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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 10 June 1999
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "Genealogy and Local History Resources at the Seattle Public Library"
Speaker: Darlene Hamilton, Humanities Librarian - Genealogy

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Our June program will feature Darlene Hamilton, Humanities - Genealogy Librarian for the Seattle Public Library. As many of you are aware, the Central Seattle Public Library is going to get a new home and the planning has already begun. Our program will feature information on the many resources that the library has built up over the years as well as some of the ideas that are being drafted for the genealogy collection in the new building. Ms. Hamilton will also talk about the Seattle Collection, the published record of our community with 6,000 volumes on open shelving. As so many of us know, an evening with Darlene Hamilton is a wonderful and informative experience.

Darlene Hamilton has been the genealogy librarian at the Seattle Public Library since 1971 and has also served on the Executive Board of the Seattle Genealogy Society since 1971. She has presented programs on various topics for genealogical societies in Washington State and teaches classes on "Beginning Your Family History Research" at the Seattle Public Library. A genealogist herself, Ms. Hamilton has compiled five family history manuscripts for branches of her own family. She earned a B.A. in German literature and M.A. in library science from the University of Minnesota.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW EGS OFFICERS: The new slate of EGS officers for 1999-2000 were voted on at the May General Meeting. Congratulations to all of our new officers. The new officers are:

President Peter Robertson
Vice President Marty Gale
Secretary Mary Ellen Scott
Treasurer Jackie Bushnell
Trustee Janice Pankratz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: EGS would like to welcome the following new member:

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THANK YOU TO EGS MEMBER SHIRLEY OLSON: Recently EGS webmaster Gordon Young received a request through the EGS website from a person in Norway who was searching for someone. EGS member Shirley Olson spent over 4 hours of work, searching the Washington and Oregon soundexes in order to help. Thank you, Shirley, for your generous gift of time and research to help this person.

WEBSITE FOR US STATE INFORMATION: <http://www.50states.com>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER N. ROBERTSON

Heigh Ho! Off we go again! Personally speaking, Lois and I are doing just that, leaving in a few days for the National Genealogical Society's conference in Richmond, Virginia. Hopefully, we will acquired some good ideas to use in EGS activities this coming year.

Thus, this letter is being written well in advance of the regular May EGS meeting of 13 May at which the membership will elect a slate of officers to lead the society in the 1999/2000 year. In my letter for May, I expressed my appreciation to the many EGS members who helped to make the 1998/1999 year a successful one for the society. Now, assuming that I am returned to office for a second term, we need to look forward in anticipation of what the year will bring. Does the society want to do another British Seminar with Sherry Irvine this year? What about other topics or regions other than Britain? Or, do we just want to do the normal stuff, which can be quite interesting in itself. Nevertheless, I sense EGS as being a genealogical leader in the region so I suspect the last thing EGS would decide to do is simply vegetate.

EGS abound in dynamic, interesting people. So, whatever the coming year brings, there will be ancestral anecdotes, there will be cognitive challenges, and there will be genealogical glee! Peter N. Robertson

ON THE AILING LIST: Get well wishes are sent to the following people: Myra McDowell and her husband, Mickey Main, Thornton Gale, Marty Gale, and Nina and Jack Edwards. Hope you are all feeling better soon.

NECROLOGY: EGS would like to extend sympathy to the family of EGS member Frank Fisher.

REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FROM EGS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please remember that if you are an officer or committee chair your annual report is due by the time of the June EGS Board meeting on June 3, 1999. Copies of the report should be prepared for all attending that meeting. Thank you.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR AT THE BELLEVUE LDS BUILDING AND FHC: On Saturday, May 22nd, the Bellevue Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held a Family History Fair at the downtown Bellevue LDS church building and Family History Center. Thanks goes to all of the following EGS members who either were speakers or helped at the EGS tables: Curtis Roselle, Frankie Larsen, Rosie Bodien, Ann Lamb, Bob Mullen, Connie Balazic, Sarah Munkasey, Bob Wismer, Mary Sangalang, Steve Fontana, Gordon Young, Ray French, Carol Owings, Kim Nichols, Kay Greco, Gloria Brown, Mary Magnuson, Nina Edwards, Barbara Robbins, and Mary Ellen Kennedy. Thank you all for representing EGS at the fair.

MAY EGS MEETING PROGRAM REVIEW - "ASK THE EXPERTS"

A good time was had by all at our May General Meeting. Frankie Larson, Mary Magnuson and Gordon Young acted as our panel of experts to answer any and all genealogy related questions. Many of you know Frankie Larson from her "Getting Organized" classes. Mary Magnuson is an expert in many areas of genealogy, including Wisconsin, Irish and Minnesota research. Gordon Young is our resident computer expert and Webmaster for our EGS website.

There were too many questions and answers for this short review so I will only emphasize some of the highlights. Many questions were asked about how to get started finding that missing ancestor. In general, Frankie Larson emphasized the importance of starting out with what you know and working from there. Be specific about what you want to find and then locate the resources that can give you that information. Frankie and Mary emphasized the value of using census records when vital records are unavailable. Newspapers are also another valuable recourse that they strongly recommended.

There were some questions about genealogy resources on the Internet. Gordon Young promoted the value of Rootsweb (www.rootsweb.com) to genealogists and emphasized sending donations to Rootsweb towards their efforts to get census records and ship passenger lists online. There was also some discussion about the LDS library's effort to get their card catalog, the IGI and the Ancestral File online. The LDS website can be found at www.familysearch.org. Gordon also passed out a handout that lists a "Selected Few Good Genealogy Internet Links" and "Genealogy Software Vendors". Thank you Frankie, Mary and Gordon for sharing your time and expertise with us. We look forward to seeing you all at our June General Meeting. (Kimberley Lackey, EGS Member)

LIBRARY HELPERS READY TO HELP YOU: The EGS Library Volunteers are eager to help you! They are available at the Bellevue Regional Library, in room 6 on the second floor, on Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m. Come let them guide you with your family history research.

ARE YOU TAKING A RESEARCH TRIP? Are you planning a research trip or vacation this summer? EGS newsletter readers would love to hear about your research trip - a paragraph or two would be great. And if you come across any interesting/informative brochures or pamphlets, please bring a few back for our table at the general meetings.

CLASSES THROUGH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Bellevue Community College is offering several classes of interest to genealogists:

- * **Preserving Your Family History:** From Genealogical Research to Videotape. Offered June 5, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., cost \$79. Learn how to combine tracing your personal history with the creativity of videotape. Contact BCC Continuing Education at 425-64-2263 for information/registration.

Online Classes:

- * **Writing Family Stories - Family Life.** This online writers' group will help you get your memories flowing, one story at a time. Enroll anytime, cost \$79.
- * **Writers' Workshop.** Get help started writing, feedback on your work or break through writers' block. Enroll anytime, cost \$99.
- * **Introduction to Genealogy Online.** This introductory class will give you an overview of the process of genealogical research and the kinds of resources available online. Enroll anytime, cost \$59.
- * **Intermediate Genealogy Online.** This online class provides guidance in the use of variety of computer-based tools to assist you in the gathering and management of genealogical information. Enroll anytime, cost \$59.
- * **Focus on U.S. Genealogy - Advancing Your Skills.** This class will guide you through the complexities of the most widely-used US genealogy records. Enroll anytime, cost \$59

To register for the above online classes, call 425-641-2263.

GENEALOGY IN FICTION

Genealogy Sleuths: *All the Crazy Winters* by Deborah Adams; *The Death of Cousin Rose* by Jonathan Harrington; *Murder Once Removed* by Kathleen Kunz; *Family Skeletons: A Novel* by Rett MacPherson; *The Famous DAR Murder Mystery* by Graham Landrum; *A Veiled Antiquity* by Rett MacPherson; *The Silent Ones* by Elisabeth Ogilvie.

Dead or Missing Genealogists: *Murder Runs in the Family* by Anne George; *Genealogy of Murder* by Lee Martin.

Novels with a Genealogy Thread: *An Impossible Life: A Bobeh Myseh* by David Black; *The Winshaw Legacy* by Jonathan Coe; *The Horse You Came In On* by Martha Grimes; *Killing Cousins: A Mort Sinclair Mystery* by Gene Stratton; *Mother Love: A Karl Alberg Mystery* by Laurali Wright; *The Ancestor Game* by Alex Miller; *The Devil in Tartan* by Elisabeth Ogilvie; and *The Historical Society Murder* by Graham Landrum. (From FGS Forum, Spring 1999).

THE MAPLE VALLEY-HOBART CEMETERY SECRETARY: Recipe boxes in Sherrie Acker's cupboard hold 430 obituaries, all alphabetically filed. She hopes to add about 100 more. Sherrie Acker oversees the 124 year old cemetery located in south-east King County on SE 208th Street in Maple Valley. As part of her volunteer job she has been collecting the obituaries, funeral programs, news clippings and photographs that chronicle the lives and deaths of people buried in the two-acre cemetery. Going through historical records, newspapers and death certificates, Sherrie has compiled obituaries on 430 of the 540 people buried there. The earliest grave dates from 1872 and the cemetery continues to be used to this day. Sherrie asks that anyone with information about those in the cemetery contact her at 22042 260th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, WW 98038. (From *Valley Daily News*, July 8, 1996).

NEED A MEETING ROOM? Factoria Mall has a community meeting room, in the north end of the mall next to the pet store. Please call 425-641-8282 for information.

GENEALOGY ARTICLE NOW IN VERTICAL FILE: The Retired Officer Magazine, May 1999 issue, has an article about genealogy - "Climbing Your Family Tree" - on pages 74-80. A copy of the article has been given to the Bellevue Regional Library's Vertical Files maintained by EGS.

GRAVEYARDS ARE GOING INTERACTIVE: A company located in St. Louis, Forever Enterprises, is now outfitting cemeteries with "digital biographies" of the dead. The company installs small video monitors, housed in somber dark-wood kiosks among the graves. By touching the screen, mourners can view photographs or videos of the dearly departed and listen to their voices as well as testimonials from friends and family members. Brent Cassity, the company's chief executive officer, predicts that in the future video monitors will be affixed to the grave markers themselves. Forever Enterprises also accommodates the stay-at-home mourners. Cassity says that soon the company's 10,000-plus digital biographies will be available on the Internet. (From *US News & World Report*, 22 April 1999).

NORTH DAKOTA NATURALIZATIONS: For those who think their family members might have been naturalized in North Dakota, there is a wonderful database where you can find out:

<<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/database/naturalrec.html>>

A 300 YEAR REUNION AND SCANNING
BY BOB AND BETTY HAWORTH, EGS MEMBERS

We are new members to EGS and will journey to the midwest next month (June) for a special 300 year family reunion. We are making a CD for the event that will include very old family history documents and pictures. We thought we would briefly describe our techniques because it may be of interest to others.

We are scanning these old documents and pictures using the relatively new ScanMaker 4 scanner from Microtek. This flatbed scanner does both reflective documents and negative or positive film. The film is scanned in an internal glass drawer. We have been scanning documents using the software program "Paperport" from Visioneer. Paperport allows documents to be stacked so that we can copy many pages, one page right after another, in page sequence, and into a single computer file. In our case, for example, we copied century old family genealogy bulletins, wills and letters. These files were then saved (exported) to file (we used a zip disk for safe backup) in the "pdf" format. The "pdf" format is a very common media and requires the free use Adobe Acrobat Reader for access.

We will also put a family history database on the CD using Family Tree Maker software. We have a CD "burner" that allows us to make the CD on our home computer. We will then send the master CD to a copier service for mass re-production. Copying costs will be about \$3 each per hundred.

Our ancestors documented their 200 year reunion by publishing a bound booklet (which we also copied to the CD). We will document the 300 year reunion by electronic methods. We hope this information will be useful to our new friends at EGS. Ron and Betty Haworth, <haworth@msn.com>

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? The Redmond Family History Center, located near Redmond High School, is looking for volunteers to man the center during open hours. Volunteers help patrons with their research and often have time to work on their own family history. Volunteers are asked to commit to a 4-hour shift once a week. You do not need to be a member of the LDS Church to volunteer - just have an interest in family history and a desire to help others. For more information, call Bonnie Wilson at 425-868-9316.

WAS THE REAL ZORRO IRISH? An Italian historian, Professor Fabio Troncarelli, is convinced that a 17th century Wexford man, William Lamport, was the original Zorro - the masked swordsman who aided oppressed Mexicans seeking independence from Spain. Professor Troncarelli claims to have uncovered proof in the Inquisition Archives in the Vatican that Lamport was born in 1615, educated in Dublin and London, and later fought for Spain in wars against France before moving to Mexico. (From *Irish America Magazine*, June/July 1999).

CIVIL WAR UNION ARMY ORGANIZATION: Here are some definitions which will help you understand information you find regarding your ancestor's Civil War Service:

a Company = about 100 Men

a Regiment = about 10 companies (1000 men)

a Brigade = 2 or more Regiments (2000 +/- men)

a Division = 2 or more Brigades (4000 +/- men)

a Corps = 2 or more Divisions (8000 +/- men)

an Army = 2 or more Corps (16000 +/- men)

enlistment - date joining a state regiment

muster - after training, the date the regiment was accepted into Federal Service

discharge - date the soldier left service while his regiment was on active duty

muster out - the date the regiment was released from active duty (From Whitman Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter, March 1999 via *So King News*, May/June 1999).

DEWEY DECIMAL CODES FOR ALL US COUNTIES AVAILABLE: While unsuccessfully scanning the shelves in her favorite genealogical library, Betty Jo Stockton decided there had to be a better way to find printed works on the various counties. Though a 20-year librarian, this kind of shelf search slowed her down. So in October 1998 she completed a 42-page booklet that lists the Dewey Decimal code for every one of the 70000 counties in the US. They are listed alphabetically by state. The 42-page booklet titled *Where did they put Wakulla?* (the county she was searching for the day she decided to do this) sells for \$6 postpaid from the Central Florida Genealogical Society, PO Box 177, Orlando, FL 32802-0177. (From *FGS Forum*, Spring 1999).

MAGNETIC PHOTO ALBUMS: Did you know that magnetic photo albums are very destructive to photographs? Chemical reaction from the plastic will eventually cause deterioration and discoloration. Store your photos in albums made of Mylar and acid free paper. (From *S.C.G. Society, Inc.*, April 1999).

REFERENCES IN FILBY'S PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS: If you find a reference to your family when searching *Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists*, you should know it is possible to get a copy of the original source. Contact the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. This library maintains all sources indexed in *Filby's*. Remember to cite the source number with the reference. The charge is 20 cents per copy plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. (From *Sun Cities Genealogist*, Spring 1999 via *S.C.G. Society, Inc.*, April 1999).

COPIES OF ORIGINAL LAND PATENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE INTERNET: The Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, General Land Office has a site on the Internet. This site provides a database and image access to more than two million federal land title records for the Eastern Public Land States, dating back to 1820. The site gives family researchers information about the initial transfer of land titles from the federal government to individuals. This information will allow a researcher to connect an individual (Patentee) with a specific location (Legal Land Description) in time (Signature date). Researchers can request certified land patent reports, or they can download a copy of the image right onto their monitor for viewing and printing. The address for this site is <<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>>. Since this is the Eastern States office, only the records for states east of the Mississippi will be available. At the current time, records for eleven states are online: AL, AR, FL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, OH, and WI. When you first visit, the site asks you for your zipcode for demographic purposes. You are also advised that things will run better if you have JavaScript and a relatively new browser. You can also download a viewer if you need it (free of charge) on the site. Select your state from the list of available states, enter your ancestor's name and/or land description, and click on search. Keep in mind that the "signature date" on the Patent is the date the President or his agent signed the Patent. This is not the date on which your ancestor paid for the land, which could have been as much as 4-5 year earlier. (From *The Bulletin*, Northern Arizona Genealogical Society, Fall 1998 via *News for the Northwest*, May-June 1999).

GENEALOGITIS:

There is a new disease these days
For which there is no cure.
So if it gets a grip on you
You've had it, that's for sure.

This ge-ne-a-lo-gi-tis
(At least that's what I call it)
Has no known vaccination that
Can ever quite forestall it

It strikes the rich. It strikes the poor;
The old and young alike;
And every nation feels it sting
When this bug makes a strike.

In fact, I'm stuck with it myself
And know whereof I speak.
This stuff has kept progressing;
It almost leaves me weak.

One symptom of this dread disease
Is buying up old books.
You find yourself in graveyards
Or dusty attic nooks.

You write a million letters;
No stone is left unturned.
Sometimes for only postage stamps
A gold mine is returned.

Just let me say in closing
That when all is said and done,
This malady has brought me joy
AND SUCH A LOT OF FUN!

Poet Unknown
From *Heritage*, Montgomery Co. Heritage &
Genealogical Society, Fonda, NY via *Schenectady
County Historical Society Newsletter*, May-June 1999.

AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING SCHEDULES: When using federal censuses from the 1800's, remember that the Agriculture and Manufacturing Schedules can give you a great amount of information about your ancestors. Agriculture schedules are available for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 and manufacturing schedules are available for the years 1820, 1850, 1870, and 1880.

Agriculture schedules list the farmer's name, the land holdings, cattle and domestic animals held, amount of various food and grain products planted and harvested, along with other information. The manufacturing ones lists the business name and owner, type of business or product, financial matters such as the capital invested and amount of raw materials used and even the number of men and women employed with their monthly wage.

Researchers should search both schedules, especially if their ancestors lived in rural areas. Sometimes people show up on both because many farmers had a sideline business. (From *The Lifeline*).

HOME SOURCES: Most genealogist start out their pursuit of their family history by looking at the home or family sources available. These sources can include letters, birth and marriage certificates, military discharges, photos, and newspaper clippings, as well as many other items. After examining these sources and recording the data, family historians then extend their searches to other records. But it is important to remember to review and revisit these family sources from time to time. Not only can our memory of the information in them fade, but the data may take on new meaning as we learn more about the ancestors. Family sources can be divided into three categories: living sources, records and artifacts.

Living sources are people with information in their memories. When going back to re-interview a person, keep in mind that the person's interests may not always match our own with regard to names, dates and places. They may have more to tell you about how the person looked, behaved or their reputation. This is valuable information, too.

Records are information in the form of words or images captured in fixed form on some medium. These include formally prepared documents, correspondence such as letters, post cards and e-mail, newspaper clippings, photographs, and print documents such as pamphlets, invitations, cards, books and programs.

Artifacts are any object that has been preserved. These convey information by their type, location, history or use. The amount of information we gain from each artifact varies greatly. Examples of artifacts are a spoon, a painting and a fireman's badge.

When analyzing family sources for quality, use the same "tests" as you would use for any other information. These "tests" help us answer the question "Is this what actually happened?" To make this decision, we need to ask three questions:

1. With whom did the information originate - a participant, an observer, or an informant who learned it from someone else?
2. How accurately was the information transmitted - first, to the informant from whom it was originally recorded, and second, through the course of reproducing or transcribing the original record, or extracting and compiling information from it?
3. Is there a good reason to believe the information applies to the person in whom we are interested, rather than someone else of a similar name and age in the locality?

Those sources we decide, on the basis of those questions, are the most reliable on a particular matter are called evidence. The information from evidentiary sources is what we use to reach convincing conclusions in which we can have confidence. Sometimes we can say a particular conclusion is only possible or probable. If that is all the evidence permits, the the conclusion can be convincing - convincingly ruling out alternatives that have greater or lesser degrees of certainty until new evidence arrives. Some home sources you should keep in mind to check are: personal records, legal papers, certificates, military records, school records, employment records, family records, announcements, membership records, citizenship papers, financial records, health records, licenses, newspaper clippings, household items and books. (From an article by Donn Devine in *Ancestry*, May/June 1999).

POLISH PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES REDRAWN: As of January 1, 1999 the 49 provinces in Poland have been combined into 16 provinces including 308 counties. The Polish Parliament approved legislation on April 18, 1998 in an effort to move away from the communist era administration and to shift power to local governments. This has the broad support of the Polish people. Keep in mind the new boundaries are not set in stone; watch for changes in the future. The new provinces are as follows:

Code	Province	Capital	Code	Province	Capital
DS	dolnoslaskie	Wroclaw	KP	kujawsko-pomorskie	Bydgoszcz & Torun
LB	lubuskie	Gorzow & Zielona Gora	LD	lodzkie	Lodz
LU	lubelskie	Lublin	MA	mazowieckie	Warszawa
MP	malopolskie	Krakow	OP	opolskie	Opole
PD	podlaskie	Bialystok	PK	podkarpackie	Rzeszow
PM	pomorskie	Gdansk	SL	slaskie	Katowice
SW	swietokrzyskie	Kielce	WM	warminsko-mazurskie	Olsztyn
WP	wielkopolskie	Poznam	ZP	zachodniopomorskie	Szczecin

(From *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, March-April, 1999).

DATING BIBLES: Photocopy the publication page of the family Bible as well as other family pages. The date the Bible was published is the earliest date that information on the family pages could have been entered. From that you can tell if the information was entered from memory or at the time of the event. (From *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, March-April 1999).

OLD OCCUPATIONS: Below are a list of old occupations gleaned from old records:

Accomptant	accountant	Cordwainer	shoemaker
Almoner	giver of charity to the needy	Costermonger	peddler of fruits & vegetables
Amanuensis	secretary or stenographer	Crocker	potter
Artificer	a soldier mechanic who does repairs	Crowner	coroner
Bailie	Bailiff	Docker	dock worker who loads/unloads cargo
Baxter	Baker	Dowser	one who finds water by using a rod or witching stick
Bluestocking	female writer		
Boniface	keeper of the Inn	Draper	dealer in dry goods
Brazier	one who works with brass	Dresser	surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Brewster	beef manufacturer	Drover	one who drives or deals in livestock
Brightsmith	metal worker	Duffer	peddler
Burgonmaster	mayor	Factor	agent; commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate
Caulker	one who filled up cracks	Farrier	blacksmith, one who shoes horses
Chaisemaker	carriage maker	Faulkner	falconer
Chandler	dealer or trader; one who makes/sells candles; retailer of groceries	Fell monger	one who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
Chiffonnier	wig maker	Fletcher	one who makes bows and arrows
Clark	clerk	Gaoler	a keeper of the goal, a jailer
Clerk	Clergyman, cleric	Glazier	window glassman
Cohen	Priest		
Collier	coal miner		
Colporteur	peddler of books		
Cooper	one who makes/repairs vessels made of staves and hoops such as casks, barrels, tubs		

(From various Internet mailing lists)

To be continued in next month's newsletter.

RESEARCH TECHNIQUES:

- * Surname spelling variations - virtually all surnames in existence have undergone some change over the centuries. Some names have changed to the extent of not being recognizable at all in their earlier form. Even common names such as Smith appear in early years as Smithe and Smythe. Do not reject an ancestral name because of a variation in spelling. Spelling was not formalized until the late 1800's and many of our ancestors could not read or write and were subject to the spelling of clerks.
- * Naming patterns - Children are often named after grandparents and other family members, both paternal and maternal. Where there is evidence of this naming pattern in a family that you are having difficulty fitting to your ancestral line, you may assume a link subject to further verification and source evidence.
- * Baptisms vs. Birthdates - Most people assume that the birth date of a child is usually within a few days if not weeks of the baptismal date. The truth is that the early christening was not rigidly followed and often years passed before a child was baptized. Some non-conformist congregations did not allow baby baptisms at all and waited until the child reached the age of consent that was usually around seven years old. For this reason it could prove misleading to calculate a birth year to be the same year as the christening or baptismal year.
- * Witnesses - Many original source documents such as vital and civil certificates of marriage, birth and death carry on the certificate the names of witnesses. This is also true of many parish-recorded events, especially post-1850 when many new forms for recording came into use. Witnesses were frequently relatives such as brothers, married sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, in-laws and every other form of family association. Keep record of the witnesses for future attention and you may find you have uncovered another branch of the family tree.
- * City directories - there are many, many city and postal directories available for most countries of the western world, some dating back to the 1700's. Most are indexed alphabetically by surname or by street. When you know an ancestor was in a particular city and have a range of years, then refer to the city directory at the library or on microfilm from you local family history center. The years in which ancestors appear and disappear in directories will lead to many other areas of research including census records, vital records, newspaper files, immigration and passenger lists and cemetery records. (From *Family Chronicle*, May/June 1999, article by Ron Wild).

NEW RESEARCH SERVICE OFFERED BY NGS: The National Genealogical Society is offering a new service, NGSearch, available to members and non-members alike. NGSearch is designed to help genealogists throughout the country gain access to the books in the NGS collection.

In essence, NGSearch is a professional quality "look-up" service that provides the client with a paper trail documenting the search. For a small prepaid fee, the staff at NGS will search any one indexed book for information desired by the client. When possible the request will be completed and returned on the business day after receipt.

To take advantage of this service, begin by looking through the NGS online catalog at <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>. If you were looking for information about Clark County, WA you could search for "titles that contain Clark Washington." This search will bring you a total of twelve items having to do with Clark County, WA. Once you find an entry that you would like checked, print the record, put an address label on it, write a note or letter specifying what you are looking for, enclose your check and send the whole thing off to NGSearch, NGS, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207. When NGSearch gets your request, they pull the book, check for your information, and return to you a photocopy of the title page, the appropriate index page and the page(s) on which the information is found. If the book has substantial information which may be of interest to the client, NGSearch will contact you to discuss further steps.

If you are not online, you can still take advantage of the service if you are an NGS member. For NGS members only, NGSearch will prepare printed bibliographies of NGS holdings, customized to include only those counties or surnames of interest to you. NGS membership is \$40 a year and you can join by writing the address listed above. (From *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, March-April 1999).

HISTORY SITES TO INVESTIGATE:

- ◆ Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation - learn what is currently happening at Ellis Island, including the new American Family Immigration Center, and search the Wall of Honor. <<http://www.ellisland.org/index.html>>
- ◆ National Park Service - Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island site - learn about the history of Ellis Island. <<http://www.nps.gov/stli/mainmenu.htm>>.
- ◆ California Museum of Photography - has some beautiful photographs of Ellis Island. <http://cmpl.ucr.edu/exhibitions/immigration_id.html>.
- ◆ Newton Franklin Locke's letter expressing how he felt waiting for the start of the Oklahoma land rush. <<http://www.pan-tex.net/usr/l/drlocke/oklaland.htm>>.
- ◆ "When the Bugle Sounded" - an in-depth article about the Oklahoma land rush. <http://www.thehistorynet.com/WildWest/articles/1999/02992_text.htm>.
- ◆ "The Dodge City War" - an excellent article about the history of Dodge City. <http://www.thehistorynet.com/WildWest/articles/1997/06972_text.htm>.
- ◆ Wyatt Earp Historical Homepage - <<http://www.techline.com/~nicks/earp.htm>>.
- ◆ The Salem Witch Museum - <<http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/>>.
- ◆ History Buff's Home Page - <<http://www.historybuff.com/index.html>>.
- ◆ The History Net - <<http://www.thehistorynet.com/>>.
- ◆ HyperHistory Online - for world history through lifelines, timelines, graphics and maps. <http://www.hyperhistory.com/onlin_n2/History_n2/a.html>.

(From *Ancestry*, May/June 1999).

MORE WEB SITES:

- * Convicts to Australia - A guide to researching your convict ancestors. <<http://carmen.murdoch.edu.au/community/dps/convicts/index.html>>.
- * National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) - search for manuscripts, letters, diaries, logbooks, drafts, journals, ledgers, minutes, archived records and taped oral histories held in repositories around the country. <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html>>.
- * 1895 Atlas - <<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>>.
- * The Cemeteries of the United States - <<http://www.gac.edu/~kengelha/usframe.html>>.
- * Surname Springboard - <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/2154/springin.htm>>.
- * Surname Web - <<http://surnameweb.org>>.
- * GENDEX - a index to databases containing genealogical data for over 8 million, searchable by surname or soundex equivalent. <<http://www.gendex.com/gendex/>>
- * Lookups on Genealogical CD's - <<http://genweb.net/~gen-cds/cdlist.html>>.

1999 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 13-18 June Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. Choice of seven courses: Techniques & Technology, Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies, The Trans-Appalachian South, Advanced Genealogical Methods, Genealogy as a Profession, Twentieth Century Research, and Irish Studies. Registration until May 16, \$375, after May 16 \$425. Housing available for additional cost. Call 205-870-2846 for information or visit the webpage at: <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>
- 25-27 June Conference on Women and the Civil War, Winchester, Virginia. The Conference on Women and the Civil War focuses on the service of women to their country during the War Between the States. Registration \$195 through May 31; \$245 after June 1. For information call 800-473-3943 or see the website <http://www.nfis.com/~eileen>
- 27 June The Jewish Genealogical Institute of BC presents its Fifth annual Jewish Genealogical Seminar, 9:30 -5 p.m. at the Holocaust Centre, Jewish Community Centre, 950 W. 41st at Oak Street, Vancouver, BC. See below for more information.
- 1-23 July 1999 British Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Trip (Samford University), London and Southern England. Write Jean Thomason, Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL 35229 for complete information or email her at mbthomas@samford.edu
- 10 July Heritage Quest Research Library presents "A Celebration of our Heritage" with Donna Potter Phillips, 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., at Sumner High School Cafeteria, 1707 Main Street, Sumner WA. Cost \$20 by June 20th; \$25 after June 20th, \$6 for optional lunch. For information/registration call the library at 253-863-1806.
- 12-15 July 6th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America, Springfield, Illinois, Four Intensive Course on: Family History Research Principles, Standards and Sources, part 1 and part 2, The Shaping and Expansion of America, and Irish and Scots-Irish Genealogical Research. For information, contact Julie Slack, Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Springfield, PO Box 19243, Springfield, IL 62794-9243, website <http://www.uis.edu/~otel/genealogy>
- 3-6 August Brigham Young University's 1999 Genealogy and Family History Conference, Conference Center, BYU Campus. Cyndi Howells as well as many others from the Family History Department, BYU, and other places in the country will be presenters. Registration limited to 500 registrants. For more information, write 136 Harman Building, Provo, UT 84602, phone 801-378-4853, email valiant_evans@byu.edu or website <http://coned.byu.edu/cw/geneale>
- 8-13 August Jewish Genealogical Society's 19th Annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy, New York City, a week of educational programming, research opportunities, networking, and fun. Contact Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 6398, New York, NY 10128, email jgsny@aol.com, website <http://members.aol.com/nyc99conf>
- 11-16 August "The People of American, Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, St. Louis, MO. Includes lectures, workshops, banquets, and vendors, as well as research opportunities. Registration \$60-150. Call 1-888-347-1500 or see the website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosttogs/STINDEX.HTM>
- 23 October Chelan Valley Genealogical Society presents its 1999 Fall Seminar with speaker Donna Potter Phillips, at the Caravel Conference Room, 322 W. Woodin, Chelan, WA 98815. Seminar fee \$30 until Oct. 1; \$35 after. Mail registration to Helen James, Registrar, C.V.G.S., 321 S. 3rd #8, Chelan, WA 98816.
- 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>

TOP TEN SURNAMES: The top ten surnames during the 1970's in America were: 1) Smith, 2) Johnson, 3) Williams, 4) Jones, 5) Brown, 6) Miller, 7) Davis, 8) Anderson, 9) Wilson, and 10) Thompson. (From *Heritage Quest*, May/June 1999).

CONFEDERATE STATES: The four slave states, known as the "border states" that remained in the Union during the Civil War were Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri. Eleven other states seceded to form the Confederate States of America. The dates of secession and their readmission to the U.S. House of Representatives are:

1. South Carolina	20 Dec 1860	9 Jul 1868
2. Mississippi	9 Jan 1861	23 Feb 1870
3. Florida	10 Jan 1861	25 Jun 1868
4. Alabama	11 Jan 1861	13 Jul 1868
5. Georgia	19 Jan 1861	15 Jul 1870
6. Louisiana	26 Jan 1861	9 Jul 1868
7. Texas	2 Mar 1861	30 Mar 1870
8. Virginia	17 Apr 1861	26 Jan 1870
9. Arkansas	6 May 1861	4 Jul 1868
10. North Carolina	20 May 1861	4 Jul 1868
11. Tennessee	8 Jun 1861	24 Jul 1866

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CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL: Write to them at: Dept. HQ, PO Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225 or visit the website at: <http://members.aol.com/cgsi>.

EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Computer Interest Group	Will meet Saturday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Tech Center, Eastgate area, Bellevue. There will be a 2-part program; the first will be on charts & all attendees are urged to bring any type of family chart, old or new including computer generated ones. Secondly, sharing your memoirs will be discussed. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe at 425-880-4407.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	Will meet June 19, 9:30 - noon at Firestation 22, 6602 108th Ave NE, Houghton. There will be no meetings in July & August; September's meeting will be Sept. 25, same place/time. No meeting in October (come to the conference). November's meeting will be Nov. 25, same place/time. Call Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 for more information or email her at rosebodie@scn.org
EGS Lunch Bunch	Will meet Thursday, June 24 at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.
German Interest Group	Will meet Friday, June 4, 1-3 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. For more information call Jan Pankratz, 425-222-7583.
Irish Research Roundtable	The Irish Research Roundtable will meet in Mary Magnuson's home at 2635 153rd Ave. S.E., Bellevue. Call Mary, 425-746-6627 for information.
Italian Interest Group	Will meet at the Lake Hills Library on Saturday, June 12 and July 17, both dates from 10 a.m.-noon. Call Mary at 425-649-2250 for info.
Original 13 Colonies Interest Group	Monday, June 28, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.
Portuguese Interest Group	Contact Barbara Gyll, 425-746-5603 for information.
Scandinavian Interest Group	Will meet Tuesday, June 8, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Puget Sound Archives on the Bellevue Community College Campus. Call Carol Owings at 425-641-9930 for information.
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Formerly Midwest Group)	Will meet at Firehouse 9 on June 17, 10 a.m. - noon to discuss migration routes and modes of transportation. Call Kim Nichols, 425-402-9050, for more information.
Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group	Meets June 16, 9:30 a.m. Program will be "Show, Share and Tell." Will meet at Mary Lou McKibben's house - call her at 425-888-2053 or 888-3947 for directions/information. Bring a brown bag lunch.

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

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

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

Newport Way Library
14520 SE Newport Way
Bellevue WA 425-747-2390

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

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

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

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

North Bend Library
115 East Fourth St.
North Bend, WA 425-888-0554

Firehouse #9
12412 SE 69th Way
Bellevue, WA

LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria
4200 124th Ave. SE
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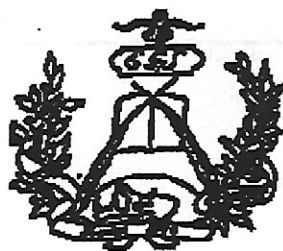
Lake Hills Library
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE
Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350

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

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 **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 genealogical interest.

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| 4 | 1 p.m. | German Interest Group, Lake Hills Library |
| 8 | 10 a.m. | Scandinavian Interest Group, Puget Sound Archives |
| 10 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting, Bellevue Regional Library |
| 12 | 10 a.m. | Italian Interest Group, Lake Hill Library |
| 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group, see page 10 |
| 17 | 10 a.m. | Shore to Shore Interest Group, Firestation 9 |
| 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Computer Interest Group, Boeing Tech Center |
| 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Czech/Slovak Interest Group, Firestation 22 |
| 24 | 11:30 a.m. | EGS Lunch Bunch, Crossroads Mall Food Court |
| 28 | 7 p.m. | Original 13 Colonies Interest Group, Firestation 9 |

JULY

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| 1 | 10 a.m. | EGS Board meeting, Firestation 9 |
| 8 | 7:30 p.m. | EGS General Meeting, Bellevue Regional Library |

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