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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 1996, 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)
Speaker: Sarah Munkasey
Topic: NGS Conference Highlights

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Sarah Munkasey is in her fifth year as a member of EGS. She is now serving her second term as EGS vice-president.

The theme of the National Genealogical Society 1996 Conference in the States, held May 8-11 in Nashville, was "Traveling Historic Trails: Families on the Move". Conference tracks included skill-building, migration, land records, states and repositories, ethnic, computers, and special topics. The migration track included movements into and out of Tennessee, which this year is celebrating its Bicentennial. The states and repositories track included sessions on Virginia frontier records, a master plan for North Carolina research, research at the Fort Wayne, Indiana, library, and sessions on most of the southern states.

Please welcome our new members:

KIRCHNER, KIM; 7600 - 129th Ave SE #38, Newcastle, WA 98056-1402, 204-5021; looking for Canine & Kirchner in Iowa, Kansas & Nebraska and Germany & Austria-Hungary.

STRAWSER, DAVID M.; 1435 South 263rd Place, Kent, WA 98032-6799, 839-1235; looking for Davenport, Pardoner, Strawser & Webb in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin & Germany.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Charles Dorian

I would like to thank the membership for their support in electing me as your next President. Our organization is dynamic and growing. As we look ahead to the coming year, the opportunities to extend our genealogical knowledge are endless.

More and more people are including genealogy as a hobby. The continual increases in reference books, histories - both local and national, compilations of census, cemetery and other records are challenging resources for old timers and newcomers.

Genealogical data files and family names are showing up on the Internet on the AOL, Prodigy and CompuServe computer networks. You can locate quickly those individuals, nationally and internationally, who are searching your family name and tree. The opportunity to "chat" with these individuals grows daily. The availability of time is becoming the limiting factor for searching.

Mary Sangalang, our past President, wrote an excellent "Message" in the April 1996 issue of "The Bulletin Board" on how to make a society, such as ours, successful. Please re-read it.

As we look ahead, the Society will do its best to help you in your research. The Society, in turn, asks you to help your fellow members and newcomers to this challenging, interesting and enjoyable world of genealogy.

Charles

AND FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

THANK YOU to Myra McDowell and Gloria Brown, EGS Supply Chairs and Eleanor Dickson, EGS Membership Chair for representing EGS at the Redmond Library Senior Fair held on April 19, 1996.

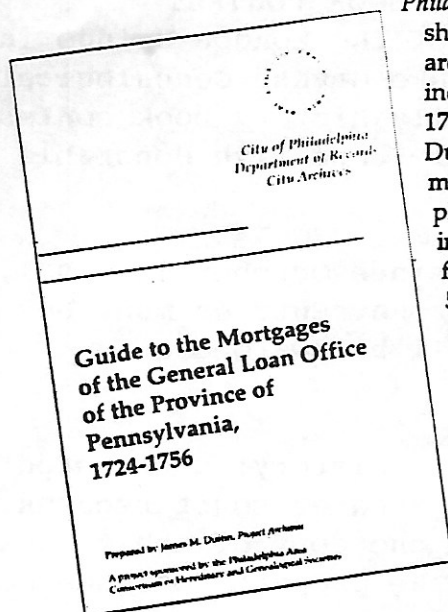
THANK YOU also to Rosie Bodien, Education Chair, Curt Roselle and the other EGS volunteers who hosted the EGS Special Topic "Military and Land Records at the National Archives", presented by Curt Roselle on Tuesday, April 29, 1996.

Mary

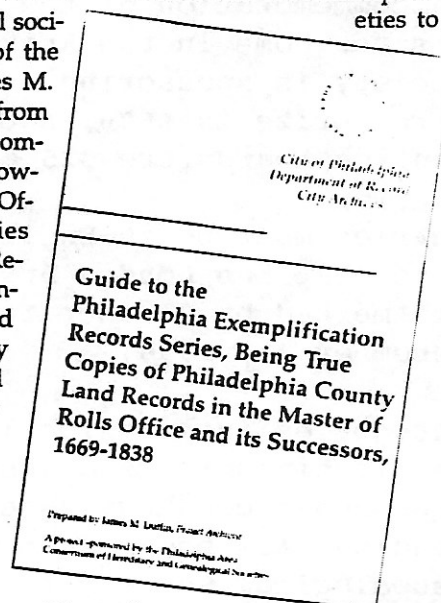
And a last THANK YOU from all the rest of us to all the outgoing officers. It has been a very interesting and productive year. Good luck to the incoming crew!

Colonial Land Records Indexing Project

In Issue 78 of the *Newsletter of the Philadelphia City Archives* (predecessor to *The Philadelphia Record*), the Department of Records announced the partnership between the Department and a consortium of Philadelphia entities to

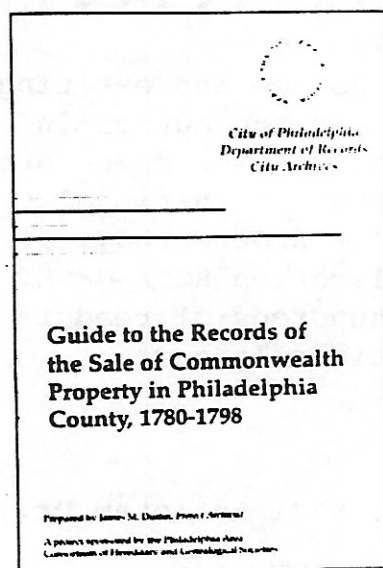


complete the indexing of the following records: the General Loan Office mortgages (Record Series 5.5), the Exemplifications of Recorded Instruments in the Pennsylvania Land Office (Record Series 5.2), the Patents of City Lots (Record Series 5.3), and the Register of Sales of City and State Island Lots (Record Series 5.4). Three separate indices have been prepared and are available from the Department of Records:



Guide to the Mortgages of the General Loan Office of the Province of Pennsylvania 1724-1756, *Guide to the Records of the Sale of Commonwealth Property in Philadelphia County, 1780-1798*, and *Guide to the Philadelphia Exemplification Records Series, 1669-1838*, all of which are available for consultation at the City Archives Reading Room. Copies of the indices are available for purchase. Please contact the City Archives at 215-686-1581 for more information.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania is also publishing the index to the General Loan Office mortgages was published in the spring of 1995 and will be publishing shortly the index to the Commonwealth property sales. For more information on obtaining copies of the Genealogical Society publications, contact them at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107, or call them at 215-545-0391.



During the course of this project, Mr. Duffin has also correctly identified the first two volumes of the Letter of Attorney series (Record Series 5.7) as members of the exemplifications volumes prepared during the late 1830s and early 1840s from records located in the Pennsylvania Land Office. These two volumes have been indexed as part of the Exemplification Series. The three indices have proven a boon in assisting the archivists, staff and patrons in accessing these important colonial land records.

The Department of Records would like to pay a special tribute to Mark Frazier Lloyd, a member of the Records Advisory Board, Director of the University of Pennsylvania Archives and Records Center, and an officer of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution. Mr. Lloyd conceived the idea, actively raised the funds from member societies, and saw the project through the resulting indices.

FROM: The Philadelphia Record, Newsletter of the Philadelphia Department of Records, Fall 1995 issue

Have you published any of your genealogical research? If so, the following items may be of interest to you.

GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY BOOK CONTEST

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the London Bridge in its new home in the Arizona Desert, the Lake Havasu Genealogical Society is sponsoring a genealogy and family history book contest. First prize is \$500, second \$250, third \$125 and five Honorable Mention Awards are \$25 each.

Entries must be in English and published since October 10, 1971, the date that the London Bridge opened in Arizona. Entries must be postmarked by October 10, 1996; prizes will be awarded on December 31, 1996.

Categories include local, county and church history; documented family histories and abstracted materials such as court records, census and cemetery data. Entrants donate one copy of their book for judging. All books submitted will become the property of Lake Havasu Genealogical Society for their public library and research center.

Entries should be addressed to Don Foust, 3982 Trotwood Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406. Be sure to include your name & address. For more information, contact Don Foust (at the above address or call 520-680-6257) or Lake Havasu Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 953, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405.

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PUBLISHERS - COMPILERS - AUTHORS

In order to 1) let their members know about all the new and exciting books they can use in their research, and 2) aid you the author in getting more exposure to hundreds of people around the world who are interested in the type of material you publish, the International Genealogy and Heraldry Fellowship of Rotarians, I.F.R. Genealogy, is offering to review your publication in their publication ROTA-GENE. ROTA-GENE is issued quarterly and goes to their hundreds of readers and readers of other Societies and Libraries, nationally and internationally.

If interested, send your publication to:

Charles D. Townsend, Review Editor ROTA-GENE, 5721 Antietam Dr.,
Sarasota, FL 34231-4903.

Be sure to include price and where the publication can be purchased.

THE ONCE-A-MONTH LUNCH BUNCH

A monthly lunch get-together for all genealogists and their friends is starting on June 27. It will be held:

- * at Crossroads Mall - Center Court
156th Avenue NE & NE 8th Street, Bellevue

- * from 11:30 a.m.

- * on the 4th Thursday of every month (except December)

Everyone is most welcome to join us for lunch and conversation.

Questions? Call Melissa Clausen at 451-9613.

DO YOU KNOW where the EGS embosser is? If you were the last to use it & still have it, please contact one of the EGS Board members or bring it to the next meeting. Thanks!

SUMMER RESEARCHERS: Please share with your fellow EGS researchers any helpful information you have gleaned from your summer travels in search of your ancestors. Have you used a special or new repository? Did you find a helpful record or book? Where did an accommodating county clerk or librarian lend a hand to you? Answers to these and similar questions would be very much appreciated; let the Newsletter editor know about your discoveries.

The EGS Board is in need of a tape recorder for the Secretary to use to record the minutes of each meeting. If you have one available, please bring it to the next general membership meeting or to the next Board meeting Tuesday, June 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Lake

Hills Library.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

HELP WANTED: EGS is currently looking for an Education Chair. Rosie Bodien has done a great job, but is stepping down. Please contact Charles Dorian at 391-3536 for more information.

MORE HELP WANTED: New Bulletin Board Editor needed by July 15. Contact Judy Smith at 562-9027 or Charles Dorian for details.

ON THE SICK LIST is Sally Mahoney's mother. Best wishes to her as she recuperates in the hospital.

In spite of a shoulder injury, Eleanor Dixon has been continuing her work as chairman of the EGS Library Volunteers. We appreciate such dedication and thank her.

Next month's speaker will be Fred Welcher, Civil War reenactor.
His topic will be 19th Century Medicine, July 11, 1996

The following article is reprinted from the Home & Garden pull-out section of the April 24, 1996, edition of *Seattle Weekly*.

HOME PICTURES

If you've ever wondered what your house looked like before it was remodeled or before you bought it, wonder no longer-the Puget Sound Branch of the Washington State Archives may have a picture of it. Between 1937 and 1940, the Works Progress Administration began to inventory property in King county, sending out crews to photograph every building. The King County Assessors Office took over the project after 1940, and updated it until 1972. In 1979, the Puget Sound branch of the Washington State Archives assumed control of the collection-now totaling 130 file cabinets and around 500,000 negatives; about half are from the WPA area. To check on the availability of photos of your home or business, call the archives at 439-3785 and leave a message on the voice mail. Be sure to give the tax account number of your property or a short legal description (you can get this information from a property tax statement or the King County Assessors Office at 296-7300). Mike Saunders, the Regional Archivist, says that a staff member will usually return your call within a day, and tell you what the archivists have found. You may either set up an appointment to look at the data for free in the office, or have a copy mailed to you for \$2. You can get a print in five sizes (\$7 to \$18).

NOTE: I found out about this 2 years ago when I was at the Archives doing other research. The photo I ordered took just over a week to arrive but was well worth the cost. It showed my house in 1962, before it was sold for the first time. My garage was a carport then, and there were no trees in the front yard (I now have four very large firs!)

IOWA VITAL RECORDS

EGS member Joyce Martin brings our attention to a recent event in Iowa. A bill was recently introduced to the Iowa State Senate to transfer vital records from the Clerk of Court to the Recorder's Office. The records will be computerized, and the original documents will no longer be available for research. The bill would also make it impossible to get records without proving direct descendancy from the person records are requested for. Transfer of the records would occur by July 1, 1997. Iowa Genealogical Society is asking residents to write their State Senator stating that they do not want these records closed. As genealogists, we have to hope that this is not a trend.

EUROPEAN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY

EGS Member Ann Lamb shares news of a contact she has made who will provide photos & other materials from your ancestral home in Europe. James A. Derheim makes four trips to Europe annually for this purpose. By combining your order with those of other clients, he is able to keep the package cost down. Packages include photos of village landmarks and buildings from your forefather's time as well as a detailed map showing where each was taken. If you know of a specific church relevant in your ancestor's history, photos may be taken interior &/or exterior. Cemetery photos will include extreme close-ups of headstone detail and a plot map showing where each is located. If desired, published village histories or other documents & books may be purchased.

If interested, write to European Focus Photography, James A. Derheim, 700 N. Meadowbrook Ln., Sioux Falls, SD 57103-6216 or contact him at 1-800-401-7802; e-mail: JDerheim@aol.com.

NEW VICTORIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Did any of your ancestors come by way of British Columbia? If so, you may find valuable information in the recently-opened Victoria Genealogical Society library. The focus of the society is British Columbia, but they have reams of information from around the world. The society was formed in 1978, and until recently their library was located in a small room in a BC Buildings Corp. house. Chief Librarian, Sharon Bodard, says that they have averaged 1000 inquiries a year in the past, but that with the new location they can offer more services. The society publishes its own journal of news four times a year.

THE VICTORIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO Box 45031, Mayfair Postal Outlet, Victoria V8A 7G9, British Columbia, Canada.

Library is located at #25-17 Cadillac Avenue (corner Cadillac Avenue and Carey Road) on the second floor of the blue & white building.

Hours: Monday & Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 1-3 p.m.

Sharon Bodard may be contacted at 604-652-2563.

GREAT GRANDMA WAS A WITCH

Mrs. Charles Loucks of The Associated Daughters of Early American Witches has passed away. New contact is Mrs. Paul Molloy, 3 Spring Creek Road, Muskogee, OK 74401. Thank you Dorothy Mehrer for this update.

EGS member Lester Olson reports that he had a most favorable experience using a college dorm room meals while in Stockholm, Sweden. Any other college dormers? Call Gloria, 746-1875.

Our society exchanges bulletins with a number of other societies. The following material is taken from some of these bulletins.

Oh, No!

In Lancashire, England, Ian Lewis, 43, spent 30 years tracing his family tree back to the 17th century, traveling all over England and interviewing two thousand relatives, before he learned that he had been adopted when he was a month old and that his real name was David Thornton. He said he would immediately start researching his new family history.

Pacific Sun, Feb 7-13, A146 via CGS News, April 1996

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Check the 1940 Birth Indexes for those lost US births you have been unable to find. In 1940 all US citizens who were working had to obtain a Social Security card. To obtain a card, citizens had to provide a birth certificate. Those who didn't have one on file had to go to their county clerk's office and have one registered. A delayed birth certificate was issued with affidavits sworn by relatives or doctors who were present at the birth, or upon proof of birth from a baptismal certificate or of family Bible records.

Family Tree of Ellen Odom Library, WSGS Newsletter Nov/Dec 1995

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Contact the Bureau of Land Management for information on computerized million-plus land patents from late 1700s-1908 for Arkansas, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Wisconsin. Also available on CD-ROM. Send SASE.

Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, VA 22153 or phone 703-440-1600.

Augusta GS, *SOUTHERN ECHOES May 1996*

ANCESTOR A RAILROAD WORKER?

If your ancestor has a Social Security # with the first three digits of 700-728, he probably worked for the railroad between 1937-1943. The SS numbers were designated at the same time the Railroad Retirement Pension was set up. Railroad pension records are available from the Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611. Records may include info on wages, positions held, and more.

FL GS; *So King News*, South King County GS January 1996

FROM MARK TWAIN:

"The fastest way to have your family tree traced is to run for public office." *So King News*, South King County GS January 1996

US CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

USCA seeks information on anyone who served in the Cavalry from the Revolutionary War to the end of the Cavalry as US Army branch of service (to include Cavalry service in CSA). Write for a biography sketch form for ourself or ancestor.

US Cavalry Association, Bio-Cav Program, PO Box 2325, Fort Riley, KS 66441.

Augusta GS, *SOUTHERN ECHOES* May 1996

FREE QUERIES

"Family Heirlooms", a genealogical column by Carole Kierman, accepts Free queries, reunion notices and other genealogical information. This column appears weekly in the Tri-City Record in Watervliet, Michigan. There are no geographical limits on queries, as it is sent to nearly all 50 states. Submit your entries to Carole Kierman, PO Box 81, Watervliet, MI 49098

Tri-County Genealogical Society Newsletter 1995, WSGS Newsletter Nov/Dec 1995

CIVIL WAR DRAFT/REJECT RECORDS

The two articles following deal with the same set of records, seen from a different perspective.

The National Archives has the draft records of the Civil War. They were created in accordance with the Congressional Act of 3 March 1663. They include the consolidated lists of the Washington Office and the descriptive rolls of the enrollment districts. You need to know the Congressional District where the soldier resided. If unknown, check the "Congressional Directory for the second Session of the Thirty-Eighth Congress of the USA", Washington, 1865. A photocopy is available in the Military Archivist Room, 11W. The Civil War draft records are in Record Group 110, Records of the Provost Marshall General's Bureau, 1663-1666.

Kansas Genealogist, Winter 1994; Milwaukee County WI GS REPORTER, February 1995; A175

Medical records of men drafted or rejected for the Union Army are available in the National Archives under group records #110, "Medical Record of Examinations". These records are arranged by Congressional Districts as of 1863. Data include residence, age, occupation, place of birth, and physical characteristics. If a man was rejected, reasons are given under remarks.

Tacoma-Pierce County Researcher; South Illinois GS; Olympia GS; Clallam County GS Bulletin Summer/Fall 1995

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP LEADERS/MEETINGS

Computer Sherry Holthe 392-9294	Meets 3rd Saturday at Boeing Technology Center Next meeting June 15 Ken Dean will speak on the new Mac version of PAF; also, hot Web sites & general q & a.
German Jean Ryan 746-9610	
Irish Mary Magnuson 746-6627	Will meet Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at Firehouse #9. This will be a continuation on problem solving & a discussion on the use of certain records in Irish research. Info: call Mary 746-6627 or Gloria 746-1875
Italian Mary Sangalang 649-2250	Next meeting Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.-noon at Lake Hills Public Library
Mid-Atlantic/ Southern Don Taylor 643-4438	Contact Don Taylor for more information.
Mid-West Mary Magnuson 746-6627	
Portuguese Barbara Gyll 746-5603	Will meet at the Bellevue Regional Library on Saturday, June 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bring your enthusiasm & problems; together we can help each other find our elusive ancestors.
Snoqualmie Valley Joyce Ossinger 868-1850 Mary Ann Nickell 222-5620	Next meeting Wednesday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. THIS MONTH ONLY will meet in the Recreation Center at Bellewood Retirement Living Community, 3710 Providence Point Drive SE, Issaquah. Members will give a talk on basic research to the residents.
See Location Addresses, next page	

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Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th Street @ 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA. The Supply Table is open at 7:00 p.m. Annual dues: Single, \$12, Couple \$17, Senior Single \$10, Senior Couple \$14.

LOCATION ADDRESSES	CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th Street & 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA	<u>June 1996</u> 7 1:00-3:00pm German Interest Group 10 7:30pm Irish Research Group 11 7:00-9:00pm EGS Board Meeting, Lk Hills Libr 13 7:30pm EGS Membership Meeting 15 July Bulletin Board article due date 9:30am-12:00pm Computer Interest Group 10:00am-12:00pm Italian Interest Group 19 10:00am Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group 22 10:00-3:00pm Portuguese Interest Group 26 How to Organize Your Genealogy Research Records 7:00-9:00pm Genealogy Research Series
Boeing Technology Center Building 33-07, Eastgate area 2760 - 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA	<u>July 1996</u> 2 7:00-9:00pm EGS Board Meeting, Issaquah Library 11 7:30pm EGS Membership Meeting 20 9:30am-12:00pm Computer Interest Group 30 7:00-9:00pm EGS Board Meeting, Issaquah Library
Firehouse #9 12412 SE 69th Way Bellevue, WA	Note the change in June's Board Meeting date. This will be a combined meeting, with both the outgoing and incoming officers. Annual reports are due if not submitted at the may meeting.
Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Issaquah, WA	
LDS Family History Center 10675 NE 20th Street Bellevue, WA	
Lake Hills Public Library 15228 Lake Hills Boulevard SE Bellevue, WA	
Newport Way Public Library 14520 SE Newport Way Bellevue, WA	
North Bend Public Library 115 East Fourth Street North Bend, WA	
Seattle Public Library 1000 - 4th Avenue Seattle, WA	

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. Please mail articles to the Editor: Judy Smith, 4038 - 138th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-1431. If you are unable to meet the deadline, call the Editor at 562-9027 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and your cooperation are appreciated.

NOTE: The EGS Board and the Bulletin Board reserve the right to limit and prioritize event announcements, space permitting, to non-profit organization items of genealogy interest.



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