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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 14, 1994, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help, Library and Supply Tables Open)

Speaker: Sandra Wilson

**Topic: Putting Flesh on the Bones of a Name on Your Family Tree:
The Use of Handwriting Analysis in Genealogy**

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Sandy Wilson was born in Tacoma and graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in education. She taught in the public school system in the U.S. for twelve years and lived for four years in New Delhi, India. She taught in New Delhi three years and during her last year cared for her new baby (now grown). Sandy and her husband named the baby "Shanti" which in Hindi means "peace," thus bringing a bit of India home with her. Upon her return from India, Sandy and her family lived in Colorado, then in 1978 moved home to the Puget Sound area. Sandy is a speaker on relationships as well as a Master Graphoanalyst and owner of her own business in Mill Creek, *Introscriptions*. She teaches classes in graphology -- handwriting analysis -- at the University of Washington Experimental College and at other local sites. Sandy and her husband spend much time at their second home on Orcas Island.

Sandy sees handwriting analysis as a wonderful tool with which to help understand what kind of a person an ancestor was. For example, we know our grandparents only when they are old, but studying samples of their handwriting done when they were young tells even more about them. Sandy will present the five universal character traits seen in handwriting that are not dependent on any particular handwriting stroke. Using samples of handwriting from the past, she will also discuss how handwriting was taught in schools at the time. Sandy suggests that members bring paper and pencil to take notes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Connie Balazic

May I express appreciation for your generous gift presented to me at the June membership meeting. I have purchased the auto cassettes of *The Tale of Two Cities*. As a teenager, I enjoyed the book and have longed to reread it, not knowing when the time would be available. Now I will be able to enjoy James Mason's award-winning presentation repeatedly, as I drive back and forth from California, Oregon, and Utah. Each time I will remember EGS with loving thoughts. Thank you.

The 1881 England and Wales Census, in part, is available at the FHC. You will notice that each shire has four divisions: Surname, Birthplace, Census Place, and Arranged-As-Enumerated. The white binder on top of the microfiche cabinet holding this index will give you guidance for using this new index. Additions to the index will become available on a county-by-county basis as they are completed.

The Personal Ancestral File is again on the market and all back orders are being filed.

If your summer vacation plans include a trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library, you may want to check out the Data Center on the first floor. The library will allow you one hour to review the different Electronic Bulletin Boards available for the computer. Genie, America Online, Prodigy, and CompuServe are provided, giving you an opportunity to analyze the programs before signing on. Plenty of hands-on help is available from the staff, as well as written instructions at each computer station.

May this be a delightful summer for each of you, visiting your families and collecting data. Our type of FUN!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group** - No formal meeting is planned for July. On August 17th there will be a potluck luncheon at Audrey Schroeder's. Audrey will also give the program on new discoveries in her research. Additional details will be given in August.
- * **New England Interest Group** - A note from Lois Jackson, chairperson: "For the last two years I have been chairperson for the New England group and contact person for some years before that. For personal reasons, I have decided to resign as chairperson. I feel a new leader would add fresh emphasis and enthusiasm. If anyone is interested in taking over, please let me know. Call me at 746-5187. Hopefully, after a summer recess, the group can meet again in September. There must be many members with New England ancestors who would be interested in keeping this group going. Thank you."
- * **Roots User Group** - will meet on July 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 1760 - 160th Avenue SE (Bldg. 33-07), Bellevue. Call Bob Goodnow for information. 868-4073. This group will meet again on August 13th, same place and time.

- * **EGS Computer Interest Group** - This group will meet on July 16th at 9:00 a.m., also at the Boeing Technology Center. Tech session: How to Keep Track of Information Using a Database. This group will meet again on August 20th, same place and time as above, and the tech session will be: Sampler of Books Published Using a Home Computer.
- * **Italian Interest Group** - The Italian Interest Group will meet on Saturday, July 16th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Speaker will be Louise Marshall, who will review a P.O.I.N.T. newsletter and will bring back issues for members to peruse. There will be no meeting in August.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Note to all PAF users and potential users - **EGS has an official PAF user group** which meets directly after each monthly CIG meeting (the third Saturday of each month).

At the July 16th CIG meeting the technical session will be on databases - what they are and how to use them to keep track of information. Databases can help you organize your research materials. Design and use your own forms to make researching more organized. Keep searches of censuses, books, films, correspondence in and out, etc. in an organized format. Notice the word "organized" appearing often in this write-up? Bring your samples of databases that you use, or have seen, to share with fellow CIG members. This will be a day to share ideas and databases. Check the calendar for time and location of this meeting.

Ray French (746-7730) is looking for Boeing employees who could arrive at CIG meetings at 9:00 a.m. and open the door. One employee is needed for August and one for September. Please call him if you can help out. Thanks!

PAF NOTES: The LDS has just released a letter requesting a report of any problem you may be having with PAF version 2.3. Call them via the help line at 1-801-240-2584, or write to Family Search Support, 15 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. **The LDS has stopped distributing the PAF program until it has corrected the existing "bugs."** A revised release will be ready in a few months. The majority of the problems have been with the RDF program.

Jim Morrison (772-0943) is looking for someone who could restore a Civil War era military discharge document. This very special family treasure has faded writing and the seal and paper are falling apart. Any suggestions for Jim!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- * An extraction of May Harrison's Autograph Book, 1886-1890, Washington Territory, Seattle, is available. Send an SASE with an extra postage stamp to cover copy expense to Audrey A. Schroeder, P.O. Box 909, Preston, WA 98050-0909. (Audrey A. Schroeder)
- * A Directory of Locations of Cemetery Grave Lists In and Near the Province of Quebec is available at the Quebec Family History Society, P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9S 4H9. Or if you would like Audrey Schroeder to look for your cemetery name, county and township, call 392-1979. (Audrey A. Schroeder)
- * Welcome to the NSDAR Library! That's the message from Eric G. Grundset, Director of the Library of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is located at 1776 D Street NW, Washington D.C. Getting the word out to researchers about the valuable material available to them in the Library and the other 'research offices' at their facility goes hand-in-hand with detailing to researchers **how they can tap the resources of the Library without even coming to Washington.** A preliminary version of a guide on just this subject is available in photocopy form and is based on handout material which supports lectures on this subject given by Mr. Grundset. Happy to share this information with all who may benefit from the NSDAR resources, interested parties may request copies directly from the Library. (Of course a \$10 SASE would be welcomed.)

Mr. Grundset also wants you to be aware of the new quarterly newsletter, *Continental Columns*, which highlights existing holdings and informs researchers of the procedures for gaining access to material either in person or by mail. It also lists new additions to the book, manuscript and microfilm collections, events of interest to genealogists, and details policy and procedure changes and other information affecting use of the Library. (*Irish Roots*, 1994 Volume 1)

GENEALOGIST Miranda Snow Walton

Once I was a normal person before I climbed my family tree,
Now my forebears are acquainted they make a battle-ground of me,
My great-grandpa Pat, from Ireland, makes me dance with happy feet,
But my English one, Lord Ogley, walks sedately down the street.
Then my Swedish grandma, Olga, gives away each cent I make,
While my Scottish grandma shudders at the things I waste and break.
My great-grandma from Paris laughs and flirts the live-long day,
But my great-grandma from Plymouth turns my head the other way.
Thus they differ, thus they argue, how I wish they would agree,
For I never can determine which of them is really me.

(Olympia G.S. Quarterly, Jan 94, via the OK G.S. Quarterly, Volume 38, #4, 1993.
This was found in an old book under repair at the OK Historical Society Library.)

The review of the May program was inadvertently omitted from the June issue of the Bulletin Board. Sincere apologies to the reviewer, Mary Curtis, and to the speakers, Curtis Roselle and Don Taylor. Accolades have been rolling in for these speakers and for their fine presentation.

REVIEW OF MAY PROGRAM

Mary C. Curtis

Curt Roselle and Don Taylor provided an information-packed evening discussing the use of military records in genealogy. Curt described the formal records held by the U.S. government. He noted that 18th Century military records are the best source for finding out about your forefathers. From these records Curt learned details such as that his 4th great-grandfather had been enslaved by Indians for a year during the Revolutionary War; that his great grandfather served at age 54 and left nine children behind; and that his father had brown hair, not black as Curt had thought. The key military records with genealogical data are: compiled service records, pension and bounty land records, selective service (draft) records, and miscellaneous records such as National Soldier's home records and regimental and battle histories. The National Archives holds: federal military records from 1775 to 1903 (for records before 1775, go to individual states, and British, Canadian, and French records); pension applications from 1775 to 1916; Bounty Land Warrants between 1781-1855; Civil War Draft records (U.S. only—Confederate records are held by the states); and other War Department correspondence and records. Of all of these records, pension records are best for genealogical information. To get these records, you can (1) fly to Washington DC and view them directly, (2) visit the local branch of the Archives in Seattle (6125 Sand Point Way) where you can view Revolutionary War Records on film, find filmed indexes to pension records, and read many other very interesting records available there, or (3) order records by mail. Use NATF Form 80, "Order for Copies of Veterans' Records," available at the Seattle branch of the Federal Archives. Curt emphasizes that you write "send everything" across the top of your order form.

Don summarized supplemental and unique data available outside of the National Archives. The first place to look is in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City if possible. The library holds an amazing number of books as well as the films also available locally through the Family History Centers (look under "Location-Military Records-Civil War, etc."). He suggested using indexes such as the *DAR Patriot Index* (and don't forget the women—they are mentioned too); *DAR Lineage Book* (over 100 volumes); *SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register*; books on activities of individual regiments; guides to Militia; and county histories. Look in public libraries, U of W libraries (especially Suzallo), state Adjutant General offices, state archives, private archives, and Hill College in Hillsborough Texas for Confederate records. Don strongly encouraged us to write about what we find. He said, "You don't have to be a Rhodes Scholar to write. Try it—you'll like it!"

Newsletter Schedule: 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. Mail articles to the Editor, Jan Ulstein, at 4002-149th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-1645. (NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS) If for some reason you are unable to meet this deadline, call the editor at 206-562-6663 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and your cooperation are appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

August 28 - September 2, 1994. The 21st International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences is on in Luxembourg from 28 August to 2 September. For full details write to Mr. Jean-Claude Muller, Secretary General, 21st International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, P.O. Box 12/L-8501 Redange-sur-Attert, Luxembourg.

September 17, 1994. A seminar on Nineteenth Century Scottish Genealogy, featuring Helen Hinchliff, Ph.D., presented by the Seattle Genealogical Society. To be held in the Mountaineers "Skagit Room" at 300 Third Avenue West (at the base of Queen Anne). SGS Scottish Seminar, P.O. Box 1708, Seattle, WA 98111-1708. \$20 before September 10th, or \$25 at the door.

September 22-28, 1994. The 2nd Irish Genealogical Congress starts on 22 September and runs to 28 September. The venue is Trinity College, Dublin. For further information write to The Treasurer, IGC, c/o The Genealogical Office 2, Kildare Street, Dublin.

September 24, 1994. Twin Rivers G.S., Lewiston, Idaho, presents a Dr. George K. Schweitzer seminar. Saturday the 24th of September, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Place: Ramada Inn Annex, 21st Street, Lewiston, Idaho. \$35 for continental breakfast, lunch, and seminar, if pre-registered by September 17, or \$40 at the door. Topics: American Land Grants, Migration Routes and Settlement Patterns, and Virginia Genealogical Research. Write to Twin Rivers Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 386, Lewiston, ID 83501.

October 1, 1994. In The Footsteps of Our Ancestors -- 15th annual fall workshop of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. To be held at the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, 4000 W. Randolph Road, Spokane, WA. Eastern Washington G.S., P.O. Box 1826, Spokane, WA 99210-1826. \$22.50 before September 17th or \$25.00 after that.

October 12-15, 1994. The Federation of Genealogical Societies annual meeting. "Four Centuries of Family History," Richmond Virginia. Registration \$85 before 1 September, after \$95; single day, \$45 or \$50. Information and program, "On to Richmond," FGS, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385.



REVIEW OF JUNE PROGRAM
How to Conduct a Videotaped Oral History Interview
Mary C. Curtis

Betty Leonard and Larry McConnell presented a fascinating program. Larry McConnell of *Video Workshop* discussed buying, using, and setting up the equipment needed. He suggests that to relax the person being interviewed, set up equipment ahead of time. Position a comfortable chair in front of an interesting wall, but not in front of a window. Any kind of tripod will do, as the camera will not be moving much. Using an S-VHS or Hi-8 camera will give better quality copies. Have the camera the same height as the person. Use an AC adapter and use a monitor; it's too hard to see what you're filming by using only the camera. Add supplemental light. To frame your subject, cut the picture off at the person's waist and keep the top of the picture above the person's head. The subject can be on one side of the picture, interviewer can be on the other side, either just in the picture or outside of it. Larry stresses the use of headphones as absolutely necessary. Keep the microphone close to the subject; this is where the focus of the interview should be. Lapel mikes are inexpensive and rent for only \$3 per day. Buy high quality tapes (\$5-\$10 for VHS, \$6-\$7 for 8mm) and use the shortest time available on the tape. Store them vertically away from heat or magnetic fields (such as TV sets and speakers). While filming, don't show the subject the monitor! It's too distracting. Video Workshop offers free seminars, rents equipment and studios, and Larry takes time to teach how to use the equipment. Larry generously offered to answer any videotaping questions. Call Larry at 820-3985 (12049 - 124th Ave NE, Kirkland 98034).

Betty not only discussed doing an oral history interview—she also demonstrated one! Betty conducts interviews where subjects are most comfortable, usually in their own home. She meets twice prior to the interview; at that time she completes a family group record and explains the process of the interview—the length of time, types of questions, etc. She asks subjects

if there is anything they would rather not be asked. This preliminary phase is very important. The purpose is to build a sense of trust and to let the person know that what they have to say is important. The interviewee will be sharing a personal part of his/her life, often telling stories not told to strangers before. Betty also interviews the family to learn what's important to them. If you are interviewing a member of your own family, you must decide the perspective you will take.

At the first interview, set up the camera and let it run to get the person used to it. Remember to capture the person, not just their story. Use open-ended questions rather than closed questions. For instance, rather than asking "Where did you go to school?" you might say, "Describe the first school you attended." Use phrases such as "Describe...", "Tell me about...", "What are your first memories of..." It is most important for you to listen, listen, listen. Interviewees may not follow your outline; let them go where they will. Don't be afraid to take a break if a person gets tired, and always break after two hours—but use 120 minute tapes and leave the camera running during breaks. Sometimes wonderful things happen at those times! After the interview, express your appreciation of the interviewee's willingness to share and emphasize how important and how vital the interview will be to others. Always offer a complementary copy of the tape. People are very vulnerable after such an interview.

Betty said that the most important thing about oral histories is to get them done! Do not put off capturing oral histories. They will preserve your family history for generations to come. Betty owns two companies, *Those Were the Days: Keeping Family Memories Alive on Videotape*, and *Creative Memories*. Write or call her at 11212 Crestwood Dr. S, Seattle 98178 (206)772-7501.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING

- * Myra McDowell, Supply Table Chairperson, reported good sales for the month of April and some phone sales in May. Some new books on the supply table are: *Record Offices and How to Find Them for England, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Mann* (by ?), *Index to Genealogical Periodicals* by Donald Lines Jacobus, *Your English Ancestry* by Sherry Irvine, *American Passenger Arrival Records* by Michael Tepper, and *The Genealogists Companion and Sourcebook* by Emily Croom. *Finding Your German Roots* by Angus Baxter is on back order.
- * Barbara Justice, Library Chairperson, reported that the administration at King County Library System said they would be most happy to have the EGS library at the Bellevue Regional Library. Jim King will decide how he wants to do it. Barbara is waiting for the official letter from King County.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Old Scottish Trades: Was your ancestor listed as.....

- * Bondager - a female farm servant, usually employed by a farm tenant or hynd to comply with his contract to supply extra labour.
- * Cadger - a tinker or travelling salesman; an itinerant trader.
- * Cordiner, Cordwainer - A shoe-maker, sometimes also called a Crispinite (St. Crispin, the patron saint of shoe-makers).
- * Hammerman - a metalworker.
- * Howdie - a midwife.
- * Hynd, Hind - a male farm worker, employed for the term or year.
- * Leerie - a lamplighter.
- * Poinder, Poindler - a person employed to round up stray animals.
- * Staymaker - a corset maker.
- * Tacksman - the holder of a tack or lease; normally of fishing rights, farm, or mill, but sometimes of taxes or tolls.
- * Tattie-Howker - a potato harvester, employed on a casual basis to harvest the crop.
- * Teenie - a young maid servant.
- * Whitesmith - a tinsmith.
- * Writer - a lawyer.

(Bruce & Grey Branch OGS Volume 24, #2, May 1994 and Newslines, Saskatchewan G.S., Prince Albert, Vol. 9, E2, 1992)

- * Irish Research Tip: Over the last centuries there has been a tendency to drop the prefix "O" from Irish surnames. The other well known prefix "Mac and Mc" also used by the Scots - has been deleted from surnames. When researching look under both "O" and "Mac and Mc" and remainder for surname. E.g., O'Casey/Casey, MacNight/Night. (Bruce & Grey OGS, Volume 24, #2, May 1994, via Saskatchewan G.S. Bulletin, Vol. 25, #1, March 1994)
- * Researching Canadian seamen or ships? The Canadian Coast Guard, Ship Registration Section, maintains a "List of Ships" from which they can provide information such as Port of Registry, date built and where, length, breadth, depth, weight, HP, owner. The Coast Guard, Central Registry of Seamen, can provide a copy of masters and mates certification. They may also be able to provide some information on a seaman's sea service, but their records for Canadian registered vessels begin in 1939. Write to: Canadian Coast Guard, The Canada Building, Tower 2, 12th floor, 344 Slater Street, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0N7. If you want information on a seaman's sea service before 1939, the Coast Guard suggests writing to: National Archives of Canada, Attn: Ann Martin, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0N3 (Bruce & Grey OGS Volume 24, #2, May 1994, via The Nipissing Voyageur, Nipissing OGS, Volume 15, #1, March 1994)
- * If an ancestor participated in the Alaska Gold Rush, consult Dawson City Museum and Historical Society, P.O. Box 303, Dawson City, Yukon, Canada Y0B 1G0. Be sure to include a postal reply coupon to cover the return postage. (Bruce & Grey OGS, Volume 24, #2, May 1994, via Cariboo Notes, Quesnel BCGS, Volume 10, #3, 1993)

Eastside Genealogical Society Publications List

Indexes to Vital Records from Bellevue, King Co., Washington, Newspapers (1918-1967)

Death Index - 1 Volume (4,800 names)	\$ 10.00
Marriage Index - 1 Volume (7,300 names with Bride and Groom indexes)	\$ 10.00
Birth Indexes - 4 Volumes (Each includes Mother index)	
Child Surname Index A-D (8,200 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index E-K (8,400 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index L-Q (7,600 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index R-Z (9,000 names)	\$ 10.00
Set of Death, Marriage, and Birth Indexes (6 Volumes)	\$ 50.00
Every Name Indexes - 3 Volumes	
Every Name Index to Surnames A-G	\$ 10.00
Every Name Index to Surnames H-N	\$ 10.00
Every Name Index to Surnames O-Z	\$ 10.00
Set of Every Name Indexes - 3 Volumes (45,000 names)	\$ 25.00
Full Set of Death, Marriage, Birth and Every Name Indexes - 9 Volumes	\$ 75.00

Index of Probate Court Records of King County, Washington 1854-1917

The King County probate case indexes are a guide to the probate files of King County courts. Although most of the cases in this Index are estates (probate), there are also guardianship, partnership, partnership estate, trusteeship, and miscellaneous cases. This surname Index (containing 17,000 names) provides the case number for individuals which then can be used to obtain copies of the records from King County.

Index of Probate Court Records, 1854-1917, King County, Washington	\$ 20.00
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Mailing/Handling: All taxes and postage have been included in cost

MEMBERS INTERESTS

Ellen Barnhill: Jenkins, Cainan, Pratt; Wales
 Mary Lampson: Paukert, Von Ruden, Lechner, Weindl, Longreh; Minnesota, Germany
 Helen P. Ostenso: Williams, Park, Ostenso; U.S. and foreign places
 George E. Hoke: English, Riegel/Riggle, Grounds, Buckner, Walraron; mostly U.S.
 Wayne E. Springer: Springer, Eyerly, Portis, Linginsmith; U.S.
 Pamela K. Triestram & John Bednarsk: Kirkland, Duckworth, Green(e), Johnson, Brantly, Waters, Poppell, Popwell; Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina
 Millie Rickey: Blaske, Karschnick, Hoegemeier, Sherman, Sontag; Franklin, Gasconade, Osage & St. Louis Counties, Missouri; Hanover, Germany, Prussia, Pomerania
 Becky Wilson: Hedrick, Boots, Wilson, Wright, Hunter, Lancaster; Tennessee, Illinois, Oregon, Virginia
 Kathleen Telquist: Lynn, Burnett, Gould, Austin, Telquist; Arkansas, Washington, Sweden
 Dennis A. Young: Dimick, Cooley, Iler, Gillbank; U.S.
 Pamela Hinckley: Stark/Starks, Lane; U.S.
 Neil C. & Ranae Anderson: Rock, Robb, Cameron; Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Scotland
 Bill & Carole Lamberton: Dunsmuir/Dunsmoor/Dunsmore, Halliday, McQuarrie, Fowler, Reid; Canada, Pennsylvania
 Sharon Clute: Chandler, Matthews; U.K. MO
 Dennis W. Wood: Wood, Sloan, Thom, Sherven, Vest; North Dakota, Washington, Minnesota

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP LEADERS		
British Isles		
Canada (inactive)	Audrey Schroeder	392-1979
Computer	Melissa Clausen	451-9613
German	Jean Ryan	746-9610
Irish	Linda Hjelm	392-6193
Italian	Mary Sangalang	883-1245
Mid-Atlantic/Southern	Don Taylor	643-4438
Mid-West	Mary Magnuson	746-6627
New England		
Northwest (inactive)	Linda Hjelm	392-6193
Scandinavian		
Snoqualmie Valley	Jan Pankratz	222-7583