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EGS ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)

Topic: "Using a County Law Library for Genealogical Research"

Speaker: Jean Holcomb, Law Library Director of the King County Law Library

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: For our May program Jean Holcomb will discuss the variety of resources found in a typical county law library which would prove useful for researchers interested in genealogy. Just as importantly, she will focus on strategies for using such resources effectively. Ms. Holcomb will give us an idea of what other treasures we might find in our own King County courthouse and in the county government building. For those of you with King County connections, this program is a must. For those of you who will be doing research in various counties throughout the United States, this will be an extremely useful evening.

Jean Holcomb obtained a BA from the University of North Dakota and both Master of Library Service and JD degrees from the University of Alabama. Before becoming the King County Law Library Director in October of 1992, she held positions as the Law Librarian for the Norfolk Law Library and as the Assistant Director of the Law School Library at the University of Alabama. Ms. Holcomb's monthly column about law library activities appears in the King County Bar Bulletin.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of Officers for the 1998-1999 EGS Board of Directors. Election will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 14, 1998, with members in good standing (those whose membership dues are current) voting.

PRESIDENT	Peter Robertson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Marty Gale
SECRETARY	Kay Greco
TREASURER	Jackie Bushnell
TRUSTEE	Janice Pankratz

LOST FLASHLIGHT

Kris Leander, our April speaker, lost a small flashlight during the meeting. If anyone happened to pick it up or knows where it might be, would you please call Marty Gale at 206-232-6471 or e-mail martygale@earthlink.net. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - CHARLES DORIAN

The April program by Kristine Leander, author and leader of the Leif Erikson Society on "Scandinavian Experience - The Making of Heroes" was a great one. Please re-read the background information in the April *Bulletin Board* that tells about her education, experience and the Leif Erikson project. It is a marvelous story and her presentation was truly inspiring.

The results of the Nominating Committee's, Mary Sangalang and Kim Nichols, efforts to obtain candidates for the forthcoming elections were announced and are reported in this *Bulletin Board*. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor but there were no volunteers. At our next meeting in May, known as the Annual Meeting, the elections will take place. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote. The new officers will take office in June.

At this time I should like to thank all those who have assisted me in the past two years in running the Society. Without the help of the officers and the many other volunteers, it would not have been possible to administer a Society of 400 members. I have enjoyed contributing my time and knowledge to furthering the objectives of the Society and reaching out to those just getting involved in genealogy.

Charles

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Join in welcoming these new members.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>RESEARCHING:</u>
Miller, Sunny	425-881-8287	Miller, Pryor, Ehrenhardt, Wiggins, Early, Parker, Bocoles
Schuler, Lynda E.	206-236-7308	Wendland, Payton, Schwader

GET WELL WISHES AND CONDOLENCES

Get well wishes to Evelyn Walker, Charles Dorian, and Reta Vanderhoek. Condolences to Audrey Schroeder on the death of her father, and to Wini Lake whose mother recently passed away.

FIREHOUSE #9

Regarding the use of Firehouse #9, EGS uses this facility for four groups, and its availability is a great help in planning our various meetings. If your group has to cancel a meeting, please notify the Fire Department at 425-452-6892; our contact is Gale Hill. For this or any other reason, do not call Firehouse 9 about the meetings. We are also asked not to try to locate a firefighter at the Firehouse for whatever reason, and to leave the meeting room in good order. The group leaders have all signed contracts for the use of the room, and are responsible for its stipulations. Your cooperation in this will hopefully insure the availability of this great meeting room in the future. Thank you!

MIDWEST INTEREST GROUP TO TOUR TACOMA LIBRARY

On May 28, 1998 the EGS Midwest Interest Group will be visiting the Tacoma Public Library. The Library has a large genealogy section, and we will take a short tour, then spend time pursuing our own research. The group will be leaving the Bellevue area around 9 am, and returning later in the afternoon (carpooling). There are a few available spots for this tour. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050. We would love to have you join us.

ONE NAME STUDIES WEBSITE

The Association of One-Name Studies maintains a website at: <http://www.mediasoft.net/ScottC/aons.htm> Check to see if there is a one-name study for a family you are researching.

EGS METINGS COMING UP

- ♦ 11 June Speaker Kathy Taylor, King County Forensic Anthropologist on "Your Ancestors' Bones"
- ♦ 9 July Speaker Dale Wahl on "German-Russian Research - An Overview"

CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Loretto Szucs, executive editor of *Ancestry* magazine, reminds us in an editorial in the March/April 1998 issue of the publication, that 1998 is the year in which John Carlin, Archivist of the United States, has said he will be instituting changes in the operation of the National Archives and branches. He intends to consolidate the branches, which means that one or more will be closed. He plans to make available to researchers computerized extractions of the original records; will the original records ever be available to researchers, and where will they be archived? The last part of this initial plan to reduce archival holdings was demonstrated recently when the Archives pulped irreplaceable records maintained by the U.S. Navy during World War II. If you have concerns about these matters, write your Congressional representative, with a copy to Mr. Carlin at NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS

The American Baptist Historical Society is located at 1106 S. Goodman Street, Rochester NY 14620-2532. Their research center operates research collections, publishes three periodicals, and serves as the archives and history department of the American Baptist Churches/USA (formerly the Northern Baptist Convention.)

LOCAL RAILROAD BOOK

A lengthy article in the *Seattle Times* on 2 April 1998 told of "workers on the railroad," local citizens trying to preserve and authenticate the history of various railroads now being lost through lack of researchers and interest. EGS member Barbara Justice, with Dennis Croston, is writing a book about the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway, which ran between Seattle and North Bend. To help in a railway history project, call Bill Walker, 425-888-4459. One of the needs is finding folks who will work to maintain and restore the Northwest Railway Museum's collection of locomotives and cars.

HERITAGE BOOKS, INC.

The Heritage Books Archives will soon be on-line. For a yearly fee of \$50, you will be able to browse through their extensive library collection. Subscriptions are now being accepted while the site is under construction. This website is at: <http://www.hb-archives.com> To be added to the site is the Genealogical Periodical Annual Index. Also, their Master Name Index to all of their publications will be a free browse to website visitors.

NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

A new regional headquarters for the King County Library System will be located behind the Target store in Issaquah. A building will be constructed to house the staff of about 100 who will catalog, process, maintain, and ship more than 100 million books yearly among the different branch libraries.

ADOPTION REFORM

Shea Grimm, of Redmond, is co-founder of a group of adoptees trying to promote adoption reform. One of their aims is to accomplish the lifting of the ban on the release of birth certificates to adoptees. At this point, only Alaska and Kansas give adoptees access to birth records, with the possibility of Tennessee joining their ranks after a protracted court battle. Call Ms. Grimm for further information.



NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations, or donated by EGS members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the April *Bulletin Board*:

- *10,000 Missouri Taxpayers 1780-1867*, by Sherida K. Eddlemon, 1996. A compilation of taxpayers' names extracted from county tax records of 35 Missouri counties, listed alphabetically by surname and first name. R929.3778 EDD.
- *A Student's Guide to Japanese American Genealogy*, by Yoji Yamaguchi, 1996. R929.108995.
- *A Student's Guide to Mexican American Research*, by Peggy and George Ryskamp, 1996. R929.1072 RYS.
- *Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories*, by David S. Zubatsky and Irwin M. Berent, 1996. This reference identifies more than 20,000 Jewish family genealogies and histories located in libraries and archives, primarily in the United States as well as Australia, Netherlands, England, Germany, and Israel.

There are no new genealogy-related CDs added at the library since the April *Bulletin Board*, but more are on the way, and the computer used to read the CDs has been replaced with a newer, faster unit to make your searches easier.

Do you have a genealogy-related reference book or CD to donate to the growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or have a suggestion for one? If so, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling Margery Perdue at 425-643-3502. (submitted by Carl Cason, EGS library committee).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS READY TO HELP YOU

EGS Library Volunteers are ready to help you with research problems and questions. They are available at the Bellevue Regional Library, second floor, in room 6 (down the hall to the left of the reference desk) on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm and Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. They are eagerly awaiting you!

WASHINGTON STATE REGIONAL ARCHIVES SYSTEM

In 1972, the Washington State Archivist began a program to make public records available in the geographical regions where they were created. The system apportions the 39 counties into designated jurisdictions served by Senior State Archivists. The archivists centralize the regional materials to make them collectively accessible at facilities near the local population and originating offices.

Recently, the Puget Sound Region branch of this archive system moved to Bellevue, located on the Bellevue Community College Campus at 3000 Landerholm Circle SE - Bldg. N. The phone is 425-373-3940. Research hours are weekdays from 8:30-4:30 pm, with appointments for consultation and research encouraged, and should be scheduled at least one day in advance. The archives asks that you call first to give the staff an idea of your area of research and type of record you want to use so they can retrieve the records and have them ready for your use when you arrive.

Some of the records for King, Kitsap, and Pierce Counties this archive houses are: Territorial Census (various years), School census, Teacher Records, Probate records, Marriage License registers, Register of Voters, Assessment Rolls, Polk Directories, Property Record Cards, Photographs, Birth and Death registers, medical and dental registers, Territorial Volunteers Muster Rolls, Articles of Incorporation, as well as many other miscellaneous records and registers. Guides describing the original record and microfilm collections are available on request for a small fee. Requests for these publications should be made at the above phone number.

"FAMILY SAGAS - STORIES OF SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS"

Kristine Leander, last month's speaker, have gathered in book form a collection of the stories of the Scandinavian families who immigrated to America. This book is available by mail from the Leif Erikson Book Project for \$39.95 plus 8.2% tax for Washington residents. Mail orders (add \$5 postage) to 2245 NW 57th, Seattle WA 98107. Indicate you are an EGS member and the society will receive a \$5 donation for each book ordered. For questions, call 206-783-8462.

WHAT MADE GREAT-GRANDPA MOVE? A LIST OF SOME ECONOMIC FACTORS BY JILL MARTIN

In researching my post-Civil War relatives, I discovered that several families shared a pattern of western movement. Movement seemed to be a common condition of life after the Civil War. For example, in the Illinois Adjutant General's Report, the author of the "History of the 33th Illinois Volunteers" reported that in 1886 a roster of 500 of their surviving troops showed men in twenty different States and Territories, with 1/3 of them living west of the Mississippi. No doubt, getting off the farm and seeing other areas of the country during the war led those veterans to try to better their lot by moving on.

Quite probably personal motives were responsible for some of the moves. A family moved after a marriage, or the death of a member, to be nearer other relatives, or to try to put sorrow behind by distance. However, I also saw a correspondence between my family's moves and those of the Laura Ingles Wilder family. Several of the Wilder's moves were explained in a Wilder biography as of an economic nature. So I looked into the economy of the nineteenth century from an explanation of the frequent moves of these restless settlers.

I've composed a preliminary list of events that may have influenced settler movements with an emphasis on those important to settlers from Illinois. Match these dates with those of major moves by your relatives and you may be surprised, as I was, at the number of correspondences.

- 1825 - Erie Canal completion (followed by other canals opening up in Indiana and Illinois to settlement.
- 1848 - Gold discovered in California.
- 1857 - Gold discovered at Pike's Peak, Colorado (Illinois men go).
- 1857 - Panic of 1857 - economic disaster, recall of mortgages, low pay for crops.
- 1860-65 - Civil War
- 1863-65 - Steep incline in prices, low crop prices, high rail costs to transport crops (good for manufacturers, hard on farmers).
- 1866 - Depression following Civil War.
- 1868 - Ads begun in newspapers to attract emigrants west.
- 1873 - Railroad Panic - another economic downfall.
- 1874 - Gold discovered in Black Hills of the Dakotas (a means to get the public interested in a topic other than the depression and corruption of the Railroad Panic).
- 1874 - World wide depression.
- 1875 - Grasshoppers on the plains of Dakota Territory and Kansas.
- 1875-79 - Poor crop years on the prairies.
- 1879 - Economic hard times - another depression.
- 1881 - Peak of emigrant trains to that time.
- 1887 - Dawes Act (breaking up communal Indian Lands; opened land to white settlement).
- 1889-1901 - subsequent Land Runs in Oklahoma.
- 1896 - Gold discovered in the Alaskan Klondike.

(From *Ancestry Home Town Daily*, April 7, 1998; originally published in *WGGG Quarterly*, September 1997).

ONLINE DICTIONARY

Do you need a dictionary, not only for English, but for another language? This online dictionary offers dictionaries in a multitude of languages as well as many ways to search for the correct word or phrase. It is located at: <http://www.bucknell.edu/~rbeard/diction.html>

HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY'S NEW HOURS

HQRL, 220 Bridge Street S.W. in Orting, has announced new hours: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; and Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES WEB SITE

This site is located at: http://www.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Historical_Museum/DAM/psa.htm

HALBERT'S FRAUD

Recently the western part of the United States has been flooded by offers from Halbert's Inc., of Ohio. This company mass produces genealogy books about "your family name." These books contain some basic data on how to do genealogy, plus telephone listings of people with your surname (which are available at no charge at the public library) and a Coat of Arms of your family.

Based on innumerable consumer complaints, the U.S. Postal Service has taken legal action against this company many times for many, many years. Upon confrontation, Halbert's agrees to cease and desist their fraudulent activities only to resurface with the wording of their advertisement slightly changed and promoting the same products. In England, Halbert's subsidiary company is called Burke's Peerage, not to be confused with the company founded by Edmund Burked, which ceased to exist in 1980.

Included with Halbert's/Burke's offer is a "money back guarantee." If you have already succumbed to their fraudulent claims, be sure to send for your money. They have honored this guarantee in the past. There are over 200 known fraudulent persons and companies offering genealogical services and supplies who prey on beginners and non-beginners alike. If you become aware of one, please advise us so others will not be deceived. (Editor's note: In April, on the same day I received an offer for a "Nichols" book, every other Nichols I know received the same offer. This company is extending their offer in this area - be aware!). (From Utah Genealogical Association Newsletter, by Helen Clegg).

EGS MAKES DONATION TO ROOTSWEB

In March, EGS made a donation to RootsWeb. RootsWeb is a volunteer group that supports ROOTS-L, as well as 3000+ mailing lists and 2,200+ websites, including our own EGS website, Olive Tree Genealogy, USGenWeb, USGenWeb Archives, and the Roots Surname List. RootsWeb is committed to providing free access to all Internet genealogists. EGS's donation is acknowledged on RootsWeb's Donor page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/donors.html>

MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY PROGRAMS

The following programs are offered by the MOHAI:

- ♦ Historic Preservation Week Kick-Off: "Preservation Begins at Home" - May 9, 2 p.m. Learn about current preservation projects and how you can get involved, as well as how to begin your own preservation initiative. Free.
 - ♦ Care and Creation of Family Photos and Documents - May 16, 10 a.m. to noon. Preservation techniques for existing photos, negatives, and other items as well as recommended methods for creating new heirlooms. Fee \$10/\$8 members.
 - ♦ Lake View Cemetery Walking Tour - Visit historic grave sites of early Seattle's families and prominent figures with an actor portraying Louisa Boren as your guide. June 27, 10 a.m.; fee \$10/\$8 members.
- Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, call 206-324-1126.

COPYRIGHTS

The purpose behind copyright law is to protect the rights of the author of a written piece of works, including family histories. A copyright notice is usually placed on the verso (the other side of the sheet) of the title page, and consists of three parts:

1. The symbol © (the letter C in a circle) or the word "Copyright" or the abbreviation "Copt."
2. The name of the owner of the copyright.
3. The year the book was first published.

Generally, a copyright notice appears as follows: "© John Brown 1997." Changes is the copyright law which came into effect on 1 January 1978 have set the terms of protection for most works as the lifetime of the author plus 50 years, eliminating the need for periodic renewals.

It is not hard to apply for a copyright, and the cost for registering is \$10, which must be sent to the Copyright Office along with a completed application and a copy of the book. For more information, including the proper forms to use for the application, write to: Information Section LM-455, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20559. (From *Wash. Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter*, Dec. 1997 via *SCG Society Newsletter*, Jan. 1998).

IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETIES

If you do not know if your ancestor was a member of a lodge or ethnic organization, you will first want to find out if an immigrant aid society was in existence where your ancestor lived. Many of these are listed in city directories of the times or in more recent histories of a city, a city neighborhood, or an ethnic community within the city.

You can also learn if there is a similar ethnic association still in existence in the locality and contact them for information. It may be that the records are kept locally, that they were deposited in a national organization, or that they simply did not exist. Though aid societies were formed at various times, not all kept formal records. Some groups died out when the need they served was no longer there. If the immigrant aid society did not evolve into an ethnic cultural society - a natural outgrowth when immigration rates dropped off - the record may be lost today. After you search the immediate geographic location for the records, check to see if there is a national organization where the records may be located. For example, the Sons of Italy's home office in Philadelphia houses records of many lodges that are no longer in existence and the original registers of lodges that are active today.

Some sources to aid you in locating these records can be found in the following publications:

- *Ethnic Information: Sources of the United States*, by Paul Wassermann and Alice E. Kennington, second edition. Compilations of names, addresses, and information about ethnic associations today.
- *The Irish American Almanac and Green Pages*, by Brian E. Cooper. Encompasses historical societies, Irish gift and book stores, Irish genealogies, and information about Irish agencies important to the Irish community in America.
- *Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups*, edited by Stephan Thernstrom. Arranged alphabetically by ethnic group, each chapter has a section on ethnic cultural life, including organizations. (At Bellevue Regional Library, R973.04 HAR).
- *The Ethnic Almanac*, by Stephanie Bernardo. (At Bellevue Regional Library, R973.04 BER).

As genealogists and family historians, we have experience tracking down elusive sources and ancestors. When we first begin genealogical research, one of the first steps we take is to join a local genealogical society. Doing ethnic research follows the same path - joining an ethnic genealogical society. Here you may find others who have used the records you are trying to locate or know something about their whereabouts. American societies devoted to the history of our ethnic heritage have interest in records that often overlap our genealogical pursuits. Finding out that our ancestors belonged to a mutual aid society may open the door to the place in the native country from which they came. (From *Ancestry*, November/December 1996, article by Suzanne McVetty, CG).

NEWCASTLE MINING LEGACY

The city of Newcastle (south of Bellevue) is hoping to preserve the last two relics of its historic coal mining past. The Odd Fellows Cemetery, a two acre cemetery for immigrant miners near Lake Boren, and the Baima House, a coal miner's cabin on 138th Avenue SE that was built before 1880, are being considered for designation as city historical sites.

The Odd Fellows Cemetery is a reminder of the diversity of the people who worked in the coal mines. Land for the cemetery was set aside in 1880. Among those buried in the cemetery are miners and lodge members from all parts of the U.S, Canada, England, Ireland, Finland, Wales, Italy, and Belgium.

The Baima House, also known as the Pacific Coast Company House #75, was built before 1880 and is the only surviving coal miner's home in Newcastle. "These places are both associated with a period of the county's history that's basically vanished," said Charlie Sundberg, of the county landmarks and heritage program. (From *Eastside Journal*, 2 April 1998).

MIDWEST WEBSITE LISTINGS

ILLINOIS:

Genealogy in the Illinois State Archives: <http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/services.html>
Illinois Ancestor Registry: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilgenweb/queries/services.html>
Illinois County Boundaries, 1790-present: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcumber/ilctybnd/>
Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales: http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/data_lan.html
The History of Illinois: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilhistor/ilhistory.htm>

INDIANA:

Allen County Public Library: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>
Database to an Index of Indiana Marriages through 1850:
<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/indiana/genealogy/mirr.html>
Indiana Genealogy Home Page: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ingenweb/>
Indiana Genealogical Society: <http://www.indgensoc.org/>
Indiana State Library Genealogy Section:
<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/WWW/INDIANA/GENEALOGY/genmenu.HTML>

IOWA:

Ames Public Library: <http://www.ames.lib.ia.us/>
History of Iowa: <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/register/r7/r7hist.htm>
Iowa Genealogical Society: <http://www.digiserve.com/igs.igs.htm>
Iowa Pioneers Project: http://home.att.net/~ladylake10/ipl/ipl_main.htm
State Historical Society of Iowa: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~shsi/index.htm>
State Library of Iowa: <http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/>

MICHIGAN:

Michigan 1895 Atlas: <http://www.ismi.net/lcmigw/1895mi.htm>
Michigan Historical Center: <http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/history.html>
Michigan Records for Genealogical Research: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb/mi-records.html>
State Archives of Michigan: <http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/archive/archive.html>
Michigan History Magazine: <http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history.mag/mag.html>

NETIQUETTE

Netiquette is a neologism meaning appropriate Internet behavior. Here are some basic principles of Netiquette on which most everyone agrees:

- Become well acquainted with a newsgroup before posting, and read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) file if one is available.
- Don't query unless you need to. If you don't understand a term, check the dictionary and FAQ before you ask for explanation.
- Never post articles consisting solely of sentiments such as "me too," "I agree," or "thanks." If these things really need to be said, reply via private e-mail.
- Never send a "test" message to a real newsgroup - you will waste thousands of people's time and money. If you must test, use a group set aside for that purpose such as misc.test. If your message works there, it will work in the genealogy groups as well.
- Use a descriptive subject line. Very few people read all the articles in a busy group, and a message with a descriptive subject line will more likely be read than deleted.
- Keep your signatures as brief as possible, with an absolute limit of four lines; do not include graphics in your signature.
- Don't make fun of spelling or grammar mistakes. Remember, no one is perfect.
- Look before you leap; read before you send. Before you post, double check every message for errors in spelling, grammar, or fact. Try to make sure no one will misinterpret your meaning. If you've written your reply in anger, take a little break and re-read your reply after you've calmed down. Remember, your great grandchildren may very well read your articles one day! (From *Family Chronicle*, July/Aug. 1997).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 3-10 May 1998 The Family History Library Research Tour, presented by ASIS Jr. For information, call 801-521-0844.
- 6-9 May 1998 National Genealogical Society's "Conference in the States," hosted by the Colorado Genealogical Society, at Denver, CO.
- 9 May 1998 Kamloops Family History Society presents "Ancestral Trails: A Genealogical Seminar" at the Desert Gardens Community Center, 540 Seymour St., Kamloops, B.C., Canada. Information: Pat King, 250-372-3468.
- 23-25 May 1998 Washington County, Arkansas Historical Society presents "4 Corners Ancestor Fair 1998," Northwest Arkansas Inn, Springdale, Arkansas.
- 17-21 June, 1998 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia 1998 Convention, Wichita, Kansas. Details: <http://www.teleport.com/nonprofit.ahsgr/1998conv.html>
- 20 June 1998 Clallam County Gen. Society presents "A Summer Workshop," Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez, Port Angeles, WA.
- 20 June 1998 Forum Family History Fair "Preserving Our Heritage," Portland State University Ballroom, Smith Memorial Center, Portland OR.
- 26-27 June 1998 WSGS State Conference and Annual Meeting, Sehome High School, Bellingham, WA. Presentations on organizing, migration to and from the northern tier, the Alaskan Gold Rush, British Basics, Canadian genealogical resources, and more. Fee \$40/30 members; \$45 after June 1. For info, e-mail Hazel Rasar at hrasar@usa.net or write WSGS Conference, PO Box 715, Conway WA 98238-0715.
- 13-18 July 1998 National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington D.C. For information, e-mail to NatGenIns@aol.com or write National Institute on Gen. Research, PO Box 14274, Washington D.C. 20044-4274.
- 19-22 August 1998 Federation of Genealogical Societies, hosted by Ohio Genealogical Society, "Immigrant Dreams: The Settlement of America," Cincinnati, OH. For info, write FGS Business Office, PO Box 820220, Richardson TX 75083-0220 or visit their homepage at: <http://www.fgs.org>
- October 1998 Fifth New England Reg. Gen. Conference in Portland, Maine. Details: <http://users.rootsweb.com/~maplymou/confmain.htm>

ANCESTOR ARRIVALS

It is possible that even though your ancestors may have come through New York City, they may not have been processed at Ellis Island. The first immigrant processing stations was opened at Battery Park in 1855. Called Castle Garden, it operated from 1855-1891, at which time it was no longer adequate to handle the flood of immigrants.

Ellis Island opened 1 January 1892, but was destroyed in a fire in July 1897. Castle Garden was then recommissioned and served until the Ellis Island facility was reopened 17 December 1900.

Only those immigrants who came in steerage class were processed at these facilities. Those who came in first or second class were processed in their cabins and only went to Ellis Island if a problem was suspected. Most immigrants were processed in these facilities if they arrived at the Port of New York City between 1 August 1855 and the end of 1924:

1 August 1855 to 18 April 1890 - Castle Garden

19 April 1890 to 31 December 1891 - Barge Office

1 January 1892 to 13 June 1897 - Ellis Island

14 June 1897 to 16 December 1900 - Barge Office

17 December 1900 to 31 December 1924 - Ellis Island.

Following World War I, immigration quotas were improved, and by 1954 the flow of immigrants decreased to the point where Ellis Island was closed. The main building has been restored according to the original blueprint and reopened as a museum run by the National Park Service in 1990. (From WAGS, Oct. 1997 via SCG Society, January 1998).

CHEROKEE ANCESTORS

Here is an address for those seeking information on Cherokee ancestors:

Cherokee Cousins, 4530 Bob's Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

<http://www.powersource.com/cousins/> (From WAGS, Sept. 1997 via SCG Society, January 1998).

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BULLETIN BOARD

EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Computer Interest Group	Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Tech Center in Eastgate. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe at 425-880-4407.
EGS Lunch Bunch	Thursday, May 28, 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court, NE 8th and 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.
German Interest Group	Friday, May 1, 1-3 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. For more information, contact Millie Rickey at 425-747-3581.
Irish Interest Group	Monday, May 11, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Please bring your family group sheets and lists of surnames so that we can start our research files. Call Mary Magnuson at 425-746-6627 for information.
Italian Interest Group	Saturday, May 16, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Newport Way Library. For more information, contact Mary Sangalang at 425-649-2250.
Midwest Interest Group	Thursday, May 28th for trip to Tacoma Public Library (see page 2). Questions, please call Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050.
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group	Monday, May 25, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.
Portuguese Interest Group	Contact Barbara Guyll, 425-746-5603 for information.
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group	Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Tove Burhen in Duvall for a program on Civil War Ancestry. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For info or directions, call Tove at 425-788-1266 or Mary Lou McKibben at 425-888-2053. Beginning searchers always welcome.

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| 1 | 1-3 p.m. | German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library |
| 7 | 7 p.m. | EGS Board Meeting, Firehouse #9 Bellevue |
| 11 | 7 p.m. | Irish Interest Group, Firehouse #9 Bellevue |
| 14 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting,
Bellevue Regional Library |
| 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Computer Interest Group, Boeing Tech Center |
| 16 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Italian Interest Group, Newport Way Library |
| 20 | 9:30 a.m. | Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group,
see page 10 for location/information |
| 25 | 7 p.m. | Original 13 Colonies Interest Group,
Firehouse #9 Bellevue |
| 28 | 9:15 a.m. | Midwest Interest Group trip,
see page 2 for details |
| 28 | 11:30 a.m. | EGS Lunch Bunch,
Crossroads Mall Food Court |

JUNE 1998

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| 4 | 7 p.m. | EGS Board Meeting, Firehouse #9 Bellevue |
| 11 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting,
Bellevue Regional Library |

Please see page 10 for meeting locations.

EGS monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th Street and 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA. The Supply/Book Table is open at 7:00 p.m.
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