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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, 8 March 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m., (7:00 p.m. Supply Table, welcome new members, socialize, ask questions)
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: The Mercer Girls
Speaker: Peri Muhich

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

March is Women's History month. We will celebrate with a program which will catch the attention of anyone who has interest in Seattle history or has watched the television show based on this part of its colorful past. These adventurous young women were brought to Seattle by Asa Mercer to provide a better balance in the male-to-female ratio in the population in early times.

Peri Muhich is a local historian/genealogist who has been working on the story of Seattle's Mercer Girls for about 6 years. Come hear this interesting presentation at the March 8 EGS meeting. See additional information page 2 in this newsletter.

APRIL PROGRAM: Unannounced at publication time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It has occurred to me that genealogy is more than a hobby – it can easily become a way of life. I find myself writing down things that I want my children to remember, identifying “treasures” that

have come to me from my grandmother, so that someone will know in later years where they came from. I am reading books relating to history events in my past, (World War II, for example) to see what light that might throw on my own family's history. Thinking about the family records I have put together, I often ask myself, “will my great-grandchildren ever read this, or hold this in their hands?” I don't even have great-grandchildren yet, but it's not too far off!

And then finding the time to do all the research I want to do—what did I ever do with myself before I began to do genealogy? I am simultaneously researching both my grandmother's father and mother's family lines. Both were from Ontario, both had several family members named Abraham, both had roots in Grimsby and were Loyalists who came to Canada from New York and New Jersey. How do I keep them straight, and not get these two families mixed up. I have notebooks and genealogy magazines and file folders all over my computer room and a long list of “things I want to do next.”

I have decided I need to get focused. One thing at a time. For right now, it is going to be newspaper research. Following our February general meeting where Sarah Munkasey shared with us her thoughts about newspaper research, I determined to get busy and do something along those lines. I went to the website that she recommended and found the names and dates of newspapers I am interested in that are on microfilm. Then I requested that the Bellevue Regional Library ask for these on interlibrary loan. Now I am anxiously waiting for the microfilms to arrive, so that I can browse through them and find stories that will enrich my

research. More on this next month when I can report to you on what I have found! In the meantime, where did I put that obituary that I found in a Canadian paper?

REMEMBER THE ROOTS FAIR ON MARCH 10:

Many EGS members, and especially Kim Nichols, have been working very hard to provide a fun and informative time for you at Rootsfair, which is being held March 10 at the Crossroads Shopping Mall in Bellevue (156th NE and NE 8th) from 10 am – 5 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to visit exhibits by more than 30 groups, talk to them about their services, and shop for genealogy and history items. *See you at Roots Fair – March 10!*

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY:

The presentation at our February General Meeting was on newspaper research for genealogists. Sarah Fleming Munkasey shared with us a bibliography listing sources that are available at local libraries and via the internet to help you locate newspapers with information on your relatives and ancestors. One source that she emphasized was the United States Newspaper Program developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is online at <<http://www.neh.gov/preservation/usnp.html>>. The United States Newspaper Program is a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. This website can direct you by state to information on which newspapers have been microfilmed and help you in locating them. Each state's site is published by that state so the quality of the information available varies. The cataloging is also not complete, so for some states you will have to continue to check back as more information is collected. The project has also funded eight repositories across the country that house much of the data from the 50 states and District of Columbia.

In order to narrow the search of newspapers, Sarah recommended checking out abstracts and indexes that are available. Abstracts are summaries of information. Indexes are pointers to information. Both can be found in a number of different formats: cards, books, clippings, files, microform, computer databases and typescripts so be sure to ask what is available. The King County Library

System has a number of these sources, as does the Seattle Public Library. Keep in mind that there are a number of different types of newspapers (not just city, county, state papers). Watch for foreign language papers, church papers and military papers. Even the Civilian Conservation Corps produced a paper. When reviewing the papers check a wide range of dates for a particular event. Remember your collateral research too because other relatives may be listed if not your direct line. Be sure to check out other towns, counties, and adjoining states for information. Some stories may not have been published locally. Sarah Fleming Munkasey emphasized what a gem newspaper research can add to your collection by sharing with us some of the interesting things she has discovered in her search for illustrious relatives. Hopefully you will be as lucky as she has been. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing your stories with us. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

MORE ON THE MERCER GIRLS: If you are wondering who and what the Mercer Girls were, read these excerpts from a communication Asa S. Mercer wrote to the *New York Times* to explain why he was taking women to Washington Territory. (Asa Mercer was president of the University of Washington.)

"In accordance with your request and to satisfy many inquiring minds, I make a statement of the reasons why I have spent so much time and money in the endeavor to introduce a female immigration into Washington Territory. There are many very interesting families in the country, but the mass of the population is made up of young men from the Eastern States, who have been well reared and liberally educated. But on arriving at the age of manhood they saw the avenues of trade and successful business forever closed to them; being energetic and ambitious, {they} resolved not to plod on in the beaten path, but to go forth to the Great West, and there carve out a fortune and a home for themselves. Churches and school houses there are, but the great elevating, refining, and moralizing element—true women—are wanting. Not that the ladies of Washington Territory are less pure or high-minded than those of any other land, but the limited number of them leave the good work greater than they can perform. I am determined to do all in my power to aid in the development of the mate-

rial of the resources of the territory and the establishment of right principles in society. I appeal to high-minded women to go into the West to aid in throwing around those who have gone before the restraints of well-regulated society; to cultivate the higher and purer facilities of man by casting about him those refining influences that true women always carry with them; to build up happy homes, and let true sunlight shine round the hearthstone. It is simply a matter of duty on the part of Eastern woman to go to the West, where their presence and influence are so much needed. Those who accompany me must not expect to occupy a flower garden, or to live upon sweet perfume, but must calculate that they are going into the vineyard to labor, and that their labor will be rewarded. Hoping that this rough sketch may answer to satisfy those who would know my motive, I am very truly, your obedient servant." A. S. MERCER

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY:

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations and donations, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the January Bulletin Board.

Student's Guide To Polish American Genealogy, by Carl E. Rollyson and Lisa Olson Paddock. (R929.108991 ROY)

Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, vol. 1, by Leo Baca. Names of Czechoslovakian immigrants, their ages, names of ships, and sailing dates. This is volume one of a six-volume set. The other volumes were purchased earlier and are in the library. (R929.3089 BAC v.1)

History Of Czechs In America, by Jan Habenicht. Donated by EGS member Rosie Bodien. (R973.049186 HAB)

Tracing Your Ancestors In Northern Ireland: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, by Ian Maxwell. (R929.107204)
Note: The following seven books were donated by EGS member Sue Kernan.

Canadian Genealogical Resources: A Guide To Materials Held in Surrey Centennial Library, 7th ed., by Paul Gutteridge, 1986. (R929.371016 SUR)

Genealogical Abstracts Of The Laws Of Pennsylvania And The Statutes At Large, by Candy Crocker Liven-

good, 1990. (R929.3748 LIV)

Guide To Manuscript Groups In Pennsylvania State Archives, by Harry E. Whipkey, 1976. (R929.80016 PEN)

Guide To Published Archives Of Pennsylvania, covering the 138 volumes of Colonial records and Pennsylvania archives, series I-IX, by Henry Howard Eddy and Martha L. Simonetti, 1976. (R929.3748 EDD)

Index To The Bulletins And Sketches Of The Historical Society Of Montgomery Co., Penn., 1991. (R929.374812)

German Regiment Of Maryland And Pennsylvania In The Continental Army 1776-1781, by Henry J. Retzer, 1991. (R929.3752 RET)

Our Family, Our Town: Essays on Family and Local History Sources in the National Archives, by Timothy Walch, 1987. (R929.373 OUR)

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book, or would like to donate one for our growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling the Acquisition Chair Margery Perdue Thorson at 425-643-3502.

PROBATE PROJECT RECORDS: Continuation of the EGS Probate Index Project for King County probate records is now underway. We need volunteers to enter data into the computer database. Minimum requirements are 486 PC with Windows 3.1 or later, and a 3-1/2" floppy drive. Data entry can be done in your own home or at the Regional Archives Center on the BCC campus. A tutorial and full technical assistance will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Carol Owings at (425) 641-9930 to volunteer.

CEMETERY TIPS: A while back, my husband and I went to Kansas to search for the graves of some of his relatives. When we got to the cemetery, we found that we had a hard time reading the headstones. The only thing we had with us was a spray bottle of water and a camera. We cleaned off the headstone as best we could. It was very hot and muggy that day, and we noticed that as we sprayed the headstone with water, it took longer for the indentations of the letters to dry than the rest of the stone and we could read what they said. My husband got ready with his camera, and I sprayed the stone; before it could dry, my husband took a pic-

ture. The pictures turned out great, and you could really read the stone. We tried this many times, and it worked every time. Maybe it will work for others. (My apologies, I lost the contributor's name.)

FREE FLEMISH QUERIES: Members of the Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans may place one free query per issue (\$3 for non-members) in the Flemish American Heritage—the publication of the society. Contact the society at 18740 Thirteen Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066.

CONDOLENCES AND THINKING OF YOU:

Our condolences to Eunice Jobs in the recent loss of her husband. "Thinking of You" cards were sent to Pat Midtskog and Gloria Brown.

EGS sends condolences to Barie Colbert on the death of her husband, Roy. Both of the Colberts were advocates for EGS in its early days. They helped design and furnish various forms to be used by the society, as well as lending moral support to the small group starting out on a new venture. Mr. and Mrs. Colbert were both life members of EGS, and donated books and other printed material to the society. It was only with the help of members such as the Colberts that EGS was able to flourish and become the popular group it is today, providing assistance in research to individuals and groups.

*A family tree can wither if
nobody tends it's roots.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Beverlei Jean & Paul H. Hoerlein, 425-823-2811 Researching Cushing, Farrell, Hoerlein, Nuzum.
Gwen Bachman, 425-557-8256 Researching Bachman, Fillmore, Gore, Hamilton, Moody, Pretzer, Veach, Williams.

CURT ROSELLE IN AMERICAN HERITAGE MAGAZINE:

"Our Armageddon" is the name of the article in the February 2001 issue of *American Heritage* magazine that is available at the Bellevue Regional Library.

When Mt. St. Helens blew its top, Curt Roselle and his wife were on a camping trip fishing at Hampton Lakes in eastern Washington, about 250 miles away from Mt. St. Helens. He heard the boom and wondered if the Army was practicing firing a large cannon. But, as the sky grew darker,

he thought he was a goner. Read about the personal thoughts, see some pictures and discover the outcome of this adventure in the magazine.

CONDITIONS IN THE LIFE AND TIMES OF:

This month, we have several stories that while they are not purely genealogical, they are a part of family history and the conditions surrounding our ancestors. This one was submitted by Mickey Main.

I have done research on my Canadian ancestors, and have found very interesting newspaper stories in Canadian papers. Much can be gleaned from some of these early obituaries. Though it is a tragic story, this account tells us much more about the family and the circumstances of the death than a death notice would.

"On Wednesday last Mrs. Marlatt's six-year-old daughter Lottie came from school and at dinner complained of being ill. She had no knowledge of what caused her illness until close questioning by the mother extracted the fact that she had eaten some "candy" given her by little Clara Page, a school-mate about her own age. Mrs. Marlatt proceeded at once to the school and made enquiries where she learned that an oblong tablet of green paint that had been brought to school by Clara Page had been traded to Lottie Marlatt for an amber bead. Lottie eat (sic) the pretty green block believing it to be candy and its sweet taste would justify the little one in mistaking it. When Mrs. Marlatt returned home the child was in all the agonies of an irritant poison and, after administering all the antidotes she knew of, without effect, sent for Dr. Deane who applied the usual remedies but he was at once convinced that the child's system had absorbed the exceedingly soluble (sic) paint and that death must ensue. So it proved. The unfortunate child gradually lapsed into a semi-comatose condition and died on Saturday morning. (The reporter) called at the home of Mrs. Marlatt this morning. In the back yard was the feeble old grandfather gathering up the few bits of wood that remained. "It's all we have, sir, and I am making the best of it" said the old man with an attempt at a smile. In the kitchen sat the aged grandmother completely helpless from the ravages of rheumatism, and the scene was pitiable indeed as she held her emaciated hands, deformed by pain, up for the

reporter's inspection."

This report is from the *Weekly Brantford Expositor*, Brantford, Ontario, April 11, 1890.

AGENCY NAME CHANGE: The New York State Archives and Records Administration (SARA) has streamlined its name to the New York State Archives. Their research and storage facilities on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center in Albany will be seeing some changes as well with relocation of materials underway and major renovations taking place into 2001. Public service is severely curtailed during this time but they will still provide some research aid. Call ahead for specific details at 518-474-8955, or contact their web site at the new address: <<http://www.archives.nysed.gov>>.

NATURALIZATIONS IN NEW YORK:

Those people naturalized in Albany NY between 1821 and 1906 now have their records on-line from the Albany County Hall of Records at the web site <<http://www.albanycounty.com/achor>>. Nearly 33,000 names are available to be searched on the internet – by name, national origin, or place of U.S. residence at the time of naturalization.

Genealogists who have researched their French-Canadian ancestors have found that many settled in Cohoes. Those people may be found on this database, because many residents from the area traveled to Albany to gain their citizenship, such as from Troy, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Glens Falls, and other nearby locations. The project is expected to continue until all naturalizations up to 1991 are included. (From the Fall 2000 *Lifeline* of the NY-SCOGO)

HERALDRY FOR YOUR PC: Quoting from their home page, "BLAZONS! Is a {shareware} computer program that allows you to type in a description of a coat-of-arms (the description is known as a blazon) and will attempt to interpret and display the coat. It comes with a file of about 1400 family names and blazons which can be searched by name. This data-

base of names and blazons can be added to. It also provides for display of the coat with mantling, helmet and wreath. The display can be printed or saved in 'BMP' or 'GIF' graphics format. The URL for this site is <<http://www.blazons.com>>.

PARISH LOCATOR FOR THE UK AND IRELAND:

A recent Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (15 January 2001) had an article about a freeware software program called Parish Locator. The program has the ability to examine the lists of parishes and other vital record-keeping entities in the UK and Ireland. It contains about 24,500 churches as well as listings for Civil Registration Districts. See <<http://www.genuki.org>.

<<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/parloc/parishlocator>> for further information.

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.

MORE INFORMATION FROM EASTMAN: The same Eastman newsletter gave several web sites for various dictionaries and lists that are useful to genealogists:

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy:

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html>>

<<http://www.uq.net/au/~zzmgrinl/abbrev.html>>

UK Genealogy, Common Acronyms & Jargon:

<<http://www.oz.net/~markhow/acronym-uk.htm>>

A List of Occupations:

<<http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html>>

Archaic Medical Terms:

<<http://www.gpiag-asthma.org/drpsmith/amt1.htm>>

A Glossary Of Terms Used In Heraldry (coats of arms)

<<http://www04.u-page.so-njet.ne.jp/ta2/saitou/ie401>>

MORE ON TERMINOLOGY AND JARGON: For information on the jargon and terminology used in probate and land records, see the Genealogy Quest web site at <<http://www.genealogy-quest.com/glossaries/index.html>>. There is quite an extensive list there.

HATTERAS KEEPERS:

The descendants of the Lighthouse Keepers at Cape Hatteras are being sought to attend a special weekend (4-6 May 2001) at the Light Station, Cape Hatteras NC. This venture is co-sponsored by the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society and the National Park Service. Since the last keeper left in the 1930s, the lighthouse has been automated and no keepers' families have since resided in the keepers' quarters.

From 1802 until the 1930s, there were nearly 100 different families who lived on the light station. Yet, no photographs exist prior to 1893, and only 3 keepers' photos have been located. The Lighthouse Society is trying to locate direct descendants of these keepers to obtain oral histories, and to inventory any family photos, letters, and other documents pertaining to the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. It is estimated that there may be as many as 1,000 descendants attending the homecoming.

Several genealogists are helping to locate these descendants to conduct interviews and gather information. Family trees are being prepared, and will be displayed at the homecoming. Another project is to prepare an accurate list of keepers and their dates of service.

The U.S. Lighthouse Service was merged with the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939. Several keepers' daughters married military men, especially coastguardsmen, who were stationed near lighthouses. Preserving the history of the old Lighthouse Service and its families is also preserving the history of the U.S. Coast Guard. A book, *Hatteras Keepers: Oral and Family Histories*, will be in print in early 2001.

To learn about the homecoming, or to contribute information, write HKDH at PO Box 550, Buxton NC 27920 or e-mail the homecoming committee at hatteraskeepers@outer-banks.com. (From U.S. Coast Guard Retiree Newsletter, Jan 2001)

TEMPORARY DIGS:

The Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will move their library from downtown Yakima to 2609 River Road, north of downtown and south of Highway 12. Call Frank McLean, YVGS President, at 509-966-3864 for directions and hours of operation.

YVGS is planning to have a new library constructed for the group, and their excellent book collection will stay in the temporary quarters until the new building is finished. YVGS members have

work long and hard to get their own building, and we admire their stamina and hard work in this endeavor.

WATER AND FIRE:

The Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library is the largest collection in Michigan and includes diverse and extensive holding of original, printed, and micrographic historical and genealogical material. The emphasis is on Detroit and Michigan, beginning with the 17th century. However, there has never been a complete inventory of the Burton Collection, and purchases were suspended in 1998 until improved collection management procedures could be implemented. During the last 20-30 years, a backlog of unprocessed materials developed, making these materials inaccessible to the public.

That background information brings us up-to-date as of 28 July 2000 when the collection was closed because of water damage from a storm, and then further problems from an electrical fire in September. These events led to the removal of part of the collection from the main library to a secured storage area. Other portions were sent to New York for cleaning and restoration, followed by an extensive cleaning of the building and addressing bacterial contamination issues.

The two disasters of July and December highlighted the need for complete inventories of all library holdings, especially the special collections. In 1999, the inventory was started with the rare book materials of the Burton Collection. In progress now is an inventory of the entire Burton Collection.

The collection, closed after the flood damage, reopened on 5 December 2000 part-time. Until the entire inventory is complete, patrons may use parts of the materials four hours daily, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Our first knowledge of the above events came from the Autumn 2000 issue of the *SGS Bulletin*. Further information was found on the Detroit Library web site. Background reports were found in *Ancestry's Red Book*, and Joseph Oldenburg's book, *A Genealogical Guide to the Burton Historical Collection*.

NOTABLE BOOKS IN THE BRL:

If you read the weekly genealogy column Family Tree by Myra Gormley in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, you know how much valuable infor-

mation can be found in the columns. If you do not have access to the PI, you have missed many articles helpful to a researcher, but the columns are still available to you.

Look for two large 3-ring binders in the genealogy section of the Bellevue Regional Library. The call numbers are R929.3797 MAL for both notebooks, and the title is *Index to Family Tree*. Dick Malm of EGS and SGS has indexed all of Mrs. Gormley's columns since 1 January 1987 through 31 December 1996 (Volume 1) and from 1 January 1997 through 30 June 1997, with work in progress on succeeding columns in Volume 2. The arrangement of information in the binders is:

1. Alphabetical Indexes—each subject of an article is in this index in alphabetical order; date of the article is listed;
2. Title Index of each book, periodical, video, or CD-ROM in alphabetical order, with the name of author or editor and the date of the article containing the book, etc., mentioned;
3. Chronological List of Articles by year, followed by copies of the articles in chronological order.

You will be able to find an article on almost anything you can think of in your research—Ellis Island, Canadian Research, Irish Research, etc. This is a most valuable resource, and Dick has put the information about the contents in easy-to-retrieve order. If the above explanation seems confusing, take one of the volumes to a desk and use the above index explanations to find your way to the information you need. EGS is fortunate to have a member who has done such a favor to researchers in compiling this Index to the Family Tree. We appreciate his talent and indexes.

The Gormly column is also carried in the Everett-Herald, Tacoma News Tribune, Yakima Herald-Republic, and Los Angeles Times. The Index is the property of SGS.

FUNERAL HOME FIND: From the Ancestry Weekly Digest, 13 January 2001:

"Recently I discovered that a relative of mine had died in the town where I now live. After locating his obituary in an old issue of the local paper (on microfilm at the library), I contacted the funeral home that had handled the funeral arrangements. The staff was very helpful and sent me photocopies of his entire funeral file. I not only found details of his death and burial, but I also found a list of eve-

ryone who had attended the funeral and signed the guest book, everyone who had sent flowers, and--to my surprise and delight--the birthplace (in Germany) of his father, who was the brother of my great-grandfather and for whom I had been searching (with no success) for almost two years! I have always checked obituaries and cemetery records in the past, but never funeral homes. I now plan to go back to all funeral homes of deceased ancestors to see what other gems I can discover. (From Tom Grafstrom, Bothell, Washington)"

SARAH LITTLE AT JEFFERSON COUNTY: The Jefferson County Genealogical Society is holding a seminar on Saturday, 17 March 2001 featuring Sarah Little. Her subjects are Cemetery and Church Records and Interlibrary Loans: Locating and Obtaining Valuable Family History Reference Sources. This event will be held at the Tri-Area Community Center, Rhody Drive and West Valley Road in Chimacum. The cost is \$15 before 9 March or \$20 at the door. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. You can contact Bev at bb@olympus.net, see the web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/seminar.html> or call 360-385-6599. Chimacum is north of Port Ludlow and a few miles south of Port Hadlock. It is on highway 19 north of the Hood Canal floating bridge.

DAR LIBRARY IS NOW ONLINE: The Daughters of the American Revolution is now on-line as near as your computer. They are located at <http://www.dar.library.net>. The library is one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers and national institutions based on the unique sources in a listing by the publisher of *Heritage Quest*. In late 1998, the library's book collection numbered some 150,000 volumes. About 5000 new titles enter this library each year. (From the *Clark House News*, March 2000 via the *SGC Society Quarterly Newsletter*, January 2001)

BULLETIN BOARD ARTICLES: My thanks to all of you who have contributed articles, information and stories for the EGS Bulletin Board. We do need additional stories each month. As you can see from the articles published during the last year, stories are not limited to just pure genealogy. They are related to family history, including events and conditions at the time they lived. Please keep them, and

more coming. Thanks from the editor.

MORE PERSONAL STORIES:

Found in *A Chapter of Hopkins Genealogy 1735-1905*, published by her great uncle, Archibald Wilson

Hopkins (Lakeside Press, 1905, Chicago) by Pat Midtskog who finds the strong advocacy of education for women interesting, especially in 1817. Pat's husband notes that it also shows a certain amount of arrogance and snobbery, typical of the family!

Letter from William Pogue to his mother, Jane Hopkins Pogue.

Lexington [Kentucky], November 7th, 1817

Dear Mother

I, yesterday, received a letter bearing date the 4th of this month from my father, wherein he requests me to write to you immediately to relieve your anxiety respecting me, as, he says that, you are apprehensive, that I am drowned on my way from this place to Mason; but I did not start; for that reason I did not go but remained in Lexington and attended to my business, of which there was a considerable press, it being about the commencement of court.

If Amanda wishes to go to Lexington to go to school, I desire you or some of the family to inform me when she will be ready to come, that I may make arrangement with Mr. Blythe for her schooling and also know where she will board or where she would desire to board and find out when the next quarter will commence that she may know when to prepare, and when she is ready I will go down for her as I have promised.

I would be much pleased to know how soon arrangements could be made for Jane to go to school and receive a good education, as I find by observation that an understanding, such as I fondly believe the most of our family possess, will always command admiration from those less informed and respect and esteem from the learned, and what is still infinitely more satisfactory, it will enable such adepts to from [sic] correct ideas of the understanding and qualifications of any person in whose company they may be, if it be but for a few minutes. Yet there are still greater and more weighty considerations in making choice of one whom they design for their friend and companion through life, and whom when once received as such, they can never abandon or forsake. How essential a requisite is it that we should pry into the depths of their understanding before they fix a seal and disposition which perhaps may be forever ruinous to their comforts in life, moreover a woman well educated will more than recompense in the instruction of a family, for the time she may have spent in her own education. The incorrect impression which a child receives is difficult, indeed, almost impossible to destroy. When it commences going to school, it must be both untaught and taught to bring it as far forwards as one that has been properly instructed from the beginning. This has been a subject of debate in our debating society (of which I am a member) and it has been decided that a woman should have equally as good an education as a man and these were the grounds, to enable them to avoid imposition to which they are much more exposed than men, to enable them to instruct their children in which they, by their domestic situation, have a greater share than the men, and to avoid embarrassments in the administration of an estate should they survive their husband, with the particulars of which estate they are always better acquainted than other person living.

I wish Amanda to write to me as soon as she can and inform me that branch she has learned, that I may know what class she is prepared to enter. Give my love to John and the rest of the family. Tell Robert I wish him to learn as fast as he can, and do not let him stay a single night from home as it is one of the worst practices that a student can be guilty of.

I add not, but Remain your affectionate son

Wm L Pogue

[Addressed on the other side to]

Mrs. Jane Pogue

Mayslick

Mason County

[Kentucky]

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, March 1 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, March 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, March 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, May 12 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, March 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, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. Bring German documents to share and completed Immigrant Ancestor Checklist for each German ancestor. Also, final plans for the Roots Fair. (Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583, rjpankrat@email.msn.com)
Italian Interest Group	Will meet at the Roots Fair on March 10, and volunteers are needed. After the fair, celebrate the IIG's 11th anniversary with dinner at Firenze, RSVP to Mary by March 5. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, collectingroots@aol.com)
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group (Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.)	Will meet Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9.
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	Will meet Tuesday, March 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, March 15. Meet at the 112th St. Park and Ride at 9:00 a.m. for a field trip to the Tacoma Library (Kim Nichols 425-402-9050 or nichols@nwlinc.com).
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group (3rd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.)	Will meet Wednesday, March 21 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**

- 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 10 Redmond Historical Society at 10:30 a.m. in the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond WA, room 104,
- 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 7 The Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. 'Research In England, Scotland & Wales' presented by Everton's Genealogical Helper, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Martha Lake Community Club, 16300 Motor Place, Alderwood Manor. For further information call 425-485-7623.
- 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.
- April 28 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Port Orchard) will sponsor an all day Saturday seminar featuring Myra Vanderpool Gormley. For information, call 360-377-7026 or e-mail morrison@nwnet.com. Their web page is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs/homepage.htm>.
- 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>.

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