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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 13, 1993, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help, Supplies and Library Table Open)

Guest Speaker: Mary Curtis, M.S.W.

Topic: Recent Research Trip to Poland and Bavaria

ABOUT THE SPEAKER Mary Curtis attended her first EGS meeting in 1990, but it was her adoptive mother who created the foundation for Mary's interest in genealogy by saving old letters, stories, and descendants' charts from several generations. She always stressed to Mary the importance of knowing one's family history, and encouraged Mary to seek the identity of her birth parents. Mary is now researching her birth and adoptive families, having retired from her work in the field of international adoption which she followed after obtaining her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Washington in 1977. Her interest and involvement in the field continue, however, and she gives workshops to adoptive parents on adoption and genealogy. It was to discover two tiny German villages in Poland and Germany where her mother-in-law's parents had been born, that led Mary and her husband, Walt, to the trip we will hear about at our next meeting, on May 13th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The National Genealogical Society has proclaimed 1993 "The Year of the Volunteer" in honor of men and women who serve NGS and the larger genealogical community as dedicated volunteers. As President of EGS, I have proclaimed this the year of the volunteer. This month I would like to recognize a number of individuals for their efforts on behalf of EGS. First, Arlene Bemben, for her untiring effort as our publicity director for at least the last two years. She has got out fliers to libraries and other organizations, along with announcements in a number of local newspapers in a timely manner. It has provided a source of information to people interested in getting into genealogy. Our monthly meetings have seen between five and 15 new people attending, which is directly attributable to Arlene's good work. Thanks, Arlene! Gloria Brown has been an inspiration as a volunteer over the two years that I have been President. She has been an organizer and planner of the Irish Interest Group, arranging for meeting places, speakers and publicity. She has been providing help to Myra McDowell for at least two years on the supply table. She shows up early to set up the tables and chairs for the monthly membership meetings, and this last year has served as the program chairperson, arranging for speakers and programs for our monthly meetings. A big cheer for Gloria! Last, I would like to recognize Sue Dollivar for her organization of the King County Probate Records Index project for EGS. Sue spent hours organizing the hand-out material at the beginning of the project, did much data entry herself, collated the data as it came in, proofread the index, and had to re-enter some data that had been left out. Even though the project is not quite complete, it has been a tremendous effort on her part, and on behalf of EGS, I thank you, Sue!

- **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group** - May 19, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.; this group will meet at Janice Pankratz' home, 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City, and will use a different approach to solving family history research. They will use Arlene Eakle's tape, Using Newspapers.
- **Irish Interest Group** - May 10, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., this group will meet at the Lake Hills Library. Mary Magnuson and Frankie Larson will tell about their recent trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and explain what research successes they had there. Mary and Frankie are ready for any questions you may have about their research experience in Salt Lake City, and will add some information about the local Family History Center and what Irish researchers can find there to help them in their searches.

On June 14, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., the group will meet again at the Lake Hills Library. Tom McCarthy of County Kerry, who has advanced degrees in Irish and American history, will speak about his specialty - Immigration.

- **New England Interest Group** - will meet on Friday, May 7, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Topic to be announced.
- **Scandinavian Interest Group** - will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Topic to be announced.
- **British Interest Group** - will meet on Saturday, May 29, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. at the Issaquah Library. Florine Alexander will speak on research in England and Scotland.

On Saturday, June 19th, 1993 at 10:00 a.m., this group will meet again at the Issaquah Library. Cynthia Poe will speak on Motivation in British Research.

- **Italian Interest Group** - will meet on Saturday, May 22, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at the Newport Way Library. There will be a very special speaker - CAV. Quinto DeVitis, Italian Vice Consul, who will explain his position as Vice Consul, and will discuss Italian genealogy sources and how he might be of assistance.

This group will meet again on Saturday, June 19, 1993 at 2:15 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Topic to be announced. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS MEETING!**

- **Roots III User Group** - will meet on Saturday, May 8, 1993, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Hills Library.
- **Computer Interest Group** - will meet on Saturday, May 15, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. in the Boeing Technology Center, 2760 160th Avenue SE (Bldg 33-07), Bellevue (Eastgate area). The tech session will be: DOS 6.0 for IBMers and a MAC special meeting for Macintosh users.
- **DOS Night (sponsored by the Computer Interest Group)** will meet in the Lake Hills Library on May 25, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF THE APRIL SPEAKER

Program Director

EGS always welcomes a talk by Darlene Hamilton, of the Seattle Public Library (SPL). The standing-room-only crowd at the April meeting proved that point once again.

Questions from our members had been forwarded to her for answers to things mysterious that we had found in the library. Darlene provided explanations, and distributed a lengthy handout with lists of books which had prompted our questions, a checklist of printed US census indexes at the SPL, a page of special sources which we might find helpful in library research, and, finally, a list of non-genealogical materials to be found at the SPL.

Darlene provided much valuable information, and we appreciate all of the special work this program required. For those members who could not attend the meeting, check with Myra McDowell at the Supply Tables about obtaining one of the handouts.

SPECIAL NOTICE - The EGS general meeting on June 10, 1993 will not be in the Bellevue Library because of the move-in-progress to the new library, where we will be newly located for the July meeting. In June we will be in the Puget Power Auditorium, NE 4th Street and 106th Avenue NE, in downtown Bellevue. Specific directions for parking and information about the entrances will be in the June Bulletin Board. In the meantime, think plush digs, folks! There are upholstered theater seats in the Auditorium with unobstructed line-of-vision for everyone from the several levels of seats. Very nice.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pat Thomas, Periodical Chairman
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Have you been over to the Lake Hills Library this year, to peruse the EGS books and periodicals on our shelves? Only a modest amount of our collection fits in the space we are allotted, but I guarantee, you will find something of use to you. We have a sizeable collection of "HOW TO" and "WHERE TO" books, which you will find on the top two book shelves.

Don't overlook newsletters and quarterlies from the states or regions you are researching. These periodicals contain information specific to the locality. Yes, we do have a lot in storage, but if you give me a call, I can tell you what we have that may be helpful to you. KUDOS to Mary Jo Graves, for organizing the newsletters in the expandable ACCO binders. The contents are labeled on the front and near the bound edge. Where space has permitted, these binders have been placed adjacent to the boxes holding quarterlies from the same area. Have you checked our file cabinet? It contains our vertical file and Washington State bulletins.

I would like to thank the Shaws for their donations to our mid-western collection -- Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota. Also, I uncovered three KENTUCKY ANCESTORS which were left by Betty Welton. I want to acknowledge these. We appreciate donations. Please feel free to leave them on a bottom shelf, in a labeled bag.

Don't forget to ask at the desk for permission to go back to our collection and then, push those empty boxes and/or carts out of your way. Please be sure to replace library materials where you found them, -- ours and theirs. Thanks!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Wonderful News about Birth and Death Certificates! Effective January 1, 1992, the **Illinois Vital Records Act** will include the provision that birth and death certificates shall be issued to persons having "genealogical interest." The Amendment (Public Act 87-1058) further provides [Paragraph 73-25(3)] that a genealogical interest shall be a proper purpose with respect to births which occurred no less than 75 years, and deaths which occurred not less than 20 years prior to the date of the written request. A certificate which is requested for genealogical purposes shall be stamped **FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES ONLY**. Note that no existing privileges of genealogists have been changed. This purpose is additional to all existing purposes. If, in the past, county officials provided birth and death certificates upon request, then such practices will continue. However, in those counties in which one was required to prove a relationship before ordering a certificate, such limitations must cease with respect to birth certificates more than 75 years old and death certificates more than 20 years old. These modest limitations apply only to requests which are based on genealogical research and if more recent certificates would be available under any other existing purpose, then such availability continues. Another change which was introduced provides that certain indexes (originating prior to January 1, 1916) be made available to "persons for the purpose of genealogical research" rather than "members of Illinois Genealogical Societies." Because marriage licenses are regulated under a separate statute and because such records have been readily available to genealogists, no change with respect to them was proposed. (an excerpt from the Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter, December 1992, via the Irish Genealogy Quarterly for Feb/93) - Thanks to Gloria Brown for this information.

- **Holiday Inn's Travel Agent News** brings us this timely information -- Holiday Inn Worldwide recently initiated a national in-school education program entitled "Where in the World Did My Family Come From." The program, which promotes geography education, cultural diversity, and family heritage, has been officially endorsed by the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA). More than 1.5 million fourth-through-sixth graders in nearly 50,000 classrooms across the United States and Canada are participating in the curriculum. The program uses educational materials that feature that savvy queen of crime, Carmen Sandiego, who was first introduced in the popular Broderbund[®] computer software and then brought to life in the Emmy Award winning PBS children's game show, "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?".

Through classroom activities, family interviews, and individual research, students create a trail of clues for Carmen Sandiego. The clues are then submitted as a contest entry. Contest winners will be selected in each grade level - four, five, and six - in each state in the United States and province in Canada. Prizes are provided to the winning students, their teachers and their schools. Prizes include free trips to Holiday Inn hotels, IBM computers, Broderbund[®] computer software, and even a visit from a cast member from the hit television show, "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" To find out more about the "Where in the World Did My Family Come From" program, contact ASTA at 730-739-2782, or Holiday Inn Worldwide at 404-604-2354. (from Spring 1993 Holiday Inn Travel Agent News) submitted by Danae Penaherrera. Thanks - what a great program!

- **In 1988, EGS designed and produced a line of stationery.** In case some newcomers have not known about it, we ask them to drop by the Sales Tables and look at the four designs on several types of stationery. The designs relate to aspects of genealogy, and belong to EGS (although we sometimes see one of the designs on announcements or programs of other societies). If you are looking for a small gift to send someone who has helped out with your research, here's your answer!
- **MATURE TRAVELERS -- Reunions, vacations blend well together.** More than 17 million Americans troop to 350,000 reunions each year, according to Reunions magazine. While they include conclaves of military buddies and school classmates, most reunions are family gatherings planned by mature travelers. Some reunions are virtual conventions that draw hundreds of people, but most are

family gatherings. Often reunions are planned by the almost-oldest generation in the family -- the family is usually middle-class or better off. Most family members are travelers, in addition to going to the reunion. Depending on the size of the family and budget, they may last anywhere from one afternoon to a week or more, depending on how big the family is and how much they can afford.

Increasing numbers of resorts, hotel and motel chains, condominium-rental agencies, dude ranches, cruise lines and other spots are wooing families with group discounts, complimentary meeting rooms and other enticements. Going off-season when rates are lower helps keep costs in line. Some families camp out to save costs, others use college dormitories, which are available in July and August. Others use summer camps when they are empty in fall, winter, or spring. Church and other conference centers are another alternative. When choosing a reunion site, families consider a number of factors.....people want a place that's fairly self-contained, where there are activities for all ages, and they can spend time together or apart. For more information write Reunions, P.O. Box 11727, Milwaukee, WI 53211, Phone 1-414-263-4567. (excerpt from Seattle PI, Sunday, September 20, 1992, Marcia Schnedler, syndicated columnist)

- **Riverbend Books, P.O. Box 882, Snoqualmie, WA 98065** -- is a recently formed Pacific Northwest publishing company. They are actively seeking non-fiction manuscripts on regional topics, including local history, Washington family histories, and biographies of Washington residents. Interested authors should submit an inquiry letter with information on the author's background, and outline and narrative description of the manuscript, a sample chapter and a brief description on why the manuscript is special or unique. All inquiry letters will be answered. This is not a vanity press. Authors of accepted manuscripts are remunerated on a royalty basis. Letter dated October 23, 1992, signed by J. F. Schram, Acquisition Editor.
- **Library of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.** The Texas History Research Library is part of the Alamo complex and has been developed and is supported and maintained by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for the use of researchers. It contains materials pertaining to the history of Texas, in particular, the period of the Texas Republic. Books, documents, maps, photographs, periodicals, early newspapers, clippings, and family papers, are among the materials in the library's files and closed stacks. A card catalog is available for the use of researchers to locate information, and library attendants provide assistance in retrieving materials for use. Duplication services and photographic reproduction services are available. The library is open for research Mondays through Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is located on Alamo Plaza, south of the Alamo chapel, within the walls of the compound. Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, P.O. Box 1401, San Antonio, TX 78295-1401, phone 412/225-1071. (Illinois State Genealogy Society Newsletter, Vol. 10:2, FE 1989) **Note:** The Illinois State Genealogy Society Newsletters were kindly donated by Ray and Eleanor Shaw. Our thanks!
- **How to Research a Family Tree and Not Get Clipped.** Would you believe it? Genealogy has become the third biggest hobby in America, after collecting coins and stamps. If you want to have fun tracing your family tree, however, watch out for cheesy firms that offer to mail you a book with the names of all your relatives through history for \$25 to \$50. "It's unlikely such a book will be any help," says Carolyn Nell, president of the National Genealogical Society (NGS). "Many are just names and addresses of living persons with your surname, culled from public phone books." For genuine help, get the new free pamphlet Branching Out: Tracing Your Family Tree (800/950-4873), published by NGS and MCI, the phone company known for its "friends and family" ad campaigns. The booklet offers six pages about tracking your ancestors and the names of five reputable genealogy sources. Before getting serious and asking one of the 3,000 legitimate genealogical researchers for help, bear in mind that costs can ratchet up pretty quickly. Those people, most of whom are certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, charge \$15 to \$35 an hour. It's best to have a genealogist work a set number of hours, say 20, and then review his or her progress before getting more deeply involved. (John Sims, Money Magazine, November 1992)

NEW VOLUMES ON ONTARIO MAY SHED LIGHT ON FAMILY HISTORIES

(an excerpt from Myra Vanderpool Gormley's column
in the Thursday, April 15, 1993, edition of the Seattle PI)

After the American Revolution, several thousand families settled in the western part of Quebec. This area was later called Upper Canada, then Canada West; today it is the province of Ontario. Many Americans can trace ancestors back to these pioneers. These settlers included former members of American Loyalist regiments, discharged British and German servicemen, and some civilians and refugees. They were offered grants of 200 acres of land on condition that they take an oath of allegiance and remain loyal to the British regime. A number of these families were already established in the Niagara Detroit region.

These settlers received certificates showing the location of the lots on which they were to clear land and build houses. In 1796, a proclamation was issued that required Loyalists and others to surrender their certificates in exchange for title deeds and to make a statement under oath in the district court as to their right to hold them. Subsequently, thousands of these settlers appeared before the magistrates, who provided additional information in the records. These records have been preserved in the National Archives of Canada and are usually called the District Loyalist Rolls of 1796.

These rolls have been carefully transcribed for the first time by E. Keith Fitzgerald, Ph.D., who has supplemented the 4,000 entries with further data from his own research. The result is a book called "Ontario People: 1796-1803", a rich source of information on the early inhabitants of Ontario. Some entries show, for example, relationships, deaths, military service, maiden names of married women, and remarriages of widows.

If you are researching families who were early settlers of what is now the province of Ontario, you may also find information about your ancestors in Early Ontario Settlers: A Source Book, by Norman K. Crowder. This book deals with the records of people who settled in the area in the 1780s, which at that time was the western part of the Montreal district of the colony of Quebec. In 1867, it became the province of Ontario. The core of this volume consists of two provisioning lists (ration lists) for 1784 and 1786. Because the settlers were going into the wilderness with little prospect of supporting themselves until they had cleared sufficient land, the British government provided them with rations on a reducing scale for three years. These provisioning lists provided the name of the head of household and place of settlement, with details of the family's composition by sex and age, together with some notes of considerable genealogical value.

Both of these valuable new books are available for \$25 each, (plus postage \$3 for the first book and \$1/book for each additional) from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, Phone 800-296-6687.



QUERIES:

- Information needed on Dennis - McMinn County, TN, 1825-1900; Newberry County, SC, 1790-1820; and Harrison - Polk County, TN, McMinn County, TN, 1847-1900
Submitted by Ginger Dennis Wallis, 8730 SE 48th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040-4317, Phone 232-1283
- Information needed on Marjorie Bishop Daniels - Lost in Kirkland, WA (1952). Born Iowa. Want to trade family history with her. Submitted by Virginia Borkowski, RR #1, Box 19, Elliott, IA 51532