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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

at the Bellevue Regional Library

(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help and Supply Table Open)

Speaker: Bob Mullen

Topic: Federal and State Censuses and Mortality Schedules

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Our speaker for this month is Bob Mullen, past president and presently Special Project Leader. The subject for our monthly meeting is the U. S. Census and Mortality Schedules. Our speaker has recently retired from the Boeing Company after 36 years, where he was a research engineer in aerospace. He has been doing genealogical research on his family for about 35 years and has used the U.S. Census extensively. He will point out some of the more interesting information contained in the censuses.

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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Looking for: Tilley (Ireland), Illot, Westwood-Henderson
(England), Turner, White, Coggeshall (United States)

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Looking for: Brooks, Ramer, Reeder, Llewellyn

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Mary DeMatteo Sangalang

Last month I mentioned the National Archives were involved in the government furloughs. However, this was not correct. The Pacific Northwest Regional Branch at Sand Point Way in Seattle did not close. It was placed on an endangered list in December 1994, then later removed from that list. Per Phil Lothyan, Director, Pacific Northwest Branch Regional Archives, that branch is funded through September 1996.

I spoke with Mr. Lothyan on this issue and he felt the Archives are not in immediate danger of closing. In December 1994 Senator Kerry of Nebraska did a survey of the value of the archives to several groups. He polled genealogy groups, libraries, lawyers, teachers and others about their needs. On the basis of these responses and staffing changes at the National Archives, this creates a base of information to plan for the Archives.

In May 1995, John W. Carlin, a two-time ex-governor of Kansas and university lecturer on government administration, took over as Archivist. Under his guidance there have been many staff changes, and currently teams are being formed who will conduct fact-finding in the next few months. Mr. Lothyan explained the Archivist is responsible for not only the Archives but National records used by the government as well. This is a small agency of 2300-2400 staff in 38 locations, including Archive branches and Presidential Libraries. The strategic plan is teams will gather information at the various locations, review it, and make formal recommendations and the Archivist will make final decisions, probably late this summer or fall.

The two main issues at hand will be restoring records and taking us to the future by using new technology, possibly via the Internet. Of course, this involves a tremendous financial investment as all records would have to be entered on computer files, and the Archivist will also decide which records will be converted. An important consideration is the fact that only 3% of the records are historical and approximately 97% are used by the government for IRS, Veterans, Social Security, etc. As government agencies decrease, the need for records management increases. With the current government downsizing and budget changes reshaping all government, combined with the need to upgrade electronically, the answers of how to handle these needs are not clear.

At this time, Mr. Lothyan feels confident that the new Archivist realizes the importance of this agency and will do his best to conduct a fair survey and come up with a satisfactory plan. Therefore, he feels we should wait to see what the Archivist's recommendations will be and that it is not necessary at this time to contact your congressman.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

A PORTUGUESE INTEREST GROUP is being formed. This is a group of genealogists with Portuguese ancestry, meeting together for a "security blanket" or communication with other Portuguese genealogists. Contact Barbara Guyll (pronounced Gwill) at 746-5603 for meeting times and places.

The GERMAN INTEREST GROUP will meet on Friday, February 2, at the Lake Hills Public Library from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Jan Pankratz will present a program on finding your German ancestral village based on the following reference: Uetrecht, E. "Meyers Orts-und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs" (Meyers commercial gazetteer of the German Empire). German place names used in the Locality section of the Family History Library Catalog are based on this gazetteer. Attendees are asked to bring their own copy of the "Research Outline, Germany" if possible. This outline is available at the Family History Center for seventy-five cents. For info, contact Jean Ryan at 746-9610 or Lois Coates at 226-3876.

The IRISH RESEARCH GROUP will meet Monday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Magnuson, 2635 - 153rd Ave. S.E. in Bellevue. The speaker will be Virginia Wade McAnlis, the author of "The Consolidated Index to the Records of the Genealogical Office in Dublin, Ireland." She will explain how to use her compiled index in Irish genealogical research. The valuable resource material used in these books is indexed by family names. For info, contact Mary at 746-6627 or Gloria at 746-1875.

The COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP will meet Saturday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Technology Center, Eastgate (see location box). The February meeting will be on the Internet & Genealogy.

The ITALIAN INTEREST GROUP will meet Saturday, February 17 10:00 a.m.-noon (time change) at the Lake Hills Public Library. Mr. Teo Morellato from the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington will speak

The SNOQUALMIE VALLEY INTEREST GROUP will meet Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 a.m., at the North Bend Public Library. Attendees are asked to bring an item representing the home of their ancestor. Call Joyce Ossinger, 868-1850, or Mary Ann Nickell, 222-5620, for info.

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REGISTER

Did you know that EGS has donated to the Bellevue Regional Library the wonderful four-volume Index to the last 75 years of the New England Historic Genealogical REGISTER? What a terrific resource.

However, our collection of the REGISTERs is incomplete. In order to make the Index completely usable in the library, we would like to request your contribution of issues you are no longer using, to help fill out the incomplete volumes. If you can donate any issues of the quarterly journal, those which are NEEDED include the following:

Any issues	Thru 1968	January	1969
January, October	1970	All issues	1971
January, April, October	1972	April	1973
January, July, October	1974	All issues	1975-78
April	1981	April	1982
April, October	1983	All issues	1990-91
July	1992	July, October	1994
April, October	1995		

If you have any issues to contribute, please clip a note to them saying "For EGS", and bring them to a general meeting or drop them at the Family History Center, 10675 NE 20th, Bellevue, and ask the volunteer to put them in the EGS drawer. Your contribution will help to make the Bellevue Regional Library's genealogy collection much more useful.

Until we have completed our collection, you can copy the useful references from the Every Name Index ("Index of Persons, Vol. 51-148" R929.1 NEW) at the Bellevue Library and then locate the articles themselves in the full sets of the NEGH REGISTER, which are held at the Seattle Public Library or at the Suzzallo Library of the University of Washington. The Seattle Genealogical Society has a set (not totally complete), but very soon they will be receiving the CD-ROM edition of the New England Historic Genealogical REGISTER 1847-1994 (Volumes 1-148: 56,000 pages of text) and its Index of Persons.

This is a marvelous resource for anyone who has any ancestors who ever lived in the New England states or in the places in the British Isles or Europe from which many Americans emigrated.

Condolences go out to EGS member Mary Ann Nickell on the death of her husband John B. Nickell. John died in late December after a short illness. The family suggests remembrances in his name may be made to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP TO AUSTRALIA
by EGS member Don MacKenzie

I have been a member of the Eastside Genealogical Society for a couple of years now, and I have enjoyed the experience very much. My involvement in genealogy only goes back a few years, and being a member has helped me a great deal.

My area of interest has been Ireland up to this time (Casey, Ryan, Seymour, and Cockburn). Because some of the Caseys and Ryans emigrated to Australia during the 1800s, I have developed an interest in research in Australia also, so much so that I went down to Melbourne and Sydney last November.

In preparing for my trip DOWNUNDER, Sherry Holthe of our Society was a great help. She also has an Australian interest and even has a contact on the INTERNET there!

With her help and the help of the Family History Library and the Public Library in Bellevue, I was as well prepared as one can be when entering unknown territory.

I was quite successful in obtaining information about my maternal forbears, managing to identify two further generations back. In doing so, I also picked up a lot of leads for further research, not only in Australia but also in Ireland.

For those of you who may have an Australian interest, I would recommend contacting Sherry Holthe and using the following resources:

Registry Birth/Death/Marriage
P.O. Box 4332, Melbourne,
Victoria, Australia

Registry Birth/Death/Marriage
50 Bridge St.
Sydney, NSW 2000

Genealogical Society of Victoria
252 Swanston St. (5th floor)
Melbourne 3000, VIC

Genealogy Society of NSW
Kent St.
Sydney, NSW 2000

Public Record Office
318 Little Bourke St.
Melbourne 3000, VIC (4th floor)

NSW State Library
Macquarie St.
Sydney 2000, NSW

State Library, Latrobe St.
Melbourne 3000, VIC

In addition to all the work I did on my ancestors, I visited friends in Melbourne. I received a typical, warm Australian welcome, and I saw some of the many sights to be seen, including the bush and the wildlife and visited more civilized wonders, such as the Sydney Opera House. I thoroughly recommend a visit to that lovely land.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR...

- February 24, 1996 Bellevue, Washington
Overlake Hospital's First Annual Active Senior Fair will be held Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the hospital's Education Conference Center. Look for EGS displays and Supply Table as we have been invited to participate!
- March 8-9, 1996 San Francisco, California
California Genealogical Society's 11th Annual Family History Fair, theme is "Find Your Forebears".
For information, contact CGS, PO Box 77105, San Francisco, CA 94107-0105, 415-777-9936.
- March 23, 1996 Vancouver, Washington
Clark County Genealogical Society seminar with Dr. George K. Schweitzer.
For information, write Shirley Heiter, 12612 NE 86th Street, Vancouver, WA 98682.
- March 30-April 6, 1996 Cruise the Caribbean
American Genealogical Lending Library "Seminar At Sea".
Classes are by George Schweitzer, William Dollarhide, Raeone Steuart and Bradley W. Steuart on many topics.
For information, call Murle Casler at 1-800-733-4004.
- April 27, 1996 Olympia, Washington
Olympia Genealogical Society seminar with Joy Reisinger.
Topic is "Ontario and Quebec Canadian Research".
For information, contact OGS, PO Box 1313, Olympia, WA 98507.
- May 8-11, 1996 Nashville, Tennessee
National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, sponsored by The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society.
Theme is "Families on the Move." For information, write to 1996 NGS Conference in the States, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.
- May 9-11, 1996 Everett, Washington
Washington State Genealogical Society Conference sponsored by Sno-Isle Genealogical Society.
Further info to follow.
- August 10-17, 1996 Rochester, New York
Federation of Genealogical Societies "In Your Ancestors' Image". For a program brochure, contact FGS, "In Your Ancestors' Image", PO Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220, phone/fax 214-907-9727.
- August 18-23, 1996 Ottawa, Canada
22nd International Congress of Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences "Families and Emblems Transcending Frontiers."

COMING EVENTS

EGS board meeting at the Newport Way Public Library on Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Note the change of location for this meeting only. Members are welcome.

EGS general membership meeting at the Bellevue Regional Library on Thursday, February 8, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. Beginners' help and supply table open at 7:00 p.m. Speaker and topic: Bob Mullen, on Federal Census and Mortality Schedules.

EGS board meeting at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 3, on Wednesday, March 6, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Note the change of location for this meeting only. Members are welcome.

EGS general membership meeting at the Bellevue Regional Library on Thursday, March 14, 1996. Jean Roth, SGS President will speak on Preparing for a Research Trip.

EGS Board discussed having a spring seminar and the point was made that other societies were having low attendance at their workshops, possibly due to so many genealogists attending the September 1995 FGS Conference. The Board accepted the idea of having a different type of seminar to attract an audience not previously served. Therefore, we are looking into the possibility of having a Fall Italian Genealogy Seminar to take place around the end of October. To our knowledge there has never been an Italian seminar in Western Washington. We will keep you posted on the details. For those of you willing to get involved in the planning, please contact Mary DeMatteo Sangalang at 649-2250.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Lois Jackson, who is recuperating from surgery on a shoulder injured earlier this year. Hope you're soon out & about.

Cheers also to Jan Ulstein, who was down with a bug recently.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Seattle Public Library is offering the following free classes:

A walking tour of the library with a focus on genealogical research, conducted by Darlene Hamilton, Genealogical Librarian. The tours will be on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.; and Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning Your Family History Research, a talk by Darlene Hamilton, in the Seattle Public Library auditorium. Each class is complete and not continued; no pre-registration is required. The class will be held on Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m.

WAY TO GO!

Ann Lamb is happy to announce that the Householders Index and Griffith's Valuation microfilm for the Bellevue Family History Center is complete. All films have been ordered for indefinite loan, thanks to the help of EGS members. A future meeting of the Irish Interest Group will be devoted to learning how to use the films to locate your Irish ancestor. The date will be announced later.

CAN YOU HELP?

Among the books recently donated to the Bellevue Regional Library was the family album of Clarence and Mabel Griffith, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 17, 1955. At the time, they had two daughters, Mrs. J. Edward Humphrey of Bellevue and Mrs W. B. Crimmin of Philadelphia, PA. No later information was included.

The album was given to EGS in an attempt to have it returned to descendants of the Griffiths. If you have any information that would help identify those descendants, please contact Margee Hunt at 232-4192.

Beginning Genealogy Classes

Start February 28th

Eastside Genealogical Society and the Bellevue Regional Library are co-sponsoring a series of **three beginning genealogy classes**

Wednesday evenings -- Feb. 28, March 6 and 13
7:00-9:00 pm

Bellevue Regional Library
1111 110th Avenue NE

There is no sign up!

Just come on a class night and join the fun!

A beginning genealogy class is really a sampler, a quick look at what records are available and how those records can be used to gather family history details. It is hoped that class participants will find new clues to help them as they work on their unique family history project.

Areas to be covered during the three sessions include: genealogical forms, getting organized, terminology, goal setting, research sources and hints, vital records, court records, census records, newspapers, etc. Time will be set aside to answer questions and to help participants develop a research plan. The classes will be taught by E.G.S. members - Melissa Clausen, Sherry Holthe, and Curt Roselle.

Our Society looks forward to this partnership with the Bellevue Regional Library as we continue our goal of community education.

BITS & PIECES

German Research

John Bentz of the German Research Association of San Diego has collected over 15,000 German surnames, and he exchanges with other groups for a total of 150,000 names. For a list of your surnames and an SASE, he will check his list for matches at no charge. Arrange your list in alphabetical order; include surname, general ^{old} locality, town, approximate date. Send to him at 13139 ~~Wed~~ West Avenue, San Diego, CA 92129.

From: The Family Tree, Dec 95/Jan 96 issue.

Renton Library

Something we've been waiting for...non-residents can now check out Renton Library books because of a recently agreed-to plan with the King County Library System. Renton residents can now also check out books from the various King County Library branches. Auburn, Enumclaw, Renton and Seattle are the only cities in King County which maintain their own library systems, and Renton is the last of the four to reach a reciprocal agreement with the county library system.

From: The Journal American, January 1, 1996

Now Hear This

One of the best means of identification of people is by the contour of their ears! It is said to be nearly as good as fingerprinting. The French require all ID cards to be in profile so that the ear can be clearly seen. No two people have exactly the same shape to their ears. This might help genealogists identify photographs of people taken at different ages.

From: Contra Costa Co., CA Genealogical Society via Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter, November 1995

Passport

If you will be needing a passport during 1996, it is suggested that you apply as soon as possible because of the backlog due to the government shut-down and because of the avalanche of applications from newly naturalized citizens. A passport can be renewed at any time while it is valid and for 2 years after it expires. The best way to renew is by mail. Renewals for those over 18 cost \$55 and are valid for 10 years. Renewals for those under 18 cost \$30 and are valid for 5 years. For rush service of 3 days, there is an extra \$30 charge. Questions? Drop in at the Bellevue Post Office or call the Passport Agency in Seattle at 220-7788.

From: The Journal American, December 31, 1995.