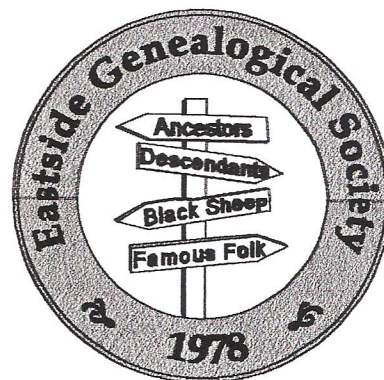


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, 13 June 2002
Time: 7:30 PM
(7:00 PM - Supply Table, welcome new members, socialize, ask questions)
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Panel Discussion of Brick Walls
Speaker: EGS members Gene Fagerberg, Mary Magnusen, Mary Ellen Scott, Jim Flexer, and Barbara Gyll

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

All of us, as genealogists, encounter those ancestors who just refuse to be found. They are not where they should be, they never seem to have left any birth, marriage, divorce or death records behind, and sometimes we don't even know the maiden names of some of our female ancestors. These "brick walls" can be frustrating. But now and again, through diligent research, we do have a breakthrough.

Our June program will feature a panel of EGS members who will share briefly on a "brick wall" they encountered in their research, and what steps they successfully pursued to get beyond that barrier. Those on the panel will include our new president, Gene Fagerberg, Mary Magnusen, Mary Ellen Scott, Jim Flexer, and Barbara Gyll. Following their presentations, there will be an opportunity for questions, or possibly for sharing of other "brick wall" solutions from members. Dave and Betty Bennett will facilitate the discussion.

EGS ELECTION RESULTS

The following EGS officers were elected at the May 9th general meeting to serve for the 2002-2003 year:

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| • President | Gene Fagerberg |
| • Vice-President | Barbara Gyll |
| • Secretary | Jan Henderson |
| • Treasurer | Earl Sutherland |
| • Trustee | Peter Robinson |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I will use this month's column simply to introduce myself and invite your comments regarding the direction of EGS. The brief biography that ran in the May Bulletin Board outlined my start in genealogy; hunting for the origins of my paternal grandparents whom I'd never met, and working to fill in the biographical sketch left by my other grandfather, whom I was privileged to know. Both searches were fruitful, and I'll probably elaborate on them in future writings.

My paternal grandparents both came from Sweden, and homesteaded near Yarrow Bay in 1877, and that was about all I knew to begin with. It seemed a natural step for me to join EGS, and especially to take advantage of the Scandinavian SIG to find help in searching for their paper trail. I've since been a pretty regular attendee of that SIG, but must admit a dismal attendance record at our main meetings. (Going across 520 more than once a month *IS* a lot to ask!) The result is that I know only a few of you, and not too much of our Society's history. I hope to remedy that in the next little while, and will do my best to continue the energetic leadership provided by the departing president, Mickey Main.

What I'll need from all of you is a lot of support.

We start now with a new President and a new Secretary, Jan Henderson, but Vice President Barbara Guyll, Treasurer Earl Sutherland, and Trustee Peter Robertson will provide a steady helm as experienced incumbents. One very dedicated and effective officer, Program Chair Pat Midtskog, has had to retire from the position. We send our thanks and affections to Pat, and hope she will continue to enjoy meetings from a quieter chair in the audience. I heartily invite all of you volunteers, who staff the committees and Interest Groups, to continue to serve -- you are the "working parts" of our Society, and the reason for its success.

Now about that support from you, my phone number and e-mail address are below, and will shortly appear on the back page of the Bulletin Board. Please call and let me know about things you see in EGS that you like or don't like, with the aim of arriving at the most useful Society for all of us. Especially let me have your suggestions of future programs you'd like to see.

Finally, three huzzahs for retiring President Mickey Main, retiring Secretary Mary Ellen Scott, and retiring Program Chair Pat Midtskog.

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MAY MEETING SUMMARY

Our speaker was Kim Pearson, owner of a storytelling resource called "Primary Sources." All of us say we will write our story someday-- when I retire, when the kids leave home, when I become famous or when things settle down. However the reality is very few of us ever get around to writing our memoirs.

Kim told us we should write our story because we are important. Telling our stories is not about ego trips. She went on to say that there are four reasons why it is important for us to tell our stories: they are historically valuable, we have a need to pass our wisdom down, they can be inspirational, and finally they can be healing.

Telling stories is about history. We do not just react to historical events, we help create them. History is not about famous people. History is about human stories connected over time. All of us wish we had the story of great grandparents in their own words. We wish our grandparents and our parents would write or had written those stories down before they are gone. We tend to forget that we are

going to be ancestors someday. Our descendants will be looking for our stories. Telling stories is about passing along our wisdom. Humans are the only species to have elders. We look to the elders to pass on their accumulated wisdom to the next generation. The younger generation needs to listen to our wisdom. The elders need to speak their wisdom.

Telling stories is about inspiration. We are looking for leadership in addition to wisdom. We read stories about independent, brave, passionate people. We then are moved to acts of bravery. Finally, telling our stories is about healing and forgiveness. When we write our own story, we examine our actions, thoughts and feelings and then we examine the actions of others and the role of consequences.

The act of telling leads to understanding yourself and others of situations. Eventually understanding leads to forgiveness. You can forgive yourself and you can forgive others. The people reading your story or listening to your story can forgive you and themselves. Forgiveness is the prime component of healing. Telling our story helps heal the world.

We all have stories that need to be told so that others will understand our dedication, our drive, our goal, and our desire to be understood. Maybe what we have accomplished will help to change history, but we will not know unless we tell our story for others to discover.

So how do we begin? Set a boundary or framework like an event such as a wedding, when was I the happiest, etc. Hang your story on your framework-- To help jog your memory you might want to use photographs, souvenirs, letters, journals, school papers, clippings, legal documents or a timeline of historical events. Tell your story to someone and ask him or her to question you. If you need to pretend that you have someone to listen to your story, try asking yourself questions like: What did your dress look like? What was your date wearing? What music was the band playing? What was the weather like? What did you have to eat?

Kim offers classes at Bellevue Community College through their Telos program at Providence Point and The Northwest Center for the Arts in Bellevue. Kim suggested we contact her through her web site www.primary-sources.com to find out the upcoming class schedules and fees. She also hires out to write stories for people.

(Submitted by Barbara Guyll for Kimberley Lackey)

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Bryan, Kimberley (EGS Member, Publicity Chair and General Meeting Writeup person) and Nathaniel (age 2) Lackey are proud to announce the birth of Caleb Richard Lackey born Saturday, May 4th, 2002 at 6:27 pm at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland. He weighed in at 7 lb 15 oz. He is 20 inches long.

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT
JUNE 2002**

As you read this, we will have elected a new president. The by-laws require that an annual report be made to the members each year, and so as my final task as president, I submit to you this report of EGS from June 2001 to June 2002.

Again, this has been a good year for our Society. Our Program Chairman, Pat Midtskog, and our Board have been dedicated to providing enlightening and interesting programs every month. These have included talks on researching maiden names, finding lost ancestors, family reunions, Scandinavian immigrants, DNA research in establishing family connection to Thomas Jefferson, importance of learning about local history, Revolutionary War patriot stories, the 1930 census, proper archiving of materials, new ways to prepare, print and display your family history, and the importance of telling your family stories. We also had 2 meetings with cookies and a social hour ahead of the meeting, to help us get to know one another. The Supply Table has continued to provide up-to-date resources for purchase, and we now also offer coffee mugs with the EGS logo!!

One of the board's goals this year was to fill some of the volunteer positions which were open. We made a concerted effort to recruit new people, and have succeeded in filling several chairmanships, and in finding others to help out or take over existing positions, including Dorothy Mehrer, new membership chair; Sarah Fleming, book acquisition chair; Pat Clarke, editor for the newsletter; and Shirley Defenbaugh, overall library chair. Hospitality has been enhanced by appointment of Dave Bennett as Meeting Set Up Chair and Judy Meredith and Walta McCarley as hospitality greeters for our meetings. As a thank you to some of our retiring volunteers, we have presented them with a nicely printed certificate of thanks, embossed with a gold seal (made pos-

sible by the new embosser with the EGS logo which we purchased). We are glad to see so many dedicated people willing to offer their time and talent, and hope many more of you will volunteer in the future.

Education classes have continued at the Lake Heights Senior Center, and have been well attended, thanks to the hard work of Betty Bennett. We participated again in the Family History Expos in Bellevue and in Redmond (many EGS members were speakers). We have also embarked on a major project for next September in conjunction with South King County Genealogical Society, a genealogical seminar entitled RootsSearch I, which we hope will be only the first of many such joint ventures. Special interest groups continue to generate interest and participation, and several members of the Shore

to Shore group have taken a research trip together to Salt Lake City.

Changes to the by-laws were voted on by the membership at the March 2002, meeting. The major change was to stagger the terms of the elected officers, in order to provide for more continuity and stability for the group. A Handbook for the Board has been assembled, which will be distributed to all elected officers. This includes job descriptions for all positions, including

volunteer chairmen. The board will be encouraged to keep this handbook up to date.

Again, my thanks to all of the Board and all the chairmen for their support during my two years as President. I am proud to have served this organization, and hope to continue to be involved in the future.

(Mickey Main, past-president of EGS)

JULY GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for the July 11th meeting is Greg Lange. Greg is a Research Assistant at the Washington State Regional Archives at Bellevue Community College. He will give a presentation on a house in the University District as researched in archival and newspaper records. We think that you will be inspired to tell the stories of some of the houses in your history.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Pat Midtskog who has done such a wonderful job of scheduling programs for EGS for the last two years. A lot of work is involved

Blessed are all
grandfathers
who filed every
legal document,
For this
provides the
proof.

in this job, from coming up with ideas for programs, finding the speakers, scheduling them, taking care of their needs for the program, and then following up afterwards. Thanks so much, Pat. Your dedicated efforts have been extremely helpful to all of us in our researching. Pat is retiring this month due to health reasons, but we hope to see her at future meetings.

And another thank you to Gloria Brown. Gloria has served in so many capacities in EGS over the years that it would be impossible to list them all. For the past several years Gloria has been assisting with the newsletter in proofreading the copy and in submitting a number of articles on a regular basis. Now family responsibilities require that Gloria give up proofreading and will submit articles only when she is able to. Thank you, Gloria, for all you have done for us in the past. We appreciate all your contributions to the newsletter.

ONE MORE BRICK FALLS OUT OF THE WALL — A SUCCESS STORY

I've recently had another break-through in my attempt to trace my husband's grandfather. Recently I wrote about how following the death record of my father-in-law's infant sister led me to find his father Eugene's birth certificate. Now, following one of Eugene's siblings has led me to find more.

A somewhat suspect family history indicated that one or more of Eugene's brothers had settled in Missouri. Last month ancestry.com finally had indexed the 1920 census for Missouri, so on a whim, I signed on and looked for the brother. He was indeed there in St. Louis, as was another brother in Kansas City, Missouri. Just browsing further on the list, I nearly fell off my chair when I found Eugene. (It wasn't an earthquake rattling our region that day, just me shouting). And not only was Eugene there in St. Louis, near his brother, but it seems he had married again, and two new children were listed. I don't believe my father-in-law ever knew he had another half sister and half brother. I have now sent for the obituary for the half-brother, after finding his death date on the SS death index. Possibly that will list his survivors, and from that I may

get the married name of his sister, and be able to follow up on both her descendents and his. Now I'm anxious to get back to the Archives, and see if Eugene is still living in St. Louis in 1930. (By the way — the skeleton in the closet: we never found any divorce record from wife #1, my husband's grandmother!)

Moral to this story: When all else fails, NEVER neglect following up the sibling lines.

(Submitted by Mickey Main)

CENSUS — UH OH!

Thanks to EGS member Lucy Webster for the following:

I read in your paper sometime ago the questions the census enumerator would ask and thought I might not be able to answer them all; but to my surprise, I learned the other day the enumerator had called at the house, asked the lady who lives in my house some questions and asked her if she knew how old I was. She answered no, but told him I was in the cornfield at work. I was not over forty rods from the house. The enumerator looked out that way, got in his cart and drove off. I have not learned what his name was, but if they are all as good as he is, the census will be a good one.

B. M. Searles

(From the Umpire Vedette (Panora, Guthrie County, Iowa) 24 July 1890, Vol. 25 No. 47 p 1. Herndon, Iowa, July 21st 1890. Guthrie County Genealogical Society newsletter in Jamaica, Iowa.)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

7 September 2002, from 9 AM to 4 PM at McKnight Middle School in Renton, Washington, the Eastside Genealogical Society and the South King County Genealogical Society are proud to co-sponsor **RootsSearch I**, a Genealogy Seminar featuring George Ott of Salt Lake City as the Keynote Speaker.

Watch the EGS and SKCGS websites at www.rootsweb.com/~wakcegs/ or www.rootsweb.com/~waskcs/ for further information.

ORGANIZING YOUR SEARCHES

How do you approach library or Internet visits? Do you have a game plan, or just a general idea of what you want to find? Here are some helpful websites for information on organizing your genealogy

searches:

*Tips for Using Search Engines Effectively

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/archives/vol2.html>

* Producing Quality Research Notes

<http://www.bgc certification.org/skillbuilders/skbl971.html>

* Your Key to the Vault

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/apr00/fhc.html>

(*Family Tree Magazine* April 25, 2002)

"THE CUSTOM OF NAMING CHILDREN" BY KAREN FRISCH

Long before children's names were chosen for their beauty or popularity, parents had other criteria for selecting names.

Names were chosen not for their originality but often to honor relatives, either dead or living. Consequently the same names tended to be repeated through successive generations in European countries as well as in Jewish and Chinese tradition.

For centuries naming children after family members has been a common practice. If a name cuts across several generations, including cousins, it usually indicates a family connection.

The desire to perpetuate names is so strong that parents in the late 1700s and early 1800s took steps to ensure that a name did not die out even if the child did. Early American records contain listings of a child being given the same name as a sibling who had died previously. The result is the appearance of a "Kent Wheeler 2d" who appears in birth records for 1777, named after his brother by the same name who was born in 1771 but died prematurely. Kent was their maternal grandmother's surname.

Repetition of names is helpful to the modern-day genealogist intent on determining family relationships. On occasion a child will be given the complete name of a family elder, as in the case of Israel Whitaker Drowne, born in 1810, when his father named him after his own grandfather who was born one hundred years earlier in 1710. Such a custom is evidence of considerable respect or affection within families.

Surnames arose in the Middle Ages out of necessity to differentiate individuals with the same first name. They were also a way to acknowledge the occupation of the person--Miller or Cartwright, for example.

Both first and last names often became Anglicized

once a family came to America. A name that originated as Margarethe in Germany, was often changed to Margaret two generations later when her namesake was born in America.

Daughters were named after their mothers just as sons were for their fathers. One family found among their ancestors eleven family members over seven decades who were given some combination of the names Henrietta, Ernestine, and Augusta to honor the family matriarch and her daughters, who were born in the 1860s.

With the tradition of reversing or varying names through different generations, family relationships become easier to spot in the record books. It gets confusing, however, when the desire to bestow an honored name upon someone results in cousins who were born in the same town being given the same name--especially when they both marry women named Mary two years apart. In such a situation genealogists are forced to depend on other records to determine Mary's correct surname. Children named after maternal relatives can also help to distinguish the two lines.

During America's colonial period families also favored names based on virtues. Patience, Mercy, Benevolence, Thankful, Deliverance, and even Experience are on record. They were usually given to women, but not exclusively. Such names were often paired with a short last name, as in the case of Experience White.

Military leaders under whom soldiers served frequently appear as children's names following the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The names Bertha and Betsey are repeated over generations in the Drowne family until in 1817 the name Tower begins to appear as a middle name. Betsey's grandfather fought in the Revolution under Captain Levi Tower.

A George Washington Smith who appears in birth records from 1809 reflects two things: a patriotism at the turn of the new century and a distinctive first name giving emphasis to the most common surname.

If you find yourself playing the name game with your ancestors, knowledge of family names can offer helpful clues

(*Reprinted from Ancestry Daily News* 9 May 2002)

MONTICELLO GROUP: NO HEMINGS ALLOWED

The official association of President Thomas Jefferson's descendants voted this week to keep the

kin of Sally Hemings, Jefferson's slave and mistress, out of the group. The Los Angeles Times reported that the 700-member Monticello Association decided there was "not sufficient evidence" to prove Hemings' children were fathered by Jefferson, despite DNA tests and historic documentation that indicate they were. In 1998, scientists showed through DNA analysis that a male Jefferson fathered one of Hemings' sons. In 2000, the foundation that owns Monticello (Jefferson's estate near Charlottesville, Va.) came out with a study concluding that Jefferson himself likely fathered all six of Hemings' children. Without membership in the association, Hemings' descendants cannot be buried in the family graveyard at Monticello.

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CA VITAL RECORDS INDEXES

The Senator Speier SB1614 CA bill on vital records indexes, was amended April 15th and April 24th, and now includes both birth and death record indexes. It requires that these indexes be considered confidential and be removed from coverage under the California Public Records Act. It requires State and county recorders to develop a non-comprehensive index for each, which will contain some of the information included in the present indexes. These will then be available at the offices of the county recorders for 'viewing only' by the public.

Commentary: If the researchers in California do not want to see these important tools done away with and removed from Public Records, then it is imperative that you let the Senator and the Judiciary Committee know how you feel.

There is no indication that these indexes contribute to identity theft. The Indexes do not create a threat to the theft of personal identities, but are a marvelous tool for family historians, family health researchers, heir finders, and estate lawyers. The loss of these indexes will be crippling to research.

The non-comprehensive index can be viewed at the offices of county recorders, but this is of little consolation. California researchers already know that our county recorders do not have the manpower to facilitate demands at the present time and will not willingly comply. We have, over the years, fought at the county level to improve these situations, but in some cases it has proved useless.

The bill if passed out of the Judiciary Committee on May 7, 2002, must still go to another policy com-

mittee for hearing before going to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

Consider writing to the author Senator Speier, State Capitol, Room 2032, Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 445-05032/Fax (916) 327-2186 <senator.speier@sen.ca.gov>. Consider writing to the members of the Judiciary Committee: Senator Martha Escutia (Chair), Room 5080; Senator Ray Haynes (Vice Chair), Room 2187; Senator Dick Ackerman, Room 2032; Senator Sheila Kuehl, Room 4032; Senator Jack O'Connell, Room 5035; Senator Steve Peace, Room 3060; Senator Byron Sher, 2082. These too should be mailed to the State Capitol, Room #, Sacramento, CA 95814.

(Report from Iris Carter Jones, California State Genealogical Alliance, and contributed by Bobbie Guyll)

NOTABLE BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE LIBRARY

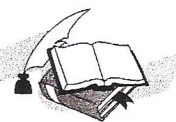
Instead of books, how about a glance at a new branch of the King County Library System? That would be the Library Connection of Crossroads (inside the mall), open since November 2001. This is a small branch, staffed by rotating staff from the Lake Hills Library, with what are the "latest and greatest" materials (so proclaimed by one of the library assistants). Look for current books, mostly fiction, many paperbacks and large print books, newspapers, books on tape, videos, CDs, online computers (11), and in the children's section are books and children's computer games and lessons.

Look for videos, CDs, and books in Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Hindi, and Persian. There are free computer classes (sign up beforehand) in English, Spanish, and Russian. As you can see, the collection has wide appeal, and the branch library is open to anyone who has a KCLS library card.

The open hours are 10 AM - 9 PM, Monday through Saturday, and 11 AM - 6 PM, Sunday. The staff emphasized that, since they do not reserve books at the Library Connection, you might find a book you want on their shelves while it might be on a reserve list in another branch.

GREAT-GREAT UNCLE CHARLES MET A "FOWL" DEATH

Chicago and Northwestern Railroad (CNWRR) officials were baffled and angry but determined to find the individuals who were pilfering merchandise from freight cars in the railroad yard. Charles



Dillon, a CNWRR detective, was assigned to investigate. On 20 Nov 1902, he staked out a couple of cars in the yard. He didn't have long to wait. As a man approached one car and was opening the door, Dillon grabbed him from behind by the shoulder. Both men were utterly shocked when they turned face to face. They were friends and fellow employees of the CNWRR! The thief appealed to Dillon to let him go but Dillon refused. Feeling trapped, he broke away from Dillon, pulled a gun, and shot Dillon in the head five times. He was caught a short time later and eventually confessed.

What valuable goods enticed the thief? Turkeys and kegs of butter. Thanksgiving was near and turkey prices were the highest in years - 12 to 14 cents a pound. He had already taken five birds, stashed them in an alley, and was returning for several kegs of butter he'd hidden when Dillon surprised him. Incredibly, while fleeing the murder scene, he detoured to pick up two of the turkeys and then headed home.

I found these, and more details of the crime, on microfilm of the Chicago Tribune at the Suzzalo Library at the University of Washington. My search began with a vague comment from my 87 year old aunt that one of her grandfather's brothers had worked for a railroad and had somehow been killed on the job.

Of course, Suzzalo was not the first resource I searched, but it proved to be the "mother lode." The Dillons were camera shy. The first, and only, known photograph was of my great grandparents in 1884. Before that, and until the late 1920's, there is no photographic record. The day after Uncle Charles' murder, the Chicago Tribune ran a lengthy account of the incident on page 2. While scanning the microfilm, I was intrigued and charmed by the occasional pictures, which seemed to be sketches from photos that accompanied some articles. Each one was framed with ornate curlicues. When I finished reading the story, my eye fell on the picture at the top of the page which I had completely ignored, never dreaming.....it was Charles Dillon!

Apparently, he was a well-loved family man. His death notice (there was no obituary) included the usual DOD, family names and funeral information, in addition to a four line poem.

A precious one from us has gone,
The voice we loved is stilled:
The place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

No other notice of death in the city of Chicago in the weeks I viewed included such a tribute. He was 35.

Six days after Uncle Charles' death, a Mr. Duggan was walking home with a turkey in one hand and a bag of cranberries in the other. He was held up by two men and "relieved" of his turkey. Fortunately, Mr. Duggan lived to celebrate Thanksgiving, but obviously, turkeys were a hot commodity that year!

(Submitted by EGS member Suzy Page)

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT I WAS DEAD!

A funny thing happened, genealogically speaking, to Jean Ryan. She sent away for a copy of a death certificate for her aunt, Martha Faye Triem Carter. Jean received a reply from the Department of Health & Human Resources in New Orleans, Louisiana telling her that they were very sorry, but they had searched and were unable to locate a death certificate for Jean T. Ryan.

SUNSHINE

Hope you are feeling better wishes were sent to Betty Bennett.

TOP TEN ANCESTRIES IN AMERICA

The US Census has released the results of its 2000 Supplemental Survey, which was received by one in six households along with the regular census forms. Following are the top ten foreign ancestries claimed by Americans:

1. German (46.6 million)
2. Irish (33 million)
3. English (28.2 million)
4. Italian (15.9 million)
5. French (9.7 million)
6. Polish (9 million)
7. Scottish (5.4 million)
8. Scotch-Irish (5.2 million)
9. Dutch (5.2 million)
10. Norwegian (4.5 million)

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ONLINE LEARNING

The National Institute for Genealogical Studies at the University of Toronto is offering a certificate in genealogical studies with courses to include Canada, United States, England and Ireland. Register for the full program or for even just one course, ONLINE or OFFLINE. Go to www.genealogicalstudies.com.
(Tiara Newsletter, Winter 2002)

VIKING DESCENDANTS

Scientists have been working for over a year with DNA samples from 2,500 men from Ireland, Scotland, and England, to determine how many of them have Viking blood. The town of Rush, near Dublin, was chosen for demographic reasons. Tests showed that five percent of the Irishmen tested there were descended from Vikings. Analysis of samples taken from other areas showed that Shetland, Orkney Islands, and the far north of Scotland are genetically the most Viking places in the British Isles, with sixty percent of the Orkney men descended from the Norse, compared to thirty percent of those in the Hebrides and fifteen percent on the Isle of Man. Of the English cities tested, only Penrich in Cumbria had clear evidence of Norwegian influence.

The results of this study will be shown in a series of BBC2 programs titled "Blood of the Vikings" sometime in 2002.

(*Irish Roots*, Issue 1 of 2002)

IT'S THE LAW



Under the co-sponsorship of Senators Orrin Hatch and Robert Bennett of Utah, a resolution was passed in the U.S. Senate naming October as the National Family History Month each year. Keep this in mind when you are planning the year's activities in your genealogy society.

ROOM BARGAINS

To get maximum use of their dorm rooms, many universities and colleges open their residence halls to tourists during the summer. Campus lodgings are more private than hostels or B and Bs, and savings can be huge. Usually the residences are run like hotels, with linens, towels, daily housekeeping and reception desks. Book for a single night, or discounts are sometimes offered for longer stays to students and seniors. The rooms most likely to be offered for rent are those recently renovated, and typically furnished with bed, desk, wardrobe, and maybe a comfortable chair or sofa. A television and phone are probably not furnished. Bathrooms may be private or shared.

To learn the particulars about summer housing at any college, call the Housing Office, Central Accommodations, Conference Services, or similar office at your choice of college. More details are available in the Travel Section of the NY Times of 3 March 2002, including prices and websites for sev-

eral universities in Europe, Canada, and the United States.

PATCHWORK GENES

A survey of global genetic diversity may mean to you the beautiful mosaic of human diversity, or to others a proof of God's handiwork. However, biotech companies see a business opportunity in studying various populations with higher than average concentration of rare genetic diseases. Their scientists are looking for causes and cures, and some companies have already purchased the rights to these populations' genes should profits result.

Following is a sampling of ethnic genetic variation adapted from a book *Your Genetic Destiny: Know Your Genes, Secure Your Health, Save Your Life* by Aubrey Milunsky, MN.

- Africans — Milk intolerance
- Armenians — Familial Mediterranean fever
- Ashkenazi Jews — Tay-Sachs disease
- Chinese — Anemia
- Finns — Blindness
- French-Canadians — Coronary heart disease
- Irish — Spina bifida
- Japanese — Night blindness
- Koreans — Night blindness
- Mediterraneans — Liver disease
- Norwegians — Liver problems

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Laurel Carlson is just getting started with the name Smith.

Lucille Langeman is researching Langeman, Balzer, Froese, Wiens, Gamble, Mathisen, Hoffman, Gordan, Bish, and Steele, the Mennonites from Russia and families from Shaw Island, Friday Harbor, San Juan County and Port Townsend, Washington.

Bob and Karen Oppie are researching Geilach, Ziegfrund, Larson, Bagebjerg, Sthamann, Ryel, and Pauli.

Gloria Scott is researching Bailey and Roberts.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF GENEALOGY

When at last,
after much hard work,
you have solved the mystery
that you have been working on for two
years, your aunt says,
"I could have told you that."

EGS MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name <i>Regular Schedule</i>	Meeting Notice <i>(Information Contact)</i>
EGS Board Meeting <i>(First Thursday 10:00 a.m.)</i>	The EGS Board will meet on Thursday, June 6th at 10:00 AM at the Firehouse #9.
EGS General Meeting <i>(Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)</i>	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, June 13th at 7:30 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. The Supply Table opens at 7:00 PM
Computer Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 9:30 a.m.)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 15th at 9:30 AM at the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center. <i>(Ray French, 425-746-7730, rayf@oz.net)</i>
Czech/Slovak Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday on odd numbered months at 9:30 a.m.)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 29th, 9:30 AM to noon at the Fire Station #22 in Houghton. <i>(Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170, rosebode@jps.net).</i>
EGS Lunch Bunch <i>(Fourth Thursday, 11:30 a.m.)</i>	Will meet on Thursday, June 27th at 11:30 AM in the Crossroads Mall Food Court. <i>(Myra McDowell, 425-641-4650, mogan@foxinternet.net)</i>
German Interest Group <i>(First Friday, 1:00 p.m.)</i>	Will meet on Friday, June 7th from 1-3 PM at the Lake Hills Library. Jack Julich and his 94 year old mother, will be the guest speakers. Jack has been helping his mother research, document, and price her extensive doll collection, including antique German dolls. This will be a practical application of how to deal with a collection. The group will be making plans for the summer. <i>(Contact Jan Pankratz 425-222-7583 or jpankratz@msn.com.)</i>
Italian Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m.)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 22nd from 1:30 - 3:30 PM at the Lake Hills Library. <i>(Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, collectingroots@att.net)</i>
Scandinavian Interest Group <i>(Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)</i>	Will meet Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 AM in the Archives building, BCC campus. <i>(Carol Owings, 425-641-9930, rocar@ncfweb.net)</i>
Shore to Shore Interest Group <i>(Third Thursday, 10:00)</i>	Will meet Thursday, June 20th at 9 AM in the FHC parking lot to go to the Sno-Isle Library. We will leave the parking lot at 9:15 AM. The address of the library is 7907 212th Street SW, Suite 105. <i>(Call Jan Henderson 425-603-9337)</i>
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group <i>(3rd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.)</i>	Will meet Wednesday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m. <i>(Ann Lamb, 425-788-7918, annl7777@aol.com)</i>

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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

Washington State Puget Sound
Regional Archives
BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100
Bellevue, WA 98007 425-564-3940

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

FHC— 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

2002 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- June 1 Redmond *Family History Expo II* will be taking place from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, June 1st. It is being sponsored by the Redmond Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located across from Redmond High School at 10115 172nd Ave, Redmond, WA. Classes include Getting Started, Using NARA, Using the Internet for Research, Family History for Teens, Documentation, FHL Catalog, as well as BYU's Research Project in Molecular Genealogy (DNA).
- June 9-14 The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. This week-long course is one of the best in genealogy. Details are available at: www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html
- June 21-22 The Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Port Angeles, WA. See [/www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/stateconf.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/stateconf.htm) for more details.
- June 29 *Family History Fair* sponsored by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. This event will be held at the Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver, Portland OR from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- July 7-12 The Genealogical Institute of Mid-America will hold a week long educational experience in Springfield IL sponsored by the Illinois State Genealogical Society. There will be four multiple track lecture series. Contact Susan Kaufman at kaufmansusan@juno.com or the Illinois State Genealogical Society Business Office at PO Box 10195, Springfield IL 62792-0195.
- July 14-18 International Roots Conference, the premier national genealogical conference for family historians tracing their European ancestry, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, Dearborn, Michigan. For more information go to www.rootsconference.com.
- July 27 *Summer Quest 2002* sponsored by Heritage Quest Library, Tacoma Elks building. Myra Vanderpool Gormley speaking on "Finding Buried Treasures". For information go to www.hqrl.com.
- August 7-10 The Federation of Genealogical Societies & the California State Genealogical Alliance will present its Annual Conference 2002, *California: A Goldmine of Diversity* in Ontario, CA at the Ontario Convention Center. This will be the premier national genealogical event held on the West Coast this year, with presentations and demonstrations, vendors and special activities. Call 888-347-1500 for brochures or see www.fgs.org.
- September 7 **Eastside Genealogical Society** and South King County Genealogical Society are combining their efforts to bring you an all-day seminar called *RootsSearch I* featuring keynote speaker George Ott from Salt Lake City. This will be held at McKnight Middle School in Renton, from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, September 7th.
- October 4-5 Kelowna & District Genealogical Society's Seminar 2002: *Harvest Your Family Tree* to be held on at the KLO Rd. Campus of Okanagan University Campus, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. 18 different concurrent sessions presented by Sherry Irvine, Dave Obee, Laura Hanowski, Brenda Smith, Marta Leskard and Sharron Simpson. Registration forms and complete information available on our website: www.rootsweb.com/~bckdgs OR mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to: KDGS, PO Box 501, Station A Kelowna, BC Canada V1Y 7P1
- October 10-15 Third Biennial *POINT Pursuing Our Italian Names Together* National Conference to be held at the Wyndham Hotel, Salt Lake City. For details, e-mail to jsuker@vii.com or mmadeo@mstar2.net.
- October 27-Nov. 2 The National Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Public Record Office at KEW, will be sponsoring a fall research trip to London, England. Details are still being worked out, but space is limited. If you are at all interested, contact the Director of the NGS Learning Center, John T. Humphrey at Humphrey@ngsgenealogy.org. or call 703-525-0050.

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