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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 12, 1994, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help, Library and Supply Tables Open)

Speakers: Curtis Roselle and Don Taylor

Topic: The Use of Military Records in Genealogy

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS: Curt and Don will present an illustrated talk using viewgraph transparencies with an overhead projector. Curt will begin with an overview of the types of military records available. He will also discuss federal records available at various government sites such as the National Archives and branches, National Battlefield sites, National Cemeteries, and so forth. Don will cover state archives, LDS holdings, regimental historical documentation, and private sources. Don and Curt will include record content and methods for acquiring the documentation in their presentations.

Curtis Roselle spent 27 years in the Navy, almost entirely in submarines. He continued in a second career in the underwater field here at Honeywell. Curt is now fully retired and pursuing his interests in genealogy and other disciplines. He is a volunteer at the National Archives (Wednesdays) and teaches English as a Second Language at Bellevue Community College.

Don Taylor grew up in Texas where his ancestors have lived since 1841. He first became interested in genealogy and military history as a teenager when his grandparents took him to the little country cemetery where his great-great-grandfather is buried. This ancestor was not only a Confederate soldier, but also was said to have killed a man in a gun fight! "With a 'black sheep' like that," writes Don, "I was hooked on finding out more about both the family history and the Civil War!" Don has two books in progress and is Chairman of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States interest group at EGS. He has been a Boeing engineer since 1967 and has lived in Bellevue since 1986. He and his wife, Bonnie, enjoy camping, skiing, hiking, and other outdoor activities.

Connie Balazic's MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT will resume next month.

REVIEW OF THE APRIL PROGRAM

Mary C. Curtis

Sarah Fleming Munkasey spoke in April on *Newspapers as a Genealogical Resource*. She finds that newspaper research is easier now than when she began twenty years ago because of many more finding aids. She suggests to begin by learning if an index and/or an abstract for newspapers in your area of research has been published. These can be in a variety of forms such as index cards, books, computers, or on microform. To learn what has been published, try local genealogy and history books in print, local and state libraries, genealogical and historical societies, and *Newspaper Indexes: A Location and Subject Guide for Researchers*, by Anita Cheek Milner (three volumes), an especially valuable book. The 1984 edition of *Newspapers in Microform* from the Library of Congress is at the Bellevue Regional Library (BRL), the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) can be used at Suzzallo Library at the U of W for the *U.S. Newspaper Program National Union List*, and the BRL has a circulating copy of *Washington State List of Newspapers on Microfilm* by Palmer.

Sarah cautioned to not assume anything about where you'll find a specific newspaper; they can be in odd places. Also, do not overlook other kinds of newspapers such as church, military, ethnic, and school newspapers. Look in newspapers in adjoining towns and counties for articles on your family. Weekly newspapers are more valuable than dailies. They can be very folksy and give all kinds of character to your ancestor. Look through a paper carefully; there may be more than one article in the same paper, or in the following paper. Be careful about what you read. Errors are frequent. Sarah gave examples of the fascinating articles that will most certainly sidetrack you. One mentioned a man who "left for the mill 32 years ago and got back last Tuesday." Sarah rather wished it was her relative, who, at age 78 in 1902, decided she wanted to attend her own funeral, so had it done and sat in the front row!

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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Aston, Greenlaw, Dunnegan, Clayton; USA

Gina Linehan, 701 SW 5th Court, B203, Renton, WA 206-228-0564

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Tibbetts, Maine; Massachussetts

Robert D. Theisen, 525 North 66th Street, Seattle, WA 206-782-4540

Sheehan, Linehan, Theisen, Tyson, Greenberg; USA

Sherry Holthe, 23016 SE First Street, Redmond, WA 206-392-9294

Melton, Taylor, Pietila, Clingdanel, Bruner, Fludder, Murphy, Vantine, Raye, Fairchild, Jarboe, Williams; USA, Australia, Finland, England, Ireland, Germany

Newsletter Schedule: 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. Mail articles to the Editor, Jan Ulstein, at 4002-149th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-1645. (NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS) If for some reason you are unable to meet this deadline, call the editor at 206-562-6663 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and your cooperation are appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

- * May 12, 1994 - EGS General Meeting - Speakers Curtis Roselle and Don Taylor will discuss Military Records.
- * May 13-14, 1994 - Idaho Family History Conference, Boise State University. Featured banquet speaker, Larry EchoHawk, attorney-general of Idaho, on his Native American heritage; more than 50 presentations are scheduled. Pre-registration including lunch is \$17, or \$12 without. Information: Gene Williams 450 N. Fourth Street, Boise, ID 83702.
- * May 21, 1994 - Second Annual Crossroads Community Services Fair, sponsored by the Crossroads Shopping Center and the Eastside Community Education Committee. EGS will have several tables to cover interest groups, beginners, computers and supply table. This should be an interesting Saturday event.
- * June 5-11, 1994 - the Elderhostel Catalog Supplement, February '94, #8, p.23, under Illinois - describes a seminar at Augustana College on Swedish Immigration and Genealogy.
- * June 9, 1994 - Speakers at the EGS meeting will be Betty Leonard and Larry McConnell on How to Create a Family History Video.
- * July 14, 1994 - EGS meeting on this date will feature Sandra Wilson. Topic: Putting flesh on the bones of a name on your family tree: The use of handwriting Analysis in genealogy.
- * August 26-27, 1994 - "New England Historic and Genealogical Society in the Pacific Northwest," with George Redmonds on English Research and David Rencher on Irish Research; Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel, Seattle, Washington. (Rescheduled from April because of date conflict.)

ANSWERING MACHINE BLUES

W. Mike Murphy

Have you never known the frustration of making a long-distance genealogical call, perhaps across the width of this continent plus the Atlantic Ocean, with a careful consideration for the hour at which your call would be received (not in the middle of the night!) only to hear: "Hello! You have reached Joe Blow's telephone number. Joe is sorry"!

If Joe was not at home - no harm done, but his answering machine has hooked you into an intercontinental long-distance charge, for no return whatsoever. And will you fare better tomorrow?

However, as an Irishman, I have devised a way to get back at them, and have used it this very day, altho' no farther away than Arizona.

In response to the answering machine's "beep" I say:

Hi! This is Mike Murphy's answering machine. Mike is sorry he is not available to call you AT THIS TIME, but if he can remember later what he wanted to call you about, his answering machine will get back to you.

So AT THE TONE please leave your:

- * name
- * telephone number
- * social security number
- * the current balance in your bank account
- * the number of cats or dogs you own
- RIGHT NOW
- * whether or not you are right- or left-handed
- * and a brief message

B-E-E-E-P (This could be a Bronx cheer if you are feeling particularly irritated)

This has wonderfully soothed my angry frustration, but the surprising result has been that the recipient usually calls back very soon, and apologetically, anxious to be of help. Isn't that positive?

CORRECTION/RETRACTION - In the April Bulletin Board, in the FYI column, we noted that Costco carried archival plastic sheet protectors by K&M..... We have now been informed by Mary Lou McKibben that they are not true archival material. (The box says "archival-safe material" and your editor bought two boxes!) Northwest Office Products in Issaquah carries archival sheet protectors at a cost of \$11 for 50.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Upgrade? Pentium? DOS? Windows? Chicago? Faster Speeds? MAC's-talking to IBM PC's? For the latest information on these and other subjects, plan to attend the next CIG meeting on May 21st. These subjects will be the focus of the tech session at that time.

At the April 16th CIG meeting, Steve Haffner led the discussion about **Reunion**, a genealogy program with both **MAC and PC Windows** versions. Eight CIG members requested a copy of the demo disk for the new PC Windows program. In coming meetings, these people will have comments to add. Steve and other MAC Reunion users are very pleased with the MAC version of the program.

Jim Morrison maintains the **CIG Freebie Table**, which at any one time may have genealogy program brochures, CIG handouts, computer magazines, or any other computer or genealogical research castoffs. We believe in **RECYCLING!** If you have materials of this sort and would like to see them go to a good home, please bring them to any CIG meeting and they, too, will be adopted. Thanks!

Current Boeing Employees -- please call Ray French (746-7730) if you can occasionally help by opening the door for CIG meetings (9:00 a.m.). Your help is needed when our regulars, Ray and Jim Morrison, are unable to attend.

To Roots III and IV users and potential users - John English is continuing his Roots IV tutorial at the monthly RUG meetings. So far he has led discussions on system requirements and entering **PAF NOTES**: Ann Turner, author of **PAFSPLIT**, **has just released Version 2.0**, which includes additional features to work with PAF, Version 2.3. It adds the ability to save and read Focus lists plus two new methods for selecting records. **PAFSPLIT** offers numerous methods for splitting a large database into small parts, selecting a subset of records tailored for special purposes, or removing unwanted branches. **PAFSPLIT** is packaged with two companion programs -- **FOREST** and **PAFSTAMP**. More detailed information is in a flyer available at the CIG meeting. **PAFSPLIT** is priced at \$20 plus \$3 for shipping. Updates for registered owners of Version 1.1 are \$5 plus \$3 for shipping. You may obtain this new version directly from: Ann Turner, 214 Gilbert, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Note to all PAF users and potential users - **EGS has an official PAF user group**, which meets directly after each monthly CIG meeting (the third Saturday of each month).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- * **Did you know that the Post Office keeps "Change of Addresses" for 30 months?** If mail is returned with "Forwarding Order Expired," you can contact them for the address change. Send \$3 to the Postmaster at the last known zip code, and refer to "Freedom of Information Act" for the forwarding address. (SKCGS Newsletter, Feb/Mar 1994, Vol. 9, No. 4, via the Whitman Co GS Newsletter, Oct 93)
- * **Hamlet, Village, Town, or City?** When researching ancestors in England, it will be handy to know that a "hamlet" has no Episcopal Church; a "village" has a church; a "town" has a royal charter to hold markets; and a "city" has an Anglican bishop. (Chelan Valley GS's The Apple Orchard, Apr/May 1994, Vol. 4, No. 4)
- * **New German Postal Codes** - The Immigrant GS has now published a 44-page book giving new postal codes for addresses genealogists are likely to need in German, since a new postal code scheme was instituted in July, 1993. The book contains 1993 updated addresses to German repositories. The book gives names and addresses with the new postal codes for 1,224 German Archives and 333 German Genealogical and Historical Societies. Cost is \$5 plus \$1.25 shipping and handling charge. Order from Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91519. (Grays Harbor GS Newsletter, April 1994, via WAGS 1/1994)
- * **Missouri Records Safe From the Flood!** With the Missouri State Archives located directly on the Missouri River, the most obvious question on every history-hound's mind has been, are the records safe? The answer is, yes, thankfully! The flood came as close as the street surrounding the new archives building in Jefferson City, however, the records sit a good 10 to 12 feet higher than the street, on the first floor. (The Forum Insider, April 1994)

Military Resources

- * **The American Battle Monuments Commission has information on 124,910 soldiers who are buried in military cemeteries overseas.** Information includes exact position in cemetery and nearby accommodations for visitors. Members of a family traveling overseas specifically to visit grave sites may request a letter authorizing free passports. Other no-cost services are provided. More information is available from ABMC, Room 5127, Pulaski Building, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20310. (SKCGS Newsletter, Feb/Mar 1994, Vol. 9, No. 4, via The Family Tree, Dec 92-Jan-93)

- * **World War II Military Record Search.** The U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17913-5008, continues their preservation of wartime history. World War II veterans are being asked to fill out an 18-page form that will become part of the nation's military history. If you are a World War II veteran, or if anyone in your family is, write for a form. (The Family Tree, Apr/May 1994)
- * **Old Military Records Available by Mail.** If you would like information concerning military records of those serving prior to World War I, write General Reference Branch (NNRG), National Archives & Records, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408. For World Wars I and II, and subsequent service, write National Personnel Records Center, Military Records, NARA, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132. (Ibid)
- * **Wanted: Photos of Civil War Veterans.** The U.S. Army Military History Institute needs copies of your Civil War veterans' pictures (preferably in uniform). Pictures should have name, rank, company, and regiment. The U.S. Army Military History Institute makes copies of these pictures and when someone writes for a copy, they have them on file. It is a good way to preserve history. For further information, write to Department of the Army, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008 (Ibid)
- * **National Cemetery Information How-To.** If you would like to locate someone buried in a national cemetery, you may write to the Director (40) National Cemetery System, Department of Veteran Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20410. Please include in your request: full name (first, middle, last); date and place of birth and death; state from which the veteran entered military service; rank and military unit in which the veteran served on active duty. With thanks to the American Legion Magazine. (Ibid)

Research in Canada

- * **The National Library of Canada is the official custodian of Canadian Newspapers.** Their address is 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Canada K1A, 0N4. They are available through inter-library loan. (SKCGS Newsletter, Feb/Mar 1994, Vol. 9, No. 4, Central Montana Wagon Trails and Grays Harbor GS Newsletter, No. 93)
- * **Ontario, Canada Archives.** Microfilm Inter-library loan catalog (#IBM-9293713) can be ordered by writing to Archives of Ontario, Interloan Service, 77 Grenville Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M7A 2R9. (Grays Harbor GS Newsletter, March 1994, via Stillagaumish Star, Sep/Oct 93 and Lewis Co News, Nov 93)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * **Irish Interest Group** - meets on Monday, May 9th at the Lake Hills Public Library. Beginner's Help at 7:00 p.m. and Program at 7:30 p.m. They will be viewing the second half of the Irish film, *God's Frontiersmen* -- beginning with the arrival of the Irish immigrants on the shores of the U.S.

Issues of *The Irish Mirror* (our monthly newsletter) and *Beginning Irish Genealogy* will be available at a nominal cost. Linda always brings a file box of other materials useful for Irish research, which can be searched -- feel free to make copies on the library copier.

- * **Italian Interest Group** - meets on Saturday, May 21st, 1994, at the Lake Hills Public Library, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Topic to be announced.
- * **German Interest Group** - meets on Friday, May 6th, 1994, at the Lake Hills Public Library, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Topic to be announced.
- * **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group** - this group will meet on Wednesday, May 18th, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Janice Pankratz, 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City. Arlene Eakle's audio tape, "Pre-1820 Census Records" will be the subject of the meeting. Call 222-7583 for further information.
- * **Southern and Mid-Atlantic Interest Group** - this group will meet on Saturday, May 14th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Don Taylor's home. Address is 13901 Somerset Lane SE, Bellevue. (643-4438). Topics will be a general discussion on regional research successes and failures, plus a tape from the 1993 NGS Conference, "Virginia and Her Daughters: The Old Dominion's Records Relating to KY and WV."
- * **Scandinavian Interest Group** will meet on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Topic to be announced.
- * **New England Interest Group** will meet on Tuesday, May 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Newport Way Public Library. **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION.**
- * **Roots User Group** - meeting on Saturday, May 14th, at Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07), Bellevue. 9:00 a.m. to noon. Call Bob Goodnow, 868-4073.
- * **Computer Interest Group** - meeting on Saturday, May 21st, at Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07), Bellevue, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tech session: What's coming up for home computers?

- * **Southern and Mid-Atlantic Interest Group** - will meet again on Saturday, June 11th, 1994, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Don Taylor's home, 13901 Somerset Lane SE, Bellevue (643-4438). Topics will be a general discussion on regional research successes and failures, plus a tape from the 1993 NGS Conference, "The Critical Connection: Linking the Generations between 1850 and the Colonial Period."
- * **New England Interest Group** will meet again on Thursday, June 2nd, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Topic to be announced.
- * **Roots User Group** - meeting on Saturday, June 4th, at the Boeing Employee Rec Center, 22649 - 83rd Avenue S., Kent (84th Street [Central Avenue] exit of highway 167), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Bob Goodnow, 868-4073. **NOTE DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY.**
- * **Computer Interest Group** - meeting on Saturday, June 18th, at Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07), Bellevue from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tech session: Genealogy Research Using Local Bulletin Boards.

NOTES FROM THE MARCH BOARD MEETING

Sharron Filer, membership chairman reported on membership - active memberships are at 345. Sharron's husband is making new name tags, so they will all be uniform, and Sharron is checking the holders and replacing those that are broken.

Myra McDowell reported on the supply table. Myra has ordered *Going to Salt Lake City, 2nd Edition*, and *Roots for Kids*. The Salt Lake books are a hot item.

Wendy McCrain offered to do the EGS audit this year.

Bob Mullen, project chairman, is waiting for more information on EGS's offer to assist in the indexing of the Civil War veterans.

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If You Could See (Author Unknown)

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row
Would you be proud of them or not
Or don't you really know?

Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees
And some of them, you know
Do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row
There might be some of them
Perhaps you wouldn't care to know.

But here's another question
Which requires another view;
If you could meet your ancestors,
Would they be proud of you?

(SKCGS Newsletter, Feb/Mar 1994, Vol. 9, No. 4, via Ozark Co G&H's Old Mill Run, Jan/1994)

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Ever wondered how some Civil War battles got their names? The Union Army often named battles after bodies of water in the area, and the Confederate Army named them after road junctions, landmarks, towns, and such.

Bays, creeks, lakes, and the like were nothing new to the Southerners, but urban landmarks were novel to them. The opposite was true of the Northerners. It points up one major difference between the urban north and the rural south. For an example, the battle of Shiloh Meeting House and the battle of Pittsburg Landing are one and the same battle. So are the battles of Sharpsburg (a town) and Antietam (a creek), and the battles of Manassas (a town) and Bull Run (a creek). (Seattle GS, Winter 1994 and Ogle Co (IL) Links Newsletter)

MARCH - NEW MEMBERS

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