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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)

Topic: Special Collections, University of Washington Suzzallo Library
Speaker: Carla Rickerson, Pacific Northwest Librarian

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Caria Rickerson, Pacific Northwest Collection Librarian from the University of Washington is the speaker for our March meeting. Ms. Rickerson was featured recently in the *Seattle Times* in an article about the scrapbook collection held at the library: "A good scrapbook preserves pieces of life that otherwise might have been wadded up and thrown away or stored in a box." The University of Washington collection contains over 300 scrapbooks, each a primary source of information because of the items collected at the time they were produced. Ms. Rickerson will also give us an overview of the other wonderful resources that are held in the Pacific Northwest Collection. For those of you who have not yet taken advantage of what is there, this evening will give you an idea of the wide range of materials available. Be sure to join us!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>RESEARCHING:</u>
Dexter, Jack	425-558-7640	Dodd, Harris
Dillion, Bill	425-885-6049	

GET WELL SOON

Bob Sandbo, Alyce Smyth, and Wini Lake have been ill—we hope they are on the mend. Dorothy Mehrer's husband had the misfortune to encounter a mysterious virus in the southwest, and has been laid up for months. Best wishes for a steady and complete recovery.

IN SYMPATHY

EGS sends sympathy to Lois Jackson, whose mother recently died. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
CHARLES DORIAN

The February meeting of the Society turned out to be bursting at the seams! There were over 120 in attendance, including a number of first time visitors. The speaker, John Wise, did a great job on showing us how to include sources in two of the current active genealogical programs - *The Master Genealogist* and *Family Tree Maker*. Slide presentations helped to identify the various methods and information blocks to insert the data. Questions from the floor help to clarify some issues in further depth. At the conclusion of the presentation, members indicated a desire for additional presentations of a similar nature.

Our next program on the Special Collections at the local Suzzallo Library at the University of Washington also promises to be of particular interest to the serious genealogist. This source, plus the Seattle Public Library, the Federal Archives, the LDS Family History Centers, and the Fiske Genealogical Foundation offer tremendous opportunities for research in our immediate area. Be sure to attend next month.

Be sure to read your *Bulletin Board* for all the listings of activities that are available in this area. The number of classes for beginning and advanced genealogists seems to be increasing each month. I am sure you can find a class of particular interest to your line of research. And don't forget the WEB - the areas to search are increasing daily. There are over 26,000 addresses given on Cyndi Howells' Web site. And those on the Ancestry site are increasing weekly. Our Interest Groups offer another avenue to extend your research knowledge.

Best wishes for successful searching.

Charles

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As a non-profit organization, Eastside Genealogical Society is eligible to apply and hopefully receive grants for equipment and materials for the use of our organization. This past six months there has been a gathering of information about the grant programs for which we would be interested in applying. We would like to have ideas of items that the members think would be worthy of the work of writing a grant. We would also appreciate any help that you members could offer to write the grants. If there is anyone out there who would like to work on grants, would you please call Marty Gale at 206-232-6471 or e-mail: martygale@earthlink.net. Thank you!

BRODERBUND SOFTWARE GENEALOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Broderbund Software will be awarding ten \$500 scholarships in 1998: three will go to individuals pursuing the designations of "Certified Genealogist" (administered by the Board for Certification of Genealogists); three to individuals pursuing the designation "Accredited Genealogists" (administered by the Family History Department of the LDS Church); and four to individuals who are pursuing formal education at a recognized institutions for genealogical instruction.

Interested applicants must submit application materials by May 18, 1998. For more information, contact Broderbund Software at Genealogy Scholarship Program, 39500 Stevenson Place, Suite 204, Fremont CA 94539 or visit Family Tree Maker's web site at <http://www.familytreemaker.com>

BELLEVUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

The Bellevue Historical Society will sponsor an oral history interview workshop on March 14, 1998. This free event will be daylong, followed by two half-day sessions, one on March 28th and one in April. All will be held at the Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue. To register, or for more information, contact Karan Klett at the society, 425-450-1046.

EGS METINGS COMING UP

♦ 12 March

Special Collections at Suzzallo Library, University of Washington
with speaker Carla Rickerson

NEWS FROM EGS SUPPLY TABLE

Do you know you save money by buying your genealogy books and supplies from the EGS supply table? The University Bookstore and Beehive have a fair number of titles, and Barnes and Noble and Tower Books carry a few, but at these stores you pay full cover price plus state sales tax. If you order by mail you pay shipping charges (often \$3.50 or more) added to the full price. By buying in quantity direct from the publisher, EGS gets a discount which we pass on to you, our members and guests - and the tax is included in our price. We encourage comparison shopping! (Myra McDowell, supply table chairperson)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Family researchers who live in the Pacific Northwest consider themselves fortunate to have a regional branch of the National Archives on Sand Point Way in Seattle. As interest in family history has grown in recent years so has the use of the archives across the country. The Seattle branch has long been recognized for its outstanding volunteer program which provides most of the services to researchers in the microfilm room. Recent budget cuts and staff attrition, along with increased patronage, mean more pressure on the volunteer corps. If you're looking for an interesting, satisfying - and yes, fun - way to spend a few hours each week you might consider sharing your time and knowledge with other researchers at the archives. It's never dull, and there's always something new to be learned as you field questions and seek answers to unique genealogical requests. For information about the volunteer program and its needs call the archives office at 206-526-6507.

FAMILY HISTORY VOLUME SUPPLEMENT

Genealogical & Local History Books in Print is in the process of compiling book listings to include in the *Family History Volume Supplement*, which will be published in the fall of 1998. This supplement will include listings of family histories, pedigrees, and compiled genealogies that have become available since the publication of *G&LHBIP's Family History Volume* in 1996 or were omitted from that volume. There will be no charge for listings in the supplement. If you have published any family histories, please contact this newsletter's editor (Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050) for the necessary form. The final deadline to submit listings is March 31, 1998.

INFORMATION ON POLICE OFFICERS

Recent newsletters from Boston and Long Island have had articles about the Boston Police Department and the New York City Police Department respectively, both of which had many Irish officers. Contact Mr. Edwards Callahan, the Director of Human Resources for the Boston Police Department, to learn what information is available through personnel records. In New York City, contact the Office of Personnel for the NYC Police Department, Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038, for similar information.

FAMILY TOURS IN THE MAKING

Wells Family Tour, for descendants of Richard Wells of Virginia and Thomas Welles of Connecticut - ten day tour of family locations in England, June 8-18, 1998. Worldwide Chamberlain Association Heritage Tour - fifteen day tour, October 1-15, 1998; includes historic sites of the Chamberlains in England and Normandy. These tours have been developed, and will be led by, Connecticut Heritage Tours. For further information contact Nina Sheldon, EGS member, at 425-885-2115.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARYNEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations, or donated by EGS members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the February *Bulletin Board*:

- ♦ *Genealogy for the First Metis Nation: The Development and Dispersal of the Red River Settlement 1820-1900*, by D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye, 1983. Tells of the background to all the Metis in Canada (peoples of French and Indian ancestry) R929.2 SPR
- ♦ *Genealogical Research in Ohio*, by Kip Sperry, 1997. Focuses on the many resources available to the researchers, including vital and church records, probate, court, census, naturalization, land and military records, newspapers, local histories, and genealogical collections. R929.3771 SCH
- ♦ *Genealogical and Local History Books in Print: U.S. Sources and Resources, and General Reference and World Resources*; Fifth Edition, by Marian R. Hoffman, 1997 (3 volumes). R929.3 GEN
- ♦ *Swedish Genealogical Dictionary*, 3rd Edition, by Phyllis Pladsen and Joseph C. Huber, 1995. R929.103 PLA
- ♦ *Idaho Territorial Voter's Poll Lists 1863*, by Gene F. Williams, 1996. This is the "first census" of the Idaho Territory, including over 6,000 names of men who voted and other identifying information that will lead to additional records. R929.3796 WIL
- ♦ *District of Columbia Ancestors: A Guide to Records of the District of Columbia*, by Wesley E. Pippenger, 1997. A detailed description of public and private records - their content and location. R929.107207 PIP

Do you have a genealogy-related reference book or CD to donate to the growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or have a suggestion for one? If so, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling Margery Perdue at 425-643-3502. (submitted by Carl Cason, EGS library committee).

NEW COMPUTER DESIGNATED FOR GENEALOGY USE AT BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Bellevue Regional Library now has a computer devoted to genealogy. It is located on the second floor, near the Reference 929 section of books. At the moment, there are two CD's available for use - one is on land records, and the other is an Ancestry CD containing eight vital reference books. This CD was donated by Phil and Wini Lake. If you have any extra genealogical related CD's, please consider offering them to the Library. The Library will be purchasing new CD's as well.

MEMOIRS, WRITING, AND PUBLISHING

The November 1997 issue of the *NRTA Bulletin* (published by AARP) contained an article entitled "I remember back when..." about the growing popularity of writing one's memoirs. Individual reasons for doing so were cited along with helpful tips for creating a work that will be both satisfying to the writer and a keepsake for the family or other audience. The full article may be found in the Genealogy Vertical File at the Bellevue Regional Library in the folder labeled "Memoirs, Writing, and Publishing." Among the books recommended in the article are: *Where to Go From Here: Discovering Your Own Life's Wisdom in Your Second Fifty*, by Birren and Feldman (Simon & Schuster, 1997); *Writing Your Life: Putting Your Past on Paper*, by Lou Willett Stanek (Avon, 1996); and *Turning Memories into Memoirs: A Handbook for Writing Life Stories*, by Denis Ledoux (Soleil Press, 1993). (submitted by Nina Sheldon, EGS Vertical Files).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS READY TO HELP YOU

EGS Library Volunteers are ready to help you with research problems and questions. They are available at the Bellevue Regional Library, second floor, in room 6 (down the hall to the left of the reference desk) on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm and Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. They are eagerly awaiting you!

EGS MEMBER BARBARA GUYLL PREPARES BOOKLET

Recently, EGS member Barbara Guyll helped the Clark County Genealogical Society celebrate their Silver Anniversary. Barbara is the niece of Margareta Zimmerman, the founder of the society. She prepared a booklet marking this 25th anniversary that was given to all the members. Congratulations Barbara and the Clark County Genealogical Society!

VANISHING MONOGRAPHS

Monographs, the highly specialized publications so central to scholarship, have become a vanishing thing. "The single most contributing factor to this crisis is the loss of library sales," according to a recent issue of *Perspectives*, the newsletter of the American Historical Association. Libraries are buying fewer monographs due to severe reductions in their acquisitions budgets. As sales fall, production costs rise. Presses now lose about \$10,000 on each monograph they publish. Since the Presses cannot tolerate such big losses, the monograph is becoming extinct.

While the monograph crisis has a direct effect on academia, being cut off from these works of scholarly labor has enormous effects on each of us. "If a library buys one monograph instead of three, it preserves one point of view. But to make informed decisions, our leaders and representatives need as much in-depth information from as many aspects as possible," says Mary Redmond, Interim Principal Librarian for Collection Acquisition and Processing, New York State Library. Furthermore, the quality of textbooks, literature, films, even television programs will diminish, for their creators draw upon the detailed research in monographs. (From *New York State Library News*, January 1998).

MARTY GALE, EGS PROGRAM CHAIR, FEATURED IN NEWS ARTICLE

Recently, Marty Gale, EGS's Program Chair, was featured in a newspaper article in the *Mercer Island Reporter*. The article dealt with Marty's interest in genealogy as well as the numerous places in this area for genealogical research. Marty has been studying genealogy for almost ten years, and stated "It's addictive. You may spend eight hours looking through genealogical records and materials for one piece of information. But once you find it, it's a real jolt, especially to realize that I'm the result of everyone who survived." Congratulations Marty!

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives, based in Winnipeg and maintained by the provincial government of Manitoba, are an excellent resource. The 327 year old Hudson's Bay Company has history of meticulous record-keeping, and has kept most of its collection of books, letters, ledgers, ships' logs, pictures, photographs, maps and reports in its possession. The HBCA offers genealogical information on many families who inhabited western and northern Canada and the western USA from the 17th century to the modern day. The Hudson's Bay Company owned and administered the vast territory of Rupert's Land from its founding in 1670 until its incorporation into the Dominion of Canada in 1870. For this reason, the archives contain the only known documents for numerous 18th century settlements in Canada, including :Churchill, Manitoba; Moose Factory, Ontario; Rupert House, Quebec; and Edmonton, Alberta.

The HBCA should have no trouble helping located information on a former employee. Send them your ancestor's full name, type of work (e.g. fur trader or retail employee), geographical area of employment and dates of employment. The HBCA will attempt to send you a one-page biographical sheet on the individual, suggestions for continuing the research through inter-library loan of microfilm and copies of original documents (if these documents will not be harmed by photocopying) within two weeks of the day your request is received, all free of charge. The HBCA asks that genealogists do not send a long list of names or a copy of their pedigree chart, and cautions that Canada's Department of Indian Affairs does not recognize their documentation as proof of Indian status. For more information, write the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1T5, Canada, or telephone 204-945-4949. Some information is also available on HBCA's web page at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca> (From *Family Chronicle*, May/June 1997).

TRAVEL TIP

Some airlines offer last-minute weekend fares via the Internet; one such airline is American Airlines, which flies out of Sea-Tac. To get details on its Net SAAver Fares, check the web site: <http://www.americanair.com>

COMPUTER WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

- Database for British Columbia births, deaths, and marriages at the B.C. Archives
<http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>
 - Articles on Irish Research by Robert M Willanks, IV, professional genealogist and historian
<http://www.getnet.com/~rmwiv> (when you get to the main page, click on "Professional Services," then "Genealogical Writings" to find articles.
 - Notable Women Ancestors—read about women from a variety of backgrounds
<http://members.aol.com/samcasey/ancestors/nw.html>
 - Journal of Online Genealogy
<http://www.onlinegenealogy.com/>
 - USGenWeb Census Project index
<http://www.usgenweb.com/census/>
 - Subscribe to three free e-mail genealogy newsletters:
 1. Ancestry Home Town Daily <http://www.ancestry.com>
 2. Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter - subscribe by e-mailing to listserv@peach.ease.lsoft.com
In the body of the message, put SUBSCRIBE ROOTS COMPUTING followed by your first and last names
 3. Genealogy Missing Links - e-mail Julie_Case@prodigy.com
 - See what is available in genealogy books:
 1. Genealogical Publishing Company - <http://www.genealogical.com>
 2. Heritage Books - <http://www.heritagebooks.com>
 3. Hearthstone Books - <http://www.hearthstonebooks.com>
 4. Everton Publishers - <http://www.everton.com>
 - Have German documents translated into English by University volunteers
<http://www.genealogy.com/gene/www/abt/translation.html>
- (From *Ancestry HomeTown Daily*, Feb. 3, 1998, and *BGOGS*, November 1997).

ORIGINAL SOURCES FOR FILBY'S PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS

When you are searching Filby's *Passenger and Immigration Lists*, you may want to get a copy of the original source if you find a reference to your family. To do this, contact the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48202. Burton's maintains all the 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 *The Family Tree*, Feb./March 1998).

U.S. VITAL RECORDS WEB SITE

All of us know how important vital records are in genealogy. A birth, marriage, or death certificate is probably the best evidence we can find to show that an event happened on a particular date, at a particular place, to a particular person. Often, we want to send for these records, but are not sure of where to write, what to say, and how much it will cost.

The U.S. Vital Records Information web site is located at: <http://www.inlink.com/~nomi/vitalrec/> This site has brought together all the information you will need to get vital records. Each state has a page giving addresses, phone numbers, prices, and information about what records are available in that state. There are also lists of counties in each state and how to get records at the county level. And, there are links to other genealogical web sites for each state. This site is updated frequently to stay current, and users are encouraged to let the site owner know of any changes they may find with the information on the site. Visit this site to see how useful it is, and then be sure to add it to your bookmarks! (From *UGA Newsletter*, 4th quarter 1997).

ADOPTION

British based Irish people given up for adoption are being offered a unique way to help them in tracing their mothers. An Internet web site allows users access to a computerized directory on which they can register anonymously.

Personal details like date and place of birth go into a computerized register and people can contact entrants via an on-screen mailbox. Only when the details tally do the parent and child reveal their names and only then to each other. Chicago-based Catherine Alexander decided to launch the free service after hearing about the large numbers of Irish women who felt forced in the forties, fifties, and sixties to give up their babies for overseas adoptions. Nearly 3,000 people have joined since the launch of this site last year. The web site for the Find-Me Registry is: <http://www.findme-registry.com> (From *Irish Roots*, 1997 Number 3).

CONNECTICUT STATE VITAL RECORDS UPDATE

Connecticut Vital Records is in the process of microfilming their records. Until this microfilming is complete, the Vital Records will be closed to the public, possibly another two years. Original copies of vital records are available in the town of occurrence and of residence. (From *CSG Newsletter*, Jan./Feb. 1998).

SWEDISH HELP

If you are working on Swedish heritage, you might consider a subscription to *Sweden & America*, 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407, phone 612-871-0593. This is a magazine filled with interesting articles on what is happening in Swedish culture today, as well as fascinating looks back into Sweden's proud heritage. (From *The Family Tree*, February/March 1998).

HAS YOUR ANCESTOR'S GRAVE BEEN MOVED?

If your ancestor's grave is moved because of a construction project, what do you do to find it? First, find out the date the road was built from the county civil engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers. Second, check newspapers just before and after the date of internment for the mention of removal and reinternment. Third, check the county health department for registration of removal and a possible court order. Fourth, check with local morticians of the area who may have helped with the removal.

Information on graves affected by the Tennessee Valley Authority has been put into an alphabetical listing including 30,360 graves. A surname search of the volumes *Complete TVA Burial Removal Records* can be made for \$5 per surname by writing to: Mountain Press, PO Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377 (From *The Family Tree*, February/March 1998).

ELLUSIVE ANCESTOR - POEM BY MERRELL KENWORTHY

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list.
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this whole world is searching for this man.
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed.
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerk decided to
keep records.

No family Bible has emerged, in spite of all
my efforts.

To top is off this ancestor, who caused me
many groans.

Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a
girl named JONES.

(From Rod Bush's *Genealogy Gleanings* from
the *WWW*, Dec. 12, 1997).

STANDARDS FOR SOUND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently —

- ♦ record the source for each item of information they collect.
- ♦ test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- ♦ seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- ♦ use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- ♦ state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- ♦ limit with words like “probable” or “possible” any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- ♦ avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- ♦ state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers’ work.
- ♦ recognized the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- ♦ consider with open minds new evidence or the comments or others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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STANDARDS FOR USING RECORDS REPOSITORIES AND LIBRARIES

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Recognizing that how they use unique original records and fragile publications will affect other users, both current and future, family history researchers habitually —

- ♦ are courteous to research facility personnel and other researchers, and respect the staff’s other daily tasks, not expecting the records custodian to listen to their family histories nor provide constant or immediate attention.
- ♦ dress appropriately, converse with others in a low voice, and supervise children appropriately.
- ♦ do their homework in advance, know what is available and what they need, and avoid ever asking for “everything” on their ancestors.
- ♦ use only designated work space areas, respect off-limits areas, and request permission before using photocopy or microfilm equipment, asking for assistance if needed.
- ♦ treat original records at all times with great respect and work with only a few records at a time, recognizing that they are irreplaceable and that each user must help preserve them for future use.
- ♦ treat books with care, never forcing their spines, and handle photographs properly, preferably wearing archival gloves.
- ♦ *never* mark, mutilate, rearrange, relocate, or remove from the repository any original, printed, microfilm, or electronic document or artifact.
- ♦ use only procedures prescribed by the repository for noting corrections to any errors or omissions found in published works, never marking the work itself.
- ♦ keep note-taking paper or other objects from covering records or books, and avoid placing any pressure upon them, particularly with a pencil or pen.
- ♦ use only the method specifically designated for identifying records for duplication, avoiding use of paper clips, adhesive notes, or other means not approved by the facility. Unless instructed otherwise, replace volumes and files in their proper locations. Before departure, thank the records custodians for their courtesy in making the materials available.
- ♦ follow the rules of the records repository without protest, even if they have changed since a previous visit or differ from those of another facility.

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