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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 14 January 1999
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "Genealogical Resources of Pioneer Hall"
Speaker: Gary A. Zimmerman, Ph.D.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Pioneer Hall, on the shores of Lake Washington, just south of Madison Park, is home to three organizations with archival collections useful to the genealogist: The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington, Seattle Chapter No. 1 of the State Association of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, and the Fiske Genealogical Foundation.

The Pioneers and the Daughters each have membership application archives that date from the 1880's to the present and contain extensive family history documentation. Their museums in Pioneer Hall include an extensive collection of vintage photographs from the pioneer era, a library of historical writings about Washington Territory, and memorabilia from the period before Washington statehood. The Fiske Library continues to expand its collection of genealogical reference materials for the area from the Atlantic seaboard to the states on the western banks of the Mississippi and the Pacific Northwest.

The January presentation will focus on the strengths of these three collections, how to access the materials, and how to use the finding aids available for the genealogist.

Our speaker will be Gary A. Zimmerman. A practicing genealogist since his grade school days, Gary has worked extensively on American genealogies, especially in the upper Midwest and in the South. He is currently the president of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation and primary lecturer in the Fiske educational series on genealogical research techniques. He has an active genealogy client case load from across the United States.

Gary recently retired from a career in higher education administration, after 23 years at Seattle University and ten years at Antioch University. He also has had more than 30 years of public service which includes seven years on the Bellevue City Council and ten years as chair of the Metro Council. A member of the Eastside Genealogical Society since 1985, he is presently a resident of the Houghton community in south Kirkland. Please join us and learn about this wonderful local resource.

EGS PRESENT "GENEALOGICAL KEYS TO GREAT BRITAIN" SEMINAR

Eastside Genealogical Society is presenting a seminar entitled "Genealogical Keys to Great Britain" 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 this newsletter for details and a registration form. Seating is limited so register early.

CENSUS RECORDING DATES: 1790 through 1820 - first Monday in August; 1830 through 1900 - June 1; 1910 - April 15; 1920 - January 1; 1930 - 1980 - April 1.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER ROBERTSON

With the first newsletter issue of 1999 and the start of a new year, it seems appropriate to wish each of you a happy and successful year, especially as you continue to chase after your ancestors and to flesh out details of their lives.

For the society, we can look forward to the March program that not only presents the usual second Thursday presentation on 11 March but also features an all-day event on Saturday, 13 March. Sherry Irvine is the speaker on both dates. See accompanying articles for more details. If these talks are of interest to you, submit your registration early because seating is limited.

Meanwhile, your board members and committee chairs have enjoyed the December respite. Some work has continued, of course, but we have not had formal meetings. Thus, we should come roaring back this month in the hopes of bringing zing and excitement to your genealogical activities. Come to meetings, get active in a special interest group, meet new people, have lunch with the lunch bunch, and make a friend or two!

Peter Robertson

CONDOLENCES: EGS would like to extend our sympathy to EGS member Dick Malm and family on the death of Dick's mother, Christine Malm.

GET WELL SOON: The following EGS members have recently been under the weather: Mary Sangalang, Janice Pankratz, Janis Ulstein, Mary Ann Nickell, Eunice Jobes, Jack Edwards, Sherry Holthe, Peter Robertson, and Gil Andrew. We hope you are all feeling better soon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Name	Phone	Researching
Alberti, Marcia J.	425-822-5028	
Bergquist, Carrie L.	425-271-1280	Cartwright, Bergquist, Casey, Bulgaelli, Bagnariol, Ory, Powers, Baird
Drews, Carol A.	425-788-6406	Petersen, Cronberg
Henry, Melanie	425-883-0406	
Kent, Eloise	206-232-1261	Kent, Ryan, Allen, Scott
Pattison, Carol		Hampton, Woody, Forbes, Garland, Hinderliter, Hansche, Soergel, Lail
Pere, Molly	425-883-7814	
Stokes, Marietta	425-868-5467	Morrison, Parker, Webster, Parish
Stromberg, Carol	425-881-7362	

THANK YOU: Thank you to Gloria Brown, Dave Soracco, and Pat Ciacca Calkins, who also helped at the genealogy seminar held in November at the Woodinville LDS Church. Over 40 people attended the seminar, and were able to hear speakers on a large variety of topics.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH EGS SEMINAR: At the last regular monthly meeting of EGS held 12 November 1998, the following people signed up to help with various aspects of the 12 March 1999 seminar featuring Sherry Irvine.

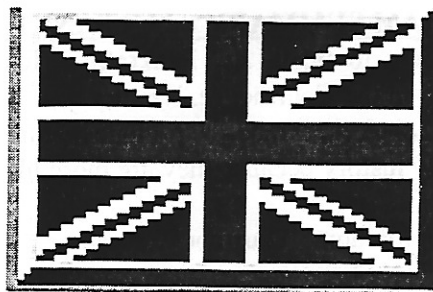
- Registration Committee (processes registration forms, passing checks to EGS treasurer, sending confirmation slips to registrants, delivering box lunch requests to Box Lunch Committee, preparing/giving name tags to attendees on the 13th): Gil and Alesa Andrew, Ann Miller, Judy Smith
- Box Lunch Coordination Committee (gathers box lunch requests received from Registration Committee, prepares a comprehensive by-name detailed order for box lunches to be given to C'est Cheese, take delivery of lunches on 13 March, help Kitchen Committee distribute lunches): Barbara Gyll, Mary Ellen Scott (Lunches need to be ordered by 8 March 1999 at C'est Cheese, 206-232-9810 and delivery taken at seminar location).
- Kitchen Committee (oversee kitchen operation on 13 March 1999, insure coffee/tea is available, coordinates distribution of member prepared cookies, clean kitchen for church's use next day): Marty and Thornton Gale, Kim Nichols

Ten people have agreed to be cookie providers. We are hoping for 100+ people to register. If each provider prepared three dozen cookies, there would be enough to give 120 people three cookies each. Each of the groups has a lot to do.

We thank those people who have already signed up to help out and urge others to join one of the teams. It's a great way to get to know your fellow EGS members. If you would like to help, call Peter Robertson at 206-236-2473.

EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

"GENEALOGICAL KEYS TO GREAT BRITAIN"



Saturday, 13 March 1999 at the Congregational Church of Mercer Island
4545 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island, WA [I-90 – Exit Nr 7 – Island Crest Way]
9:30AM to 4:00PM

with

SHERRY IRVINE

Distinguished Lecturer and Author on British Genealogy

Topics –

What is a Parish? The Civil and Ecclesiastical Divisions of England and Wales.

Strategies for Probate Research in England and Wales – 1653 to 1858.

Indexes to Scottish Church Records – Maximizing the Benefits.

His Majesties Share: Tax Records as a Source for Family History.

BUY A BOX LUNCH – OR – BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH

Clip and mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed for confirmation

Name: _____

Street: _____

City & State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Tel: _____

BOX LUNCH [Sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie]

[BOX LUNCHES ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 15 FEB]

Number Box Lunches _____ @ \$7.15 Each

MEAT

____ Beef ____ Turkey ____ Ham ____ Tuna Salad

CHEESE

____ Swiss ____ Cheddar

BREAD

____ Sourdough ____ Honeywheat ____ Lt. Rye

CONDIMENTS

____ Mayo ____ Mustard ____ Tomato AND ____ Lettuce

Admission \$15.00 – Received
before 1 March 1999.

\$20.00 - Received
1 March 1999 and after.

LIMITED SEATING [100+]

Admission \$ _____.

Box Lunch \$ _____.

Total Enclosed \$ _____.

Make check payable to and
send to:

Eastside Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 374

Bellevue, WA 98009-0374

QUESTIONS? -- Peter Robertson
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 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM SUMMARY - JAN PANKRATZ - NOVEMBER

We would like to take a moment to thank Jan Pankratz, a founding member of EGS, for her informative presentation on the "Prizes and Surprises in the Courthouse." Every one of our ancestors has records which can be found at a courthouse. Some of these records include vital records, probate, naturalization, and land records. We should all hope to have a notorious ancestor in our family history because they are more likely to have a paper trail at the courthouse than the average citizen.

Jan recommended five methods for doing courthouse research: do the research yourself; hire a professional genealogist to do the research for you; join a local genealogical society in the area where you are researching; visit your local Family History Center to review their microfilmed courthouse records; and lastly, check the Internet as it has become a valuable resource for posting courthouse records.

There are three types of maps Jan mentioned: state maps, county maps, and township atlases. Prior to visiting the courthouse, check the census to find out where your people were and what they were doing during census years to help guide your courthouse record search. Knowing where they lived will help you determine when and where they may have bought or sold land. The courthouse has grantor (seller) and grantee (buyer) record books which list all the land transactions recorded in the county.

There are many other prizes waiting in the courthouse. Probate packets contain a wealth of genealogically rich items, and naturalization records may also be found there. If you are interested in the courthouse building itself, you can often find postcards made during different times in history. Jan also recommends a number of books that are helpful in doing courthouse research. Check the King County Library System catalog for a list of these books. (By Kimberley Lackey, EGS member).

GENEALOGY CLASSES AT THE SOUTH BELLEVUE SENIOR CENTER & NEWCASTLE CITY HALL

A series of four intermediate genealogy classes taught by EGS members will be held at the South Bellevue Senior Center (Lake Heights YMCA). Classes will begin on Tuesday, 2 February 1999 from 10-11:30 a.m. and will continue weekly through the month of February. These will be a \$8 fee payable to Bellevue Parks Department. Please call 425-452-7681 to register and for any questions. In addition, a series of four beginning genealogy classes will be offered at the Newcastle City Hall (13020 SE 72nd Place, Ste. A) in the Community Room on Friday, February 19th from 1:30 -3:00 p.m. and will continue through Friday, March 12, 1999. These will be an \$8 fee payable to Newcastle Parks Department. Please call 425-649-4143 for any questions.

"THE LUKE SWETLAND STORY - FACT OR FICTION" AT THE BOTHELL REGIONAL LIBRARY

On 20 January 1999 at the Bothell Regional Library, EGS member Curtis Roselle will present "The Luke Swetland Story - Fact or Fiction." The presentation, from 7 - 9 p.m., tells the story of Luke Swetland, and how Curtis researched and used various records when finding proof of the story. The Bothell Regional Library is located at 18215 98th Ave. NE, Bothell. For more information, please call Daniel Shaffer, librarian, at 425-486-7811.

NEW FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPENS IN REDMOND: A new Family History Center has recently opened in Redmond, located across the street from Redmond High School. The center, at 10115 172nd Ave. NE, is equipped with 8 computers with Family Search and PAF. In addition, several computers have Family Origins and Family Tree Maker software installed. The center also offers a separate room with microfilm and microfiche readers, as well as the CD-ROM titles of "North America Vital Records, US & Canada 1631-1888," "British Isles Records 1538-1888," "1851 British Census," and the "Sourceguide." The Family History Center will reopen January 11th, after a holiday break. It is open Mondays 9 a.m. -1 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 425-881-7488 for directions/more information.

KIRKLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER: On 14 November, the Kirkland Family History Center, 7910 NE 132nd St. in Juanita, held an open house from 2-8 p.m. Peter Robertson, Barbara Robbins, Andy Anderson, and Doug Cannon represented EGS at the event, and EGS appreciates their devoting a portion of their Saturday to make EGS' participation in the open house a reality. The majority of visitors were EGS members already so there was an opportunity to socialize as well as learn what the Center has to offer. For those persons who were unable to attend, the best way to the Kirkland Family History Center is to take Juanita Drive to NE 132nd Street and turn right on to 132nd Street; the FHC is almost on the northeast corner of the intersection.

FISKE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES FOR WINTER QUARTER:

The following classes will be offered beginning in January. All classes meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fiske Library at 1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle (in the Madison Park neighborhood). The ten session quarter has a tuition fee of \$30, although individual sessions may be attended for \$5.00. No reservations are required, and all sessions are led by Gary A. Zimmerman unless otherwise noted. Classes are: January 13 - Lutheran Church Records, from the Old World to the New, by Rev. Dennis Andersen; January 20 - Germans from Russia, by Jean Roth; January 27 - Doing Genealogy in Kentucky I; February 3 - Doing Genealogy in Kentucky II; February 10 - Field Trip to a regional resource (to be selected during the first class by the students); February 17 - Doing Genealogy in Tennessee; February 24 - Discussion of Research Strategies for Current Problems proposed by seminar participants; March 3 - Scots to the New World; March 10 - Fiske Library Resources: Old and New; March 17 - The Use of Maps in Genealogy with Mary Peters.

WILLING TO LOAN OR DO LOOK-UPS: EGS member Pat O'Connor writes: "I recently purchased three books that have lots of genealogical, historic, and cultural information about northern Nova Scotia. They are all by Evelyn DeCoste who lives in that area at this time. The titles are: *Cape Jac Road* (155 pages), *The Village and East Havre Boucher* (200 pages), and *West Havre Boucher, Linwood, Frankville* (221 pages). They are packed with names and dates and are indexed for easy checking. You are also welcome to borrow the books. If you would like me to do a look-up please call in the evenings at 425-814-0896, or email me at ptoconnor@aol.com"

LAWS THAT IMPACT GENEALOGISTS: Our U.S. Legislators have been working for a while on a bill designed to extend the term of copyright protection by 20 years. President Clinton signed the bill on 27 October 1998. What this means for genealogists is that people who produce CD-ROM disks are now prohibited from reproducing materials printed after 1922. Newspapers after 1922, especially obituaries, will now be in copyright for another 20 years. You'll need to wait 20 more years before they can be transcribed and put online for free. Old genealogies, which might be useful if reprinted, now cannot be freely reprinted or placed online for an additional 20 years. This is true also for historic materials and obscure works whose copyright status is uncertain or where the heirs cannot be tracked down. For more information, look at <http://www.public.asu.edu/~dkarjala/> (From *Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, Nov. 7, 1998 via *UGA News*, November 1998).

Also, an initiative was passed in the elections in Oregon, Measure No. 58, which required issuing a copy of the original Oregon Birth Certificate to adoptees who request it. Information about this can be found at: <http://www.kgw.com/electoremeas.asp> (From *UGA News*, November 1998).

THOMAS BALCH HISTORY & GENEALOGY LIBRARY: The Thomas Balch History and Genealogy Library is located in Leesburg, Virginia at 208 West Market St. This library is a local history and genealogy library that is owned and operated by the town of Leesburg. Their collection focusses on the following topics: Loudon County History, Regional History, Virginia History, and Family History. The collection includes over six thousand books and periodicals with such resources as: newspapers from Loudon County from 1800; obituary indexes from 1817-1841 and 1858-1898; military collection; archival materials such as letters, diaries, and account books; family file of genealogies and information about various families with emphasis on Loudon County; Census records; map file; vertical file; church file; Historic House & Lewis landmark file; photographs; deeds and wills; cemetery records; marriage records; genealogies; and tax rolls for Loudon County. You may contact the Library by calling 701-779-1328, fax 703-779-7363, or e-mail at Janetbl@erols.com (submitted by Jame L. Robinson, EGS member).

DESCENDANTS FROM OFFERDAL, SWEDEN SOUGHT: EGS has received a copy of a letter from Offerdals Sockenstamma (Offerdal, Sweden), an organization representing 15 villages, the school, and clubs in the area. They are seeking out descendants of people who left Offerdal for America. They are putting together a program to help these descendants visit the villages of their ancestors and see the farms and cottages they came from. If you have any interest in this, contact Lotta Stenback-Olofsson, Box 85 S-830 51 Offerdal SWEDEN. You can also e-mail at offerdals.sockenstamma@fc.itz.se

ANNUAL MEETING OF AKCHO: Will be held Tuesday, January 26, 1999 and will feature speaker Robert Fulghum. Please see calendar listings on page 9 for more information.

EGS MEETINGS: If you have a change in meeting time/date/location for an EGS Special Interest Group, or other EGS related meeting and you missed the newsletter deadline, be sure to notify Gordon Young so he can make the change on the EGS website. You can contact him by phone at 425-883-0500, or by e-mail at gyoung@seanet.com

SEATTLE'S OWN POSTCARD SHOW Seattle's Own Postcard Show will be held January 23 and 24th at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Avenue North, Kent). This is a chance to browse and buy old postcards. The show will be open Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$4; if you want to attend the early bird part of the show only on Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. admission is \$15.

PROFILE OF GENEALOGISTS: Mr. Ronald Lambert, of the Ontario Genealogical Society, conducted a mail survey of the Canadian and American membership which included 1,348 respondents. Mr. Lambert studied genealogists in an effort to find out what motivates them to explore the past. He found that:

- 63 % were women, 37 % were men.
- 27 % were 70 or over, 29 % were between 60 and 69, and 7% were younger than 40.
- In every age category, women predominated.
- men and women were equally represented among those who said they worked full-time; among part-time workers, women outnumbered men four to one; women in the sample were more likely than men to work part-time or as homemakers; virtually all of the 170 homemaker genealogists were women.
- among retired respondents, 57 % were women and 43% were men.
- nearly 80% of all respondents father's lines and 75% of mother's lines came to this continent from England, Scotland, Ireland, Ulster, or Wales. Other major countries of origin were Germany at 7% and France at 3-5%.
- the average year of arrival in either Canada or the U.S. was 1850 for father's lines, 1855 for mother's lines, 1866 for their spouse's fathers lines, and 1871 for their spouse's mothers lines.
- on average, respondents were the fourth generation in Canada/USA.
- 80% of American respondents were born in the U.S. and the remainder in Canada; 95% of Canadian respondents were born in Canada.
- 75% of the sample was married at the time of the survey, 13% had never been married, and 10% were widows or widowers.
- nearly 50% of the sample have completed university or done some graduate work.
- respondents younger than 40 have lived in their present community or its immediate vicinity an average 14 years; for those 40-49, 20 years; 27 years for those age 50-59; 34 years for those 60-69; and 36 years for those 70 and over.

For more about this topic, see the website at: <http://globalgenealogy.com/gazrr19.htm> (From *The Global Gazette*, Tuesday, December 15, 1998).

ELLIS ISLAND WILL GET FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER: On 28 October, 1998 at a news conference on Ellis Island, Ellis Island Foundation Chairman Emeritus Lee Iacocca announced plans for the American Family Immigration History Center, which is expected to open in the year 2000 on the island.

The LDS Church is playing a key role in making Ellis Island records available to researchers. To date, more than two million volunteer hours have been spent to extract about 65 % of the records from microfilmed copies of the original ledgers (passenger records and ships' manifests). These records were mostly hand-written, faded and damaged. The original records were destroyed years ago. The remaining 35% of the records will be extracted and digitized by the opening of the center (editor's note - people in our own area are now involved in this record extraction).

The Center will house state-of-the-art interactive computer technology that will bring family documentation and genealogical exploration to visitors. The Ellis Island records represent some 60% of all U.S. immigration records. It is estimated that more than 100 million Americans today can trace their roots to immigrants who passed through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924. (From *The Irish Family History Forum*, Nov./Dec. 1998 and *UGA News*, November 1998).

IMMIGRANT SHIPS TRANSCRIBERS GUILD: A new website, now available on the Internet, is being developed by a group of 100+ volunteers who are transcribing NARA-microfilmed passenger lists. In addition, the site has links to other related sites, and is accepting donations of lists which have already been transcribed. If you have a transcribed list you would like to donate, contact Joan Rasanen, Resource Coordinator, at Joaras@aol.com, giving her the name of the ship, ports of departure and arrival, dates for each, and your e-mail address. The website is located at: <http://iigs.rootsweb.com/immships/index1.html> (From *UGA News*, November 1998).

NEW YORK FOUNDLING HOME OPENS RECORDS: The New York Foundling Home, which sent children on the Orphan Trains in the late 1850's, has opened their records to adult adoptees. Contact The New York Foundling Hospital Records Information Office, 1173 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10021. You may also contact the Orphan Train Society of America, 614 E. Emma Ave., Suite 115, Springdale, AR 72764-4634. (From *The Irish Family History Forum*, Sept./Oct. 1998).

REPOSITORY OF AMERICANA: A celebration was recently held at the University of Michigan's William L. Clements Library in honor of the library's 75th anniversary. The library focuses almost exclusively on Americana, and has been referred to as the premier archive for students of the Revolutionary War.

William L. Clements provided the impetus for the creation of the library when he donated his extensive personal collection of documents and papers relating to the Revolutionary War. Many manuscripts dealing with this war can be found in no other place. The collection includes the papers of the Earl of Shelburne, who negotiated the peace that ended the war, as well as the papers of British Generals Thomas Gage and Henry Clinton, and the Cabinet Minister George Germain. The library has recently published *One Hundred and one Treasures From the Collections of the William L. Clements Library: A Celebration of Seventy-five Years 1923-1998*, edited by the library director, John C. Dann. The library also has a website at: <http://www.clements.umich.edu> (From *Newsletter of the Genealogical Roundtable*, October 1998).

HISTORICAL WEATHER EVENTS AND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: Consider weather events when telling the story of your family's history. Any weather-related event that influenced your ancestor's life will add interest, detail and new insight into his/her life and will create interest between the reader and the ancestor you are writing about.

How do you find these weather events that you can add to your family history? Start with the minimal information of a time period, indicated by birth, marriage, or death dates, and a location at some point in the life of the ancestor you are writing about. The more you can trace your ancestor geographically, the greater your opportunity for finding a story in your research.

Some sources for weather events and information are:

- *Times of Feast, Times of Famine* by Emmanuel Leroy Ladurie (1971, Doubleday) which studies the climate in Europe since 1000 AD.
- ◆ County histories, such as *A History of Marion County, Ohio*, often have a section on the weather or meteorological history of the area.
- ◆ Almanacs from the past, as well as current almanacs, contain information such as weather, eclipses, sunrise/sunset schedules, tide and other tables, as well as local events.
- ◆ Accounts of other individuals and their experiences in the same geographical area during the same times often contain information about weather events. For example, in *Travel Accounts of Indiana 1679-1961, Indiana Historical Collections No. 47*, an account of a trip tells that the journey took five days due to persistent rains and resulting mud.
- ◆ Some weather events have had entire books written about them, such as *The Blizzard of '88*, by Irving Werstein, or *The Johnstown Flood* by David McCullough.
- ◆ Remember, if you live far from your ancestral home and the reference material is not available locally, you may be able to use an interlibrary loan to obtain the material. (From *Ancestry*, Nov./Dec. 1998).

OREGON STATE ARCHIVES SURNAME FILES: The Oregon State Archives website at:

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us> includes a searchable surname index. These indexes are created by staff and volunteers who examine the actual records in the Archives holdings. When you find a name in the database, you can request a copy of the file by e-mail at reference.archives@state.or.us. You will be billed when you receive the file. If you would rather, you can visit the Archives in Salem at 800 Summer Street. Open hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (From *So King News*, Nov./Dec. 1998).

HINTS FOR SEARCHING MILITARY RECORDS: When searching military records and military pension records, don't overlook indexes to remarried widows. And be sure to look under "M" if the women you are looking for can't be found - clerks unsure of the woman's first name may have filed the record under "M" for "Mrs." (From *The Family Tree* via *So King News*, Nov./Dec. 1998).

NINE MYTHS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS:

1. MYTH: When our American ancestors moved, they always went west. FACT: Since most early settlers came to the eastern shore of North America, it was logical for most expansion to move westward. However there are documented cases showing movement northward, southward, or back to the East after pioneers became disenchanted with the west.
2. MYTH: Because travel conditions, before the advent of railroads, were poor, families rarely moved more than once or twice in a lifetime. FACT: A study of Revolutionary War pension applications shows many of these veterans moved six or more times, and quite often lived in as many different states.
3. MYTH: Our ancestors usually moved not knowing where they were going to end up. FACT: In-depth study shows that in most cases our ancestors received many reports about the "ideal" locations to settle, by which they were convinced they would better themselves by moving. Sometimes they relied on reports from relatives or neighbors who had already moved, but often a member of the family would take a preliminary trip to check out the new location. The move usually involved several families making the trip together.
4. MYTH: Most American men were devoutly religious at the time of the American Revolution. FACT: While most colonists gave nominal adherence to Christian values in the late eighteenth century, some historians have estimated that no more than 15% of the men were church members.
5. MYTH: Immediately after the Revolutionary War, most Southern churchmen were either Baptist or Methodist. FACT: Following the war, a majority of Southerners of Anglo-Saxon heritage who were church members still belonged to the successor of the Anglican church in America, the Protestant Episcopal Church. The second largest number of churchmen were the Scots-Irish Presbyterians. The great movement to the Methodist and Baptist churches happened in the early part of the nineteenth century.
6. MYTH: Most Southern families were slave owners just prior to the Civil War. FACT: The majority of heads of households never owned a slave. This has been substantiated through study of slave census records.
7. MYTH: Just prior to the Civil War, most of the wealth in America was in the Northern States. FACT: While industrial growth in the North had exceeded that of the South, the Southeast had experienced an era of economic prosperity in the middle of the nineteenth century, and as a result, six of the ten wealthiest states in the Union in 1860 were below the Mason-Dixon line.
8. MYTH: Due to the lack of major industry, there were no large cities in the South at the outbreak of the Civil War. FACT: It is true that most of the large cities were along the eastern seaboard during the 1850's. However, according to the 1850 census, New Orleans was the fifth largest city in the U.S., ranking just behind Philadelphia. The population of New Orleans at the time was 116,375.
9. MYTH: Most American males were involved in some kind of military action between the American Revolution and the Civil War. FACT: There were a number of wars on Southern soil, between 1783 and 1865, including the battles of the War of 1812, the War with Mexico, and several Indian Wars. However, the majority of males in the country never participated in any kind of military action beyond a militia drill during this period of time. (From *WAGS*, Oct. 1997 via *SCG Society, Inc.*, October 1998).

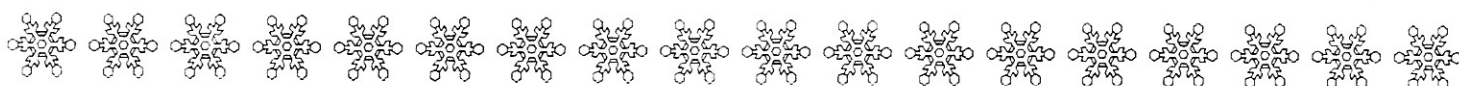
PRESERVING GENETIC HERITAGE: Genealogists now can preserve valuable DNA information to supplement their genealogical data, thanks to a service offered by the GeneSaver Division of LIFESCIENCE, Inc., of Grantham, New Hampshire. Their unique processing of drops of fingertip blood is available by mail, and the preserved samples can be stored anywhere at room temperature. Clients can create their private "family banks" of archival quality DNA samples. DNA data is already revolutionizing the practice of diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic medicine. But when abnormal DNA is discovered in a patient, there is no way of telling where it was inherited or if it is the result of a recent mutation. If it was inherited, siblings and offspring may also be at risk to develop the same condition. A recent flood of valuable data with regard to the importance of inherited DNA has resulted from the Human Genome Project. Dr. John Moeschler, Director of the Medical Genetics Program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, stated in a recent interview "Researchers - especially those studying a family with a history of a disorder with a possibly genetic cause - might be interested in having the DNA of family members, both dead and alive. Having the DNA might help them pinpoint important gene mutations." Genome preservation has received the enthusiastic support of Ralph Crandall, Executive Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He noted the importance of ongoing projects which would help genealogists uncover invaluable information on medical and gene patterns in their families. (From *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Nov./Dec. 1998).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 22-23 January 1999 GENTECH '99 Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Includes lectures, exhibits, software demonstrations. Registration \$75-145 depending on whether or not you stay at the conference hotel and if you register by Dec. 1. For information/registration online visit: <http://www.gentech.org/>
- 26 January 1999 Annual Meeting of AKCHO at the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St., Seattle; registration 9 a.m., program from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The speaker will be Robert Fulghum, author and speaker, talking on "You couldn't pay me enough money to do this." Cost is \$20 per person, which includes speaker, refreshments, and luncheon. Seating is limited and you must register by Jan. 15th. Mail registrations to: AKCHO, PO Box 3257, Seattle, WA 98114. Be sure to give your organization name as EGS.
- 6 February 1999 "The Settlement of America", a one-day genealogy workshop given by the New England Historic Genealogical Society at the Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, IL. Cost: \$35 members, \$50 non-members. Phone 312-225-3510 for information/registration.
- 25-27 February 1999 Heritage Conference '99 - The 12th Annual Statewide Washington Heritage Conference, to be held in Olympia. Topics include: a day long workshop on use of the Internet for heritage organizations. To request information on the conference, call 260-586-0219 or e-mail jpeterson@wshs.wa.gov, or write HRC, 211 West 21st Ave., Olympia, WA 98501.
- 18-23 April 1999 "Irish Family Research and Family Research in the United States," by ASIS JR Genealogical Services, at the Graymoor Conference Center, Garrison, New York. Two tracks available; each limited to 20 participants. Call 516-271-3410 for information/registration..
- 12-15 May 1999 1999 National Genealogical Society's National Conference in the States, Richmond, Virginia. National speakers, computer labs, banquets, vendors, and optional side trips. For information, call 703-525-0050
- 23-30 May 1999 ASIS JR Genealogical Services presents "The Family History Library Research Tour" at Salt Lake City. Tour includes accommodations, airport shuttles, bag portage, two dinners, lectures by nationally known genealogists, and individual daily research guidance by tour staff. Call 516-271-3140 for registration and information.
- 11-16 August 1999 Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 1999 National Genealogical Society's 1999 Research Trip to Ireland. Research in major Dublin repositories, led by professional genealogists. Includes seven nights in Dublin, departing late summer. Ask to be placed on the mailing list, or for more information, contact NGS '99 Research Trip to Ireland, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, phone toll-free 1-800-473-0060, e-mail: conference@ngsgenealogy.org, website: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

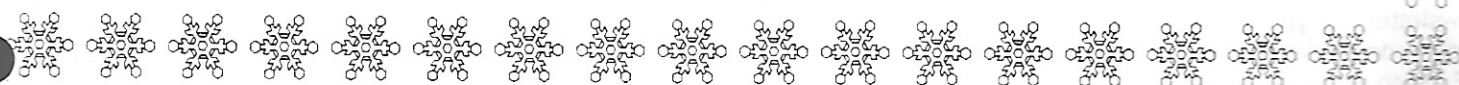
LOST IRISH BABY RECORDS FOUND: During the 1950's, some 1479 illegitimate babies born in Ireland were sent to the U.S. for adoption. Recently files regarding these adoptions were found in Dublin. They contain information on the baby's name, date of birth, mother's name, names and details of the adopting parents, and a statement by the birth mother relinquishing all claim to the baby. (From *British Isles Family History Society*, via *The Irish Family History Forum*, Sept./Oct. 1998).

TIME ZONES: Before 1883, there were more than 50 time zones in the U.S. and no standard time. Noon was whenever the sun crossed the meridian overhead. On Nov. 18, 1883, the railroad adopted engineer Stanford Fleming's proposed worldwide system of 24 time zones. Standard time became law in 1918. (From Peoria Gen. Soc., via *So. King News*, Nov./Dec. 1998).



LUNCH BUNCH

Join the Lunch Bunch at Crossroads Mall Food Court on Thursday, January 28th at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, fun, and talk. The Food Court is located at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue, on the corner of NE 8th and 156th Ave. NE. For more information, call Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488.



EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Computer Interest Group	Will meet Saturday, January 16th st at 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Tech Center, Eastgate area, Bellevue. EGS member Gordon Young will be giving a GEDCOM workshop presentation. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe at 425-880-4407.
EGS Lunch Bunch	Will meet January 28th at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.
German Interest Group	Will be meeting Friday, January 8th at the Lake Hills Library at 1 p.m. The group will be listening to a tape made at the 1996 FGS Conference of a lecture given by Larry O. Jensen on "Using German Emigration and U.S. Immigration/Migration Routes to Determine Places of Origin. NOTE: This meeting will be on the 2nd Friday, not the usual 1st Friday, due to the New Year's Holiday. Next meeting will be February 5, 1999.
Irish Interest Group	The Irish Interest Group has disbanded for the time being, until another Chairperson is willing to continue the group. There will be no meetings starting in January. Call Mary Magnuson at 425-746-6627 for information.
Italian Interest Group	Call Mary Sangalang at 425-649-2250 for info.
Midwest Interest Group	Will meet Thursday, January 21st from 10 a.m. to noon at Firehouse #9. Please bring research problems, successes, etc. to share. We will also listen to a tape if there is time. Everyone is welcome! Call Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050 for info/directions.
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group	Monday, January 25th, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.
Portuguese Interest Group	Contact Barbara Guyll, 425-746-5603 for information.
Scandinavian Interest Group	Will meet Tuesday, January 12th, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Puget Sound Regional Archives Building, Bellevue Community College Campus. Call Carol Owings at 425-641-9930 for information.
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group	Call Mary Lou McKibben at 425-888-2053 for information about meeting date/location.

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library
NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760

Boeing Technology Center
Building 33-07, Eastgate area
2760 160th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA

Firehouse #9
12412 SE 69th Way
Bellevue, WA

Issaquah Public Library
140 East Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA 425-392-5430

LDS Family History Center-Bellevue
10675 NE 20th St.
Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690

LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria
4200 124th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361

LDS Fam. Hist. Center-Kirkland
7910 NE 132nd St.
Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781

LDS Fam. Hist. Center - Redmond
10115 172nd Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 425-881-7488

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350

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

Seattle Public Library
1000 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, WA 206-386-4636

Snoqualmie Public Library, 38580 SE River Street, Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223

Newsletter Schedule: The *Bulletin Board* is published each month, except December. Submission of news and articles to the *Bulletin Board* must be in writing and received **by the 15th of each month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please call Kim at 425-402-9050 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and cooperation is appreciated. Please mail submissions to: Kim Nichols, 15525 NE 195th St., Woodinville, WA 98072-8465 or e-mail to: nichols@nwlink.com