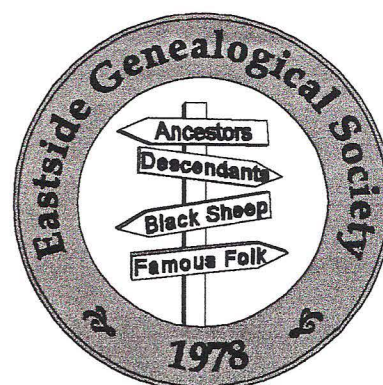


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2003
Time: 7:00 PM Welcome new members,
Supply table
7:30 PM Meeting
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Using and Preserving Old Photographs
Speaker: Carolyn Blount of the Fiske Library

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Carolyn Blount will speak to us at the General Meeting on June 12th about "Using and Preserving Old Photos" in our genealogical research.

Carolyn Blount has a BA in Home Economics, a Masters Degree in Textile Science, and a Doctorate in Family Studies. She has taught in public schools both here and abroad, and before retiring headed the Fashion Design and Merchandising program at Shoreline Community College for 33 years.

Carolyn has always been interested in her family's history and eventually took classes from Arthur Fiske. She has been involved with the Fiske Library ever since. Using her background in costume, and with the help of professional photographers, she learned and devised techniques for dating and identifying old photos.

Luckily for us, she is happy to share her expertise.

NEXT MONTH

In July our program will be Sarah Thorson Little who will speak on "Family History Resources on the Internet."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having served as President for a year, I have submitted an Annual Report which appears elsewhere in this issue. I would like to make a few more personal observations here.

According to our Bylaws, it is one of my duties to appoint (with the approval of the Board) the chairmen of the Standing Committees annually at the beginning of our fiscal year (June 1). The Standing Committees are named as Audit, Nominating, Education, Library, Membership, Program, and Supply Table. Two other "Standing Committees" apparently designated by past Boards but not specified in the Bylaws, are the Newsletter Editor and the Sunshine Committee. It is my intention to ask all the present chairmen, some newly appointed, to continue serving through the next year. They are, respectively, Audit, Ron Haworth; Nominating, Maxine Klink; Education, Carol Pattison; Library, Winnie Sihon; Membership, Dorothy Mehrer; Program, Judy Meredith; Supply Table, Carol Pattison; Newsletter Editor, Pat Clarke; and Sunshine, Ielene Edmonson. Many thanks, both to those already serving and those newly appointed.

We also have several special committees, not specified in the Bylaws, whose chairmen I also invite to continue serving: Historian, Walta McCarley; Hospitality, Mary Ellen Scott; Meeting Set Up, vacant; Newsletter Mailing, Jim Flexer; Program Summary, vacant; Publicity, vacant; Surname File, Kim Nichols; and Webmaster, Gordon Young.

Several committee chairmen have had to resign during the year due to health or other reasons, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their services to the Society. Betty Bennett served as Education Chairman for about 18 months,

having also arranged Beginning Genealogy classes for some time before that. Her husband Dave Bennett served as Meeting Setup Chairman for a year. Dr. Shirley Deffenbaugh served as Library Chairman for a year. Mary Daniels served as Vertical File/Periodicals Chairman for almost two years. Kimberly Lackey served as Program Summary writer and Publicity Chairman for a couple of years. Thank you all!

You will note that the Meeting Setup, Program Summary, and Publicity committees are vacant. Meeting Setup is usually a matter of guiding the early arrivals in setting up the chairs as needed for the evening, and putting them away afterward. Program Summary is a writing job, writing a summary of the evening's program for the newsletter. Publicity Committee gets the word out to local print and electronic media about upcoming programs and other genealogy-related community activities. Call me any time, or E-mail, to volunteer for any of these.

Gene Fagerberg, EGS President

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE, 2003

Thanks to an energetic and supportive Board and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, EGS has enjoyed another good year. We have hosted eleven interesting and instructive General Meetings, supported the Bellevue Regional Library by holding beginning genealogy classes and assisting library clients with their genealogical research, sponsored jointly with South King County Genealogical Society (SKCGS) the Roots Search I seminar, and organized and manned a Roots Fair at the Crossroads Mall. We are preparing to participate in another Family History Expo in Redmond.

We have just welcomed a new Vice President, Janet Crewdson, a new Treasurer, Kay Wilson, and a new Trustee, Jackie Bushnell. The retiring Vice President, Bobbie Gyll, has once again been as much a co-President as a Vice-President. Retiring Treasurer Earl Sutherland has spent many hours keeping track of and reporting on our finances. Retiring Trustee Peter Robertson has given wise counsel and good ideas from his perspective of long experience. All have been faithful and supportive Board members, and we thank them profusely. As officers are now elected to staggered terms, under revised Bylaws, Secretary Jan Henderson

and I continue to serve. The Handbook for the Board, presented to all five of the elected officers a year ago by retiring President Mickey Main, has been very helpful (essential!) in conducting our business. As always, your officers are open to your ideas, suggestions, and constructive criticisms.

When Program Chairman Pat Mitskog had to retire due to ill health, the Board took over the task of arranging programs for several months. Judy Meredith has now volunteered to be Program

Chairman, so the Board can revert to a supporting role as we look forward to a continuing series of entertaining and educational programs. If you have suggestions for programs or speakers you would like to hear, please let Judy know.

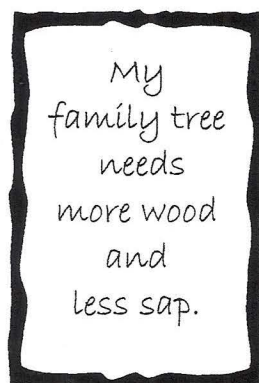
Mickey Main and Bobbie Gyll were the EGS co-chairmen, and Tom Hammond and Sylva Copp the SKCGS co-chairmen, for the Roots Search I genealogy seminar held on September 7, 2002. The seminar attracted an audience of about 124, and brought in several hundred dollars to our treasury. We look forward to another collaboration with SKCGS, and are examining the possibilities.

Our financial assets have increased in the last year, and an audit is now underway in accordance with our Bylaws. The books appear to be in good shape, thanks to departing Treasurer Earl Sutherland, and of course the results of the audit will be reported when available.

Finally, the Society runs on the energy of its volunteers. Rather than name them all here, I'll simply ask you to read the long list of committee chairmen, representatives, and Interest Group leaders inside the back cover, realizing that each is backed-up by other volunteers, and say a quiet "Thank you, all." Then pick a committee you'd like to learn more about, and call the chairman to volunteer.

MAY GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

Roger Shell, President of the Camlann Medieval Association and founder and director of the Camlann Medieval Village project, accompanied by his wife Sally, spoke to us about the adventure of finding old genealogical records in Europe. Both came attired in period costume representative of Camlann Village, a re-enactment village typical of one in 1376 Somerset, England.



Finding records in Europe requires a lot of preparatory work here at home, because one must know quite accurately where his immigrant ancestor lived and perhaps some other things about him to narrow down the search. Records one might seek were kept on the national, regional, and parish levels, and the seats of all of these changed with time, so history and old maps will be significant elements of your homework. For example, if your ancestor was said to be "German", he might have come from almost any corner of central Europe. What is now Germany consisted of literally hundreds of duchies, palatinates, and small semi-independent states. It will also pay to know the religious affiliation of your German ancestor, as the churches were the keepers of vital records in those times. Even if you're in the right town, you may need to find the one and only church among several where your ancestral family's births, marriages, and deaths are recorded.

In England you can find civil records of births, marriages, and deaths after 1837, and there is an active project to transcribe these to electronic format available on the Internet. Sally mentioned a site, www.1837online.com, where there is interesting information on these records, and others are listed in Roger's bibliography. Again, before 1837, the churches were the keepers of vital records.

Places you might find the birthplace of an immigrant ancestor are naturalization papers, the 1900 Census, church registers, immigration records, death certificates, obituaries, and emigrant records in the land of departure. Don't give up -- you might find a source we haven't thought of before!

Looking at old records in any land can be fraught with frustration. Problems one might encounter are unfamiliar language, unfamiliar scripts, poor penmanship, reticent or unhelpful archivists, faded ink, damaged and missing pages, and, in modern transcriptions, bad film. One can sometimes take a picture of the records and study them at a later date, but it might make sense to hire a local historian or genealogist to transcribe and translate the records you can't read.

You can find out more about Camlann at their web site, www.camlann.org

Many thanks to Roger and Sally for sharing their experiences and insights.

RECOGNITION FOR KIM NICHOLS

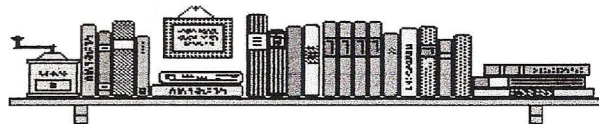
A certificate of appreciation was read at the

May 8 General meeting, in recognition of Kim Nichols' dedicated service as Organizing Chairman of the Crossroads Mall Roots Fair, both in 2001 and 2003, and in maintaining the Society's Surname File and undertaking the considerable task of converting it to a computer file. Many thanks, Kim, for all your efforts in our behalf, especially in this period when your life is so busy.

JIM KING TO RETIRE

We have heard that Mr. Jim King, manager of the Bellevue Regional Library, plans to retire on June 15. We in EGS have had a long and fruitful relationship with Mr. King and his staff. Our collection of genealogical materials has been accepted as a part of the Library's collection, and the Library assists in selecting and continues to accept the books we donate; our volunteers have been allowed to use a conference room to provide guidance to clients on their genealogical research, and have been allowed to assist with the maintenance of the genealogical collection; and we have been allowed to hold our monthly public meeting in the Library. Many thanks to Mr. King for his part in all of this. If you see Mr. King around the library, you may wish to congratulate him in person.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. King for a long, happy, and productive retirement.



NOTABLE BOOKS IN THE BELLEVUE LIBRARY

The May 2003 issue of the EGS newsletter had an announcement from the EGS Book Acquisitions Committee about a new book on the shelves of the Bellevue Library -- *Fire Insurance Maps: Their History and Application* (R368.11 Osw) by Diane L. Oswald. This is a great little book of 100 pages. If you don't know about the Sanborn fire insurance maps, here is an easy way to learn about their usefulness to genealogists in regard to ancestors' dwelling and businesses.

Another reference which tells about the use of Sanborn fire maps is a section in *The Source* (929.1 Szu), p. 675. There is also a good article about this topic in the May/June 2003 issue of *Family Chronicle*, pp. 9-12; look for this magazine on the periodicals shelves in the Bellevue Library.

The Bellevue Library has a set of fire maps of Washington state on microfilm; ask for the micro-

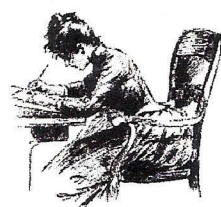
film at the Reference Desk. The Seattle Library has not only a complete set of microfilms on the Seattle area between 1905-1951, but also, on the Seattle Public Library website, copies of the Library of Congress collection of more than 1700 such maps for American and Canadian towns and cities. Other local libraries with fire maps are the University of Washington Library map collection and Tacoma Public Library.

If you need an address for your particular building, use city directories, census records, or MapQuest (www.mapquest.com). You may be able to find a photo or drawing of the building from a historical society, a library, or a newspaper in the vicinity.

The fire insurance companies had logos or signs called fire marks. The fire mark, a small plaque, was attached to an insured building. This use of fire marks started in Europe, and was adopted very early in America. Look at photos of over 1800 fire marks in a circulating book *Footprints of Assurance* (368.11 Bul) by Alwin E. Bulau on the third floor of the Bellevue Regional Library.

[Contributed by EGS member Gloria Brown.]

THINKING OF YOU



A Get Well card was sent to Jim Flexer who is recovering from back surgery. A Sympathy card was sent to Barbara Gyll in the loss of a special Aunt.

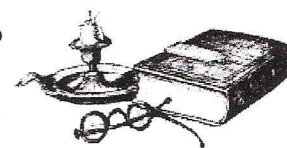
NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations, or donated by members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the May Bulletin Board. All books should be found in the new Genealogy Reference section on the second floor.

The Great Migration: Immigrants To New England 1634-1635, by Robert Charles Anderson, New England Genealogical and Historical Society, Vol 1, Surnames A-B, 1999, 635 pages, and; Vol 2, Surnames C-F, 2001, 740 pages. A summarization of genealogical and biographical data collected on these early immigrants. (R929.374 AND)

American Women And The U.S. Armed Forces: a guide to the records of military agencies in the Na-

tional Archives relating to American women, compiled by Charlotte Palmer Seeley, revised by Virginia C. [Purdy and Robert Gruber. Covering the last two centuries, the records highlighted discuss women as participants in and victims of war, suppliers of military goods and services, and wives and mothers of soldiers. Includes and comprehensive name and subject index. Donated by EGS member Jan Watson. (R355.0082 AME)



Genealogical Materials In The New Orleans Public Library's Louisiana Division And City Archives, by Collin B. Hamer, Jr., et al, Friends of the New Orleans Public Library, 1998. This guide will introduce you to the rich genealogical sources on New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, and the Southeastern United States available at the New Orleans Public Library. (R929.107207 HAM)

Georgia Research, A Handbook For Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, And Other Researchers, by Robert S. Davis, Jr. and Ted O. Boone, Georgia Genealogical Society 2001. Includes federal and state sources in Georgia, county-by-county listing of sources, tips for researching each time period in Georgia history. (R929.197207 DAV)

The Records Of Living Officers Of The U.S. Navy And Marine Corps with a history of naval operations during the rebellion of 1861-5, and a list of the ships and officers participating in the great battles, compiled from official sources by Lewis R. Hamersly, J.B. Lippincott & Co. 1870. (R973.74 HAM)

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book for our growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or if you would like to donate one, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by contacting Sarah Fleming at 425-957-1134 or Carl Cason via email at ccason@compuserve.com. Suggestion forms are also available at the monthly General Membership Meetings.

RESEARCH TIP

Tax time is a reminder that old tax forms can be valuable in research for our families. The income tax act was passed in 1862 to finance the Civil War. Those tax records are available at the National Ar-

chives on microfilm. Because no one was immune from these tax laws, there is a good chance that your Civil War ancestor would be listed in those tax rolls. From that date forward it is possible to find tax records. They can give you location, occupation, place of employment, etc. All of these items can help build that family history.

[Excerpted from SKCGS News May/June 2003]

EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER

Eastside Heritage Center, knocked from its moorings at Marymoor Park in Redmond, has found a home – at least temporarily – in Bellevue.

The city and center agreed to allow Eastside Heritage to spend three years in the Paxton/McDowell property at 11660 Main Street. In return, Bellevue will receive 720 hours of service.

The center has agreed to work on at least six projects that would assist the city while it occupies the residence built in 1918. Eastside had leased at no cost from the county the Clise Mansion in Marymoor Park. The county elected to look for paying customers.

[King County Journal 7 May 2003]

SLAVE RECORDS GO PUBLIC

California never allowed slavery, however it is the first state to require release of slave-related records held by insurance companies doing business in the state. More than 1,000 slaves and slaveholders are named in records provided by a dozen firms. (www.insurance.ca.gov/docs/FS-SEIR.htm)

[WSGS Newsletter Jan/Feb 2003]

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY

The Museum of History & Industry in Seattle has an online database of historical photographs. There are images of Seattle, King County, and other areas of Washington State. Photos are easily accessed by keyword search at www.seattlehistory.org/index3.htm. Check the "Photo Adventures" section of the website to learn how historians use photos for evidence.

[FGS Forum, Fall 2002 via WSGS Newsletter Jan/Feb 2003]

RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

"To advise the genealogical community on ensuring proper access to historical records of genealogical value in whatever media they are recorded, on means to affect legislation, and on supporting strong records preservation policies and practices."

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS) have agreed to a combined effort to address these issues through the FGS Records Access and Preservation Committee. This cooperative venture is intended to advise the genealogical and historical communities, as well as other interested parties, on ensuring proper access to vital records, on means to effect legislation, and on supporting strong records preservation policies and practices.

Records are always at risk of accidental or scheduled destruction. Today, many additional problems threaten access to the documents and collections that hold our genealogical, medical, and social history. Funding cuts resulting from budget crises, large scale natural disasters, as well as rapidly changing technology add to the existing problems of preserving and maintaining access to records.

The Federation and the National Genealogy Society cannot solve all these complex issues, but are acting to help coordinate the efforts of individuals and societies who can have a tremendous impact on these problems. The effective response to access and preservation challenges are usually from the individuals who vote and pay taxes in the specific locality. YOU, individually, and the genealogical societies of which YOU are a member, can make the difference on these issues in your area. Visit their website at: www.fgs.org/RPA/ to see what records are in jeopardy through the United States.

[Reprinted from the RPA website]

CAUSE OF DEATH

More than 600 people gathered in Limerick's Jesuit church for a memorial service for the world famous, Limerick-born actor Richard Harris. The eulogy was delivered by Noel Pearson, a Dublin filmmaker. He said that Harris never lost his sense of humor. "Richard had been living in the Savoy Hotel in London for the last 15 or 18 years. When he was finally carried out by stretcher, he popped his head up and shouted, 'it was the food. It was the food!' at the many shocked hotel guests."

[Irish Roots, 2003 Number 1]

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

The Veterans History Project is a novel exercise in oral history and a race against the clock. Conceived two years ago as an ambitious attempt to tap the collective memories of soldiers from World War I through the Gulf War in 1991, the project is the

most sweeping government and Library of Congress effort to amass personal American chronicles since the Great Depression.

The library's archivists face a pressing generational deadline. They already have amassed narratives and relics from more than 3,000 soldiers — including 2,100 from World War II-era veterans. But they have reached only a fraction of the 4 million living Americans who served the country six decades ago and are now dying at the rate of 1,500 a day.

Despite the commercial explosion of books and films about the WWII generation, the veterans project has had to struggle to raise its profile. Its archivists depend on citizen volunteers to nudge veterans into looking backward.

Hundreds of recordings and transcripts and mounds of wartime correspondence and memorabilia have stacked up on shelves inside the projects archives near the Capitol.

Although much of the material will be available only at the Washington archives, the library has laid plans to put a broad sample on its website.

To learn more about how you can help, go to their website at: www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/about.html.

[Excerpted from an article by Stephen Braun, Los Angeles Times via The Seattle Times, 11 February 2003]

FREE ANCESTRY DATABASES

Everyone knows that Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com) has millions of genealogy databases available to subscribers. But did you know that several of those databases are free to all site visitors? These include goodies such as Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Michigan Historical Society Records, Salem Witches and World War I Civilian Draft Registrations.

One of the most important free databases at Ancestry is the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI). The AGBI includes millions of re-

cords of names mentioned in printed genealogy records or family histories. Each of the records contains the person's name, state of birth (if known) and the name of the reference work. In some instances, the name of the reference work can be a clue for future research, as in the case of "persons still living who traveled from Germany to America."

Finding all of Ancestry's free databases can be tedious, but worth the effort. From the home page, click Advanced Search. On the next page, scroll

toward the bottom and click on List All Databases. Next, you'll find an alphabetical listing of every database and notations next to those that are free. Because there are thousands of databases, you'll have to navigate page by page through each letter of the alphabet to find all of the freebies. Included in the free selections are first-person narratives of an 1849 trip to California and pioneering days in Minnesota. If you ever run across a hard-to-find town, be sure to search the free database "Geographic Reference Library." Happy Hunting!

[From Family Tree Email Update 8 May 2003]

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7-9 PM and Wednesdays from 1-3 PM.

BILL GATES IS SURPRISED AT THE POPULARITY OF COMPUTER GENEALOGY

According to a story in television station KSFY's Web site, Bill Gates was amazed when he recently learned that a lot of people are using computers to find their ancestry. Gates expressed amazement when told that the computers that he and his wife donated to the Watertown, South Dakota, Public Library are used mostly for genealogy research.

It is surprising that Bill Gates did not know that genealogy is one of the three most popular topics on the Internet, according to a number of published reports. You really do have to get out with people more often, Bill.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, June 14, 2003, 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the Cotterill Auditorium of The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Tom Hitzroth will speak on how he relocated the original John Tosh homestead site near Clise Mansion in Marymoor Park. Tom is past president of the Board of the Marymoor Museum of Eastside History and is currently researching the history of the Willowmoor Historic District. Visit our website: www.redmondhistory.org.

REDMOND STAKE FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

This Family History Expo is coming up on June 7th from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Church located on 10115 172nd NE in Redmond, Washington. This location is just across from the Redmond High School on Education Hill. You may find the details of this event on our web site www.waroot.net as well as a map showing our location and driving instructions.

We believe that this year's event is chuck full of excellent classes and instructors, which will benefit those individuals who are sophisticated in genealogical research as well as those who are just beginning to take this adventurous trip. The following chart outlines these classes and activities.

9:00am Keynote Speaker

Darlene Hamilton,
Genealogy Dept. at Seattle Public Library

10:00am

- Researching Census Records at Nat'l Archives
Patty McNamee
- Jump Start Genealogy Mindy Stillion
- Italian Research Mary Sangalang
- Irish Research Ann Lamb/Georgeann Malowney
- Using the Internet for Genealogy John Overbaugh
- Family Search Bob Mullen
- Writing Your Personal History Delores Davis
- Computer Lab Staff

11:30am

- Researching Military Records at Nat'l Archives
Patty McNamee
- US Research in the 1800's Leslie Edmunds
- English Research Don Baker

- Scandinavian Research Jan Sjavig
- Using the Internet for Genealogy John Overbaugh
- Temple Ready Bob Mullen
- Writing Your Personal History Delores Davis
- Computer Lab Staff

12:50pm Lunch Break**1:30pm**

- Researching Immigration Records at Nat'l Archives
Karen Sipe
- Jump Start Genealogy Mindy Stillion
- German Research Dave Thaler & Maxine Klink
- Legacy 4.0 Software Dave Berdan & Ken McGinnis
- Census on the Internet Lisa Lee
- Family Search Bob Mullen
- Mid-Atlantic States Research Gary Zimmerman
- Computer Lab Staff

3:00pm

- Researching Immigration Records at Nat'l Archives
Karen Sipe
- Getting It Right Mary Slawson
- Finding Your Ancestors Across the Sea
Don Baker
- Advanced Legacy Dave Berdan & Ken McGinnis
- Internet 20 Minutes a Day Leslie Edmunds
- Communicating With Email John Overbaugh
- Canadian Research Lisa Lee
- Computer Lab Staff

These classes will provide the genealogist with a full day of excitement as they learn and discuss these topics with some outstanding instructors.

Remember June 7th. We hope you come and join us.
Mark Hoover 425-869-5656

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN, R.I.P.

It is with sadness that the report comes that New Hampshire has lost its state symbol. The Old Man of the Mountain, on Cannon Mountain in Franconia, stood for centuries. This rock formation looked like a man's face, a face that was rugged, like of the character of many New Hampshire citizens over the years.

Long before the arrival of the White Man, local Indians worshipped the image as a god. Early settlers were also in awe of the image high on Cannon Mountain. Daniel Webster once said, "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoe makers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers a monster watch, and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the Mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men."

The image of the Old Man of the Mountain ap-

pears on the state quarter, on state road signs, and on countless souvenirs and tourist brochures. It also appears on state license plates. However, the symbol no longer exists. Last week the stone face collapsed as a likely result of heavy rains, high winds, and freezing temperatures, probably accompanied by ice freezing in the stone crevices. The Old Man of the Mountain now lives only in memories.

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GENSEEKERS SCAM

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GenSeekers is at it again. The "company" appears to be a one-person operation, using a variety of company names. The names include: FamilyDiscovery.com, Genealogy-Developments.com, GenLocator.com and Genealogy-Express.com. I am sure there are other names too.

GenSeekers has been in operation under a vari-

ety of names. In fact, the company listing in the Better Business Bureau's records is as follows: Family Discovery, PO Box 10364, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410.

GenSeekers.com lists the same address at one place on the GenSeekers.com Web site and the following address and telephone number on another page: Family GenSeekers, 314 66th Ave SW #15, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

The Better Business Bureau Web site says, "Based on BBB files, this company has an unsatisfactory record with the Bureau due to unanswered complaints. The company has resolved some complaints presented by the Bureau; however, the Bureau did not receive a response to other complaints." You can read even more about this Web site's "business" on the Better Business Bureau of Des Moines Web site at: www.desmoines.bbb.org/commonreport.html?compid=17002492.

Buyer beware! If you receive an offer in e-mail, be suspicious. Check the back issues of this newsletter. It only takes a few seconds to do that: go to www.RootsForum.com and click on "Search Past Newsletters." Enter the name of the "company" that is offering services and then click on SEARCH. Within four or five seconds you will see every occurrence of that company name that has ever been published in this newsletter in the past seven years. You'll see both the good news and the bad news about that company.

Next, if you do make an online purchase, always pay by credit card (despite the old wives' tales about the use of credit cards on the Web). The credit card companies protect their customers far better than any individual bank can ever do. Had the hapless purchaser used a credit card, MasterCard, VISA or American Express would have quickly refunded the money and then dealt directly with the scam artist themselves.

Credit card companies now fully insure your online purchases against fraud. You do not enjoy that level of protection with checks or money orders.

WEBSITES TO TRY

- Surname Heirlooms - We reunite heirlooms from the past to family members of today. Items listed by surname, date, location & item type. Letters, Postcards, Photographs, Bonds and much more.
www.surnameheirlooms.com
- This is the award winning "Cyndi's List" of Canada with 1993 links. It includes national and

provincial sections.

www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/cghl.html

- Puerto Rican Roots
www.prroots.com/
- Jewish Web Index
www.jewishwebindex.com/
- Bankruptcy Records of the U.S. District Court, 1800-1809.
www.genealogy-quest.com/cgi-bin/genealogy-quest/bankruptcy.cgi
- A Slovak Portal
www.slovakia-slovakia.com
- Library of Congress article on preserving photos and documents.
lcweb.loc.gov/preserv/care/paper.html
- Timelines of History
timelines.ws
- Scriptrans
Have documents written in Old German Script transcribed at no cost.
www.tranquility.net/~pwrigh01
- Irish Songs by Donal O'Shaughnessy-Sing your way to Ireland with this comprehensive song lyric database.
www.irishsongs.com/archive.asp
- Ireland Newspaper Abstracts -Find your Irish ancestors in old newspapers.
www.newspaperabstracts.com/ireland
- Historical Genetics— Access a list of surname DNA projects and find out developments in genetic genealogy research.
www.historicalgenetics.com

MURPHY'S LAWS OF GENEALOGY

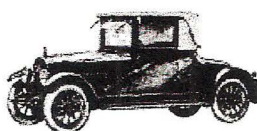
The will you need is in the safe
on board the Titanic.

EGS MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name <i>Regular Schedule</i>	Meeting Notice <i>(Information Contact)</i>
EGS Board Meeting <i>(First Thursday 10:00 AM)</i>	The EGS Board will meet on Thursday, June 5th at 10:00 AM in the Redmond Public Library. <u>Note meeting place.</u>
EGS General Meeting <i>(Second Thursday, 7:30 PM)</i>	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, June 12th at 7:30 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. The Supply Table opens at 7:00 PM
Computer Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 9:30 AM)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 21st at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center. (Ray French, 425-746-7730, rayf@oz.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group <i>(Check EGS Bulletin each month for meeting time information)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 28th at 9:30 AM to noon at Fire Station #22 in Houghton. (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170, rosie@bodien.org.)
EGS Lunch Bunch <i>(Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)</i>	Will meet on Thursday, June 26th at 11:30 AM in the Crossroads Mall Food Court. (Myra McDowell, 425-641-4650, mogan@foxinternet.net)
German Interest Group <i>(First Friday, 1:00 PM)</i>	Will meet on Friday, June 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the <u>Newport Way Library</u> . *Note location change. The speaker will be Laura Wise who will discuss "Internet Resources Through KCLS" such as databases, Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest. Group will make final plans for the Redmond LDS Expo III. (Contact Jan Pankratz 425-222-7583 or rjpankrat@msn.com.)
Italian Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)</i>	Will meet Saturday, June 21st, 1:30 to 3:30 PM at Lake Hills Library (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250, collectingroots@att.net)
Scandinavian Interest Group <i>(Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)</i>	Will meet Tuesday, June 10th at 10:00 AM in the Regional Archives Bldg. at Bellevue Community College. (Carol Owings 425-641-9930 or owings30@msn.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group <i>(Third Thursday, 10:00 AM)</i>	Will meet Thursday, June 19th at 9:30 AM to go the Puget Sound Regional Archives at BCC. Call Jan Henderson if you plan to go. (Jan Henderson 425-603-9337)
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group <i>(3rd Thursday, 9:30 AM)</i>	Will meet Thursday, June 19th at the North Bend Library (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440, ann1777@aol.com)

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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	Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350
National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999	LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria 4200 124th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361	LDS Fam. Hist. Center - Redmond 10115 172nd Ave. NE Redmond, WA 425-881-7488
Newport Way Library 14520 SE Newport Way Bellevue WA 425-747-2390	North Bend Library 115 East Fourth St North Bend, WA 425-888-0554	Redmond Regional Library 15990 NE 85th St Redmond, WA
Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007 425-564-3940	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223
Firehouse #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA		

2002 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS 2003

- June 7 The Redmond Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is sponsoring their annual Family History Expo on Saturday, June 7, 2003. This event will be held from 9:00AM until 3:00 PM at the Church located at 10115 172nd Ave NE in Redmond, WA, which is just across from Redmond HighSchool.
- June 15-22 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia [AHSGR] International Convention will be Sunday to Sunday in Yakima, WA. For information contact Jean Roth 206-782-2629 or jeanaroth@juno.com.
- June 19-21 Columbus, OH: "German Ancestry from Quill Pen to Cyberspace" will be the theme of the 2003 National Conference of Palatines to America. Speakers for this event will be Cyndi Howells, Joan Kirchman Mitchell, Beth Stahr, Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Richard Pawling and Roger Minert. www.palam.org/conf/2003conf.htm
- July 11-12 Indianapolis, IN: Midwestern Roots 2003: Family History and Genealogy Conference held by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society. Conference speakers include Tony Burroughs, Amy Johnson Crow, John Philip Colletta, Cyndi Howells, Michael John Neill, Loretto Szucs, Curt Witcher, and others. www.indianahistory.org/midwestern_roots/
- August 16 The Norman Morison Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary will be held in Victoria, British Columbia on August 16, 2003. The Hudson's Bay Co. ship, 'Norman Morison's' last trip to Victoria arrived in 1853 and in 1953 a celebration was held to commemorate this. 2003 will mark the 150th anniversary of that final arrival and a celebration is planned for descendants of passengers on any of the 3 trips of the 'Norman Morison'. Information may be found at: www.joansjoy.ca/Reunions.
- September 3-6 The FGS 2003 Conference in the States, "Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures", will be hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society next fall in Orlando, Florida at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Seaworld. View the complete program and register online at www.fgs.org/2003conf/FGS-2003.htm.
- October 1-11 California Genealogical Society will sponsor a Fall Foliage/Genealogy Cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean's *International Grandeur of the Seas* which will feature four lectures by renowned genealogists in addition to stops at 7 ports along the New England coast and Canada. Call 800-227-8473 for information.
- October 15-18 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, together with the Texas Czech Genealogical Society, the host organization, will hold the 9th CGSI Genealogical Conference at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside in Houston, Texas October 15-18 2003. General information about the 2003 Houston Conference is shown at www.CGSI.org.
- October 25 Abbotsford Genealogical Society presents the third ROOTS AROUND THE WORLD Family History Seminar at Rick Hansen Secondary School in Abbotsford, British Columbia. For information go to www.rootsworld.com/~bcags/ or email Fay Hicks at fdjh@shaw.ca.
- November 6-9 7th New England Genealogical Conference "New England: America's Melting Pot" will be held at the Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort and Conference Center on Cape Cod, North Falmouth, MA on November 6-9 with over 40 speakers and 65 lectures and /or workshops. For more information go to www.rootsworld.com/~manergc/queries.



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