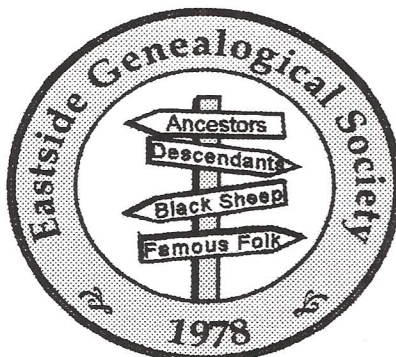


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Note Date Change!

Thursday, 4 November 1999 at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "Your Ancestors' Holidays"

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Our November meeting is going to be an unusual one and a special one. First of all, because of the library's closure on our regular monthly meeting date, we are holding our general membership meeting on the first Thursday instead of the second. Second, we are going to treat ourselves to an evening with representatives of some of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) each giving a short look at the holiday customs some of our ancestors may have experienced. Pat Midtskog will represent the Scandinavian group; Rosie Bodien, the Czech/Slovak group; Mary Magnuson, the Irish; Mary Sangalang, the Italian; and Jan Pankratz, German.

Be sure to come to a very warm and interesting evening. Get there early to be sure to have the cookies while they're still warm. And bring a friend who has been interested in genealogy and would like to meet a few other people also interested in genealogy. We'll start serving coffee and cookies around 6:30 so we will have time to chat.

REMINDER - EGS MEETING SCHEDULE: The November EGS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd at 10 a.m. in Room 6 at the Bellevue Regional Library. The November EGS General meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month, November 4th, at the Bellevue Regional Library at 7:30 p.m. The Bellevue Regional Library will be closed on November 11, the day of our regular November meeting.

These changes are for November only. In December, there will be no general EGS meeting program or board meeting. Please enjoy the holidays with your families! Be sure to check the calendar section of this newsletter for Special Interest Group's meeting schedules for December. We will resume our normal program schedule in January, after the holiday break in December.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

* Blake, Marilyn D.	425-821-9768	researching Eddings, Hamilton, Deming, Naff, Weaver
* Griffin, Freda J. Zimmerman	425-653-9829	
* McIntyre, Thomas	206-935-3823	McIntyre, Lynn
* Sperry, Jack & Peggy	425-235-0240	Dodd, Fitzpatrick, Clarke, Colman, Eckelberger, Sperry, Cassell

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER N. ROBERTSON

The holidays are coming! How could I tell? Well, Christmas stuff [I could use another word or two] like ads and catalogues have started to arrive even before the goblins and the Thanksgiving turkey have come and gone. I'm not so certain there wasn't a Santa Claus or two visiting Labor Day outings. Clearly, the end of the year is much nearer than most of us realize. In fact, this issue of the newsletter is the last one you will receive in 1999, unless the January 2000 issue is printed a bit in advance, just to avoid the real holiday rush and perhaps any Y2K glitches.

From my perspective, 1999 has been a good year for EGS. We have enjoyed outstanding monthly programs. We had a marvelous special program on British genealogy presented by Sherry Irvine. Our members traveled extensively seeking that very elusive, and probably mythical, ancestor whose data would complete the records on our family. However, on reflection, such a discovery would be tragic because then how would we justify the genealogical pursuit that we would try to continue anyway? [I'm not stubborn! I'm just determined!]. As you will read elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter, our last meeting of the year has a strong social orientation. Genealogy is about people and about relationships, and a social event helps us to become better acquainted with one another and improve the fellowship aspect of our activities.

Many thanks to the EGS Board, to the Chairs and other members of standing committees, to the special volunteers who take on key on-going jobs, to those people who step up to help out at special times, and to the members in general for making 1999 such a great year for all of us. EGS is a large group of people working together to advance the progress of genealogy within the region in which we live. Based on 1999, we have good cause to look forward to the year 2000 with great anticipation. Peter N. Robertson,

GET WELL SOON: We hope John Dickson, husband of Ellie, is feeling better.

NECROLOGY: EGS extends sympathy to Curtis Roselle and family on the loss of their daughter, Cindy Prosch-Jensen, and to the family of Joe Pfeiffer, husband of former EGS President Betty Pfeiffer.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH EGS MEETING:

Thank you to all that signed up to help with our special social meeting on November 4th. The format of the meeting would not be possible without all of your help. To remind everyone, here is the list of those that signed up:

Food (bringing cookies, or helping to serve/cleanup) - Suzy Page, Gretchen Hurter, Kimberley Lackey, Jane Shimanek, Gloria Brown, Mickey Main, Ellie Dickson, Jan Pankratz, Winnie Sihon, Kim Nichols, Mary Ellen Scott, Marty Gale, Marilyn Kirby, Pat Midtskog, Eunice Jobs, Dorothy Meher, Margee Hunt; Tables (bringing folding tables) - Margee Hunt, Jan Pankratz, Peter Robertson, Betty Bennett, Jane Shimanek, Rose Mitcham; Setup (help setup the room) - Betty Bennett, Jan Pankratz, Carol Pattison, Jane Shimanek, Marty Gale.

Items can be brought to the EGS Board Meeting on November 3rd, in room 6 of the Bellevue Regional Library between 10 a.m. and noon, or to the EGS meeting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on November 4th. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Betty Bennett at 425-747-6926

EGS WILL HOST 6TH FAMILY ROOTS FAIR: EGS will be hosting the 6th Family Roots Fair on Saturday, March 11, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crossroads Shopping Center in Bellevue. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help so far. It looks like we will have a good turnout of participating groups with a genealogical/family history focus. If you, as an individual, family or group, have something you would like to display, demonstrate, or share, we would love to have you. And if you are interested in providing ethnic entertainment during the fair (singing, dancing, music, etc), please let us know. You can contact Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050 or nichols@nwlink.com And watch for more information and a list of participants in upcoming newsletters.

SURNAME FILE : Data entry of the surname file is progressing at a fast pace, due to the hard work of the volunteers. Thank you to the following people who have been helping on this huge project: Mary Ellen Scott, Curtis Roselle, Rose Mitcham, Ann Passe, and Eunice Jobs.

If you would like to have your surnames included in this database, now is the time to submit them. We will soon be deciding what form this file will take and would like to include all interested members. You can submit your names at the EGS meeting in January, or by mailing or emailing the information. Please contact Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050 or nichols@nwlink.com for more information.

UPDATED LIST OF BOOKS: An updated list of the books EGS has donated to the Bellevue Regional Library over the last five years is available at either the Reference Desk at the library, or from the Tuesday/Wednesday Library Volunteers in room 6 on the second floor. The list is sorted by subject. (Margery Perdue Thorson, acquisitions chair).

EGS NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

With the January 2000 EGS newsletter, the editorship of Kim Nichols will come to a close. For many of us, it seems that she has been editing the newsletter forever. Kim has done an outstanding job in making the EGS newsletter a useful, informative, yet entertaining voice for our society. Thus, it is with regret that we acknowledge the justice of Kim's wanting to have more time to pursue other interests and responsibilities. In honoring her request, we will not be asking her to do the February letter, then the March, then the April, etc..

Kim has indicated that she is very willing to train someone in the processes that are involved in doing the newsletter. So, if you enjoy desktop publishing, working with words, and keeping a sharp eye out for items that may be of interest to fellow genealogists, the EGS newsletter editorship may be just the thing for you. Feel free to contact Kim at (425) 402-9050 with any questions you might have regarding what the editorship entails.

Should an appropriate person not come forward to take up the editorship by mid-January, we could use a simple flier to advise the membership what the upcoming monthly programs are. Such a development would be unfortunate. We are a society of volunteers, and if no one with the right mix of skills volunteers, obviously the task will not be done. It's our society, and here's the challenge! Peter N. Robertson, President

EGS OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY PROFESSOR JEFFREY KARL OCHSNER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ON "RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE 1880-1990"

When looking into our family's history, often times it involves a trip to visit family homes all across the nation. We may be able to determine at what time period that our family resided at the home, but it takes some knowledge of architectural style to determine the actual age of the home itself. Sometimes this can be a challenge because the home has undergone a metamorphosis over time as styles changed. Professor Ochsner came and spoke to our society about the major periods of residential development in the United States with the succession of home architectural styles and shared with us a slide show depicting real life examples of each style he described. Professor Ochsner said that the best source for information on residential architecture is Virginia & Lee McAlester's book "A Field Guide to American Houses". At the October meeting EGS had this book for sale.

American Architecture was influenced by six different architectural styles in succession. They are (in order of succession): ancient classical, renaissance, medieval period, modern architecture, Pueblo and Japanese. You can use a guidebook like McAlester's book to determine which of these styles describes your ancestors home. The challenge in this type of historical dating is that often times many of these homes are hybrids of the original design. That is they changed over time as residential needs and styles changed. Many homes designed and/or built by the actual builder as opposed to an architect were designed and built with the assistance of pattern books and periodicals which included actual home designs and details of different aspects of homes. On one page it is common to find a number of different architectural styles for different pieces of the house. Builders would choose whichever one's they liked and used those in the home design often combining a number of different styles, thus creating a hybrid house. Another thing to note is that often builder homes were less intricate scaled down versions of the original architectural style because the average homeowner could not afford all the intricacies of an architectural design. Some of these builder homes were actually catalog order homes from a company like Sears and Roebuck. Seattle Public Library has a good collection of these pattern books and periodicals. Professor Ochsner covered way too much information to include in this short review. I recommend consulting McAlester's book mentioned above or Professor Ochsner's book "Seattle Architecture: A Historical Guide to the Architects", published in 1994 for more information. Thank you Professor Ochsner for your very informative lecture. Please come speak to us again. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY: The following book, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations or donations, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the October Bulletin.

► *Ancestral Trails: The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History*, by Mark D. Herber, 1998. 929.107209 (note this is on the circulating shelves, not reference).

If 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, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling the Acquisition chair Margery Perdue Thorson at 625-643-3502. (Carl Cason, email ccason@compuserve.com).

UK PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE CATALOG AVAILABLE ONLINE: A collection of catalogs created as finding aids for the PRO. The site is located at: <http://catalogue.pro.gov.uk/> From *Irish Family History Forum*, Sept/Oct 1999

OFF TO PENNSYLVANIA
By Kim Nichols, EGS member

In late September, my mother, Nina Edwards, and I were able to take a genealogy trip to the state of Pennsylvania. We were very excited prior to going, and planned a busy itinerary of places we wanted to see. We flew into Philadelphia after a delay of three days, due to Hurricane Floyd. Our plan was to drive to our most western destination, then work our way back to Philadelphia.

We landed, got our rental car, and soon we were off! Our first day we drove across the state to Indiana and Armstrong Counties. These counties are located about 40 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. We hoped our first stop would be the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County. But rainy weather slowed us down, so that by the time we arrived in the town of Indiana, it was close to closing time for the library. After driving around trying to find it, I finally parked and set out on foot. I found it, went in, and explained that I was from the Seattle area, and would come back the next morning. A man researching asked me what names I was looking for, and I told him "Coulter and Sutton." He gave me a packet of about 20 sheets of paper, told me to look through it and bring it back in the morning. It was a detailed chart of a Sutton family, going far back in time to England and included a Mayflower descendant. It looked great, but I did not see any connection to my Suttons (but wait!).

Bright and early the next morning, my Mom and I arrived at the society library. The man was there waiting for us, as well as a woman. When we walked in, the man said to the woman "Here are the people I told you about." I felt like something was up. And there was! As it turned out, both the man and woman were descended from the same couple that I was - William Coulter and his wife Sarah Sutton. They had a lot of information for me, including some that linked my line to the packet of information about the Suttons the man gave me. It was extremely exciting. We took each other's pictures, exchanged addresses, and copied each other's charts.

Our next stop on our trip was the cemetery in Elderton, Armstrong County. There we saw the graves of William Coulter and Sarah Sutton Coulter, as well as one of their sons. Then off to Kittaning, where the Armstrong Genealogical Society library was located. We planned to research there, then drive east to Gettysburg.

By the time we actually left the Armstrong and Indiana County area, it was late. We drove as far as Bedford, Bedford County and stopped for the night. I knew that some of my ancestors were from the area, but was not sure exactly where. I thought they might be from the Fishertown area, so we decided we would investigate the next day before going on. The names I was interested in from this area were Cuppett, Adams, and Rose. That night, while looking through a magazine about the county, I found an article about the many covered bridges in the county. And included in the article was information about the Cuppett Covered Bridge! I knew it had to be my ancestors, so the next morning we went in search of the bridge. We found it, and it was an old, red covered bridge that spanned Durning Creek. Needless to say we both took many pictures of it. Near the bridge was an old sign that read "Cuppett Brothers Farm" with an arrow pointing, so we decided to check it out. We drove the direction the arrow pointed, and discovered we were on "Cuppett Road." Right ahead was a big sign announcing we had arrived at the farm. We saw several old buildings and a barn. As we were standing there looking around, a man drove up and got out of his car. I approached him and asked him if he was a Cuppett. And imagine how I felt when he said yes. I told him I am a Cuppett descendant, and my mom said to him "Meet your cousin." And she was right. It turned out that we were descended from the same couple, Isaac Cuppet and Mary Albaugh Cuppet. We compared our family charts, and found where we connected. It was very thrilling to think I was talking to another descendant, right on the very land that our ancestors had lived. My new cousin, Cecil Cuppett, told us the history of the buildings and land, then took us in his car up the road to where the original homestead was. It was a very old building that was falling down. Inside, the two rooms were filled with antiques and farm implements, stacked up almost to the ceiling. We also went next door to the house that was built when the homestead became unlivable. It, too, was filled with antiques and old photographs, including one with Cecil's grandfather and great grandparents sitting in the porch swing of the same house. Across the road was an old barn, and when I remarked on it, he said it was the "new" barn, being built around 1900. He drove us to his house and showed us an old map of Bedford County, with a date of 1861. Apparently there are now only 5 or 6 of these maps in existence. After saying our good-byes, we went next door to the cemetery, which Cecil told us was called "Cuppett's Cemetery." There we saw many graves with the Cuppett name.

Next stop on our trip was Gettysburg. It was a very moving place to visit. We were able to have a guide that went with us in our car, telling us all about the battle and the sites within the park. We then headed to Lebanon and Lancaster Counties, where several of my mother's (and mine) ancestors had been. We visited two churches, the Bindnagle Church and the Swamp Church. At the Bindnagle church, located near Palmyra, our ancestor, Michael Boltz had been one of the trustee's when the church began. We walked through the church's cemetery and made plans to attend the church service on the next Sunday. Then we went to the Swamp Church, located near Reinholds, where our ancestor Johannes Waldschmidt, was buried. He was our immigrant ancestor for this line, and had been a circuit-riding minister. He was buried along with several members of his family at this church, which was one in his circuit.

On the following Sunday, we went back to the Bindnagle Church for services. The church was built in 1803, although the congregation began in 1745. The church was a beautiful building, with a steeple and a wine-glass pulpit. A wine-glass pulpit is a pulpit that is elevated above the floor and the base supporting it is shaped like a wine glass. It was decorated with paintings and religious sayings in German, and had a beautiful painted sounding board above it to reflect the sound downward.(next page)

(continued from previous page) After the church service, the church historian showed us around the church. We were able to see the original deed, the original church record book listing baptisms, marriages and deaths, some old money from the 1700's and some other religious artifacts. The Pastor helped us find our ancestor's grave (we are not sure if what we found was really his grave) and showed us other Boltz's in the cemetery. It was very inspirational to be there.

During our trip, we also went to the Amish Country in Lancaster County, Valley Forge, the Hershey Chocolate factory, and the place where George Washington crossed the Delaware River in 1776. It was a wonderful trip, made very special since I was able to go with my mother. We will forever have many great memories of our adventure.

POEM ON "MATURITY:" Here is the poem that EGS President Peter Robertson read at the meeting in September: Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent. From my purchase this chap took off ten percent. I asked for the cause of the lesser amount; And he answered, "Because of the Seniors Discount."

I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries; And there, once again, got quite a surprise.
The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me. He said, "For you, Seniors, the coffee is free."

Understand - - I am not old - - I'm merely mature; But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day, and people speak softer - - can't hear what they say.

My teeth are my own (I have the receipt.), and my glasses identify people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit... not a lot, I am sure. You see, I'm not old... I'm only mature.

The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun. You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.
Washing my hair has turned it all white, but don't call it gray... saying "blond" is just right.

My car is all paid for.. not a nickel is owed. Yet a kid yells, "Old duffer... get off of the road!"
My car has no scratches... not even a dent. Still I get all that guff from a punk who's "Hell bent."

My friends all get older... much faster than me. They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.
I've got "character lines," not wrinkles ... for sure, but don't call me old, just call me mature.

The steps in the houses they're building today, are so high that they take...your breath all away;
And the street are much steeper than ten years ago. That should explain why my walking is slow.

But I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's new, and I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.
I'm still in the running .. in this I'm secure, I'm not really old... I'm only mature.
So enjoy it before your eyesight needs adjusting.

NEWS FROM THE EGS SUPPLY TABLE: New books that will be available at the November 4th EGS meeting include the following:

- *German Genealogical Research* by George Schweitzer
- *Organizing Your Family History*
- *Discovering Your Italian Ancestry*
- *Cyndi's List: The Book*

The supply table will also take orders for other titles we don't stock, which are available from some of our suppliers, such as *The Source*. If you are interested in ordering any of these books, please talk to Winnie Sihon at the EGS meetings, or call her at 425-746-3573.

DR. GEORGE SCHWEITZER TO PRESENT AT LOCAL SEMINAR: The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will be presenting its annual fall seminar with Dr. George Schweitzer on Saturday, November 13, 1999 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge, 1965 Union Ave. South, Tacoma. Dr. Schweitzer will speak on "Pennsylvania Genealogical Research," "Migration Routes and Settlement Patterns," and "Civil War Genealogy." Cost is \$25 by Nov. 5th; \$30 after. For information/registration, call 253-759-4451 or 253-756-9703.

KING COUNTY LIBRARIES REVISED WEBSITE: The KCLS has a revised website with links to other genealogy sites as well as library information resources in a section called "Subscribe at the Libe." You can find this site at: <<http://www.kcls.org/kcls/genealogy.html>>

THE MAKING OF AMERICA PROJECT - CORNELL UNIVERSITY: Site that include the "War of the Rebellion," located at: <<http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/MOA/moa-mission.html>>

IRISH, GERMAN, ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN IMMIGRATION SERIES

One of the main sources for immigration records is National Archives microfilm. The problem with these records is that they are copies of the originals and may not necessarily include the complete information from the original manifests. Any manifests that were in poor condition were not filmed. Instead, the handwritten copies of the damaged manifests were filmed in place of the original records. This leaves big gaps in the information and much of it has a high likelihood of being inaccurate.

The savior in this genealogical dilemma is Dr. Ira A. Glazier and his associates at the Temple University-Balch Institute Center for Immigration Research. They acquired the original immigration manifest records from the National Archives. It has been their goal to "publish facts about passengers found in original ships' manifests so that any researcher can use this information for his or her own purposes." Original records were used in every case. Twenty years ago the Center undertook the massive task of computerizing records of about 35 million immigrants who came by ship to America. Their effort is the only one of its kind "to provide historians, demographers, and sociologists with concrete, aggregate data about immigrants to America". Personnel searched manifest indexes for those who were of Irish, German, Italian and Russian descent and their information was entered into a database. From this information Dr. Glazier and his staff wrote: *The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851; Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports 1850-1855; Italians to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports* which included Jan. 1880 through July 1897; and *Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Ports of New York* which are six volumes to date for the years Jan. 1875 to June 1891. "Ships' lists are shown in chronological order and the passengers listed in the order they appeared in the original manifest. This preserves groupings of families and perhaps even friends or neighbors who took ship together" The information cataloged included age, gender, occupation or family status (child, infant, wife), date and port of embarkation, name of ship on which they arrived, province or village of origin and their destination.

The Center recommends reading the introduction to each volume before the reference pages because it includes facts and background about emigrants and immigration history. Each volume contains an index. The Famine Immigrants series is available at Bellevue Library and Seattle Public Library has a better collection of all the sets. Information obtained from Wright, Raymond S. III, Ph.D., AG, "Are Your Ancestors from Ireland, Germany, Italy, or Russia? The Balch Institute Can Help", *Ancestry Magazine*, pages 49-52, Vol. 17, No. 4, July/August 1999. (Condensed article by Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member).

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The newly-organized Redmond Historical Society needs you! Whether you are an old-timer with memories to share, or a newcomer with an interest in our community's roots, we need you to join us in discovering, recovering and preserving Redmond's history. Redmond is almost a century old and we sense an urgency in capturing and recording its history. We will be meeting on Saturday, November 13, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., at Adair House in Anderson Park (7802 168th Ave. NE) in Redmond. To receive our monthly newsletter, please contact Naomi Hardy, president, 425-883-3866 or nhardy@email.msn.com

THE ENGLISH LIBRARIAN: At the August EGS meeting, the English librarian, Amanda Johnston, spoke to EGS to explain the exchange librarian program. She traded positions with a Redmond librarian who took her job in Hertfordshire. Karen and Tom Hammond, EGS members, provided transportation for Amanda's visit to the EGS meeting. After the meeting, the Hammonds and Alesa and Gil Andrew took Amanda out for dessert, with the Hammonds delivering her back to her home. Thank you to all the EGS members who gave Amanda a warm welcome at the meeting. We look forward to seeing her at a later date.

TRIP TO SCANDINAVIA: In September, EGS members Lois and Rollin Jackson spent 3 1/2 weeks in Scandinavia. On their trip, they were mainly in Norway, but also saw a little of Sweden and Denmark. They spent part of the time with a tour group, but were able to visit two villages that Lois's grandparents came from 140 years ago. These villages were Ringebru and Eidsvoll. They had a nice trip, and saw all of Norway, end to end!

UPCOMING IRISH GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR: An Irish Genealogical Seminar will be held Saturday, December 11, 1999, from 8:30 - approximately 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 3618 SW Alaska Street, Seattle, WA 98126. Pre-registration is \$30, or registration that day is \$35. Seating is limited, and the fee includes a seminar packet, coffee/tea and cookies. Make checks payable to Mariane Blake, 4052 44th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116, phone 206-938-3258. Please give name, address, phone number, e-mail address or fax number when registering. Topics include: "Debunking some of the Myths of Irish Genealogy," "How to Extract All the Important Information You can from Griffiths' Valuation," "Discussion about Common Problems in Irish Genealogy," and a Question and Answer Session.

HARDSHIPS FOR THOSE WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Carter Brandon of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers, or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnet, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she lay dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid wasted. For more than a year he lived in forest and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." (From San Diego GS Newsletter, March 1992 via Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter, July/August 1992).

WRITING FAMILY HISTORY CLASS: The University of Washington Educational Outreach will be offering a class beginning Wednesday, January 5, 2000, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and continuing until March 8th. The course is designed to guide the student through the completion of a publishable manuscript, and will be held on the UW main campus. The instructor will be Waverly Fitzgerald, a freelance writer who has published historical novels, articles, and a family history. Enrollment deadline is Jan. 3rd, and the cost is \$230. For more information, contact Cindy Kutschara or Vicki King at 206-685-6506.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES UPDATE: The Executive Administration recently submitted budget requests to both the Senate and House of Representatives. The budget initiatives that would be of interest to genealogists and family historians are:

- ◆ preparation for renovation of the sixty-three year old original National Archives Building
- ◆ further development of the electronic catalog through which NARA is making descriptions of its holdings available via the Internet
- ◆ preparation for opening in 2002 the 1930 Census records
- ◆ advancement of research and development on technologies for enabling NARA to preserve and provide public access to records in electronic forms
- ◆ increased preservation work on veterans' records.

Among other increases, the budget includes funds to fill seventeen staff positions to help researchers in NARA reference rooms around the country, and thirteen staff positions to help federal agencies with record management in Washington, DC and in the regions. (From *The Irish Family History Forum*, Sept/Oct 1999).

A GREAT IDEA: The Olmstead County Genealogical Society has an clever idea for making your genealogy more interesting and more valuable to your family. Have you ever thought about making a collection of the original signature of your family members? It would make a unique gift to pass down to future generations. Potential places you could look to find those old signatures are wills, land records, certificates, and Bibles. (From *The Irish Family History Forum*, September/October 1999).

MOST COMMON SURNAMES IN NORTH AMERICA: According to the AOL Genealogy Forum, these are the "Top 100" most common surnames in North America: Abbott, Adams, Allen, Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barnes, Bell, Bennett, Brooks, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Carter, Clark(e), Cole, Collins, Cook(e), Cooper, Cox, Davis, Edwards, Ellis, Evans, Fisher, Foster, Garcia, Graham, Gray, Green, Griffin, Hall, Hamilton, Harris, Hayes, Henderson, Hill, Howard, Hughes, Jackson, James, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Kelly, King, Lee, Lee, Lewis, Long, Martin, Martinez, McDonald, Meyer(s), Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Morris, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Olson, Parker, Patterson, Perry, Peterson, Phillips, Powell, Price, Reed, Reynolds, Richardson, Roberts, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rogers, Ross, Russell, Sanders, Scott, Simmons, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, Sullivan, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Ward, Watson, West, White, Williams, Wilson, Wood, Wright, Young.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A GENEALOGY ADDICT WHEN:

- ◆ You brake for libraries.
- ◆ You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- ◆ You would rather read census schedules than a good book.
- ◆ You are more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.
- ◆ Moses, Dorcas, and Caleb are household names, but you cannot remember what to call the dog.
- ◆ You can pinpoint Sewickely, McKeesport, Evans City (PA), but can't locate your own state capital on a map.
- ◆ You think every home should have a copier and microfilm reader.
- ◆ You know every register of deeds in the state by name, but they lock the doors when they see you are coming.
- ◆ You store your clothes under the bed, because your closet is full of books and papers.
- ◆ All your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin."
- ◆ You have traced every one of your ancestral lines back to the Cro-Magnons, have it documented and still don't want to quit. (From GenHumor-L Mailing list, 11 October 1999.)

FUNERAL SYMBOLISM: Many tombstones and enclosure tablets have symbols that adorn them. Here are some of the symbols you may find and their meaning:

- ▶ Anchor - symbol of hope.
- ▶ Cross and anchor - early Christian symbol which refers to Christ as the hope we have—as an anchor of the soul, both sincere and steadfast.
- ▶ Angel - "messengers of God;" are often depicted escorting the deceased to heaven or mourning untimely death.
- ▶ Broken column - symbol of a life cut short.
- ▶ Broken flower - symbol of a life terminated.
- ▶ Clasped hands - symbol of unity and affection even after death.
- ▶ Column - universally associated with commemoration; was most often used as a war memorial.
- ▶ Cross - symbol of faith and resurrection; considered the perfect symbol of Christ's sacrifice.
- ▶ Flowers - the symbol of human life and beauty. Individual associations include: Daisy - Innocence; Lily - Purity; Calla lily - Marriage; Lily of the Valley - Purity & humility; Pansy - Remembrance & humility; Poppy - Sleep; Rose - Associated with the Virgin Mary, the red rose symbolizing martyrdom and the white rose symbolizing purity.
- ▶ God/Eye of God - symbol of the omnipresence of God; The eye of God enclosed in a triangle represents the Trinity.
- ▶ Hands - a hand with the index finger pointing upward symbolizes the hope of heaven; hands holding a chain with a broken link symbolizes the death of a family member.
- ▶ Heart - symbol of love, courage, and intelligence.
- ▶ Hourglass - symbol of the attribute of death and Father Time - the passage of time and the shortness of life.
- ▶ Lamb - symbol of Christ in his sacrificial role and personifies innocence, gentleness, and humility.
- ▶ Mourning figure - typical early twentieth century funerary image.
- ▶ Obelisk - nineteenth century Egyptian revival decoration associated with commemoration.
- ▶ Torch - originally a Greek symbol of life and truth, but the inverted torch of funerary art symbolizes death.
- ▶ Trees - Oak—symbolizes the tree from which the cross was made and a symbol of Christ; Palm—originally a symbol of military victory, and was adapted in Christianity as a symbol of Christ's victory over death; Weeping Willow—a symbol of sorrow and mourning.
- ▶ Urn - originating as a repository for the ashes of the dead in ancient times, has evolved into a popular symbol of mourning.
- ▶ Wreath - represents the victory of the redemption and is now a common memorial symbol. (From *Ancestry*, September/October 1999)

1999 - 2000 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS**1999**

- 7 November "Ezra Meeker: Remember the Oregon Trail!" presented by Raymond Egan, Everett Public Library, 2702 Hoyt, Auditorium, 2 p.m. Contact Carole Dagg, 425-257-8023 for more information.
- 13 November Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society presents Dr. George Schweitzer, Tacoma Elks Lodge, 1965 Union Ave. South, Tacoma, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost \$25 by Nov. 5th; \$30 after. Send registration to Marie Hayden, Registrar, 4010 No. 36th St., Tacoma, WA 98407 or call 253-759-4451 or 253-756-9703.
- 15 November "Learning Among the Oak Groves: A Look at Celtic Life," Tames Alan, Madison House Retirement Center, 12215 NE 128th St, Kirkland, 2 p.m., contact Mahala Murphy-Martin, 425-821-8210 or 425-487-0733 for more information.
- 11 December Irish Genealogical Seminar, Amercian Legion Hall, 3618 SW Alaska Street, Seattle. Cost \$30 for preregistration, \$35 that day. See page 6 of this newsletter for more details.

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- 17-21 January Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2000, includes course tracks on: American Records & Research: Focusing on Families; Thoroughly Sourcing the Midwest; Early Modern and Medieval Sources in England and Wales; German and Swiss Research; Preparing a Family History in the New Millennium; The Power of a Credential: Preparing for Accreditation; Research Methodology: Problem Solving I; Advanced Methodology; Problem Solving II. To obtain a brochure, call the UGS office toll-free at 1-888-INFO-UGA or email them at uga@softsolutions.com
- 28-29 January GENTECH 2000 "Bridging the Centuries: Bringing Genealogy and Technology Together," to be held at San Diego Convention Center. For info, write 1997 Alameda Ter, San Diego, CA 92103-1646 or website <http://www.gentech.org/2000home.htm>
- 6-13 February NGS Trip to Salt Lake City. Dereka Smith, NGS librarian will lead a research trip; limited to 25 participants. Contact her at NGS, 800-473-0060 ext. 331 or email at smith@ngsgenealogy.org
- March Computer Genealogy Workshops presented by Michael John Neill, to be held at Carl Sandburg college, Galesburg, IL. Classes are offered on various dates: PAF 4.0 on 4 March; Windows for Genealogists on 6 March; From Document to Your Computer on 7 March; Using Online Library Catalogs on 8 March; Sharing/Exchanging Information via Internet on 9 March; Genealogy in the Computer Age on 10 March; and Intermediate Genealogy on the Internet on 11 March. For more information call 309-341-5337 or visit the website <<http://www.rootdig.com/sandburg.html>>.
- 6-9 April Ohio Genealogical Society's 39th Annual Conference "Bridging the Past Through Ohio" featuring Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, to be held in Cincinnati. For info, contact the Hamilton Co. Chapter of OGS, voice mail 513-956-7078 or write PO Box 15865, Cincinnati, OH 45215-0865.
- 31 May-3 June NGS Conference in the States, Providence, Rhode Island. For information, phone toll-free 800-473-0060, email to conference@ngsgenealogy.org, or website at www.ngsgenealogy.org
- 10-13 July Genealogical Institute of Mid America, Springfield, Illinois. Four skill-building course offered: "Family History Research Principles, Standards and Sources, Part I" taught by Michael Neill; "Family History Research Principles, Standards and Sources Part II" taught by Sandra Luebking; "American Military Research Sources" taught by Lloyd Bockstruck; and "Our Immigrant Ancestors of 1820-1920" taught by John Phillip Colletta. For information/registration contact Julie Slack at

**EGS LUNCH BUNCH**

Reminder: The EGS Lunch Bunch will **not** meet in November and December due to the holidays. Join the Lunch Bunch when they resume on January 27th, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court, NE 8th and 156th Ave. NE in Bellevue. For information, call Melissa Clausen, 425-373-1488.



ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR DATABASE: See the website at <<http://www.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/civilwar>>

CIVIL WAR INCOME TAX RECORDS: Was your ancestor in the United States during the Civil War? If so, one possible source of records may be found in the Civil War income tax records. The Internal Revenue Act of 1862 institutes a tax to pay for the war. This tax was in effect from 1862-1872, and the records are available through the National Archives. This could be very valuable if your ancestor owned a business or a reasonable amount of property. Check the *Guide to Genealogical Research in the Archives* (929.3 U58) at a library for film numbers. (From *S.C.G. Society, Inc.*, October 1999).

OTHER WEBSITES: Freedmen's Bureau Online - <<http://freedmensbureau.com/>>
Murphy's Public House - <<http://murphy.genealogy.org/>>

EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Computer Interest Group	Will meet Saturday, November 20, 9:30 a.m. at the meeting room at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center. (The room is located at the south end of the main hallway near Bartells Drugs). November's program will be Marilyn Subalo on Tips and Tricks for Web Users. For information, contact Ray French, 425-746-7730.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	November's meeting will be Nov. 25, Firestation 22, 6602 108th Ave. NE, Houghton. Call Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 for more information or email her at rosebode@scn.org
EGS Lunch Bunch	No meeting in November or December due to the holidays. Will resume on Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.
German Interest Group	Will meet Nov. 5, 1 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Gerry Longton will present "What You Need to Know to Write Your Family History." December's meeting will be Dec. 3, same time and place. For more information call Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583.
Irish Research Roundtable	There will be no meeting in November as was scheduled. Watch here for information regarding plans to restart the meetings in 2000. Call Mary Magnuson, 425-746-6627 for information.
Italian Interest Group	Saturday, Nov. 13th, Renton Historical Museum. 235 Mill Street South, Renton (old fire station); 1 p.m. guided tour, then walk the antique shops and at 4 p.m. meet at Armando's Restaurant for a no-host dinner with the group. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Mary at 425-649-2250 or <rsangal@bess.net>.
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group	Monday, November 22, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.
Scandinavian Interest Group	Will meet Nov. 9th, Archives Bldg, BCC Campus, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Carol Owings at 425-641-9930 for information.
Shore to Shore Interest Group	Please call Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050, regarding November's meeting. No meeting in December.
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group	Call Mary Lou McKibben (425-888-2053) for information.

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

Boeing Technology Center
Building 33-07, Eastgate area
2760 160th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA

Firehouse #9
12412 SE 69th Way
Bellevue, WA

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

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

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4200 124th Ave. SE
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7910 NE 132nd St.
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10115 172nd Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 425-881-7488

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350

Newport Way Library
14520 SE Newport Way
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115 East Fourth St.
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Newsletter Schedule: The *Bulletin Board* is published each month, except December. Submission of news and articles to the *Bulletin Board* must be in writing and received **by the 15th of each month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please call Kim at 425-402-9050 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and cooperation is appreciated. Please mail submissions to: Kim Nichols, 15525 NE 195th St., Woodinville, WA 98072-8465 or e-mail to: nichols@nwlink.com **Note:** The EGS Board and the *Bulletin Board* reserve the right to limit and prioritize event announcements, space permitting, to non-profit organization items of genealogical interest.

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EGS CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3 10 a.m. NOTE DATE AND PLACE CHANGE
EGS Board Meeting, Room 6, Bellevue Regional Library
- 4 7:30 p.m. NOTE DATE CHANGE - EGS General Meeting
- 5 1 p.m. German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library
- 9 10 a.m. Scandinavian Interest Group, Archives Bldg.,
BCC Campus
- 13 1 p.m. Italian Interest Group, see page 10 for details
- 20 9:30 a.m. Computer Interest Group, Crossroads Shopping Center
- 22 7 p.m. Original 13 Colonies Interest Group, Firestation 9
- 25 Czech/Slovak Interest Group, Firestation 22, Houghton

DECEMBER

NOTE: There will be no EGS Board Meeting or EGS General Meeting in December. See you in January, 2000!

- 3 1 p.m. German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library

Please see location addresses on page 10

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