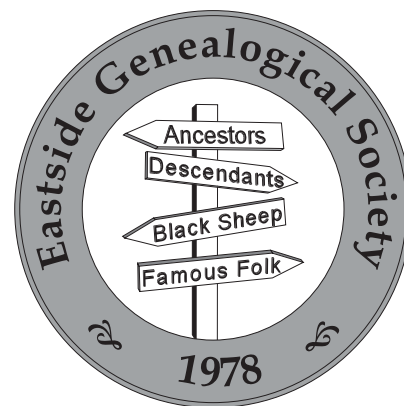


EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN BOARD



EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2010
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: Serendipity and Blind Luck Discussion

About The Program:

Have you found a useful record, a tombstone, a newspaper article or some such for one ancestor while searching for some other line entirely? Have you found that brickwall-breaking tidbit you needed in that box of Grandma's stuff? Has a friend found a goodie for you while searching for their own ancestral record? Have you visited an archive, library or other repository and had the object of your search practically fall into your hands?

Bring your story to the May meeting and share. We're all ears! We do ask that you keep it brief—no recitations of your family tree back to the Ark please!

Hope to see you all there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We sometimes forget the part serendipity, "outside the box" thinking and just plain old luck can play in our never ending search for our dearly departed.

For example, have you googled your troublesome ancestor's name, last name first? I found my 2nd great-grandfather in a Cincinnati city directory that way. Don't neglect alternative spellings, too.

Speaking of Google, try "Google Images", searching on your locale, or if the family was prominent, the family name. You might turn up scanned documents, tombstone or cemetery pictures, pictures of the family home or business or, if you're really lucky, a picture of your person.

Check Cyndislist "new links" frequently. She updates it daily and this may be your day to find a new website for your locale or family name.

We all check Rootsweb and GenWeb for our counties. Revisit them on a regular basis—new goodies are posted all the time. I hadn't revisited the Madison Co., IL site for some time and decided to check for new stuff. Wow! Some nice woman had posted a schematic of the Alton City Cemetery with a list and location of the grave of everyone buried there! There were 4 generations of Armstrongs (my maiden name) and lots of my Dimmocks. By the way, I emailed this woman and thanked her for doing this.

Chat with your fellow members. Strike up a conversation with the person

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:
Thursday, June 10, 2010
Bellevue Regional Library

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next to you at the next meeting, attend special interest group meetings, including Lunch Bunch (4th Thursday, 11:30 at Crossroads Mall). Someone may have found a new website, online database, or—wonder of wonders—you might find a new cousin! Also, that person might remember your surname when they're digging around looking for theirs. (Helping others in this way is how I accumulate good Karma!)

Happy hunting! Judy Meredith, Vice-President

EGS ELECTIONS IN MAY

As reported in the February Newsletter, the Eastside Genealogy Society will conduct the election of officers at the May General Membership Meeting as called for in our by-laws. You may want to refer to the February Newsletter for a review of our by-laws governing this process.

Since this is an even-numbered year, we are scheduled to elect a new President and a Secretary. The EGS Board has taken on the role of Nominating Committee and will be nominating Judy Meredith for President and Walta McCarley for Secretary. These nominations will be officially presented to the membership at the May General Membership Meeting, when additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Walta McCarley is our current Secretary, and has agreed to be nominated for a second term as permitted in the by-laws. Judy Meredith is currently our Vice-President and will have one year remaining on her term if elected President in May. If Judy is elected, the Nominating Committee will present a candidate to fill Judy's remaining term and conduct an election for this position at the June General Membership Meeting. (*Submitted by Norb Ziegler, Nominating Chair*)

COOKIES!

This is a reminder that IF you all want the delicious cookies offered at our annual Cookie Fest, we need a new chairman and committee, since Betty and Dave Bennett will no longer be doing this...We're quitters...after only 10 plus years. It's not that difficult nor time consuming. The directions are printed out, the coffee pots and urns are stored at the Bennett's and there is plenty of time to get ready. Let's hear from some volunteers! (*Submitted by Dave & Betty Bennett*)

GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS LIST OMISSION

In the April newsletter the article *Genealogy and Family History Books for Children and Teens* was not credited to Lisa Fraser, but should have been. Lisa is a reference librarian at Bellevue Regional Library and liaison to the EGS Book Acquisition Committee. Thank you, Lisa, for sharing this list with us.

THE FAMILYSEARCH FAMILY HISTORY ARCHIVE PASSED THE 60,000 MARK

The FamilySearch Family History Archive passed the 60,000 mark for items scanned into the free online digital library. As of March 24, 2010 the total was 60,144 items. As described by the Family History Archives Website, the Family History Archive is a collection of published genealogy and family history books. The archive includes histories of families, county and local histories, how-to books on genealogy, genealogy magazines and periodicals (including some international), medieval books (including histories and pedigrees), and gazetteers. It also includes some specialized collections such as the Filipino card collection and the "Liahona Elders Journal." The books come from the collections of the FamilySearch Family History Library, the Allen County Public Library, the Houston Public Library – Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, the Mid-Continent Public Library – Midwest Genealogy Center, the BYU Harold B. Lee Library, the BYU Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church History Library.

Volunteers and student workers are involved in the scanning project at the various locations and it is supported, in part, by charitable donations. The Family History Archive is by no means the only online resources available through the Website. By clicking on the Advanced Search option, anyone can search tens of thousands of online documents including newspapers and other documents. See the Digital Collections Website for the list of collections, because it is too long to list in this or any other post. (*Submitted by Ann Lamb, EGS member*)

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY - MARCH 4, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Ed Schultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Norb Zeigler, Past President and Nominations Chair

DISCUSSION:

We should consider another beginners' class in view of the interest generated by the two current TV shows.

REPORTS:

► Elections – Norb Zeigler is requesting names of possible candidates.

► Membership – We now have 256 memberships with 261 individuals

► Outreach – April 24: Issaquah Hobby and Volunteer Expo, at the Pickering Barn. Bob to see if electrical outlet available. Discussed holding a seminar to bring in new members. Bob will attend South Whidbey Island Genealogical Society seminar April 10.

► Programs – Ideas for April include military records, DAR panel, maps and migration routes, Czech military records, panel discussions.

► SIGs – Still need a chair. Ed Schultz questioned insurance liability for SIG meetings.
(A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.)

PHOTO & FILM PRESERVATION – YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE

In the past, local historical and genealogical societies have expressed interest in workshops in preserving their photo and film collections. Now, the University of Washington is considering offering a certificate program in Photo and Film Preservation, and we would like feedback from your members regarding whether they believe there is a need in the Seattle community for this type of education.

The 9-month, 90-hour program would most likely be non-credit, and would include topics such as: understanding the photographic artifact, film chemistry, hands-on preservation activities, storage, and using research databases. Multiple field trips to museums, historical societies, and film production studios would be scheduled throughout the year. For those interested in volunteering for (or managing collections for) local historical societies, there will also be optional workshops on grant-writing, appraisals, and working with donors of photographic materials.

The program would likely be scheduled during Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters, on alternating Saturdays, for six hours per day (plus a lunch hour). Classes would be held on the UW Seattle campus, most likely in a Suzzallo Library classroom and preservation lab, and would be conducted by UW experts in photo and film preservation.

If this type of educational program would be of interest to you, it would be very helpful to receive a Reply note detailing your interests. I appreciate your assistance, and look forward to hearing from you.

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FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located 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 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society, have been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. Look for these books in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor.

Irish Emigrants in North America, Part Seven. David Dobson. 2008. 120 pp. R929.308991 DOB

Another volume in the series that documents the departure of thousands of individuals who left Ireland between roughly 1670 and 1830 and disembarked at ports in Ontario, Canada, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. Information includes some or all of the following: name, date of birth, name of ship, occupation in Ireland, reason for emigration, sometimes place of origin in Ireland, place and date of disembarkation, number of persons in household, and source of information.

Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace, 2nd ed. Elizabeth Shown Mills. GPC, 2009. 885 pp. R907.2 MIL 2009

A new edition of the definitive guide to the citation and analysis of historical sources.

Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era: Online and Published Military or Civilian Names Lists, 1861-1869.

William Dollarhide. Family Roots, 2009. 203 pp. R929.373 DOL

Most genealogical records during the decade of the Civil War are related to the soldiers and regiments of the Union and Confederate military. However, there are numerous records relating to the entire population as well. This book identifies the places to look and documents to be found for ancestors during the decade, 1861-1869, as well as post-war veterans. The book is laid out first by nation-wide name lists and then by state listings in alphabetical order.

Marylanders to Kentucky, 1775-1825. Henry C. Peden, Jr. Heritage Books, 2006. 210 pp. R929.3769 PED 2006

Significant numbers of Marylanders migrated to Kentucky after 1776. The information is derived from a variety of primary and secondary sources: Revolutionary War pension abstracts, land records, marriage records, cemetery records, newspapers, genealogical journals, etc. Contains approximately 900 surnames.

More Marylanders to Kentucky, 1778-1828. Henry C. Peden, Jr. Heritage Books, 2006. 272 pp. R929.3769 PED 2006

Supplements above volume.

Ulster Emigration to Colonial America, 1718-1775. R. J. Dickson. Ulster Historical Foundation, 2009 repr. (1966). 320 pp. R325.241609 DIC

This is a work of scholarship on migration in the eighteenth century of a quarter of a million people from Ulster to the New World. It combines detailed investigation of the economic, social and political background to the exodus with information on the emigrant trade and an analysis of the motivations and origins of the emigrants themselves.

Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War. Eric G. Grundset, ed. NSDAR, 2008. 854 pp. R973.34 GRU

Identifies over 6,600 African Americans and American Indians who contributed to American Independence.

Going Home: A Guide to Polish American Family History Research. Jonathan D. Shea. Language & Lineage Press, 2008. 420 pp. R929.107204 SHE

This comprehensive reference book covers all facets of research that you will need to successfully trace your Polish-American family history. Topics include: American & European records, brief history of Polish-American communities, historical maps to help you understand the many border changes, extensive language and translation sections, information on Polish parishes in the U.S., addresses of Polish archives and genealogical and historical societies

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book to add to our collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or if you have one to donate, please contact Sarah Fleming at sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net or 425-957-1134.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND SPRING SEMINAR

On April 10th, Bob Barnes and I attended the Spring Seminar of GSSWI. Their speaker for the day was Dr. Stephen Morse.

The first section of his talk dealt with what he calls “a potpourri of genealogical search tools.” They are gathered under what he calls the 1-Step website. (See the URL at the end of this article.)

He has found (and haven’t we all?) that many website search engines aren’t all that easy to use, so he has designed alternate ways of accessing some of them. Some of the websites he has included are: Ellis Island, Castle Garden, plus other New York arrivals, other ports of migration, a tool that allows you to convert an address to an enumeration district for the 1900, 1910, 1930, and 1940 censuses, plus a tool for searching all the censuses by name, a tool for searching vital records, tools for dealing with foreign alphabets and for the geeks (and you know who you are!) a tool to generate code you need to create a search application of your own. And much more!

After lunch he discussed DNA: how we inherit our DNA, mutations, genetic diseases, and common applications of DNA testing.

The next section was “Phonetic Matching: An Alternative to Soundex With Fewer False Hits.” Searching large databases containing spelling variations has always been a problem. To address this, in 1912 Robert Russell patented his Soundex Code used by the Census Bureau. In 1985 Randy Daitch and Gary Mokotoff developed the Daitch Mokotoff Soundex which is optimized for Eastern European names.

The Beider-Morse Phonetic Matching (BMPM) incorporates rules for determining the particular language based on the spelling of the name along with pronunciation rules for the common languages. This eliminates matches that might “sound alike” under spelling rules of soundex but are phonetically unrelated.

BMPM has been implemented in the following search applications:

1. Searching for passengers in the Ellis Island database.
2. Searching for naturalization records on footnote.com.
3. Searching for Dachau Concentration Camp records.
4. Searching for names in Jewish reference books.

Steve is a very informative and entertaining speaker and we were all anxious to get home and try out his site, www.stevemorse.org.

In addition to a great speaker, Heritage Quest Research from Sumner, WA had tables of books for sale, there was a raffle, pastries and coffee first thing and lunch.

All in all a delightful day! *(Submitted by Judy Meredith)*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Could you donate a few hours a week (or a month) to the Eastside Genealogical Society? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers. None of these jobs require a serious time commitment.

- **Research Assistants**— We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair.
- **Education Chair**—To coordinate classes and educational opportunities.

If you can help, please contact Bob Barnes at 425-747-4863 or rstithbarnes@hotmail.com.

MORE ON MAPS AND GENEALOGY BY BOB BARNES

At our April 8th meeting, both Ed Schultz and I ran out of time at the end of our presentation to cover the sources where maps can be found, either on the internet or in non-internet repositories. Ed has provided the sources that he used elsewhere in the newsletter [on the next page] so I will focus on some of the standard sources of maps and also address some of the challenges in finding just the “right” map. One of the challenges with maps is that maps come in so many different forms from different times, from different original sources and with such a diversity of subject matter of potential interest to the genealogist that it may be challenging to locate what one wants.

Let’s first consider topographical maps, long a staple of the outdoors enthusiasts. Nationwide in coverage, topos have been produced by several federal agencies, most notably the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the Army Map Service (AMS), the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey (USC&GS), and the National Ocean Service. The latter two organizations specialize in nautical mapping (charting) of our waterways, coastlines and harbors. The USGS topographic maps include at least four national mapping series at scales of 1:250000, 1:125000, 1:62500 and most recently 1:24000 (1 inch = 2000 ft). I have one 1:125000 USGS map that was issued in 1899 based on survey data of 1896 or 1897 for the Tacoma Quadrangle here in Washington State. Although technically part of geological folio, it is a complete topographical map showing elevations, water features, roads and railroads, bridges, vegetation and even individually mapped buildings. All of this information was derived from on-ground surveys. (The original survey notes are very likely at the Sandpoint NARA!)

The national series of maps of this scale probably date from 1910-1940, the 1:62500 series generally came out after WWII, and the most recent 1:24000 series dates from about the 1970s. Revised maps of the latter two series based on aerial photography often appear at 10-20 year intervals, and highlight the intervening changes to the ground surfaces and mapped attributes. So if I were interested in locating an ancestral home, farm or place of work in this area I would have a choice of at least four different maps spanning more than a century. Importantly, starting with the 1:62500 map series the mapped features include schools, churches and cemeteries; at the larger scale 1:24000 more detail about individually mapped structures is present.

Topos are great for less developed areas; however as areas get built up additional planimetric (non-contour) information is really desirable in order to provide the necessary level of cultural detail on street names and buildings to be really useful. Thus town or city maps are often used in urban areas. These maps are frequently updated, inexpensive and readily available from public sources. Historically, such planimetric maps have been incorporated in City Directories for almost 200 years.

So where can we locate maps of interest? Standard map repositories include local libraries, university libraries, historical societies, museums, county and state archives, and the Library of Congress. Genealogical societies may also have map collections and some societies have reprints. Because maps don’t just depict historical conditions, they can be historical items themselves. Older maps are often found in special collections which may have more limited access to the general public. Fortunately, modern reproductions of such maps are often available.

I have found that one of the easiest ways to find historical maps is often to search the internet using just the place name followed by “historical map.” Some maps and certainly city directories containing maps can be located using Worldcat.

Some interesting and representative sites are:

- ◆ Library of Congress—American Memory Project. (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/cityhome.html>)
- ◆ www.JeffBockman.com — select Gen.Links and choose “Maps” or “Maps Historic”
- ◆ Shelley, Michael H. Ward Maps of United States Cities: A selective checklist of pre-1900 maps in the Library of Congress. Olin Library at Cornell has microform copies see <http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/maps/wardmaps/htm>
- ◆ Kentucky Historical Society
- ◆ Kansas State Historical Society
- ◆ ancestry.com

MAPPING PROGRAMS AND SITES DEMONSTRATED

Here are links to sites where the programs can be purchased and links to the map sites that were demonstrated by Ed Schultz at last month's EGS meeting.

Mapping Programs Demonstrated:

- ◆ Centennia Historical Atlas <http://www.clockwk.com/centennia.html>

NOTE: EGS recently arranged a group discount for Members who wished to purchase Centennia Historical Atlas. That discount expired on 25 February. If there is additional interest, I'm willing to contact Centennia and request an extension.

- ◆ Family Atlas <http://www.rootsmagic.com/Family-Atlas/>

NOTE: Family Atlas is currently on sale for \$19.95 – a great bargain on a great product.

Mapping Sites Presented

- ◆ Earthpoint <http://www.earthpoint.us/Townships.aspx>

This site (developed by an Idaho realtor) provides a tool for mapping Township and Range coordinates on a Google Earth display.

- ◆ Family History101 <http://www.clockwk.com/centennia.html>

- ◆ Pennsylvania County Maps <http://usgwarchives.net/maps/pa/county/#county>

- ◆ Blair County Genealogical Society <http://www.bcgslibrary.org/>



GIVING & RECEIVING BY BILL DILLON

I enjoy discovering details about my ancestors' lives, writing their stories for our family and sharing some of their experiences in the EGS *Bulletin Board*. The March, 2008, issue included my article, "Stepping Back and Breaking Through," mostly about my GG Grandfather Furney Jones' Civil War experiences in Tazewell, Tennessee.

Imagine my surprise and delight when EGS member, Joyce Felker, called and revealed that her grandfather, Horatio T. Hawthorne, was married first to Furney's daughter Margaret, who died in 1863. Horatio then married again, and Joyce's father was the youngest son of that 2nd marriage. So we are related, not by blood, but by historical and family connections.

Joyce and I met and shared our information. I gave her a copy of her grandfather's signed deposition on behalf of Furney's claims. She gave me an account she had written for her family called "Barefoot Aggie," which included a fun story her Dad loved to tell. That story is about "Mr. Jones fooling the Confederate army." "He put wet clay on his face and put his head in the oven. He peeled off the dry clay and his face was fiery red. The soldiers thought he had scarlet fever and let him go home."

In a deposition signed by Furney Jones, he described being captured by the "Rebels" and held for six weeks "before making my escape." But he didn't reveal how he escaped. I like the account told by Joyce's dad, who probably heard it from his dad or older brothers. Whether 100% accurate or not, it adds life and humor to the tragic Civil War experience. I'm grateful and happy to have learned about it. Who could have imagined I'd find a Tazewell, Tennessee connection at EGS! It seems to prove something about giving and receiving. Share your stories and unexpected good things may happen.

NORWEGIAN SECOND-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER FOUND IN MINOT LIBRARY BY ART STORBO

I enjoy the success stories in the EGS *Bulletin Board*. They illustrate the value of first-hand research at local libraries and following all potential leads. One of my success stories took place in Minot, ND in 2005. My wife Sharon and I stopped there while following the Lewis and Clark Trail. We visited my 'second cousin' Karen, whose father Eddy had been adopted by Mina, my grandmother Karoline's sister. Although my mother and her adopted 'first cousin' Eddy had been close, I had had almost no contact with Karen over the years, having met her only once in 1985 when I took my mother to visit Eddy.

Karen accompanied us to the Minot Library, even though her part of the family was adopted and she understandably had less interest in digging up my ancestors. We researched Erik Ramstad, whom Eddy had said was an uncle to my grandmother. Rumor was that Erik had paid my grandmother's passage to America. In 1883 Erik was a squatter along the Mouse River in North Dakota, but he became known as the 'first citizen of Minot' after 1886 when he sold James J. Hill, builder of the Northern Pacific RR, some of his homestead—land which became the NPRR's staging area for construction to the west and a maintenance depot for the 120 years that followed. The librarian gathered a stack of materials on Erik two feet high for us to review. After several hours, Sharon, Karen, and I reduced the stack to a few items.

One of the remaining resources was the book *Erik Ramstad and the Empire Builder*. It was a gold mine! I knew of Erik, but never counted him as a relative because I was not sure if or how he fit into the family. He didn't belong to Grandmother Karoline's family found in Norway. I had found Karoline's mother Kristine Johannesdatter Veggesrud (my GGM), and knew she had not emigrated to America. Having found little information in Norway on Kristine's mother Anne Ellevsdatter Fossen (my 2GGM), I had assumed Anne lived out her life in Norway and died there as well. Using some 30 farm and name spellings, we had searched for Anne in Norway and the US to no avail; she appeared scarce in the records in Norway, and could not be found in US immigration records. I didn't know which conflicting clues to believe, and so far as I knew, Anne never lived at the farm Ramstad.



Anne Ellevsdatter Ramstad,
c.1890, Minot, ND

The next day I purchased a copy of the book, and found that it contained numerous clues which helped me unravel 2GGM Anne's story. Erik brought his mother Anne to America in 1885 after Anne's husband (Erik's father) died in 1884. One clue was that Anne brought her 23-year old daughter Berthe (Erik's younger sister) with her to America. Sharon later found Anne in the immigration record as Anne Elfstater, with Berthe and another companion, her son Anders Johannesen, who we later determined was a half-brother to Berthe and brother to my GGM Kristine Johannesdatter.

We subsequently found that Anne, born in 1822, had three different men in her life but apparently married only the third one in 1856, when she was 34 and he was 56. She had moved frequently as a poor tenant on various farms, which contributed to her last name changes and made her difficult to track in the church records. The five-volume *bygdebok Sigdal og Eggedal* had been no help; I later learned author Andreas Mørch frequently left illegitimate children out of his book to prevent family embarrassment. Anne had one child by her first man, Lars Nielson Øverbyeie, in 1842. Then Anne had three children including my GGM Kristine Johannesdatter Veggesrud by her second man, Johannes Anderson Lundhof Brue, in 1844, 1846, and 1850. Anna later had three children including Erik Reiersen by her third man, in 1856, 1860, and 1861. She used the farm name Ramstad, as did Erik, after she emigrated. This was more than a matter of convenience; they both chose not to be associated with Erik's father, 'Wild Reier' Pedersen Flå, a man known for his rowdiness, drinking, and womanizing in the *bygdebok Sigdal og Eggedal*.

ter of convenience; they both chose not to be associated with Erik's father, 'Wild Reier' Pedersen Flå, a man known for his rowdiness, drinking, and womanizing in the *bygdebok Sigdal og Eggedal*.

Erik Reiersen (Ramstad) was a half-brother to my GGM Kristine Veggesrud. Erik's mother was indeed my 2GGM Anne. Anne, about whom I knew almost nothing earlier, suddenly became a very real person. She had emigrated to America in 1885 at age 63. As Anne Ramstad in pioneer Minot, she was active in her church and community, and she lived a good life. Anne's son Erik was indeed my grandmother Karoline's uncle (half-uncle), and being wealthy, Erik very likely paid my grandmother Karoline's fare to America. Anne died in (*continued on page 10*)

EGS MAY 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, May 6, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, room 6.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group will meet Thursday, May 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Bellevue Library, room 2. We will continue to research Web sites for help in finding Canadian genealogical information. Bring information on favorite Web sites to share. Call John Howell on (206) 817-7516 with comments or questions.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Join the Computer Interest Group on Saturday, May 22 at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue to hear members who attended National Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake talk about what they learned in sessions on new technology, new sources for researchers, and more about ancestry.com . (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 5, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland. See website for more information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The EGS German Interest Group will meet on Friday, May 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room. Our topic this month will be “Favorite Websites for Genealogy Research.” Members will share insights about some of their favorite websites. Visitors are always welcome. (Ann annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Irish Interest will meet May 5 at the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue at 10:00 AM. The speaker will be Mary H. Slawson, Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Association of Professional Historians, Co-Host of the radio show <i>Relatively Speaking</i> , author of <i>Getting It Right: The Definitive Guide to Recording Family History Accurately</i> , Irish Medieval Specialist for the Salt Lake City Family History Library, currently serving as the Chairwoman of the Human Family Project and Co-Founder and a Chairperson for the Irish Genealogical and Historical Society. Mary specializes in Irish, early American, African American and family history for medical research. (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Please contact Mary for meeting information. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Please contact Sherry for meeting information. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group's program for May will be a presentation of Swedish folkdräkt by Kathy Carlson. We meet on Tuesday, May 11, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue College. Please see the website for more information eastsidesig.spaces.live.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore Interest Group is scheduled to go to Seattle Public Library on Tuesday, May 4. However Shirley is hoping to change the day so if anyone other than a Shore to Shore member is interested in going, please call Shirley to verify the day and time. We can buy lunch at the library. Visitors welcome — please contact Shirley Dowd if you plan to go to this activity. (Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078)

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
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Minot in 1907. With Karen's help we found her grave in a Minot cemetery, part of the Ramstad family plot. I even obtained a picture of Anne. Her portrait was hanging on the Minot Library wall along with Erik's, as she also owned part of early-day Minot as a pioneer homesteader.

All of this information unfolded as a result of a remark made by Cousin Eddy to my mother in a conversation in 1985. It pays to keep good notes of conversations, and to revisit such notes for new meaning when one has more perspective. And sometimes, books written about others contain invaluable clues in tracing ancestors.

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LOCAL EVENTS

■ The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, May 8, 2010, 10:30 AM to Noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Speaker Kemper Freeman will reflect back on the family business that turned a strawberry farm into Bellevue Square. The family even has Redmond roots, having lived on Marymoor Farm (today's Marymoor Park) in the 1950s with Kemper Jr. and his sister raising dairy calves. Don't miss this meeting. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

■ Old Redmond Historic Walking Tour: If you live in Redmond, you probably drive along Leary Way daily. But do you know the histories of our oldest buildings? Like, which one was both an undertaker's premises and a bordello? Tom Hitzroth will educate and entertain folks with walking tours that explore those histories. The remaining dates this year are May 16, June 20, and September 19, 2010. Tours run from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and walkers meet on the front steps of the Justice White House, 7730 Leary Way. A tour will not be held if it rains. An \$8 fee helps fund Society research. Pre-registration is required. To register, phone or email the Redmond Historical Society office at 425-885-2919 or info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org

■ The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents *The Y Chromosome and Beyond: Tracing Your Genealogy with the "Other" DNA* with speaker Bennett Greenspan on Monday, May 10, 2010. Doors open at 7:00 PM; the JGSWS library and WiFi will be available (bring your laptops). Presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Auditorium, Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island WA 98040. ABOUT OUR PROGRAM: Genetic genealogy is a new and exciting field. In the recent past, researchers have used Y-DNA tests look for relatives along specific paternal lines, and mtDNA tests to look for relatives along maternal lines. These tests have been instrumental in exploring recent and early Jewish roots, including links among many Ashkenazim and Sephardim. Now there is a new genetic test that uses autosomal chromosomes to look for close relationships along all ancestral lines. This test can find links between male and female cousins across all family lines for the past five generations. Greenspan will explain the new technique in detail and provide exciting examples of new matches. He will also discuss the nuances of Y-DNA and mtDNA testing. Free admission for JGSWS members, \$5.00 for non-members. Visit our website at: <http://www.jgsws.org>

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