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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 June 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m., (7:00 p.m. Supply Table, welcome new members, socialize, ask questions)
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Tracing Women Ancestors
Speaker: Mary Peters

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Mary Peters is the Director of Education at Fiske Genealogical Foundation. Her topic will be "Researching Maiden Names". She names Arthur Fiske and Marjie Michaelson as her mentors and teachers and has taken classes from Arthur Fiske and from Sarah Little and Lorraine McConaghy at the University of Washington. Mary began teaching at Fiske when Arthur became ill. Her duties at the library besides being Director of Education include speaking in that capacity and maintaining the catalog at Fiske. She has been a co-author of one book about her Fessler ancestors and is currently working on another on her father's immigrant ancestor.

JULY PROGRAM:

The General Meeting program on July 12th will be a panel consisting of Barbara Guyll, Vice-President; Mary Ellen Scott, Secretary; and Gordon Young, Newsletter Editor. They will tell us about their experiences organizing family reunions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE::

"There's no place like home!" Those were Dorothy's words in the *Wizard of Oz*, and they rang true for me this spring. My husband and I had a wonderful trip to Spain over Easter, and we enjoyed it very much. Spain is beautiful, and the weather was wonderful. But two weeks was long enough, and as we came home, I was more than happy to see the clouds over Seattle once again, and even to have a little rain.

Two thoughts came to me from that trip. I wondered about our ancestors, who left their homes and came across the sea to a new land, in most cases never to return "home" again. Mine left Ireland in the famine, and came to settle in a land far from home, enduring travel conditions that I cannot even imagine. My great-grandmother, who came from Ireland, had an infant die on the long sea-crossing. I don't know the name of the child, nor even whether it was a boy or a girl. Another great-grandmother and her sister came over alone to join their older brother, when they were 11 and 15. These were the days of sailing vessels and they were tossed about on the stormy seas for three months, before finally arriving in New Orleans. These young girls never saw their parents or their homeland again. How wrenching that must have been for them. I don't know that we can even begin to imagine the courage and stamina it took to make such a voyage, and to never return "home" again.

A second thought that struck me on this trip was that you never know where you might find a clue about our family. Though this was not a genealogy trip, I did find some information about my ancestors. Sitting on a bench in the train station in

Benalmadena, Spain, I struck up a conversation with an English-speaking couple next to me. They were from Ontario. I mentioned to them that I was researching my father's family from Ontario, named Marlatt, and they told me that there is a very large funeral home in Ontario called the Marlatt Funeral Home. Further research into this after I returned home has shown that this most probably is a branch of my family.

EGS ELECTION RESULTS:

The following officers were elected at the May 17th general meeting.

President	Mickey Main
Vice President	Barbara Guyll
Secretary	Mary Ellen Scott
Treasurer	Earl Sutherland
Trustee	Peter Robertson

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL FIND:

Harris and Walta McCarley are members of EGS and submitted the following story:

This is what I sent to a friend. Background—Harris' uncle wrote several family history books. One was on Harris' mother's ancestors. A man in Camden, S.C. wrote to Harris' cousin to get permission to copy some information from his father's book. The cousin wrote Harris to let him know. The man turned out to be a 3rd cousin. They are both descendants of General Kershaw, of the Civil War (South Carolina). I found it interesting how the ties keep growing.

EGS had a genealogy fair at the Crossroads Mall in March. I looked up American Revolutionary War ancestors and found a couple of Harris', then e-mailed a newly discovered 3rd cousin about my findings. He wrote back to say he is the S. C. State Secretary/Treasurer of the Sons of the American Revolutionary War. Wow!

MAY EGS GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY:

EGS had an esteemed guest as our speaker at the May General Meeting. Gary Zimmerman, PhD of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation spoke on the process by which land in the public domain got transferred to private citizens and what records are available as a result of this process. The process began with the federal government disposing of land ceded by the original states. This included all states west of the Mississippi except Texas and Hawaii, all states north of the Ohio River west of Pennsyl-

vania, and the four Gulf states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The government became increasingly generous in giving away lands by making the requirements more lenient and by creating new laws for disposing of them. By 1880, Congress passed more than 3,500 laws dealing with public lands.

The Indians originally owned the land so before grants could be issued, the government had to remove the Indian title and then survey the land. Thus the surveyor created a legal description of the land. People could purchase land by auction, cash sale and later by credit. The sale then went through a registrar, who recorded entries and kept track of available land, and a receiver, who handled the money. This process created a number of records helpful to genealogists: survey field notes, tract books, township plats, patents, and land-entry case files.

The Homestead Act of 1862 gave settlers 160 acres of land if they would live on it for 5 years and improve it. Homestead case files are even richer in genealogical information as they contain the homestead application, proof of homesteading (affidavits of neighbors, friends and relatives), documentation authorizing issuance of the patent, and often naturalization papers. This information is kept on file by the National Archives. Once all requirements were met a patent was issued.

In an effort to populate the country, the federal government sold or gave away more than 1 billion acres of land. In this process they granted more than 5 million patents. These patents are held through the Bureau of Land Management and those created between 1820 and 1908 can be accessed online at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>. This web site is completely searchable by state, surname, location or many other methods. Dr. Zimmerman reminded us to be sure to check all spelling variations of surnames when performing your search. Through this web site you can view details of the patent (completely downloadable) and even see maps of the patent property's location. If you do a Section/Township/Range search you can find adjacent landowners.

A book he recommended to help you in land research is *Land and Property Research* by E. Wade Home. A wealth of genealogical relevant information is available through land records. We thank Dr. Zimmerman for sharing with us this valuable

information. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

CHINESE GENEALOGY:

Chineseroots.com is a Chinese genealogy online resource that helps the Chinese diasporas search for ancestors and connect with families; it is now available in English housed under the domain name <<http://www.chineseroots.com>>. Its proprietary channels provide free information on Chinese ancestry, family history, and related topics on the World Wide Web. Surfers will be able to ask a team of Chineseroots genealogy experts for advice, and take part in its online message boards and discussion groups. These services on both the Chinese- and English-language sites are free to anyone with Internet Access. (Ancestry Nov/Dec 2000, p. 9)

FOR YOU OKLAHOMA RESEARCHERS:

This article appeared originally in the Tulsa Daily World, December 3, 1978.

MISTLETOE—STATE FLOWER OF OKLAHOMA

This Christmas, as you lurk near the mistletoe waiting to pounce on somebody, remember that you are indulging in such hanky-panky under the state flower of Oklahoma. Not since Queen Victoria outlawed public kissing under the mistletoe has so much controversy been stirred up over one little plant.

Twice Oklahoma legislators have tried unsuccessfully to oust mistletoe in favor of the red rose or the periwinkle, calling mistletoe "a parasite unfitting to represent the state". Mistletoe lovers throughout Oklahoma were outraged at this display of prudishness and lack of state historical savvy.

There is a reason why mistletoe is the state flower of Oklahoma. Many pioneers died during those first hard winters after the opening of the Oklahoma Territory, and cut branches of mistletoe were laid on their caskets because flowers were unavailable. It was decided by the 1893 territorial legislature that since mistletoe decorated the graves of Oklahoma's first pioneers, it deserved a place as the state flower. (Contributed by Mary Daniels)

FUNERALCENTRAL:

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has a partnership with FuneralCENTRAL, a web site de-

signed to provide free information about every funeral every day in the USA and Canada. Look at <<http://www.rootscentral.com>> and at <<http://funeralcentral.com>>. (UGANEWS March 2001)

MICHIGAN STATE ARCHIVES:

This organization offers a research request service online. Check it out at <<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/archive/referenc.html#info>>.

TRAVEL TIP:

Avoid waits—before a flight, bypass lengthy check-in lines with eService Centers offered by Alaska, NW, and Continental airlines (plus others); these centers are now found at many airports. At kiosks, purchase an e-ticket, check in, print a boarding pass, change your seat or same-day ticket, and even upgrade. Some airlines also offer extra frequent-flier miles if you use their automated service. (Seattle Times, 8 Apr 2001)

From an old headstone:

SALLIE MORGAN
DEC. 10 1864
HERE LIES MY WIFE
LET HER LIE
SHE'S AT PEACE
AND SO AM I

WE TAKE A LOT FOR GRANTED:

Our family is most fortunate to have had a great aunt who wrote down many family tales of our original immigrant, Frederick Sprehn, or Sprain. Fred, as he was called, worked in Milwaukee Co., Wisconsin on a farm from his arrival in 1845 until 1852. I will now quote from great Aunt Rachael's writing:

"Fred thought (after being on the farm for three months), that his father ought to and would like to know of their whereabouts. Fred had heard about letters but he had never seen one. He procured a piece of paper which was scarce then. He wrote on three sides, told he was getting \$5.00 per month, etc., then folded it so the blank side was out and sealed it with sealing wax. Not having seen a letter addressed, he addressed it to Friederich Sprehn, Over Milwaukee to New York, over New York to Brehmen, over Brehman to Hannover, over Hannover to Amt. Suhlingen, over Suhlingen to Dorf (village) Lindern." (sic) The letter got to his father who was glad to pay the postage. This postage was a goodly sum in those days. And this is how we know the route he took on his voyage to America. (Submitted by Sue Carter.)

A TRANSITION TO A NEW ERA:

Seattle Public Library will have their last day at

the downtown branch on Friday June 8th. Saturday July 7th the Temporary Central Library at 800 Pike St. is tentatively scheduled to open at 9 a.m. Limited telephone assistance will be provided Mon. - Fri. June 11 to July 6. Call the Genealogy desk at 206-386-4629.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS:

The Snoqualmie Falls Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists was to be officially installed at a brunch at the Wild Flower Restaurant at Kimball Creek Inn in Snoqualmie May 24th. This chapter has thirteen members from the Eastside and is looking for more. Call Chapter Regent Ruthanne Hayes Haight at 425-861-1898 for more information. (From Winnie Sihon)

RESEARCH TIP:

The Newsletter of the Capital District Genealogical Society of Albany NY, May 2001 issue, reported on a recent program, "Genealogical Tips and Discoveries", including a paragraph about a card catalog of Audited Accounts. The AA cards are in the New York State Library in Albany, and concern Revolutionary War soldiers who were killed or seriously wounded. The unit the soldier served in is listed, as well as the names of his wife and children.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER:

This tidbit came through several genealogy societies' publications, and finally to us from the *Family Tree*, Odom Library in Georgia. It seems that Mrs. William Robbins of Louisville was recently married to Davis Buzzard. It is her fourth matrimonial venture.

To start with, she was a Miss Martin, and her first marriage was to Robert Crow. He died, and she married John Sparrow. She and Mr. Sparrow did not agree, and they were divorced. Mrs. Sparrow then became Mrs. William Robbins, but again a divorce ensued. After a year of lonely life, Mrs. Robbins has become Mrs. Davis Buzzard. She has two Crows, one Sparrow, one Robbins and a Buzzard at her home.

IRISH HELP:

The National Archives of Scotland has a web site full of valuable information for those with Irish connections. Go to <<http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arch/genealogy.html>>.

BRITISH ANCESTORS:

Those whose ancestors were in India or Southern Asia for a period while the area was under British occupation may like to learn more about the British Ancestors in India Society. The Society has established a computer database, and has a volunteer researcher and archival records; contact Paul Rowland, 2 South Farm Ave, Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7WY England. Send postage money and a self-addressed envelope. (From *The Family Tree*, Odom Library, Moultrie GA)

NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT:

With this project, it is hoped to locate the burial places of all Union Civil War Veterans. Descendants of Union Veterans are requested to register their ancestor's grave. A graves registration packet, including instructions and a form, can be downloaded from the web site <<http://suvchw.org/graves/graves.htm>>. You can also write to NGRO, SUVCW, PO Box 3279, Gettysburg PA 17325 for a form.

Inquiries about individuals already entered in the National Database should be sent to the National Graves Registration Officer, Leo Kennedy at HDV.Ken@aol.com, or write to the national address listed above. (From *UGA Genealogical Journal*, v.29, No. 1)

NOTABLE BOOKS IN THE BELLEVUE LIBRARY:

Have you looked in the History section of the library for research help? Look in the R970s; these books back up to the genealogy section (R929s) on west-facing shelves adjoining the computers.

The Uncounted Irish by Margaret Fitzgerald and Joseph King, call no. 973.049162 FIT, challenges the theory or notion that the Irish were late arrivals in America, never setting foot here until the famine forced them out of Ireland. Dr. Fitzgerald and her brother, Professor King, present with persuasive proof their ideas that the Irish migration was heavy in pre-Revolutionary times, and that not all Irish chose to stay in east coast urban settlements. Many lived in rural areas, as they had done in Ireland, in the US and Canada. It's a fascinating tale. Good index too, with lots of names.

Still in the History section, look for R 978 AME, volumes 1-10. Here is another series, similar to those mentioned in earlier issues of this newsletter—*The American West, A Multicultural Encyclope-*

dia. Each volume is alphabetized by subject, including places, people, and events all relating to the West, and continued to the next volume. The articles are short, simply and concisely written, probably on a Y level, but adequate and interesting for adults.

If the orphan trains interest you, you might want to look at a non-fiction book, *The Great Arizona Orphan Abduction* by Linda Gordon, call no. 305.800979 GOR. BRL does not have this book, but it is in the King County Library System and available through interlibrary loan. The story is of children from the streets of New York, homeless and alone in the late 1800s and early 1900s, who were placed in homes in a remote Arizona mining camp by Catholic nuns from NYC, with unanticipated results to this plan of good intent and purpose. Religion, race, family values, lawsuits, and court judgments—all intruded on the plan. Illustrating the proverb "There is nothing new under the sun", we find similar issues still existing today. This book won the Bancroft Prize in American History and Diplomacy.

If you would like to have help locating any of the materials which have been discussed in this series of articles, please come to Room 6 in the library on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday afternoons (see box). The volunteers would be willing and happy to help you become acquainted with the genealogy collection of books donated to the Bellevue Regional Library by Eastside Genealogical Society or those purchased by the library.

SOCIETIES WEB SITES:

Here are web site addresses for some fraternal and benevolent societies:

Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library

<<http://suvcw.org/garmus.htm>>

Grand Lodge of Ireland: Freemasons' Hall

<<http://www.irish-freemasons.org>>

Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

<<http://www.orange.ca>>

Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland

<<http://www.grandorange.org.uk>>

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

<<http://www.kofc.org>>

Knights of Pythias Supreme Lodge

<<http://www.pythias.org>>

United Grand Lodge of England

<<http://www.grand-lodge.org>>

(Excerpted from *Family Chronicle*, January / February 2001)

SGS UPDATE:

The Seattle Genealogical Society library/office has been moving, setting up their books on the shelves, and planning a celebration of the grand opening on Friday, 1 June 2001, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 2 June 2001, from noon to 4:00 p.m. All this will take place at the new location—6200 Sand Point Way NE, #101, Seattle, across the street from the National Archives. At 12:30 p.m.

on Saturday there will be a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, after which the annual SGS membership meeting will take place with Lynn Moen as the speaker; her topic—"Publishing Your Family History Data".

EGS has received an invitation for members to attend the celebration.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

EGS Welcomes the following new members:
Jane E. & Dale F. Fishel researching Barnhart, Bronson, Brown, Eagan, Fishel, Ruth, Schmitt, and Whitson; 425-391-6073.
Denise C. Jarvis researching Ketcham, Jarvis and Verity; 425-392-9633.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO A BOOK?

Family Chronicle is making an appeal to their readers and other genealogists to share their "brickwall" solutions. They hope to gather 1,000 brickwall solutions, carefully index these and publish them in a book, tentatively titled *1000 Brickwall Solutions*.

To date, they have received nearly 700 submissions. The book will probably sell for \$25. If your story is used, they will send you two copies of the book.

Send your account of the brickwall situations you have experienced, outlining the problem and

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.

your solution. Stories can be as short as 50 words but should not exceed 800 words.

To contribute, e-mail your stories with your name, a mailing address and phone number to ron-wild@familychronicle.com writing "Brickwall" in the subject field; or, mail to "Brickwall Solutions", Family Chronicle, PO Box 1201, Lewiston NY 14092. The tentative closing date is 30 June 2001.

The Northwest, March-April 2001.)

EGS HISTORY:

Walta McCarley is our Eastside Genealogical Society Historian and is asking for some help from the membership. If you see any newspaper or magazine articles about our present or former members, please clip the article and send it to her at 15823 SE 5th Pl., Bellevue WA 980084820.

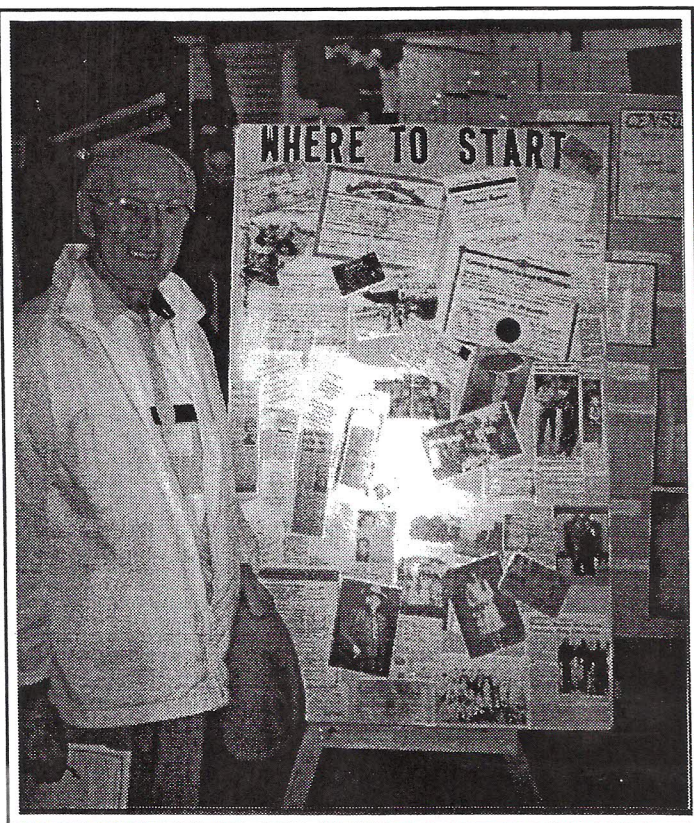
REPORT ON THE NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES:

From the morning of 16 May through the afternoon of 19 May, the City of Portland, Oregon was the point of focus for some 2,000 genealogists from around the United States and the world. There were attendees from Hawaii, Alaska, Rhode Island, Georgia, Texas, and most of the other states comprising this country. Additionally, there were participants, and in some cases speakers, from Canada, England, Ireland, New Zealand, and Wales. Also present were a number of members of our own Eastside Genealogical Society. This writer hesitates attempting to name these EGS participants for fear of inadvertently omitting someone, but we were well represented.

The central feature of this conference, as in previous ones, was the variety of lectures that covered a wide range of topics. Some talks were designed for the beginning genealogist while others appealed to those with decades of experience. Not to be overlooked were the several luncheons and dinners sponsored by various societies featuring informative yet entertaining speakers dealing with a topic suitable to the sponsoring society's reason for being. By its very nature, the conference provided many opportunities to renew acquaintanceships with friends within the larger genealogical community and to make new ones.

This year, there was an informal "Tartan Day" during which several people wore a Scottish tartan appropriate to their backgrounds. A few men, including this writer, wore a kilt and other related accouterments while some women wore tartan sashes. The idea was sufficiently popular that it has been proposed that at the NGS Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday, 17 May 2002 the conference attendees wear the ethnic attire associated with their particular background.

The Milwaukee NGS Conference will take place from 15 May to 18 May in 2002. In 2003, the



Norman Blye stops by the South King County exhibit at RootsFair in March, where he unexpectedly discovered a poster containing pictures of his family, including his mother's wedding picture, and a picture of himself at age 3.

DID YOUR ANCESTORS WORK ON THE RAILROAD?

If so, there are three web sites that you should be aware of. The first is the Index to Railroad Historical Societies. It is at <<http://www.ribbonrail.com/rrpro/database.html>>. The second is the Railroad Historical Research Center. See <<http://www.rrhistorical.com/rrdata/taber.html>>. The third site provides records from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. It is at <<http://www.rrb.gov/general.html>>. There is a fee for them to perform a search of their data. (Excerpted from *News From*

NGS Conference will occur in Pittsburgh, PA. In September of this year, the FGS Conference will convene in the Quad Cities. So, the Shore to Shore group should take particular heed of these opportunities.

FREE IRISH PHONE BOOK:

The free Irish phone directory is located at <<http://www.Goldenpages.IE>>. Charles Dorian tried it and found the addresses and phone numbers of six Dorians.

REPORT ON SALT LAKE CITY TRIP:

The Shore to Shore Interest Group enjoyed the spring visit to the libraries at Salt Lake City, with many successes. We flew the week of April 23, with varying 4 to 5 day stays, and came home inspired by our good results and the beauty of the gardens around the libraries and Temple Square. Although we could not imagine anything more

cious food at low prices.

The weather was warm and calm, making our stay more like a vacation than a research assignment. Most of us stayed at Travelodge since Best Western was full. With Dee's Restaurant just across the street, and continental breakfast free at the Motel, the days went too quickly. There was even a city bus to the airport for \$1.00. Such a bargain!

I was rewarded when I found a large book with the complete genealogy of my ancestor. It had the entire bunch of descendants listed, right down to ME when I was a young girl in Tacoma, WA. The problem was in finding that the book is out of print. It was published in 1941, so I Xeroxed MOST of the book, hoping I can find a copy eventually, for the rest of my family. By the way, no 'altitude sickness' this time...we came home with lots of energy and ready to tackle the next problem. (Submitted by Betty Bennett)

WEB SITES; FREE STUFF FOR GENEALOGISTS

Birth Date Calculator	http://www.longislandgenealogy.com/birth.html
Timelines	http://www.ourtimelines.com
	http://www.historychannel.com
Soundex Machine	http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/sooundex
Biography Assistant	http://www.genealogy.com/bio
Geographic Names Information System	http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html
Free Databases	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites
US Military History Institute Digital Library	http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usarmhi/DL
Civil War Photo Database	http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usarmhi/PhotoDB.html
Cemetery Records Online	http://www.interment.net
Bygones Notekeeping System	http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones
Computer Scrapbooking	http://www.computerscrapbooking.com
Scraplink.com	http://www.scraplink.com
ScrapEasy	http://www.scrapeasy.com/layout
Scrapbooking.com	http://www.scrapbooking.com
Cemetery Clip Art	http://alsirat.com/cemart
Graphics by Shawna	http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Coffeehouse/5922/genbars.html
Genealogy Graphics	http://members.aye.net/~autumn/gengraphics.html
Timberlake Family Genealogy Graphics	http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/7906/themes.htm
Cherished Memories	http://welcome.to/cherished_memories
Age of Sail	http://www.gulfwaters.com/html/age_sail.html

Excerpted from *Family Tree Magazine*, June 2001, et al.

beautiful than the Christmas season at the last visit, the fresh perennials, tulips, pansies, and other Spring flowers once more held our attention, and invited us outdoors more than usual, to walk through the Square to the other buildings. Again, we enjoyed the employees' cafeteria with its deli-

GENEALOGY CLASSES:

I want to thank the people from the Senior Classes who continued into spring with tours of four libraries. Although we started out at Washington State Archives with eight of us, it turned out to

usually be only four attending the other tours. We greatly enjoyed the trip to Tacoma Public Library, including Teriyaki for lunch. Then we went to the Seattle Genealogical Library before their move, and finally to the Fiske Library in Seattle, where we enjoyed five hours of research, with the library all to ourselves and our expert there to guide us.

We found many things of interest, and all felt they will be researching at those resources again. I think the tours were worthwhile and enjoyed by all who joined us.

Classes may resume in the Fall, depending on interest and availability of speakers and space.

(Submitted by Betty Bennett)

NECROLOGY:

Our sincere condolences to Sharon Pakkala in the loss of her mother. Mary Ann Nickell, a long time member and very active member has passed away. Our condolences also to her family.



PERSONAL CONNECTIONS: Mary Daniels (EGS member) contributed the following article from the *Waukon Republican* (Iowa) dated February 1, 1928. Some parts of the article were omitted. The James Reid in the obituary is her grandfather's oldest brother.

[Headline]

J.B. Reid Passes Away at Age 84. Came to Waukon in covered wagon in 1852 from near Waukon. Veteran of Civil War Enlisting from Waukon Co. B. 2nd Battalion of 16th Reg.

James Bird Reid, or "Bird" as he was familiarly known to his friends, passed away at his home in Waukon, this Wednesday morning at seven o'clock after a gradual failing of the machinery of life had manifest some weeks ago that his earthly course had about run the allotted time.

Deceased was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, April 20, 1843 and was nearing his 85th birthday. He came to Iowa with his parents in a covered wagon in 1852, locating on a farm to the northwest of Waukon. His marriage to Miss Carrie Arnold took place in Union Prairie Township on August 2, 1866. They resided on a farm for four years and he then engaged in well drilling which he followed until ill health overtook him and he retired from this occupation.

During the Civil War he enlisted at Waukon in Company B, second battalion, 16th regiment of the infantry and was discharged April 14, 1865, as a first sergeant in this same company. On his discharge the following remarks were noted: "an excellent and reliable soldier". His discharge also bears the notation of engagement in the following battles: Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Buzzards' Roost, Resacea, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Ruff's Station, Atlanta and Jonesboro, Georgia and Peach Tree Creek.

Reared as a pioneer and fired with those wonderful instincts that built up such fortitude among these old citizen(s), Mr. Reid was a remarkable marksman. His hobby in life was mechanics, his pastime devoted to the sports of hunting and fishing. He knew the habits and haunts of the game fish and could always be relied upon to catch fairly his full share and many a contest he participated in. The same was true in earlier days in the time of plentiful prairie chickens and the earlier deer and rarely did anything at which he turned his weapon escape his unerring aim.

In later years Mr. Reid turned his attentions to the automobile and has been operating and driving a Ford car made in 1909. He took much pride in this car and his ability to handle it even after the four score mark had been reached in years and late last fall this writer accompanied him on a trip to the river along with his son William in his old vehicle, which was placed in his garage only shortly before his final illness. Many newspaper stories have been written previously about Bird and his famous old Ford in various Iowa newspapers.

Mr. Reid was always a small man in stature, but what he lacked there was made up in brawn and fibre, courage and ability to take care of himself against odds. Nobody ever accused him of deserting a friend even if physical encounter were necessary.

He had a code of honor that governed him in all things. Externally rough but a heart as tender as that of a child, that was Bird. A real friend, on who would go through fire or water to serve a friend who was worthy.

A kindly old gentleman of the old school has gone to his final reward. A splendid neighbor, a defender of his country has answered to the drum's long roll and the bugle call of "taps".

(Ed. note: What great metaphors. I counted five wonderful phrases describing his death.)

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, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Firehouse #9.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, June 14 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, June 16 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, September 8 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, June 28 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, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. (Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583, rjpankrat@email.msn.com)
Italian Interest Group	Will meet on June 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, collectingroots@aol.com)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	Will meet June 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Archives building, BCC campus. (Carol Owings, 425-641-9930 or rocar@ncfweb.net)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Third Thursday, 10:00)	Will meet June 21 at 10:00 a.m. 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, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. Call Mary Lou for the meeting place. (Ann Lamb 425-788-7918, annl7777@aol.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

- June 9 Redmond Historical Society meets at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 St, Room 104.
- June 23 The Tri-City Genealogical Society, Richland WA will conduct an all day seminar featuring "Dear Myrtle", professional genealogist and computer instructor from Bradenton, FL., from 9:a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Battelle Auditorium, 902 Battelle Blvd, Richland Blvd in Richland. Information from P.O. Box 1410, Richland, WA 99325, 509-627-6436 or e-mail at societyinfo@aol.com.
- July 8-13 The International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will feature more than 170 lectures in London, England. See <<http://www.jewishgen.org/london2001>>.
- July 8-14 National Institute on Genealogical Research 2001 to be held in Washington DC. Limited to 44 enrollment. See <<http://NatGenInst.genealogy.org> for information.
- July 14 The German Interest Group presents "Advancing Your German Research" featuring Roger Minert of Salt Lake City, UT at the UW-Whitewater in Whitewater WI. See <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/workshop.html>>.
- Jul 31-Aug 3 Brigham Young University's 2001 Genealogy and Family History Conference to be held in the Conference Center on BYU's campus. See <<http://www.coned.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneral>>.
- August 18 TIARA is sponsoring a one-day genealogy workshop on Saturday, 18 August 2001, at Fulton Hall, Boston College. The topic is Genealogical Resources for US Family Research. For further information, e-mail: president@tiara.le.
- 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.
- September 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>>.
- September 17-23 The 4th Irish Genealogical Congress in Dublin, Ireland. See <<http://indig.ie/~irishgc>> for the complete program description.
- September 24-29 Plantation and Colonial Migration, Searching For That Elusive Irish Ancestor. The Ulster Historical Foundation presents a Family History Conference in Belfast Ireland. Research, workshops, lectures, tours and entertainment are featured. For more information: On the web, <<http://www.ancestryireland.com>>, e-mail inquiries, enquiry@uhf.org.uk, or phone 0044 (0)28-9033-2288.
- October 2-6 The British Institute, sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. Will be held at the Salt Lake Plaza (Best Western) Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. Registration information available at P.O. Box 311t, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3115 or e-mail isbgfh@yahoo.com.
- October 20-27 NGS "Research Road to the Emerald Isle. Research in Belfast. See next item
- October 27-Nov 4 Continuation of above plus the addition of another group. Research in Dublin. Contact NGS Irish Research Trip at 4527 17th St. N, Arlington VA 22207-2399, 800-473-0060 ext. 226 or e-mail ngs@ngsgenealogy.org.
- October 27-28 National Genealogical Society Regional Conference, co-hosted by California Genealogical Society, San Francisco. Their web site is <<http://www.calgensoc.org>>.
- 2002**
- June 21-22 WSGS Annual Meeting & Conference to be held in Port Angeles WA

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