF Form 86). See

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<<http://www.nara.gov/nara/newfees.html>>.

HOW TO USE THE 1930 CENSUS NOW: The 1930 census won't be released until 1 April 2002. The National Archives and Records Administration advises that if you need information about yourself or a deceased person from the 1930 or later census for legal or other purposes, get form BCC-600 from the Bureau of the Census Age Search Service and return the form with the required fee to the agency. The address can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Census. You may also write: US Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 East 10th St., Jeffersonville, IN 47132.

NOTABLE BOOKS IN THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:

This month we will be considering books which may or may not be in the Bellevue Library, but they are in one of the KCLS branches and available to you. These books are not reference books which cannot be checked out, but rather are circulating books. They can be found in the children's section (both Juvenile and Young Adult), and in adult fiction and non-fiction.

The March-April 1997 issue of *Family Chronicle* included an article by Cynthia Lockrey in which she suggested that researchers try to expand the story of their family beyond the names and places on a family group sheet by taking a look at the events of the time when the ancestors were living. Rather than using the *Encyclopedia Britannica* or some other scholarly tome, we will try to get this background material in simple form. Check the Main Menu of the computer catalog, choose No. 5—series. As you follow the search routine, you will find the series you want, some of which are as follows:

KCLS has the *Peoples of North America* series, in the J, Y, and adult non-fiction, 47 books with different authors. Some of the books are about Russian Americans, Cuban, Irish and Norwegian immigrants. You will find explanations about why the immigrants left their homelands, where they settled in North America, and why they chose that particu-

lar area.

A second series is *America's Wars*, with 13 books covering the wars from the Revolution to the Vietnam War. There is one Y book, and the others are adult non-fiction.

The *American Family Albums* series books are in the J and Y non-fiction area. KCLS has four of this series—the Chinese Americans, the Mexican Americans, the African Americans and the Irish Americans—written by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler. These books tell the often heroic stories of American immigrant groups, largely through their own words and pictures. As in any family album, the pages contain period photographs of people and memorabilia, diary excerpts, letters, memoirs, and newspaper articles. Each book is a pictorial and written record of the country left behind, the journey to America, and the group's contribution to America.

The Allan W. Eckert series, *Narratives of America*, is catalogued under Mr. Eckert's name as author.

There are 26 books in J fiction and non-fiction, and adult fiction and non-fiction in this group. These are true sagas of the brave men and courageous women who won our land, but some of the stories are fiction interspersed with real historical events and people. Many of the books deal with America's westward expansion.

A group of books related to the Pacific North-

west are the Sweetbriar books by Brenda Wilbee; look for them in the catalog under the author's name. The books are shelved in the adult fiction section; *Sweetbriar Autumn*, *Sweetbriar Summer*, and *Sweetbriar Bride* are some of the titles.

The type of books discussed above will give you much interesting information for the background of your ancestors; the books are entertaining, informative and easy to understand.

UNITED STATES COUNTY BOUNDARIES: Ed Stephan of Bellingham, WA has a web site that shows historical changes in county boundaries in the United States. This information is important in genealogical research because it will tell where the county records for a family will be found. Available

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.

on the web site is an on-line book, *The Division of Territory in Society*. The site also has a large animated GIF image that shows the formation of counties across the entire United States. It shows all county boundaries for 1650, 1700, 1750 and census years from 1790 onward. It can take some time to load, but will provide an interesting view of history. See <<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Book/contents.html>>. Note that the uppercase B in Book is required. (from *PAFinder Newsletter*, Volume 11, No. 11)

CENSUS ABBREVIATIONS: In the 1920 census, one of the questions asked of people born outside the United States was what year they obtained citizenship. Many answered with a year and then a two letter abbreviation. They were: Pa = Papers (in the process of), Na = Naturalized, Al = Alien (no process begun). (From an internet newsgroup.)

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES:

The Pacific Northwest will be the location for important conferences in May. First is the national conference of the National Genealogical Society on 16-19 May in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center hosted by Clark County Genealogical Society of Vancouver WA and the Genealogical Council of Oregon (Portland). The national conference held here a few years ago was a rousing success. Call 1-800-473-0060 for a registration brochure, or pick up from the freebie table an NGS-addressed postcard and send it off for the brochure.

The second conference in May will be a cruise through the Alaskan Inside Passage with John Colletta and Helen Leary as directors and speakers. This cruise will depart Vancouver CAN on Sunday 27 May 2001 and return the following Sunday. Be sure to credit the Eastside Genealogical Society if you make reservations. The ship is the *Regal Princess*. You can call Pam Ruiz at 1-800-290-0060 or view the web site at <<http://www.gencruise.com>>. You can also write to GenCruise.com at 425 Midcrest DR, Bowling Green KY 42101.

Another out-of-the-ordinary seminar will be on the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach CA—23-25 August 2001. This will be a Journey to the Past, a British and Irish Genealogical Seminar, with speakers from the British Isles as well as from the USA. There are fliers on the freebie table for this event.

AVOIDING PASSPORT WOES:

If your passport expires anytime in 2001, renew now while the process is quick and involves no surcharge.

If your passport is nearing the end of 10 years, you may not know about recent changes in the system. First, unless you have a ticket for overseas travel within 14 days, or require visas for a trip leaving not much later, you can renew only by mail. Second, you can find a form on the State Department's web site <<http://www.travel.state.gov>> and probably print it out at home; or go to a post office to obtain the form.

These are the fees: For a regular renewal, \$40; for a new passport, the fee must be presented in person at a post office or court, \$60. Other fees apply for children 16 and older and for a child 15 or under.

The New York Times article from which the above information was excerpted is lengthy, with exceptions and additions noted, many of which apply to the NY City office only. If you have questions to be answered, there is an automated phone line for Seattle—206-808-5700, or try the web site listed in the second paragraph. The emphasis throughout the article was to encourage people to get their passports in order while the going is easy. (From the *NY Times*, 31 December 2000)

SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY: An introductory class on Genealogy Resources on the Internet is offered each month as are beginning classes. Call 206-386-4630 for the schedule. Darlene Hamilton, SPL's genealogy specialist, will conduct a tour, "Genealogy Research in the Seattle Public Library", on Thursday, 20 February. Call the same number to register.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA: This fraternal benefit society was founded in 1883 in Lyons, Iowa. The current historian for the group is Gail A. Lewis, who reports that there is information available about past members in their archives, and especially in the death files. Before 1912, the records contain much personal information; after 1912, the records are not as detailed. Write Ms. Lewis at Modern Woodmen of America, 1701 1st Ave, Rock Island IL 61201 if you want to request information about a past member; send as many identifying details as possible. No charge for the service. (From SGS Society, Memphis MO Jan 2001 newsletter)

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SCOTLAND: The Scots Origins web site, <<http://www.origins.net>>, was updated in April 2000. Birth and Marriage indexes to 1899, and death indexes to 1924, have been added. The 1881 census indexes online were scheduled to have been operating by the end of 2000. (From *Irish/Scottish Gaelic Bulletin*, November 2000)

IRISH CONFERENCE: The Fourth Irish Genealogical Congress will be held in Dublin, Ireland, on 17-23 September 2001, at Trinity College. Get a list of the proposed speakers and their topics at <<http://indigo.ie/~irishgc>>, or request the list from the Irish Genealogical International (one of the sponsors) at PO Box 16585, St. Paul MN 55116. SASE with 55¢ postage for the 5 page list.

FOREIGN STAMPS: Foreign stamps can now be ordered from the U.S. Postal Service at 8300 NE Underground DR, Pillar 210, Kansas City MO 64144-0001.

SHIP PASSENGER LISTS FOR THE GREAT LAKES:

Many immigrants were called the "two-boat people" because they sailed from their homeland first to Canada, and then to the US via the Great Lakes. Passage to Canada was cheaper than a direct voyage to the US. Also, at one time immigration rules and regulations prevented immigration directly to the US in some instances.

To locate records of these immigrants, search the passenger lists of ships that maintained routes on the Great Lakes, such as Duluth, MN, and Chicago. Other sources would be the passenger and arrival lists printed in local newspapers. (From *The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan Newsletter*, Sep 2000)

"BIRTH RECORDS, OLD AND NEW":

George G. Morgan, "ALONG THOSE LINES" . . . From *The Ancestry Daily News*

Birth records can be a source of tremendous information for family historians. However, locating the records can often be an exercise in frustration. First of all, we have to look in the right location. However, even if we have the right location, there may be political roadblocks before us. For instance, some states will not issue obtain a copy of a

birth certificate unless requested by A) the actual person, B) the parent or legal guardian of the person, or C) the proven descendent of the person.

There are many places where evidence of a person's birth can be found. In "Along Those Lines . . ." this week, let's discuss several of the places where birth records can be found.

GETTING STARTED: Whenever I begin the process of locating evidence of birth for individuals in the U.S., I begin with what I know. Where were they born? If I know the answer to this question, then it is important to determine what geopolitical entity had jurisdiction over the area at the time. In other words, in what state and county or parish did the event occur? Often this entails working with current maps and then with maps of the time of the event. When I've figured out the correct county or parish, I consult "Ancestry's Red Book." In this essential reference, I can check the state table, by county, of when birth (and other) records began being kept. I also read the text there indicating when full compliance by all counties was reached for birth record-keeping was met, and where birth records are typically found. Depending on the state and/or county, originals or copies may be in the county in the office of the recorder of deeds, the county clerk, in the vital records office or at the health department. They may have been provided to the state government's department of vital statistics or other office. In any case, it is important to check on this because it is possible that copies of records missing at the county level may possibly be found at the state level.

If I learn from "Ancestry's Red Book" that governmental birth records were not created and kept at the time in question, I immediately know to save time and look elsewhere for records.

CERTIFICATES OF LIVE BIRTH: If you are fortunate enough to locate a copy of a birth certificate, you should find information including the name of the person, the date of birth, the county and township of birth, the hospital or other place of birth, the name of the mother and father, the parents' address(es), the ages and races of the parents, the name of the attending physician, date of registration, and the volume and page of registration by the county. In addition, you may find information about other children born to this mother, including those stillborn and/or previously born but deceased at the time of this birth.

CERTIFICATES FOR STILLBORN CHILDREN: Certificates for stillborn children may be more problematic for your research. Because of fraudulent use of information about stillborn children, some states have sealed records of stillborn children and allow no access to the records. Others have held the records for a specific period and then destroyed them. In any event, records about stillborn children are nearly impossible to obtain. You most frequently must rely on medical records, newspaper notices such as obituaries, funeral home records, etc., to locate information about stillbirths.

MEDICAL RECORDS: In some cases, with sufficient proof of your identity or direct relationship to the person you are researching, you may be able to obtain a letter from a physician or from a hospital confirming the date and details of a birth. Because of the possibility of potential fraud and the requirement of maintaining confidentiality of patient information, be prepared for your inquiry to be closely scrutinized.

RELIGIOUS RECORDS: Church records can provide important evidence of birth. If you can determine the name and location of the person's religious institution, you may find records of birth, christening, confirmation, bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah, and other records that reference the individual's birth.

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES: Children born outside a hospital, perhaps at home with the services of a relative or midwife, may not have been issued a birth certificate. Others whose births occurred before the time when the recording of births was mandated by state law also lacked natal documentation. In these cases, they may have required that a Delayed Certificate of Birth be issued in order to obtain a passport, to apply for Social Security benefits, to enlist in a branch of the service or for some other purpose. In 1971, for example, as my father prepared to apply to collect Social Security retirement benefits, he applied in the State of North Carolina for a delayed birth certificate. The process entailed obtaining at least three pieces of evidence to confirm his date of birth. In his case, his delayed birth certificate indicated that he provided the following pieces of evidence and the dates of the documents:

Family Bible that was in his possession (and his address) in which the copyright date of the bible and the detailed birth entry were noted.

A life insurance policy issued by a specific company, the issuer's address, the policy number, and the issue date of 6/11/1940 (The state presumed that the insurance company had previously verified the date of birth of the insured.)

Copy of the 1920 Federal census record issued to my father by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., indicating my father's age in years at the time of the census.

The delayed birth certificate application was processed in Alamance County, NC, the county of his birth, and the Office of Vital Statistics in Raleigh signed off that no prior birth certificate was on file in their office. The application was approved and a certificate was issued.

In another instance, my maternal grandmother's eldest sister provided similar evidence for her in 1951 in the form of a sworn affidavit stating the date of my grandmother's birth.

SEEKING ALTERNATIVE EVIDENCE: The point of sharing this with you is to tell you to consider the possibility that there may be evidence of birth other than a birth certificate created at the time of the birth. As my father proved, he could locate at least three alternative forms of evidence of his birth. If you look for these alternative research paths, the chances are that you can find other information sources too.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION RECORDS:

As more and more records become available on-line or on CDs, it becomes increasingly necessary for genealogists to use computers to further their research. Now comes word that sometime within the next few years, the files on more than 24 million immigrants recorded in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Master Index will be available to the public through computer access.

This Master Index consists of microfilmed files of pre-1975 index cards which refer to all U.S. naturalizations from September 27, 1906, to 1956; immigrants since 1924; alien registrations of the 1940s; and visa files of immigrants. Details of exactly what information will be computerized are still being determined. This project is to allow for more efficient location and use of the records, some of which are in poor physical condition. (From NY-SCGO *The LIFELINE*, Fall 2000)

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, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Redmond Public Library. Please note the change of location.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, February 8 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, February 17 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, March 17 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, February 22 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, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. to view a reserch video featuring Dr. George K. Schweitzer. A visit to King Ludwig's Tyrol Restaurant in the Maple Leaf District of Seattle is being planned for early February. Visit < http://www.kinkludwigs.com for menus, photos, etc. then attend the meeting to help plan the trip. (Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583, rjpankrat@email.msn.com)
Italian Interest Group	Will meet on February 17 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Note the time change. March is the 11th anniversary of this group. We will be working at the Roots Fair. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, dancers_04@altavista.com)
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group (Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.)	Will meet Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9.
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	Will meet Tuesday, February 13 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)	Will meet Thursday, February 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Crossroads Shopping Center Meeting Room. (Kim Nichols 425-402-9050 or nichols@nwlinc.com).
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group (3rd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.)	Will meet Wednesday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. Call Mary Lou for the meeting place. (Mary Lou McKibben 425-888-2053)

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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

Seattle Public Library
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

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

2001

- February 2-3 GENTECH 2001 will be held in Dallas TX. The theme is Union and Reunion. See <<http://www.gentech.org>>.
- February 10 The Redmond Historical Society will meet at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Room 104, Redmond WA at 10:20 a.m. Call 425-885-2919 for more information.
- February 24 Whittier CA Area Genealogical Society will host their annual seminar. Richard Wilson, author of computer books for genealogists and articles for national genealogy magazines is the speaker. See <<http://www.compuology.com/wags>> for details.
- March 3 Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild 19th Annual History Conference titled "More Voices. New Stories". This event will be held at the Museum of History and Industry, 2400 24th Ave. E., Seattle, Washington. Questions may be addressed to Mary Wright at wrightm@u.washington.edu or 206-781-9511.
- March 3 The South King County Genealogical Society has set a date for Gene-A-Rama 2001. It will be held at the First Baptist Church, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent WA. Sylvia Coppock is the chair and you can reach her at 425-235-8076 or sylvacop@aol.com.
- March 10 2001 Family Roots Fair sponsored by the Eastside Genealogical Society from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Crossroads Shopping Center, NE 8th and 152nd NE in Bellevue, WA. Many societies, Interest Groups and vendors will participate. For information, call 425-402-9050.
- March 24-25 Southern California Genealogical Society 32nd Annual Jamboree. Exhibits, speakers and classes relating to every aspect of genealogy. To be held at the Exhibition Building of the Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA. Call 818-843-7247 or e-mail scgs@keyconnect.com for information.
- March 31 Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting and Seminar, Museum of Our National Heritage, 33 Marrett Road (Rte. 2A, Lexington. Call 508-877-6484 or e-mail megrogan@ix.netcom.com for information.
- 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.
- 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>>.
- 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

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MEETINGS:

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