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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 10 July 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)

Speakers: Reed W. Jarvis
Topic: "The Klondike Gold Rush Story"

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The speaker for this month's meeting will be Mr. Reed W. Jarvis, a historian with 33 years experience in the National Park System. Mr. Jarvis was the original planner for the Klondike Gold Rush National Parks in Skagway and Seattle. He is now retired from his career as park manager, museum curator, and park and interpretive planner, and is a popular speaker for community and historical groups. He is a member of several preservation and conservancy projects in the area. Mr. Jarvis comes to EGS as a member of the Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Committee, and as a retired Pacific Northwest Regional Chief Ranger. Please join us for his interesting and timely presentation.

SEATTLE AND THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

"Gold! Gold! Gold! Gold!" screamed the banner headline of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer the morning of July 17, 1897. The steamer *S.S. Portland* had just docked, bringing the first gold from the Klondike in Canada's Yukon Territory. The gold rush that followed brought prosperity and a new era to the fledgling city by Puget Sound.

Many of the historic buildings of that period remain in Seattle's Pioneer Square neighborhood. Stroll the streets around Yesler Square, with its old street-car pergola, to view and photograph the handsome old sandstone, granite and cast iron facades on buildings such as the Pioneer Building (1890) and the Grand Central Building (1889).

The Klondike Gold Rush Museum displays artifacts from the period and screens period films, including Charlie Chaplin's "Gold Rush." The Underground Tour leads you beneath the streets to the remnants of the city that existed prior to the fire of 1893. Tour guides typically regale visitors with tall tales, as well as authentic history.

Consult your newspaper this summer for scheduled events of the Klondike Gold Rush. (Reprinted with permission, from Puget Sound Motorist (AAA), April 1997).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
CHARLES DORIAN

The June meeting was attended by about 100 persons and we heard an excellent presentation by our own Curt Roselle. Curt has been researching for 15 years and is a volunteer at the Regional Branch of the National Archives. His topic of "What Else is in the Archives?" opened up another world of the information that may be found at the Archives, and how to use it to add to the conventional census data. Diligent research in their records can materially add to our genealogical data.

Attention is called to the forthcoming genealogical seminar to be held jointly by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society and our local Fiske Genealogical Foundation. It will be a two day affair in Seattle on October 17 and 18 at the Seattle Marriott Sea-Tac Airport Hotel. For those wanting more information, call the NEHGS Education Department toll-free at 888 286-3447.

Don't forget to reserve our next meeting date of 10 July. The story of the "Klondike Gold Rush" and the possible information of genealogical value should be very useful for NW researchers. Do you have someone that went to Alaska in search of his fortune? Come to this meeting and bring a friend.

Do have a good summer and good luck on your research trips here and throughout the country.

Charles

RESEARCH TRIPS

Are you planning on taking a research trip this summer? We would love to hear about your trip—successes and failures! By sharing your experiences, we can all learn. Please send your articles to: EGS Bulletin Board, Kim Nichols, 15525 NE 195th, Woodinville, WA 98072. Thank you in advance!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members:

Davis-Smith, Lynn 425 392-7974 Researching Davis, Pitman, Dortek, Brown, Williams, Conner

Sode, William T. 425 746-9877 Researching Sode, Holst, Blattmann

GET WELL SOON!

Spring's arrival seems to have cut down on seasonal ailments. Good! However, we have had three members ailing: Carmen Westwater, Richard Gates, and Joe Jullian. We hope you are all feeling better!

NEW YORK STATE NEWSPAPER PROJECT

The New York State Newspaper Project celebrated the microfilming of its one millionth page of New York history with a reception at the State Library on June 4th. Since 1987, the Project workers have been making inventories of libraries, historical societies, museums, newspaper offices, county, town and village historians, and even private collections in their attempts to locate every issue of every U.S. newspaper in the State. (From Irish Family History Forum Newsletter, May 1997).

CHANGES IN REGULATIONS FOR BOSTON RESEARCHERS

The Department of Vital Records on Atlantic Avenue in Boston has announced changes in the regulations for researchers. As of May 5, 1997, all researchers must surrender a valid photo ID when signing in for research; no briefcases or tote bags, etc. will be allowed in the research room; only pencils will be used for research, and finally, there is a limit of 3 requests for records at a time. (From TIARA Newsletter, May 1997).

EGS METINGS COMING UP

- ♦ 14 August 1997 Mindy Stillion on Solving the Mysteries of the Family History Library and Centers
- ♦ 11 September 1997 Muriel Winterscheid on the Fiske Library

A "WITCHING" RESEARCH TRIP
BY MARY A. DANIELS, EGS MEMBER

More than likely you've heard of "water-witching" but on our two week genealogical research trip to the mid-west last month we learned about "grave-witching" in Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa.

Several ancestors on the Wakefield side of the family tree are buried in this meticulously cared-for hillside cemetery of Atlantic. We had previously arranged by telephone to meet with the supervisor who oversees its daily care. After discussing our mission we decided to have some repairs made to one of our family tombstones and were invited into his office to discuss plans. Hanging on the wall above his desk were two pieces of L-shaped wire. A sign above them stated simply, "grave witching." Curious, I inquired as to what could be their purpose.

He replied, "Come outdoors and I'll demonstrate."

Approaching some nearby graves he took a wire in each hand and said "You must grasp them by the handles but do not hold them tightly, and aim them out in front of you. As I walk across each grave the wires will show whether it be a man or a woman. If they cross, a man, and if they open outward, a woman."

With the slight wind at his back, he then walked carefully across several graves, and at each burial site the wires either crossed or turned outward with no apparent direction from him.

We were standing to his right where we could see the names on the headstones and carefully observing his hands, which appeared to have no control over the instruments. His demonstration was without error!

INTERNET USERS IN FINLAND

Per head, Finland has the world's largest number of Internet users—more than twice as many as America. More than one million of a population of five million will receive free Internet training in schools, colleges, and public libraries this year. (From Eastside Journal, May 27, 1997).

MOHAI SUMMER '97 WALKING TOURS

The Museum of History and Industry has a full schedule of tours and strolls for this summer. If you wish to receive a flier with complete information about the strolls, call 324-1126. A condensed list follows:

On July 12 and August 10, there will be guided tours of the Kirkland Cemetery, which is one of the oldest cemeteries on the Eastside.

Learn how the construction and use of the Montlake Cut changed Seattle. From Cargo Ships to Crew Races: The Montlake Cut walks will be on July 26 and August 17.

On August 9, Marymoor Museum Director Karen Luetjen will lead a group from Redmond's City Hall to Marymoor Park to learn about the people and places important in Redmond's History.

A rare opportunity to tour the Lake View Cemetery on Capital Hill will be guided by Louisa Boren Denny (as portrayed by a local actor), who will introduce her family, friends, and neighbors through tales about early Seattle. This will take place on August 16.

Experienced hikers will have an 8-hour day on August 23 or September 6 to hike to old Monte Cristo, an isolated 1890's ghost town. With the gold mining camp in a disappearance mode, its existence will be shown through photos, railroad equipment, and piles of ore.

There is also a series of summer strolls through the Arboretum. The fee for any one tour averages \$10; \$20 and up for the Monte Cristo hike. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Registration for each class will close at 5 p.m. on the Monday before the tour is scheduled to take place. You can register by mail, phone, fax, or in person. Call 324-1126!

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The following books, purchased recently by the Eastside Genealogy Society, are now on the shelves at the Bellevue Regional Library:

- *The Center, A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area*, by Christina K. Schaefer. Identifies those resources in the Washington, D.C. area that will aid family historians in tracing their ancestors. Includes an itemization of those materials available through the LDS Family History Library system. R929.107207 SCH.
- *Virginia in 1760: A Reconstructed Census*. Contains 46,768 names, counties of residence, and information sources—based on order books, deeds, wills, tax lists, etc. R929.3755 VIR.
- *Virginia in 1740: A Reconstructed Census*. Similar to above, for 1740. R929.3755 VIR.
- *The Handbook For Researching Family Roots* by Diane J. Wandler et al. A comprehensive research guide for all beginning genealogists, especially good for those working in North Dakota or having Germans-from-Russia ancestry. R929.1072 HAN.
- *Preliminary Inventory of the War Department Collection of Confederate Records in the National Archives*, by Elizabeth Bethel, 1957, reprinted 1994. Considered the “treasure trove” from which sources for which most Confederate Records are extracted. Indexed. R973.742 UNI.
- *First Census of Texas, 1829 to 1836*, by Marion Day Mullins. Includes Texas Citizenship Lists, 1821-1845, and other early records of the Republic of Texas. R929.3764 MUL.
- *New York City Court Records, 1684-1760*, by Dr. Kenneth Scott. Abstracts of court records that detail activities of both criminal and law-abiding citizens. Index includes about 3,500 names. R929.37471 SCO.
- *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Vols. IV, V, and VI*, by Leo Baca. Names of Czechoslovak immigrants, their ages, names of ships, and sailing dates. R929.3089 BAC.
- *Minnesota Genealogical Reference Guide*, by Paula Stuart Warren, CGRS. Overviews relating to Minnesota genealogical research, by professional researcher, including sources, searching on location, interlibrary loan, etc. R929.1072 WAR.
- *Wisconsin Genealogical Research*, by Linda M. Herick, 1996. Includes county data, with phone numbers to call for information, historical societies, published county histories, Area Research Centers, census, etc. R929.1072 HER.
- *Your Scottish Ancestry, A guide for North Americans*, by Sherry Irvine. Explores the best way for a researcher anywhere in North America to approach Scottish family history research. R929.107204 IRV.

⇒ Is there a genealogy-related reference book you would like to see on the shelves of the Bellevue Library? Let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling Margery Perdue, 643-3502.

Submitted by Carl Cason, Library Committee

LOOKING FOR AN OUT OF PRINT BOOK?

If you are looking for an out-of-print genealogy book, the American Association of University Women Book Finders, a non-profit organization, will search an inventory of about 8,000 antiquarian book dealers for a specific title. The search usually takes 100-120 days, at no charge. Contact AAUW Book Finders, PO Box 8152, Corpus Christi, TX 78468. (From *Around the Table*, published by the Genealogical Roundtable, June 1997).

AMERICAN TREASURES ON-LINE DISPLAY

The Library of Congress has a new “American Treasures” display, a permanent rotating exhibition from the Library’s history collection. And a selection from this exhibit is accessible on-line at the Library’s web site at <http://www.loc.gov/> This web site is searchable, and contains many interesting bits of history, some of which may help shed some light on the lives our ancestor’s led.

The Library of Congress is also offering “Today in History” via the Internet. This site presents daily historical facts highlighted by the materials from the American Memory collections. This can also be accessed at the above Internet site. (From The Library of Congress informational letter, June 1997).

MANNERS FOR E-MAIL

Many people now use e-mail as a means to further their genealogical research. Alex Reid, director of communications at Oxford University offers some guidelines for using e-mail:

1. Read and respond to your e-mail daily.
2. Write e-mail messages with the same care you use in other types of business correspondence.
3. Express yourself carefully. Comprehension is more difficult when people can't see or hear you.
4. Don't forward someone else's message to others without the author's permission.
5. Identify yourself when sending e-mail.
6. Keep messages brief. Messages that need to be scrolled are too lengthy.
7. Fill in the subject field of your message.
8. Don't send abusive or defamatory messages.
9. Let individuals know when you aren't available to answer your e-mail.
10. Remember that sending e-mail is like writing a letter on official letterhead and should reflect well on you and your organization. (From Eastside Journal, March 24, 1997).

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH TRIP TIPS—ELDERHOSTEL

Want more bang for your research buck—try Elderhostel. If you are 55 years old or older, you can't beat the price, the people you will be with, or the instruction you will receive. Each domestic Elderhostel program includes room and board and instruction for the duration of the program. There are two kinds of programs that are beneficial for family history research—those specifically oriented to genealogy, and those that take you to the geographical area of interest and provide instruction in the history and culture of the area.

Although most of the genealogy oriented programs are sponsored by Brigham Young University (BYU), there are occasionally others throughout the country. Here are some currently available BYU offerings:

- * August 11-23, 1997—BYU at Salt Lake City: Advanced Family Research and Family History on Personal Computers—Personal Ancestral File Software. Cost \$370.
- * October 13-18 or 20-25, 1997—BYU Provo & Salt Lake City: Beginning Family History Workshop; Composing Your Family History; and Beginning Family History Library Research. Cost \$370.
- * October 27-November 1, 1997—BYU Provo & Salt Lake City: Family History Research at BYU and The Salt Lake City Family History Library; Intermediate Family History Workshop; and British Isle Research Workshop. Cost \$375.
- * November 3-15, 1997—BYU at Salt Lake City: Advanced British Research Workshop. Cost \$830.

There are also other specialized workshops offered from time to time, i.e. Scandinavian and German research. Some examples of historical and cultural Elderhostel programs are:

- * Sept. 21-26, 1997—Valley Forge Historical Society: History Legacy of the 18th Century Brandywine Mansions and Gardens; Washington's Encampment at Valley Forge: The Crucible of American Patriotism; and The American Revolution: The Epic Saga of the Blazing Birth of the U.S. Cost \$395.
- * Nov. 2-7, 1997—Valley Forge Historical Society: The Mystery of Genealogy: Did your Ancestors serve with General Washington?; A Collector's Journal of American Culture: Lecture/Tour of Winterthur Museum; and The American Revolution: The Epic Saga of the Blazing Birth of the U.S. Cost \$395.

Similar Elderhostel programs are available in many countries other than the United States. For those programs the cost includes economy class airfare as well as room and board and instruction.

For more information about Elderhostel programs and to put your name on the catalog mailing list contact: Elderhostel, 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 or call (617) 426-8056 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri, eastern time).

Missy and Dick Malm, EGS members, will be glad to share information of their Elderhostel experiences. Give them a call at 425 455-5738, Medina, WA. Submitted by Dick and Missy Malm.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES

John H. Carlin, former Governor of Kansas, and now the country's top archivist, is proposing a program to close all 12 of the regional archive locations. The regional offices are found in: Waltham, MA; New York, New York; Philadelphia; East Point, G; Chicago; Kansas City, MO; Fort Worth, TX; Denver, CO; Laguna Niguel, CA; Seattle, WA; and Anchorage, AK. Carlin proposes to build two mega-archives, perhaps in Washington, D.C. and in either California or Kansas. The plan calls for all of the microfilm in the present archives to be deposited in university libraries and public libraries—neither of which has the space nor staff to accommodate the millions of researchers who use these regional archives. Presently, the regional archives have trained, professional staff in place.

If you wish that the archives system to remain as it is, write to Carlin at: The National Archives, 8601 Adephi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. (From Florida Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 14, No. 3. via the Internet).

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: REFERENCE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY READING ROOM

Location: The Local History and Genealogy (LH & G) Reading Room is on the ground floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, room LJ G20.

Hours of Opening: The LH & G Reading Room is open from 8:30 am to 9:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. The Library is closed on all federal holidays. For further information, call (202) 707-6400.

Resources for Readers: Volumes from the Library's General collections may be paged from and used in the LH & G Reading Room. In addition to these works, there are some 10,000 indexes, guides, and other reference works available in the Reading Room. Most special catalogs and indexes are arranged by family name.

The reference collection and catalogs in the LH & G Reading Room are intended primarily to facilitate research in U. S. genealogy. Research in foreign genealogy or local history should begin in the Thomas Jefferson Building, at the Computer Catalog Center and the Main Card Catalog.

Services and Suggestions:

1. A Reader Registration Card is required to use the Library's reading rooms. Readers must present identification which includes a photograph and current address, such as a driver's license, or a passport. The card may be obtained at the Reader Registration Station, Room LJ G22.
2. Reference staff is available in the LH & G Reading Room to assist readers. The staff helps readers identify publications that relate to the subjects of their research, chiefly by explaining how to use the indexes and catalogs in the room.
3. The staff of the Library of Congress cannot undertake research in family history or heraldry. Contact a professional genealogist, or the Board of Certification of Genealogists, PO Box 14291, Washington, D.C. 20004, or check the *Genealogical Helper* publication for names of researchers.
4. Readers who have never undertaken genealogical research are urged to study the subject prior to coming to the Library.
5. The Library does not permit its books to circulate on inter-library loan. However, material in microfilm for which the Library holds the master negative is available for loan or purchase. Also, the Library does not have copies of genealogies for sale.
6. The Library of Congress provides several services over the Internet. These include the Library's catalog, information about the reading rooms and collections, guides to the collections, and connections to related services elsewhere on the Internet. You may reach this site at: <http://lcweb.loc.gov> You may also view the LH & G Reading Room's Homepage at: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>
7. A source is: *United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress, a Bibliography*, by Marion J. Kaminkow, published by Magna Carta Book Company in 1975. (From informational handout, Library of Congress, Humanities and Social Sciences Division).

NEW EGS INTEREST GROUP TO START MEETING

The news EGS interest group, the Original 13 Colonies interest group, has picked a time and a place for future meetings. If you have interest in these areas, the group would love to have you join them. Meetings will be held the 4th Monday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. at Fire Station #9, 23412 SE 69th Way, Bellevue, WA. For additional information, please contact Gini Wisner at (425) 454-9635.

HELP WITH NEW YORK RESEARCH

New York State Government Information Locator System (ILS) is an online directory that identifies information sources and provides assistance on how to gain access to those sources. A joint project of the New York State Library and the New York State Archives and Records Administration, the ILS uses the Internet to help people find information about State government and gain access to electronic publications, databases, documents, and records produced by New York State agencies, the State Legislature, and the State Judicial system. Visit the ILS at: (<http://unix2.nysed.gov/ils>).

You can also access the New York State Library's online catalog, Excelsior Information Online at: (<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov>). You need to have telnet capabilities to use this catalog. The New York State Library Web Site may be reached at: (<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov>). (From The New York State Library, informational handout).

LOCATING WHERE YOUR ANCESTOR LIVED

Don't forget when looking for ancestors in later federal censuses to make a note of the post office and the civil subdivisions (township, city, precinct, borough, ward, beat, village) entered by the census-taker at the top of the schedule. These smaller parts can help you identify where your ancestor lived. A useful reference is *Township Atlas of the United States, 1991*, by Jay Androit. This book is found in most good genealogy sections, and arranges the states alphabetically, giving an historical summary of each, and lists the subdivisions. Outline maps show the modern boundaries of thousands of places listed by the Bureau of the Census. This is an excellent book to use in conjunction with local histories, which describe the civil divisions in earlier times. (From *Heritage Quest*, May/June 1997).

PHOTOCOPY TIPS

Some old newspapers clippings turn out dark when you copy them. Select the "Photo" option on the copier, and the copy will be almost as good as new. If you have copies that are too light or too dark, try using a colored sheet of plastic over these pages. The best colors to use are yellow and pink, and can be purchased at most office supply stores. Also, copying on acid-free paper will produce a longer lasting copy. (From the Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter, Jan/Feb 1997).

CENOTAPH

When the word "cenotaph" is engraved on a tombstone, it indicates an empty grave. The person is being honored, while the remains have been buried elsewhere. (From Pioneer Branches, April 1996 via the Wash. State Gen. Society Newsletter).

GENEALOGY VERTICAL FILES AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Among the newer file folders in the Genealogy Vertical File at the Bellevue Regional Library are "New Book Lists—Bellevue Library" and "New Book Lists—Seattle Public Library." Several updated lists of new genealogy titles at the Seattle Public Library were recently received and have been placed in our file. They include items of interest to specific family names, cemetery lists from specific communities around the U. S., as well as volumes of more general interest to researchers. Take a look in the Genealogy Vertical File the next time you are at the library. (Submitted by Nina Shelden, Vertical File Chair).

NEHGS WEEKEND SEMINAR

Mark your calendars now for the New England Historical and Genealogical Society Weekend Seminar, co-hosted by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, to be held in Seattle on October 17 and 18, 1997. Join NEHGS staff and special guest speakers as they explore a wealth of genealogical topics. The seminar will feature sessions on Friday and Saturday, with an additional set of sessions on Saturday designed as a "Genealogical Jump-Start" for beginning researchers looking for a variety of methods to further their genealogical research. The seminar will also feature a book sale, personal consultations with NEHGS Senior Research Scholar Gary Boyd Roberts, optional luncheons, and a banquet. For more information or to receive a brochure, call the NEHGS Education Department toll-free at 1-888-286-3447. (From NEHGS Education Bulletin, No. 4).

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ON AN AMERICAN PHYSICIAN

Two years ago, the American Medical Association donated a large collection of records of deceased physicians to the National Genealogical Society. These records will be microfilmed by the LDS church in the future. These cards provide the best information for doctors who died between 1906 and 1969. A few earlier cards can be found but these include only the name of medical school and date of graduation. The post-1906 cards typically include date and place of birth, place of residency and internship, details of licensure, type of medical practice, and date and cause of death. In some cases, there is a citation to a complete obituary. The records include no information about parents, spouses, or children, but those that reference an obituary may lead to family information.

If you are interested in a search of the Deceased Physician's Records, write to the National Genealogical Society, Attn: AMA Research, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. They can search on name alone, but additional information on dates and location may help to pinpoint the correct record. Include a research fee of \$15.00 per name. Surnames beginning with "A" through "McFerran, Joseph C." are now available for search. It will be some months before the second half of the alphabet becomes available. (From NGS Newsletter, May/June 1997).

EGS LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the EGS Lunch Bunch for lunch, conversation, and camaraderie on Thursday, July 24, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Crossroads Mall is located at NE 8th and 156th Ave. NE in Bellevue, WA.

Join the fun!

For more information, please call Melissa Clausen at 451-9613.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 8-12 July 1997 The Kinship Conference, sponsored by Utah State University's Folklore Program, Fife Folklife Archives, and Everton's Genealogical Helper, to be held at Salt Lake City. Workshops include Preserving Family Documents, Interviewing the Family, Interpreting Gravemarkers, Utilizing a Special Collections and Archives, and Computers and the Internet. For information, call 1-800-538-2663.
- 11-12 July 1997 Washington State Genealogical Society's Conference and Annual Meeting, Wenatchee, WA; 'Generating Genealogy Through Technology.' Hosted by the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and the Wenatchee Valley College on the College Campus. Contact Jane Belt, (509) 884-8352 for more information.
- 20-29 July 1997 Research Tour to Prince Edward Island Canada with George F. Sanborn Jr., New England Historic & Genealogical Society. For information, call NEHGS at 617-536-5740, ext. 202.
- 21-26 July 1997 National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington D.C., an in-depth look at federal records of genealogical value located in the Washington D.C. area, for information write: National Institute on Genealogical Research, PO Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4274
- 5-8 August 1997 Brigham Young University's Annual Genealogy and Family History Conference, BYU Conference Center, Provo, Utah; courses will be offered in 10 different tracks. For more information, call (801) 378-4853.
- 3-6 September 1997 Federation Of Genealogical Societies "Unlocking Your Heritage," Dallas, Texas, hosted by the Dallas Gen. Soc.. For information, contact FGS at: PO Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220.
- 21 September 1997 The Jewish Genealogical Institute of British Columbia presents its *Third Annual Jewish Genealogical Seminar*, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Seniors Centre, Jewish Community Centre, 950 W. 41st Ave. at Oak St., Vancouver, B.C. For further information, call Cissie Eppel at (604) 321-9870, or visit the website at JGIBC@geocities.co
- 1-4 October 1997 The Czechoslovak Genealogy Society International is hosting the 6th Genealogy/Cultural Conference in Bloomington, MN. For information, call their hotline at (612) 645-4535.
- 11 October 1997 Pacific NW Rendezvous '97, "Roots Revisited" presented by Heritage Quest Research Library, to be held at Best Western Executive Inn, Fife WA.
- 17 -18 October 1997 NEHGS Weekend Seminar, co-hosted by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. To be held in Seattle; for more information/brochure, call NEHGS Education Dept. at 1-888-286-3447.

FRENCH-CANADIAN COLLECTION

The American-French Genealogical Society (AFGS), which maintains a library in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, has acquired the Drouin Institute microfilm collection of vital statistics. This unique, historical collection contains the following:

- Baptism, Marriage, and Death records for the entire Province of Quebec;
 - Baptism, Marriage, and Death records for those areas of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia known to be predominantly French-Canadian;
 - Notarial Acts, such as marriage contracts, wills, deeds, and other legal documents for the Province of Quebec;
 - Vital Statistics and census records for miscellaneous states and particularly for Louisiana and Rhode Island.
- This collection covers each parish from its founding to 1935-40 when the Drouin Institute produced the microfilm. The collection contains over 3,000 reels of film, and the AFGS may be the only genealogical society in the United States which houses this collection. (From Around the Table, published by the Gen. Roundtable, June 1997).

INTERNET SITES TO CHECK

Klondike Gold Rush Home page: <http://GoldRush.org>

The Public Libraries on-Line: <http://sjcpl.lib.in.us/Databases/PubLibServFind.html>

Univ. of CA, Genealogy Links for Historians: <http://www.ucr.edu/b-gig/hist-preservation/genea.html>

EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

- Computer Interest Group Will meet the third Saturday, 19 July, at the Boeing Technology Center at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe, Computer Interest Group Chair, at 880-4407.
- German Interest Group Next meeting will probably be the 1st Friday in October. For more information, contact Jean Ryan, German Interest Group Chair, at 746-9610.
- Irish Interest Group The Irish Interest Group will not meet in July. For more information, contact Chair Mary Magnuson, 746-6627, or e-mail at her mari@juno.com
- Italian Interest Group The July 12th meeting will be a tour of the Seattle Public Library genealogy section. For more information, contact Italian Interest Group Chair Mary D.Sangalang, at 649-2250.
- Mid-Atlantic Interest Group Contact Don Taylor, 643-4438, for more information.
- Original 13 Colonies Interest Group Will meet on Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, (425) 454-9635, for more information.
- Portuguese Contact Barbara Guyll, 746-5603, for more information.
- Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group Contact Joyce Ossinger, 868-1850, or Mary Ann Nickell, 222-5620, for more information.

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library
NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA

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

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

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

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

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA

Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA

Newport Way Library
14520 SE Newport Way
Bellevue, WA

North Bend Library
115 East Fourth St.
North Bend, WA

Seattle Public Library
1000 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, WA

National Archives
6125 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA

CALL TO ACTION

Because of a lack of funds, fifty per cent of the microfilm readers and printers in research rooms at The Library of Congress are out of order. Apparently funds are not available to correct this problem in a traditional manner. Genealogists have been instrumental in effecting changes in practices which have threatened the conservation and availability of records in state and federal repositories in the past. A letter to Senator John Warner, Chairman of the Committee on the Library, as well as your local Representative and Senator will help the committee to recognize a problem exists and lead to a resolution to the situation. Write to Senator Warner at: John W. Warner, US Senate #225 Russell Senate Bldg., Washington DC 20510, or call him at (202) 224-2023. (From the NGS Newsletter, May/June 1997).