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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 11 February 1999
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "California Research Resources"
Speaker: David W. Wilma

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The presentation for our February meeting will be "California Research Resources." David Wilma will be giving our group specific research tips on dealing with California genealogy and in particular, an idea of what to expect from some of the research institutions in that state. He will discuss going genealogy work in San Francisco, which until around 1900, was synonymous with California. One of the difficulties in doing Northern California ancestor hunting is the loss of records due to the earthquake and fire, a problem he will show us how to work around. We will also hear about the fabulous Sutro Library and other rich resources.

David W. Wilma is a past president of the California Genealogical Society in San Francisco and was head of the CGS Computer Interest Group for five years. He has given presentations to genealogical groups regarding the selection of genealogical programs, research on the Internet, and Loyalist research, as well as being a regular contributor to the CGS Newsletter. At the end of February, he will conclude twenty-six years as a criminal investigator with the U.S. Government and will write fiction as a second career. One novel he is developing is based on an actual event in which two ancestors were murdered in an argument over some slaves. He resides in Seattle, having returned with his wife Lorraine this past year after a fifteen-year absence. Come and hear research tips for California genealogy.

REGISTER NOW FOR "GENEALOGICAL KEYS TO GREAT BRITAIN" SEMINAR

Now is the time to register for the Eastside Genealogical Society's seminar entitled "Genealogical Keys to Great Britain." The seminar will be held on Saturday, 13 March, 1999 at the Congregational Church of Mercer Island. The lecturer for this seminar will be Sherry Irvine, author and international lecturer on British Genealogy. Be sure to see page 3 of January's newsletter for registration form. Seating is limited.

NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM: The Nordic Heritage Museum, located at 3014 N.W. 67th Street in Ballard, is paying tribute to the early Scandinavian immigrants and their contributions to life in the Pacific Northwest. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Current exhibits include "Dream of America: The Immigrant Experience 1840-1920," "The Promise of the Northwest," and "Nordic Heritage Northwest." For more information, call 206-789-5707. (From *Eastside Journal*, Jan. 1, 1999).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER ROBERTSON

We are now well into 1999. We have had the first board and the first general meetings of the year. We are moving along towards the special British program in the middle of March (see the separate articles in this issue).

Focused as we sometimes become on our own special interests and concerns, it is well to take note of the fact that EGS does have an involvement in the larger genealogical community. Last fall, EGS people took part in a Family History Center open house in Kirkland and a seminar in Woodinville, as well as in a community Fun Fair in Issaquah. For several months, I have provided some background assistance to a new genealogy group that has been forming in our area. That group is the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (JGSWS). On 11 January Lois and I attended a meeting of the JGSWS at which one of our EGS members, Curt Roselle, gave his customary outstanding presentation on the National Archives. At our January regular meeting, Bob Wismer approached me regarding obtaining support for a Family History Fair to be presented on Saturday, April 24th at the downtown Bellevue LDS building. The EGS Board will discuss this request at its next meeting on the 4th of February.

The point of the above is that EGS people do not simply sit in a library and talk only among themselves. We get out into the greater community and share ideas and knowledge with other people who are also stricken with the genealogy bug. This activity is a part of what makes the family history avocation so popular and so much fun (yes, fun is permitted).

Peter Robertson

CONDOLENCES: EGS would like to extend our sympathy to the families of: Joyce Avery, wife of Bob Avery, both longtime members of EGS; Harold Mehrer, husband of EGS member Dorothy Mehrer; and Lynn Bushnell, husband of EGS Treasurer Jackie Bushnell.

UNDER THE WEATHER: Get well wishes to the following EGS members: Sharon Pakkala, Mary Sangalang's mother, Mary DeMatteo, Sue Carter, Frankie Larson, Jan Henderson, Patricia Sandbo, and Mary Anagost's husband, Murray, who is recovering from a long illness.

MARCH EGS SEMINAR: The 13th of March is less than two months away. Two months sounds like a long time, but with the pace of life being what it is for most of us, the 13th of March will be here before we realize it. Saturday, the 13th of March, of course, is the day when we have our EGS British Seminar featuring Sherry Irvine. Such an event does not just happen, and EGS is fortunate to have the following people agree to serve on committees:

♦ Registration Committee (\$15 per person received before 1 March/\$20 1 March or after):

Gil Andrew (Head Registrar)	425-486-2687
Alesa Andrew	425-486-2687
Ann Miller	425-454-6121
Judy Smith	425-562-9027

♦ Box Lunch Coordination Committee (orders must be received by 15 February):

Barbara Guyll	425-746-5603
Mary Ellen Scott	425-454-7896
Sharon Clute	206-232-6433

♦ Door Prize Committee (this committee could be larger than a committee of one!):

Melanie Henry	425-883-0406
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♦ Kitchen Committee:

Marty Gale	206-232-6471
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Kim Nichols	425-402-9050
Kay Greco	425-562-1573
Carol Owings	425-641-9930
Jackie Bushnell	425-481-1492
Betty Bennett	425-747-6926
Dave Bennett	425-747-6926

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Pete Robertson at 206-236-2473.

EGS MEETINGS COMING UP

♦ 11 March 1999

Sherry Irvine "Vanished Without a Trace - Picking Up Lost Trails To, and In, England before 1837"

EGS JANUARY GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM REVIEW - GARY ZIMMERMAN

EGS would like to thank Gary Zimmerman, President of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, for his informative lecture on the genealogical resources at Pioneer Hall, in Seattle. In this building are the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington, the Pioneer Daughters of the State of Washington, and the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. Mr. Zimmerman shared with us the history of these three organizations and how we can become members. He also told us the resources available there and how to access them.

The Pioneer Association was founded to honor and remember the pioneers who settled Washington Territory prior to statehood. The Association has membership application files dating from the 1880's to the present. These applications include the date of application, the name of the applicant, birth date, when they came to the coast, place of arrival on the coast, date of arrival in Washington Territory, and from whence they came to Washington Territory, all in the handwriting of the applicant. The association has also kept scrapbooks of obituary notices and member family events. There is a vintage photograph collection of pioneer families and events available for viewing at their public museum.

The Pioneer Daughters also have all their applications for membership on file for the Seattle Chapter as well as from the defunct chapters across the state. They have a library of Northwest resources and a museum of Pioneer Family Life.

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation has an open stack library of more than 7,500 volumes, card files, CD-ROM's and microform collections. The Fiske Foundation focuses on the New England states but has a growing collection of resources for other parts of the US and Canada.

All three of these organizations are accessible to the public, and are located at 1642 43rd Ave. East, Seattle WA 98112. They presently offer free queries and the three work together to help you. The Fiske Genealogical Foundation has public access from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday-Wednesday-Saturday and from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Usage fee is \$5 per day or \$40 per year. The Fiske Foundation offers genealogy classes for a cost of \$5 per class or \$30 per quarter. Annual full membership in the Fiske Foundation is \$75 and includes unlimited library use, classes, and borrowing privileges. For more information on hours, membership, classes, or resources available please call the Fiske Foundation at 206-328-2716 and the Pioneer and Pioneer Daughters Associations at 206-325-0888. (By Kimberley Lackey, EGS member).

EGS POLICY ON DONATIONS OF GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL: The EGS Board has discussed the topic of policy on donations at its last two board meetings. Generally, EGS is not really in a position to accept and process donated genealogical material that comes from someone's collection. Our research holdings are incorporated into the genealogical collection of the Bellevue Regional Library of the King County Library System so we do not have a separate place to store and make available to researchers genealogical material.

It is our understanding that the King County Library System does not accept unbound materials, bound research notes, family/surname books, and census materials. Books themselves are handled on an individual basis. Books relating to foreign countries, U.S. regional, state, and some county locations (counties along major migration routes), ethnic groups, and genealogical techniques are probably all right. Naturally, there is some concern over duplicating what is already in the library system. The Bellevue Regional Library probably would prefer that donated books from EGS members be screened by the EGS Book Acquisition Committee.

We understand that the Seattle Public Library and the Seattle Genealogical Society, which maintains its own library, are less restrictive in the material they will accept. Another local repository that might accept a wide range of material is the Fiske Foundation Library in Pioneer Hall in Seattle (see above article).

Another approach is to contact a genealogical society or library in the area to which the materials apply to determine if and under what circumstances it would accept that material.

REFERENCE BOOK: Here's another useful reference book at the Bellevue Regional Library - *The Oxbridge Directory of Newsletters*, call number R071.3 OXB. Under the heading of Genealogy on pages 563-591, you'll find many genealogy newsletters listed. Look for newsletters from areas you are researching for information, tips, and hints.

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY: The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of member's recommendations, or donated by EGS members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the September *Bulletin Board*.

- ▶ *Guide to Genealogical Sources of the Pennsylvania State Archives*, by Robert M. Drucker, 1995. Describes their holdings of passenger lists, naturalization records, vital statistics, occupational and military records, county records, and family papers. R929.3748 PEN
- ▶ *Genealogical Abstracts: Revolutionary War Veterans Scrip Act 1852*, by Margie G. Brown, 1990/1997. Abstracts from the Bureau of Land Management records of unsatisfied Military Land Warrants for 1,689 families, mostly Virginia. R929.3755 BRO
- ▶ *War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants*, by Patrick G. Wardell, 1987. Personal data on applicants who were in some way connected with Virginia or West Virginia, either by their military service, residence, or by marriage or death there. R929.3755 WAR
- ▶ *Abstracts of Chester County, PA Land Records, Vol. 3, 1745-1753*, by Carol Bryant, 1997. Chester was one of the three original counties formed in Pennsylvania, from which Lancaster and Delaware were formed. The book includes deed, mortgages, leases and releases, and land patents for the three counties. R929.374813 BRY
- ▶ *Czech Immigrations Passenger Lists, New York (Vol. 7, 1887-1896)*, by Leo Baca, 1998. Names of Czechoslovakian immigrants, their ages, names of ships, and sailing dates. Some earlier volumes are also at the library. R929.3089 BAC v7
- ▶ *Genealogies of Connecticut Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register (3 volumes)*, by Gary Boyd Roberts and Judith McGhan, 1983. R929.3746 GEN
- ▶ *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, showing three generations of those who arrived before May 1692 (4 volumes), by James Savage, 1977. R929.374 SAV
- ▶ *They Became Americans: How to Discover Your Family or Ancestors in Naturalization Records*, by Loretto Dennis Szucs, 1997. Illustrated guide explains how to incorporate naturalizations records into your genealogical research. R929.107207 SZU
- ▶ *Abstract of the 1825 and 1835 New York State Censuses of Cattaraugus Co., NY*, by Kathleen Barnells et al (from *Tree Talks*, vol. 37, #4 Dec. 1997). R929.3746 GEN

Do you have a genealogy-related reference book or CD to donate to the growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or have a suggestion for one? If so, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling the acquisition chair, Margery Perdue Thorson at 425-643-3502. (Carl Cason, Library Chair).

TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR THE ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOG: The Bellevue Regional Library offers individualized hands-on training on the online library catalog every Thursday morning at 9:15 a.m. You need to register in advance for this training, by either stopping by the Information Desk, or by calling (425) 450-1760 and choosing (4) from the list of menu choices. You can also ask about upcoming computer classes to be taught there.

CLASSES AT THE SEATTLE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES: The National Archives in Seattle will once again be offering novice genealogy classes in March, 1999. All classes are held at the archives at 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle. There is free parking and the facility provides access for handicapped visitors. A contribution of \$5 to the National Archives Gift Fund is suggested for the purpose of purchasing additional genealogical microfilm and related publications. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 206-526-6501 between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday (except Federal holidays) or by e-mailing at archives@seattle.nara.gov. Classes offered are:

- ◆ Beginning Census Research - March 2, 1999.
- ◆ Searching Military Records at the National Archives - March 9, 1999.
- ◆ Using Immigration and Naturalization Records - March 16, 1999.
- ◆ Land and other Little Known Records at the National Archives - March 23, 1999.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IN SALT LAKE CITY CHANGES HOURS: The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has changed the closing time on Monday to 5:00 p.m. Full hours for the facility are: Mondays 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The library is closed on the following holidays: New Years Day, Independence Day, Pioneer Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas.

20 FAMILY HISTORY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS BY JULIANA S. SMITH

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1. I will get in touch with as many relatives as I can and gather as much information as possible.
2. I will enter all my correspondence, research, and requests in a research log.
3. Using my research log, I will inventory all the records I still need.
4. I will check my research log and follow up on any inquiries that are overdue for a response.
5. I will make a list of libraries and archives that I have been intending to visit and plan a trip to them.
6. I will plan a trip to my local LDS Family History Center and become more familiar with their many offerings.
7. I will read more on the history of my ancestors' hometown, home city, and homeland so that I can gain further insight into their lives and possibly find some clues as to reasons for migration, and where additional records may be found.
8. I will read more genealogical journals and periodicals, to learn more strategies and to keep current with news items that will affect my research.
9. I will make copies and/or photos, or photocopies of those old, irreplaceable photos and memorabilia. This includes diary pages, Bible pages, heirlooms, and correspondence. I will then share these copies with other family members so that all of these valuable items are not in one locations in case of disaster.
10. I will also catalog all of these items and later expand it to include artifacts held by other family members.
11. I will also put names and dates on all of our current family photographs so that future generations will not have to wonder who is in the picture.
12. I will donate some time to my local genealogical/historical society to help with a worthwhile project. I know that by volunteering, many times I have learned something new that has helped me in my own research, besides giving me that warm, fuzzy feeling of accomplishment.
13. I will investigate all of the newly available resources available on the Internet and through various genealogical programs.
14. I will begin and maintain a separate research log for web sites that I have searched, and make a note of the results.
15. I will make sure my email address is up-to-date with any web site I have submitted a GEDCOM file or queries to, so that all those long-lost cousins out there in cyberspace can find me.
16. I will make sure that all my sources have been properly cited in the GEDCOM files that have been submitted to the Ancestry World Tree or other collections. If not, I will update my files and send in replacement files.
17. I will backup my computer and send these backups to a remote locations so that in the event of fire, flood, or some other disaster, my work will not be lost.
18. I will update all of my virus software so that my valuable family files will not be lost.
19. I will make sure my computer programs and equipment are Y2K (Year 2000) compliant.
20. I will find great satisfaction in the fact that I have helped preserve the stories of those individuals who have contributed to my existence.

Here are some more good resolutions to think about, as suggested by *Daily News* Columnist Michael John Neill:

1. I will get fragile documents out of any "dangerous" storage places, such as garages, attics, basements, etc. Mildew, humidity, flooded basements, and mice can do extensive and permanent damage to records.
2. I will write up and completely document two or three generations of descendants from one set of my ancestors. I will also consider sending copies to relatives, donating a copy to relevant libraries, and submitting the information for publication in local genealogical society's journal.
3. I will consider attending a genealogical class, meeting, conference, workshop, or institute in order to network and brush up on my genealogical skills.
4. I will judiciously join listserves so that my email box is not inundated and so that I don't miss posts that may help me in my research.
5. I will try and avoid the temptation to "work like mad" on all my lines, in order that I can more effectively research on a few of my families at one time.
6. I will remember that not all sources are online and I will not concentrate solely on online resources.
7. I will seriously attempt to corroborate genealogical data I receive from others via GEDCOM, email, and other electronic sources.
8. I will make certain that the data in my files is documented wherever possible and where it's not possible I will so indicate.
9. I will write some of my own history so that future generations can learn about me as well as my ancestors.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSHUA HOLDEN AND MARY TALLEY HOLDEN: If you are a descendant of Joshua Holden and his wife, Mary Talley Holden, who were Utah pioneers, you can get information about a reunion of those families on 24 July 1999 in Moscow, Idaho from Nelson DePartee, 212 E. Main, Garfield, WA 99130, phone 509-635-1151, or e-mail at grannyd10@juno.com

ARMY LOCATOR CLOSED: If you have an Army retiree you want to locate, you will now have to try alternative source other than the Army Reserve Personnel Command's mail forwarding service. This service, which was located in St. Louis, allowed people to contact ex-servicemen. It has been terminated because it required too many man hours and was considered to be "not mission essential." The Army will continue to maintain a world-wide locator service for active personnel. For non-active personnel, alternative resources include military associations and reunion groups, advertisements placed in military newspapers, or Internet locators such as www.switchboard.com (From *Heritage Quest*, Jan./Feb. 1999).

EARLY COLONIAL TITLES:

- ♦ Stepmothers - were sometimes called mothers-in-law.
- ♦ Cousins - could be relatives of any type, or even close friends.
- ♦ "Jr." written after a man's name did not necessarily mean a name the same as his father - it might be an uncle or an older cousin of the same name.
- ♦ Housekeeper - once meant property owner and could be used for a male as well as a female.
- ♦ Inmate - (as found the Pennsylvania Archives) refers to a man living in the home of another person but not necessarily in an institution.
- ♦ Freeman - meant a young man not yet married (has another meaning).
- ♦ Domestic - once meant a housewife but not necessarily the servant.
- ♦ Mister - was a title used only for men of wealth and/or education.
- ♦ Gentleman - frequently referred to a retired man. (From Christian Co. Genealogical Society, Taylorville, IL, Vol. 3 No. 4 via S.C.G. Society, Inc., Memphis, MO, Vol. 13, No.1 Jan. 1999).

SENIOR AIRFARE DISCOUNTS: Are you thinking of taking a research trip, or maybe a vacation? You may want to get a copy of the reprinted booklet "Senior Airfare Bargains." Some of the most consistent air-fare discounts are those offered to seniors. Most of the large U.S. airlines give 10 % off and most have flight coupon booklets. Traveling companions sometimes can fly more cheaply too. You can save time gathering the details yourself by getting a copy of the above publication. The publication, available from the newsletter *Travel Companions*, neatly sums up the various programs. Get one copy for \$2 or two copies for \$3 by writing to: TCE, Box 833, Amityville, NY 11701. (From *Seattle Times*, 13 December 1998).

LEGACY PROJECT: Andy Carroll has founded a special project called the Legacy Project. This all-volunteer, national project aims to promote a greater appreciation for letters and the art of letter writing. Mr. Carroll is working with the Veterans Administration, museums, and archives around the country to encourage Americans to search their homes for historically significant war letters. These may include eyewitness accounts of battles or acts of heroism, encounters with famous military leaders, love letters, or any other irreplaceable message or little-known stories that will offer historians and future generations a better understanding of those who served and sacrificed for our country.

The letters can be some you've personally written or received, or letters written by a relative from any American war. The Legacy Project will direct all potentially significant letters to respected museums and archives, which - with your permission - will then preserve them for posterity. If you prefer to keep your letters, the Legacy Project will send you information on safeguarding them.

If you believe you have a historically significant letter you would like to share, please send a COPY (no originals, please!) to Mr. Andy Carroll at: Operation Mail Call, c/o The Legacy Project, PO Box 21812, Washington, D.C. 20009-1812. (From *Seattle Times*, 11 November 1998).

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES: Are you searching for an individual who worked for the Railroad? If a person worked for a railroad after 1936, he may have qualified for a pension from the Railroad Retirement Board instead of Social Security. That is why you won't find these ancestors in the Social Security Index. Most of the Railroad employee's social security numbers begin with the digits 700-729. Researchers can write to: Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60601 (From *Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Jan. 1999).

SEARCH FOR YOUR REUNION: A website called Reunions R Us is the place to search for your reunion. Located at: <http://www.gemneye.com/reunions/reunions.html> (from *So. King News*, Nov/Dec. 1998).

TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS CALLED DAR: Researchers may find a notation that their ancestor was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, but find the DAR has no record of that ancestor. The reason is because these are two different groups. The Daughters of the Revolution was a group that disbanded in the early 1980's. Its headquarters were in New York City. The application records for this organization were given to the Suffolk County Historical Society when it disbanded. The Society is located at 300 W. Main St., Riverhead, Long Island, NY 11901. The Historical Society will search these indexed records by both name of applicant and name of patriot, for up to three applications per letter. (From *Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Summer 1998).

STICKY NOTES: Most researchers know that sticky notes are not good to use on anything you wish to keep for a long time. The *Cloud Family Journal* had an way to make your own sticky notes that will not harm your documents. To make, use alkaline or non-acidic paper and cut a stack of "notes" about 3 inches by 5 inches, or whatever size you need. Fold the note in half vertically and nip a slanted cut part way in from the fold near the top of your note. When you open the note, you should have a "v" cut in the middle of the note. Slip that notch onto the page of paper or book page after you have written your message. You will not be using any adhesive, so there will be no damage. (From *The Cloud Family Journal*, via *The Family Tree*, Oct./Nov. 1998).

HARD TO FIND BOOKS ABOUT NEW YORK STATE: The Purple Mountain Press is printing hard to find books about New York State. They acquired Harbor Hill Books in 1990, which specialized in books about Westchester County, the Adirondacks, and the Hudson, Mohawk, and Champlain Valleys. Today the Press has issued over 150 titles in the fields of history and genealogy. For their latest catalog, write: Purple Mountain Press, LTD Main Street, PO Box E-3, Fleischmans, NY 12430-0378. (From *Westchester County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Nov. 1998 via *So. King News*, Jan./Feb. 1999).

NEWS FROM ILLINOIS: Illinois Governor Edgar signed Public Act 90-633, which took immediate effect, on 24 July 1998. This Act amended the Private Detective Act of 1933. This new measure exempted from licensing provisions of the Private Detective Act any "person, firm or corporation engaged solely and exclusively in tracing and compiling lineage or ancestry." What this means is that anyone consulting public records for family history/genealogical reasons is not required to possess an Illinois private detective license. Hopefully this will put a stop to the rumor that all public records in Illinois are "closed" to researchers. (From *The Family Tree*, Dec. 1998/Jan. 1999).

SLAVE ANCESTRY INFORMATION AVAILABLE: The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry was organized to document and preserve slave genealogy for future generations. The groups wishes to remember the past and not erase or mourn it. The group publishes a newsletter, and has an archival collection, housed at the Carter G. Woodson Library in Chicago, Illinois. Contact the ISDSA, PO Box 536937, Chicago, IL 60643-6937 or e-mail at ISDSA@aol.com (From *The Family Tree*, Dec. 1998/Jan. 1999).

CIVIL WAR RECRUITS: Some Civil War recruits were rejected for service because of illness or injury. The records for these recruits are in the National Archives, Record Group 110. They include the birthplace, age, residence, occupation, physical characteristics and rejection reason. The records are arranged by Congressional District as of 1863. You will need to determine the exact district the rejected recruit lived in as of that year. One way to do this is to check city and county histories to determine who was the congressman in the district in 1863, and then find the exact district number/name by consulting books on congress which often list past members and the districts they represented. These books are often found in libraries. If the state had a small population, it may be there was only one representative for the whole state. (From *Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Spring 1998).

FREE GENEALOGY PRODUCTS: For those of you that have Internet access, there is a new website that will guide you to places where free genealogy products and services are available. Products such as a free copy of a genealogy magazine, free name searches in Europe and North America, no charge telephone advice, and online access to land records in many states are offered. The site is located at: <http://www.genfree.com> (From *The Family Tree*, Dec. 1998/Jan. 1999).

NORWEGIAN NAMING PATTERNS: Traditionally, Norwegians use a patronymic naming pattern. If a man called Hans Andersen had a son called Anders, he would be called Anders Hansen. A daughter named Brita would be called Brita Hansdatter, sometimes written Hansdtr, Hansdt, or Hansd. Often a child would get his/her first name from one of the grandparents.

Beginning in 1400, Norway had an influx of people from abroad. These people used what today would be called a modern naming practice. As a result, during the last decades of the 19th century, the patronymic naming practices were abandoned. The grandson of Ole Johannessen may call himself Ole Johannessen in the first part of his life, because he was the son of Johannes Oldsen. Upon maturity, if he still lived on the farm upon which he was born he may call himself Ole Os (Os being the name of the farm). Most Norwegians of today have a family name of the "farm type" such as Os or Oldervoll. A minority of people still maintain patronymic naming, and a smaller minority have what are called "imported names" such as Bolmann.

Marrying did not traditionally change a woman's surname, until the end of the last century when women began taking their husband's surname. Today, many women may keep their surnames, or combine both their surname and their husband's surname patrimentally. Children only take the surname of one of the parents, and siblings do not all bear the same surname. This makes it confusing and challenging for the researcher. (From *A Nicolls Worth of News* via *The Family Tree*, Dec. 1998/Jan. 1999).

WEBSITES TO INVESTIGATE:

- ▶ 1895 California Atlas <http://www.livgenmi.com/1895ca.htm>
- ▶ California Genealogical Society <http://www.calgensoc.com/>
- ▶ California Newspaper Project <http://cbsr26.ucr.edu/cnp/index.html>
- ▶ California Pioneer Project <http://www.compuology.com/cpl/>
- ▶ California State Archive <http://www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives.htm>
- ▶ 1895 Illinois Atlas <http://www.livgenmi.com/1895il.htm>
- ▶ Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans <http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/dacivil.html>
- ▶ Illinois Ancestor Registry <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilgenweb/queries/qryindex.htm>
- ▶ Illinois Lineage Links <http://www.execpc.com/~srl/illl>
- ▶ International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies <http://www.jewishgen.org/ajgs/>
- ▶ JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy <http://www.jewishgen.org/>
- ▶ Jewish Heritage Society <http://www.glas.apc.org/~heritage>
- ▶ Hispanic Genealogy <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~pmg/Hispanic.html>
- ▶ Hispanic Genealogy Crossroads <http://members.aol.com/mrosado007/crossroads.htm>
- ▶ German Roots: German Genealogy Resources <http://www.germanroots.com>
- ▶ CGN Cemetery Do's and Don'ts <http://members.aol.com/ctgravenet/dosdnts.htm>
- ▶ Young Immigrants to Canada <http://www.dcs.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/homeadd.html>
- ▶ *The Family Tree Online* - from the Ellen Payne Odom Library <http://www.teleport.com/~binder/famtree.shtml>
- ▶ The Overland Trail <http://www.over-land.com/index.html>
- ▶ American Migrations Web Site <http://members.aol.com/gedsearch/migrate.htm>
- ▶ Railroad Maps from the Library of Congress <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtm/rrhtml.rrhome.html>
- ▶ RRHistorical <http://rrhistorical.com>
- ▶ Colonial Williamsburg <http://www.history.org/>
- ▶ Virginia Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows <http://image.vtls.com/collections.CW.html>
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