



EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 1995, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help and Supply Table Open)

Speaker: Sue Alskog

Topic: Research in Germany

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Sue Alskog is a member of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society and a researcher who has traveled frequently to Germany on research trips. Sue spoke to EGS in 1987 on "How to Approach German Research." Her talk will help anyone who is trying to locate their roots in another country.

SUPPLY TABLE NEWS

Myra McDowell

Are your roots Down East? If so, you'll find the help you need in *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*. This third edition was revised and updated in 1993. It covers nearly all of the government agencies, libraries, historical and genealogical societies and other repositories which have holdings of interest to the researcher in the six New England states.

Looking for some help farther north? Then don't miss *Genealogist's Handbook for Atlantic Canada Research* which gives the locations and what's available in each of the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) along with Labrador and Newfoundland.

If your heritage is French, don't overlook *Beginning Franco-American Genealogy*. This fine reference covers the territories cited above (New England and Atlantic-Canada) as well as Quebec and other areas settled by the French.

Finally, when you're ready to write it all down you must have the small pamphlet *Guidelines for Genealogical Writing*. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, this has become the standard guide for genealogical presentation covering every aspect of format and content.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Connie Balazic

As my season comes to an end, the past holds many wonderful memories and experiences. Within the past two years many remarkable people have come into my life and changed it for the better. The real work force behind all the progress that has been made in the past two years was accomplished because of a few dedicated individuals.

First is Anne Lamb, who continually demonstrated her capabilities in an organized and logical manner. She always volunteers for the really tough jobs and follows through cheerfully to the end. While serving in her position as Vice President, she also arranged the monthly programs for the general membership meetings since September 1994. Thanks, Anne, for a willing attitude.

Every organization needs personnel who can keep the records straight and accurate. We have been fortunate to have Sherry Holthe as Treasurer and Sarah Munkasey as Secretary this last year. I personally appreciate their ability to always have clear, concise reports and to quickly catch any small errors before problems arise.

The amount of total hours donated each and every month by Sharron Filer is incredible. She not only keeps close tabs on the membership roles, prints the labels for the Bulletin, sends out and receives all renewal notices, but has time to make sure that we have attractive new membership cards. What a woman!

Mike Beaumont has done a great job of answering the letters that have requested research work. This is a time-consuming task and not that much fun without the benefit of knowing the person making the request or having any connection with the ancestor. Only a very special person would volunteer for this assignment.

Due to the reliability of Bob Sandbo, members can always check out the audio tapes of monthly speakers. He has diligently recorded the featured speaker for the convenience of members who miss an occasional meeting.

With this issue of The Bulletin Board, take a few minutes and just look it over. Notice the content, the style, and format. Consider the time and forethought that it takes to put this information together. Then the next time you see Jan Ulstein, would you please take the opportunity to express your appreciation for her talent and resourcefulness. Jan keeps us all connected with a flair.

And to you, my fellow members, it's been a wonderful experience these past two years. May we continue our association in the attitude of service and appreciation for all those who give so much of themselves that we may benefit. Thanks for being my friends.

1995-1996 EGS NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

The EGS Nominating Committee presented, at the April EGS meeting, a slate of nominees for the 1995-1996 year. Voting will be held at the May 11th general membership meeting. Following is the slate:

1. **TRUSTEE** **Bob Perdue** -- EGS member since 1987, researcher since 1984; U. Kansas grad; retired as Boeing Vice President of Sales for USA and Canada; member of EGS Book Acquisitions Committee and Library Helpers Committee.
2. **SECRETARY** **Sharon Pakkala** -- EGS member since 1991, researcher since 1988; UW grad; veteran volunteer in schools, school libraries, church; current member of Library Helpers Committee.
3. **TREASURER** **Don Taylor** -- EGS member since 1991, researcher since 1990, with a particular interest in Confederate research; Texas Tech grad; Boeing Customer Engineer; presented an EGS program on military research last year.
4. **VICE
PRESIDENT** **Sarah Munkasey** -- EGS member since 1991, researcher for 25 years; Lambuth College (Tennessee) grad; Boeing programmer; presented a program on newspaper research for EGS last year; current EGS secretary and member of Book Acquisitions Committee.
5. **PRESIDENT** **Mary Sangalang** -- EGS member since 1988; researcher since high school days; WSU grad; former EGS Membership Chairman, Program Chairman, Vice President; planned the 10th anniversary celebration of EGS; founder and chairman of Italian Interest Group.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Yankee Civil War graves were marked by stones rounded on the top. Confederate markers bore a pointed top. It is said that the Confederate stones were made this way so that "no --- Yankee can sit on them." (Family Tree Topper, Apr/May 1995 via Clan Blair Society)
- * Did you know that the famous Indian Chief Blue Jacket was a white man? He was born Marmaduke Van Sweringen in western Virginia and many of his brothers and sisters lived in Ohio and Kentucky during their early days. He was captured by the Indians while out hunting with a younger brother during the Revolutionary War. He agreed to go with his captors and become one of their tribe if they would return his brother to family safety. Both sides kept that agreement. Marmaduke was wearing a blue linsey blouse or "hunting shirt" when captured and from that garment received his name. (Ibid, Feb/Mar 1995)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- * Registry of Vital Records and Statistic -- Registry of Vital Records and Statistics in Boston, Massachusetts, located at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 022110-2224, now has new research hours and counter hours as well as a new phone number: 617-753-8600. If you are planning to visit, please call ahead to verify hours and location. (The Newsletter of the Irish Family History Forum, April 1995)
- * Expedited Vital Record Certificates. If you want your vital records certificates fast, a commercial service which speeds their acquisition may be the answer. It is called "VitalCheck Network" and allows you to use your credit card to pay for certificates requested by phone or fax. Most states participate. For more information contact VitalCheck, 800-255-2414. Write them at P.O. Box 411007, St. Louis, MO 63141. (Family Tree Topper, Apr/May 1995, via the Sequoia G.S. Newsletter, Tulare, CA)
- * Greek Research. A note in the recent Nassau Genealogy Workshop Newsletter asks "Are Any of Your Ancestors Greek?" It explains that Antonia S. Mattheou has written a guide devoted entirely to Greek genealogical research, giving addresses of the Bishops' offices in Greece and Cyprus, administrative maps, and other aid to research in Greece. For a copy of the book, which costs \$5 plus \$1.50 p&h, write to Antonia Mattheou, Archivist/Historian, 75-21 177th Street, Flushing, NY 11366-1522. (The Lifeline, Dec '93, Newsletter of NY State Council of Genealogical Organizations)
- * Need to Make Payments in Foreign Currency? A query at the local post office on this matter advised that it could take up to six months for their eastern office to mail out the required foreign currency check for you. A query at West One Bank informed me that their minimum fee for providing a money order in foreign currency is \$15. This is rather exorbitant considering the need for payment of a \$5 book, or a similar expenditure. Here are three options for your consideration:

American Express Travellers Cheques, 3051-78th SE, Mercer Island (236-0990) can give you Travellers Cheques in foreign currency for a charge of 1-1/4%. (phone quote 4/26)
Thomas Cook Currency Services, Inc., 10630 NE 8th Avenue, Bellevue (462-8225) will give you money orders/travellers cheques in foreign currency for \$3.95, or 1% of each transaction. You can listen to their phone recording to get the current exchange rates for almost any country. (phone quote 4/26)

Another option is to contact Ruesch International Monetary Services at 800-424-2923, their toll-free number. This will connect you with the Washington, DC, office which will usually charge you \$2 per transaction. They will quote the current exchange rate and add the \$2, giving you the total amount needed for your check to them. Upon receipt of your check, they will send you by return mail a check in the foreign currency you requested. They will also give you an account number for future use.

- * You can add to your information about genetics and genealogy from a Bulletin Board article (April 1995 issue) by reading the article "Finding Your Genetic Connections" by Maureen Connolly in the Mar/Apr 1995 issue of The Genealogical Helper, pp. 8-9.
- * Census Information That Might Be Useful. Did you know that census enumerators were instructed to take the census as of a certain date? Babies born after that date were not included, but deaths were. Check Mortality Schedule. Census dates were: First Monday of August ;in 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820. June 1st in 1830 through 1900. Check sequence numbers for family and dwelling. Most, if not all, of the censuses were bound from loose paper into books. In the process of putting the books together, some pages were not placed in sequential order. After they were bound a stamped number was added in the upper right-hand corner, thus when microfilmed, the pages seem correct. (Michigan G. Council Newsletter, Winter 1994, Vol. 22, Issue 1)

EARLY NEW ENGLAND NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Are you looking for a family which you expected to find in New England, resident or passing through? Two series of films available through the Family History Center may be of help to you. One film deals with naturalization petitions, the other with naturalization papers.

To look at photocopies of naturalization petition indexes for the five New England states, check the Locality Section of the Family History Library Catalog under MASSACHUSETTS -- NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP -- INDEXES: "Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906." This index consists of photocopies of 3x5 cards (from a WPA project), arranged by state, and then by name of petitioner according to the Soundex system; information to be found can be the name and location of the court involved, the date, and the place and date of birth of the petitioner (sometimes left blank).

The second film is a copy of naturalization documents in the offices of the U.S. District Court, Boston, and the U.S. Circuit Court of Massachusetts. Look in the Locality Section of the FHL Catalog under MASSACHUSETTS -- NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP -- INDEXES: "Naturalization Index Cards, 1790-1926." The 5x8 photocopies of naturalization documents contain additional personal information about the new citizen; earlier records contain less information than later ones.

This may be a valuable source for researchers looking for pre-famine Irish. Other nationalities noted in these records are British, German, Scottish, Polish, etc.

The Bulletin Board is a monthly publication of the Eastside Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 374, Bellevue, Washington 98009. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th Street and 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington. Available at 7:00 p.m. are Beginners' Help and Supply Table. Annual dues are: Single \$10; Couple \$15; Senior \$8; Senior Couple \$12.

U.S. PASSPORT RECORDS IN THE LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Until the outbreak of World War I in 1914, citizens of the United States were generally allowed to travel abroad without passports. Even non-citizens who had emigrated to the United States traveled freely back and forth between the United States and their native countries. Although a resource of the 20th century, a passport application filed by an ancestor's younger sibling, for example, may contain information that could lead to the elusive place of origin of the 19th century ancestor.

By 1888, separate passport application forms existed for the native-born citizen, the naturalized citizen, and the derivative citizen (wife and minor children of a naturalized citizen). The 20th century naturalized citizen's form generally contains the date and place of birth of the applicant, name and residence of his father, date and port of the applicant's emigration, length of residence in U.S. and date of naturalization, places of residence outside the U.S. since naturalization, applicant's occupation, date of planned departure abroad and name of ship.

The Family History Library has more than 2,150 microfilms of United States passport records 1810-1925, "attesting to the citizenship and identity of the bearer." For some of the early years, registers, but no actual applications, are available. Applications are indexed chronologically and by name of applicant; often the age of the applicant is also indicated.

The records are arranged in sets and accessed in the Locality Catalog under UNITED STATES-EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION. For passport applications of 1925 and later, write to: Passport Department, Department of State, 1425 K Street NW, Washington, DC 205020 (from The Newsletter of the Irish Family History Forum, Inc., March 1995)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * Irish Interest Group Seminar -- Monday, May 8, 1995, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Issaquah Train Depot. Speaker, Brian Trainor, Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Ireland. Fee \$10 per person.
- * Snoqualmie Valley Study Group -- Wednesday, May 17, 1995, 9:30 a.m. at the North Bend Public Library. Discussion topic: WPA inventories made between 1936 and 1942. Also, Joy Wade Moulton's talk, "Unexpected Aids in Completing Ancestral Charts: the WPA Inventories." Call 222-5620 or 868-1850 for further information.
- * Computer Interest Group -- Saturday, May 20, 1995, 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Technology Center, Building 33-07, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue (Eastgate area). Topic to be announced.
- * Italian Interest Group -- Saturday, May 20, 1995, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Program to be announced.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Social Security Administratio

Refer to: SEP71

Baltimore MD 21235

March 29, 1995

Mrs. Sherry Holthe
23016 Southeast 1st Street
Redmond, Washington 98053-7214

Dear Mrs. Holthe:

This is in response to your request for a form to obtain from our records information for genealogical research.

Although no particular form is necessary to receive the information you want, we need certain identifying information in order to search for it. Our records are filed by Social Security numbers (SSNs), not by names. If you can provide an SSN, we will search our records for any information we might have. Without the SSN, we will need the person's full name, date and place of birth, and parents' full names to locate the record. If you can provide any of this information, we will search for the number. You may send the information to the Office of Public Inquiries, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235.

You will be charged the cost of searching our records even if we are unable to locate any information on the person you are asking about. The fee for searching our records is \$7 when the SSN is known and \$16.50 when the number is unknown or is incorrect. The check should be made payable to the Social Security Administration.

A deceased person does not have any privacy rights. Therefore, if he or she applied for an SSN, we can generally provide a copy of the Application for a Social Security Card (Form SS-5). This document contains the person's name, date and place of birth, and parents' names that were given when he or she applied for the number.

The Social Security Administration did not begin keeping records until 1936; therefore, we have no records about people who died before then.

We are returning the stamped self-addressed envelope you enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent Sanudo".

Vincent Sanudo, Director
Office of Public Inquiries

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Baker, Janet, 4478 - 142nd Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-2316

Keast, Hazell, Perrett, Campbell; Foreign, British Isles

Chavelle, Anna H., 2256 38th Place E, Seattle, WA 98112; 206-322-9413

Ford, Diana, 18532 - 132nd Place SE, Renton, WA 98058; 206-226-9470

Schafer, Lavies, Prinz, Esch, Gable, McDowell, Hoffron, VanHook, Caldwell, O'Connor, McQuesty, Cort, Scott, Toone, Lawson; England, Germany, Ireland, North Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, Washington

Fackelmann, B.J., 13008 - 177th Place NE, Redmond, WA 98052-1190; 206-881-4294

Bell, Poland, Fackelmann, Lanningham, Crawford, Jacobs, Colvin, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, England, Germany

Kaufman, Janice, 13814 - 235th Street SE, Snohomish, WA 98290; 206-788-7414

Fuhr, Montoya; Kansas, Missouri, Kiev, Russia

Kennedy, Betty J., 13182 SE Newport Way, G201, Bellevue, WA 98006; 206-746-5306
Blake; U.S.

Ramaker, Jess C., 17217 NE 7th Place, Bellevue, WA 98008-4134; 206-747-2306

Ryseff, Janeen, 415 - 9th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033; 206-822-5205

Lee, Robinson, Reuter; U.S., England, German

Sachse, Jini, 18106 NW Montreux Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027-7855; 206-746-2140

Devitt, White, Hopkins, Baker, Butler; Ireland, England, France (Huguenots), U.S.

Samson, Chuck, 4356 - 202nd Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98053-6112; 206-868-3058

Ackerson, Darby, Valentine, Steinbicker, Lichtenberg, Schwieterman, Dorsten, Marquardt, Erstmann; New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Sweden, Prussia-West

Waters, Evelyn & Alex, 12828 NE 113th Street, Kirkland, WA 98033-4107; 206-827-6428

Heilbrunn, Loew, Frischwasser, Kornitzer, Rosenfeld, Kohn, Egger, Sofar, Schorz; Germany, Austria, Poland

Young, Rose, 525 - 165th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98008-4014; 206-727-4204

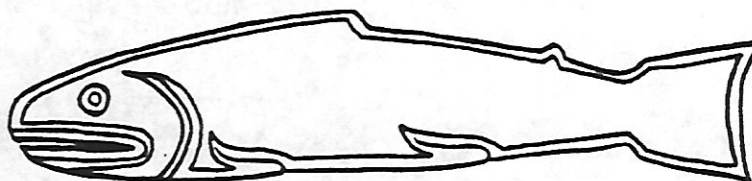
Edwards, Haskins, Redfern; Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ireland

From the Toronto Star, 1915, reprinted 18 Jan 1993:

Thos. Clarke, drunk and disorderly, drove a milk wagon. His language while doing so, the constable testified, was so strong that he feared for the horses' morals.

With a warning to stick to the milk, Squire Ellis remanded him.

(submitted by Norma Huber to Families/OGS, Vol. 34, No. 1, 1995)



CALLING ALL GENEALOGISTS -- HELP NEEDED

National Archives: The July 12, 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO (no zip given) destroyed many military records. The Center officials have been working to create a reconstructed file for US Army and Air Force personnel who served during the period from World War I through 1963. If you have copies of original documents concerning any military man in that time period whose records may have been destroyed, write to the above Records Center telling them who and what you have. Discharge papers, awards, official papers are all needed.

WWII Service Records -- Though some periods of records are intact, many others were destroyed in the fire. There are also other records to prove service and a "certificate of service" is available. To request military service records (after WWI) you need Form 180, which can be obtained by calling: Army, 314-538-4261; Navy, Marines & Coast Guard, 314-538-4141. You will receive a recorded message and can leave an address to which NPRC will send Form 180. You must have this form.

Documents Need Help - Write Your Senators and Congressman! -- In a recent issue of The Confederate Veterans magazine, there was a reprinted editorial from John Perry, editor of the Confederate Gazette. He detailed how over 5,700 cubic feet of Confederate Archive records, which include muster rolls, payrolls, hospital records, prison records and government correspondence are in danger. These historic and genealogically important records are currently stacked in card boxes in the non-climate controlled area of the National Archives. Dr. Miscall Meir, a National Archives spokesman, admitted they are "going to seed" rapidly. The documents are not slated to be housed in the new building under construction at College Park, Maryland, either, so their future is uncertain. Please write your senators and congressmen to urge their assistance in helping to preserve these records.
(The Family Tree Topper, Apr/May 1995)

COMING EVENTS

- * May 8, 1995, Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Be sure to attend this Irish Research Seminar to be held at the Issaquah Train Depot. Featured speaker is Brian Trainor, the Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast. There is a \$10 charge per person. Take Exit 17 off I-90. Turn right and move immediately into the inside lane. At the intersection of Front Street and Sunset Way (3rd light from the freeway exit), turn left. Go one block and turn left again. Issaquah Train Depot will be directly in front of you.
- * May 20, 1995, Saturday, 10:15 a.m., the Seattle G.S. Irish Interest Group will meet at the Society headquarters, 8511 - 15th Avenue NE, Seattle.
- * June 8, 1995, Thursday, EGS general meeting. Featured speaker will be Lois Bark, Curator of Costume at the Museum of History and Industry since 1961, now retired. She will speak of the History of Costume.

BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY IS NEW HOME TO EGS BOOKS

After more than a year of planning and hard work by a large committee of dedicated EGS volunteers, the EGS library books are in place on the shelves of the King County Bellevue Regional Branch Library. We have enjoyed a terrific cooperative effort from the Bellevue library staff and the administration of the King County Library system. Thank you to all who have helped in so many ways. Because of your dedication to this library project, Genealogists and Family Historians have an invaluable research resource collection in Bellevue, WA.

New books will be added as the Book Acquisition Committee proceeds with the selection of titles to be purchased. Long range planning includes:

- Developing funding and acquisition strategies
- Evaluating and updating the collection
- Creating and maintaining a vertical file resource of genealogical materials
- Binding of major genealogical journals and indexing where needed
- Developing and providing aids to genealogical research
- Conducting classes and seminars of genealogy interest
- Providing EGS Volunteer genealogists to help library patrons with questions

The days and times for volunteer library assistance will be Tuesday evenings 7 pm to 9 pm and Wednesday afternoons 1 pm to 3 pm. The starting date is yet to be announced but will likely begin in May. Call Eleanor Dixon 392-7035 for details.

Visit the library soon and often! Acquaint yourself with the many new books. Use the on-line catalog in the library or from your home computer modem to locate the call numbers and see what titles are on the shelves. Be sure to use the Subject search with Key words. A librarian will help you with the computer if you need assistance. Good luck with your research. We encourage your suggestions. Please call any of the Library Chairs. Names and numbers appear on the back of this Bulletin Board.

Again, I thank all of you who have helped with this project in any way. Your dedication is much appreciated. Barb Justice, Acting Library Chair

WARTIME ALIENS

According to the Selective Service System resident aliens were required to register for the draft during both World War I and World War II. An exception was enacted in 1940 that excluded aliens from registration if they were in the diplomatic corps or consular service.

To find registration records from World War I, write to Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30344. World War II records may be found at the Selective Service System national headquarters, Washington, DC 20435. Make inquiries Attention: Publications and Records. (The Family Tree Topper/Odom)

NORWEGIAN HELP AVAILABLE

The Norwegian-American Historical Association offers help for those researching in this field. If you would like information as to schedules, fees, services available, write to 1510 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057. Charges for staff research are \$10 per hour for members and \$20 per hour for non-members. Copying fees vary and translators can be suggested. (Ibid.)