



EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, August 8, 1996 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)**

**Speaker: RaNae Anderson
Topic: Exploring the Family History Library Catalog
(Mormon Records)**

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: RaNae Anderson has served as a volunteer at the Bellevue Family History Center for 6 years, and is now the Director in charge of Patron Services. She developed an early interest in family history while filling a requirement in a church youth class whereby she acquired family pictures and stories from her grandmother. She has been hooked on genealogy ever since, she says.

RaNae has spent the past 40 years doing research for herself and others, and thinks the best way to gain knowledge is to just jump in and study it out, hang out with others who do research in your area, and attend all the classes and seminars you can to stay current in the field.

She is the Family History Consultant in her church, and teaches weekly classes on all phases of genealogical research. RaNae is on the brink of earning a Family History Certificate from Brigham Young University Independent Study. Having grown up in Utah, she has spent many hours at the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and continues to visit there as often as possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**Charles Dorian**

It is with great sorrow that I report the death of Bob Perdue on 14 July 1996. He was our immediate past Trustee, and long time supporter of the Eastside Genealogical Society. His gracious help in the many aspects of the Society will be missed. We all extend our sympathies to Margery at this time of great loss.

At the July meeting we had an unexpected turn of events when the speaker, Fred Welcher, came down sick and could not come. Gloria Brown, our Program Chairperson, quickly organized a replacement program with the support of our own members—Phil Lake, Mary Magnuson, Jan Pankratz, Doug Cannon, and moderated by Ann Lamb. It is planned to have Fred Welcher at a future meeting if it can be arranged.

The summer season starts the trips of our members to search out their genealogical records. I hope that there is success in finding the elusive families, the old homesteads, and the grave stones. Perhaps at a future meeting we can hear the stories of the searches and the results—both the serious and the comical sides of the stories. I shall be searching in August and September on a trip to southern New Hampshire.

Don't forget to attend the Society's Interest Groups which are discussing your areas of interest. This is where it is possible to get more details on searching and the availability of records. We have a large number of persons who are very conversant on how and where to conduct genealogical research.

Charles**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS****CLAY, DOROTHY NELL****120 Sunset Way W #311****Issaquah WA 98027-3802 391-2397**

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PROGRAMS COMING UP

12 September 1996

Tips from Trips

A panel of our traveling members will tell about repositories visited, and research help gleaned.

Audrey Schroeder, Co-ordinator

10 October 1996

Experts on Board!

A panel of EGS researchers will answer your pre-submitted questions

Melissa Clausen, Co-ordinator

Send questions by Sept. 30 to her at: 10540 SE 28th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004 or call her at 451-9613

EGS MEMBERS TO THE RESCUE

The morning of the July meeting brought an emergency—the scheduled speaker had had an allergic reaction to a bee sting, and would not be able to present his Civil War talk.

EGS members sprang into action to plan a substitute program. Phone calls abounded, with resulting generous offers of help. Ann Lamb agreed to moderate a panel discussion, after she finished delivering a talk to the Rotarians. The panel members were Doug Cannon, Phil Lake, Mary Magnuson, and Jan Pankratz (who, on an hour's notice, contributed a short talk about creative techniques for interviewing family and friends).

Doug—tracked down at the Bellevue Regional Library where he was researching; Phil—in town and at home; Mary—found volunteering at the Family History Center; all saved the day in presenting various aspects of military research and in answering the many questions from the audience. Ann is especially talented in leading a group discussion, and did her usual top-notch job.

We are lucky to have these generous talented members in EGS. Thanks to all who helped with the program.

KINKO'S COPY CENTERS OFFERS DISCOUNT ON FRIDAYS

Beginning July 5, 1996, Kinko's will be increasing the discount for customers who make two-sided copies on Fridays. This discount is offered to promote the fact that every piece of paper has two sides—a useful fact that the King County Solid Wasted Division hopes to press home for the next three months of "Waste-Free Fridays". There are four Kinko's in Bellevue, and one each in Issaquah and Redmond. Call local stores for more information. (Journal American)

NECROLOGY

- ✓ Bob Yanda called the newsletter editor to tell of the death of his wife, Frances, on June 26, just as she had reached her 75th birthday. The Yandas have been EGS members since 1985. Our sincere sympathies go to Bob and family.
- ✓ Bill Folkins also lost his wife, (Virginia) Marie, on July 2nd. They had been EGS members since 1988. Marie belonged to several historical societies, and was our colleague at the Association of King County Historical Organizations. Our sad regrets will be sent to Bill and family.
- ✓ We have belatedly learned that Patricia Rees died early this spring. She and her husband, Ken, were known to many of us through their work at the Bellevue FHC, and from the several programs Pat presented at EGS meetings. Ken and Pat joined EGS in 1986. Pat has been in failing health for several years, but still maintained her pleasant and helpful ways to the befuddled researcher. She was well known for her expertise in Irish research. Our sincere condolences are sent to Ken and their daughters.
- Our sincere sympathy is sent to EGS member Barbara Justice and her family on the death of her mother, Vonne Sixt. Barbara has been at her mother's side these past few years as Mrs. Sixt sought to overcome poor health.
- Sally Mahoney's mother slipped away from life in the early hours of July 20th. We will miss this perky little lady, and send our condolences to Sally.
- And yet, more sadness—EGS ex-president Al Francisco died on June 30th. We regret we have not seen him frequently these past few years, and extend our sympathies to his family. He joined EGS in 1984, and ably led the group as president in 1988-89.

EGS member Bob Perdue died on July 14, 1996. Please see the "Message from the President" regarding Bob's contributions to EGS.

RECUPERATING

Betty Wilder's husband, Ed; Sarah Munkasey, EGS Vice President; and Don Casey, out and about again with a new hip. We hope all of you are feeling better.

BARTERING GENEALOGISTS

A national Directory of Bartering Genealogists is being organized of genealogists who are willing to research in their area in exchange for research in another area. No money changes hands, just research. Write to: The Directory of Compilers of Arizona, 1795 W. Wetmore Rd., Tucson AZ 85705
(The Family Tree, April/May 1995)

Genealogy Research Series

Come to one, or all of the Wednesday evening sessions to find out how to start researching your unique family history, *what records* are available, and *how* they can be used to gather family history details. Presented by members of the Eastside Genealogy Society in Meeting Room 1 of the Bellevue Regional Library.

“Getting Organized, Genealogical Forms, and Research Sources”

Wednesday, October 2, 1996, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Presented by Melissa Clausen.

“Vital Records, Court Records, and Libraries”

Wednesday, October 9, 1996, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Presented by Sherry Holthe.

“How to use Federal, State, and Mortality Census Records”

Wednesday, October 30, 1996, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Presented by Curt Roselle.

This program is for adults.

Sponsored by the Eastside Genealogical Society

A VISIT TO ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**BY PAT AND JIM BRAUN**

On a recent trip around the country "chasing our roots," we spent a very productive day at the Allen County Public Library. The Genealogy section (which is second only to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City) takes up the entire second floor of the handsome library building in downtown Fort Wayne. There is an extensive card catalog section. Most of the books are not available on the shelves, but must be requested in writing and then delivered to your location by the pages, the rationale being that books are less likely to be mis-shelved if the library does it themselves. The wait to have your books delivered is 15-20 minutes.

The library has all U.S. Censuses and State Censuses on microfilm. They also have all U.S. Census printed indexes that are available as well as printed indexes of Mortality Schedules.

The Allen County Library is best known for its Periodical Source Index. All the periodicals cited in PERSI are available on the shelves, or by request for some of the older periodicals.

All in all, it is worth a visit if you are traveling in that area.

One additional thought comes to mind—if you find a citation in PERSI at a local library that interests you, you can send up to 5 citation queries to them and they will research and send copies to you. Cost is \$5.00 plus 20 cents per page copied.

ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY TRIP PLANNING HELP

If you are planning a trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, call the Fort Wayne Convention Bureau at 1-800-767-7752 to request their "Discover Your Roots" packet. The packet will provide you with helpful information about the library and other attractions in the area.

FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND

A well-known and frequently used reference work, "*A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*" by James Savage, provides the name of every settler who arrived in New England before 1692, and traces each settler's descendants to the beginning of the third generation in New England. The author wrote that "nineteen twentieths of the people of these New England colonies in 1775 were descendants of those found here in 1692, and probably seven eighths of them were offspring of the settlers before 1642." (Genealogical Publishing Company, Book Review)

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Sue Karen, Assistant Director, National Archives Seattle, reports that the National Archives are not moving or closing. The Archives have been fairly funded for the fiscal year. Apparently the National Archives have been flooded with calls asking these questions.

You now do not even have to leave your computer to go to the National Archives. In an effort to make information about the holdings and services of the National Archives and Records Administration more widely available, NARA has created and continues to develop its World Wide Web page. The address is:

<http://www.nara.com>

Some of the highlights of this web page are:

- National Archives Audio-visual Information Locator (NAIL)
- Digitized Photos from the NARA Collections
- The on-Line Exhibit Hall
- The Digital Classroom

For more information, you may call the National Archives at (206)526-6507.

The following are newly received microfilm, which have been purchased by donations left at the Seattle Archives by the public.

Indexes to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at

Gulfport, MS, and Pascagoula, MS, 1903-54 (T523, 1 roll)

New Orleans, 1853-99 (T527, 32 rolls)

New Orleans, 1900-53 (T618, 22 rolls)

Philadelphia, 1800-1906 (M360, 151 rolls)

Portland, ME, 1893-1954 (T524, 1 roll)

Portland, ME, 1907-30 [book indexes] (T792, 15 rolls)

Ports in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, 1890-1924 (T517, 26 rolls)

Providence, RI, 1911-54 (T518, 2 rolls)

Providence, RI, 1911-34 [book indexes] (T792, 15 rolls)

San Francisco, 1893-1934 (M1389, 28 rolls)

Soundex Index to Canadian Border Crossings through the Saint Alban's Vermont District, 1895-1924[includes all Canadian border crossings] (M1461, 400 rolls)

Index to Records Relating to War of 1812 Prisoners of War (M1747, 3 rolls)

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served During the Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1901 (M872, 24 rolls)

US Commissioner of Claims Summary Reports in all Cases Reported to Congress as Disallowed Under the Act of 1871[Southern Claims Commission Records](P2257, 1 rolls)

Name Index of Jews Whose German Nationality was Annulled by the Nazi Regime (Berlin Documents Center, 1933-45 (T355, 9 rolls)

Eastern Cherokee Applications of the US Court of Claims ("Applications for the Guion Miller Rolls"), 1906-1909 (M1104, 348 rolls)

SUBMITTED BY ALICE MORTON, ARCHIVES VOLUNTEER AND EGS MEMBER

WISCONSIN DECLARATIONS OF INTENT

Ozaukee County Historical Society has an index which lists 3,561 names of those who declared their intentions to become citizens. This index gives surname, given name, place and year of birth, country from where they immigrated, the date of U.S. arrival, the port of entry, the date of Declaration along with the certificate number. The original certificates are kept at the Ozaukee County Courthouse, and are filed by their certificate number.

Write Ozaukee County Historical Archives at W63, N643 Washington Ave., Cedarburg, Wisconsin, sending an SASE, and they will search the index and inform you of the certificate number along with the information contained in the index. There is a \$2 users fee if you visit in person. This users fee is considered a donation and is used to purchase microfilms of the old Ozaukee County newspapers.

An interesting note: Some of the Declarations of Intent, or "First Papers" were made in New York, Michigan, Milwaukee County, and Sheboygan County to name a few. They were perhaps deposited in the Ozaukee County Courthouse when the prospective citizen became naturalized. (Mesa Dwellers Newsletter, Mesa County Genealogical Society, Grand Junction, Colorado)

TRALEE EMIGRATION CENTRE BY PAT O'CONNOR

I received a letter dated May 1, 1996 from the *JEANNE JOHNSTON* Memorial Committee, Ashe Memorial Hall, Denny Street, Tralee, Co Kerry, Ireland. I had sent a donation and asked a question about my own great-grandfather's emigration.

The *JEANNE JOHNSTON* was in service between 1847 and 1858, largely from Co Kerry. If one's relatives came the 3,000 miles on this vessel they might have been spared the torture of the reported "coffin ship" passage. The *JJ* never lost a passenger due to disease or to the sea.

The reconstruction of this ship will be the first ever of an emigrant vessel. A letter to the above address will get you a very nice brochure in return which shows the port-of-calls for the *JJ*. Along with my brochure I received a letter of encouragement about my great-grandfather's passage and a suggestion of a possible town, estuary and port from where he might have left. To further the work of family historians, the letter stated that "In a short time we will have an Emigration Centre here in Tralee, linked to the *JJ* project, and you may be able to establish further details on your ancestry."

LUNCH BUNCH REMINDER

The "Lunch Bunch" meets at 11:30 a.m. the 4th Thursday of each month at Crossroads Mall Food Court, NE 8th and 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Please join us for chit-chat about all things which may include genealogy! We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering, August 22, 1996.