



EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 1996, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)

Speaker: Bill Shaw

Topic: Scottish Clans and Research

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Bill Shaw has been interested in history since childhood. When he was 16, a letter from a Scottish great great aunt piqued his interest in his own heritage. Bill is Tanist of the Shaws of Crathienaird and Glenshee, which means he will succeed his uncle as chieftain of the clan. He has been Seannachaidh (historian) of his own clan since age 17 and last year the High Chief of Clan Shaw named him Seannachaidh for the clan and the name of Shaw worldwide.

Extensive research was required to find the proof necessary to allow Bill's family to assume the chieftaincy of their clan. The research spanned almost two decades and bridged the gap between 1645 and 1915. When not pursuing these interests, Bill is National Advertising Manager for the "Journal American".

From Our Sunshine Chairperson

Billie Dorian, wife of Charles (Computer Interest Group Chairman) is recovering from foot surgery AND a carpal tunnel procedure. The healing is proceeding well.

Janice and Dick Pankratz, both recently on the sick list, are now feeling better and looking forward to another of their lengthy trips.

Betty Pfeiffer, also recently ill, is feeling much better .

Our best wishes to you all.

Melissa Clausen would like to thank Jean and Paul Ryan for the easel Paul made and donated to EGS. It will be put to good use in future classes, presentations, seminars, etc. Your kindness and skill are recognized and appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Mary DeMatteo Sangalang

Another fiscal year is coming to an end for the EGS Board on May 31st, giving us a chance to reflect on the workings of this society.

Our society had 11 general meetings with diverse programs, 11 board meetings planning for all undertakings of this group, set a budget, issued 11 editions of this newsletter, as well as increased our membership to 379. 165 genealogy books were approved for purchase for donation to the Bellevue Regional Library (bringing our total to approximately 405 books). A library volunteer group was formed assisting with genealogy questions two days per week at the Bellevue Regional Library. Two series of three beginning genealogy classes and one special topic lecture were held (with two more lectures planned). Our supply table represented EGS at three genealogy fairs. Many of our members and most of our board attended the four day FGS Conference held in Seattle last September. Eight Interest Groups have met monthly to address their specific areas of study, and we have welcomed numerous visitors to our general meetings.

All this came to be thanks to the many volunteers that stepped forward to share their talents and uphold the society's goals of promoting genealogy education.

Enormous thanks go to all of you have volunteered your time in any way with EGS this year, especially the EGS board. The collective efforts of our membership strengthen our whole society and the study of genealogy in general. Best wishes to the new EGS Board to take office June 1st.

Mary

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FROM THE EGS BYLAWS Article II - Purpose (Paragraph 2)

It is the purpose of the Society to be devoted to the education and study of genealogy; to aid in genealogical research by acquiring a library of books and materials; to conduct seminars, lectures, and workshops; to encourage the preservation of genealogical and historical records; and to publish, print, buy, sell or circulate literature relative to this purpose.

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Reminder: Election of Officers for the year starting June 1, 1996, will be held at the General Membership meeting on May 9. Your nominees are:

PRESIDENT	Charles Dorian
VICE-PRESIDENT	Sarah Munkasey
SECRETARY	Pam Hillman
TREASURER	Phil Lake
TRUSTEE	Joe Julian

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Please welcome our new member Rene Baker, 12716 NE 120th, #H-4, Kirkland, WA 98034. Rene is looking for information on the names Baker, Ballard, Logan and Striker.

Many genealogy publications have been announcing the 10-part ANCESTORS family history and genealogy series to be shown on PBS in late 1996. Each episode will focus on successful strategies and tips, with guest experts, interesting stories shot on location, and explanations about the impact that family history and genealogy have on individuals. Compelling graphics are promised. The husband & wife hosts, Jim & Terry Willard, are enthusiastic genealogists. Focus is on providing instruction and encouragement for those who want to begin their family history but don't know where to start.

- 1) WHAT'S YOUR LINE? - an overview of the series. It dispels common misconceptions & defines the pedigree chart as one of the most import tools used in ancestral research.
- 2) TALES IN THE ATTIC - how to get started at home; what to look for and how to put the bits & pieces of your past on a family group record or pedigree chart.
- 3) FAMILY FOLKLORE - focuses on successfully interviewing living relatives.
- 4) DOCUMENTED DRAMA - shows how the records we find are related to life events. This episode explains the different between compiled and original records and their importance in research.
- 5) TREASURED AISLES - tours city, state and national repositories that are most commonly used in genealogy to take the fear out of finding records.
- 6) AMERICAN RECORDS' GREATEST HITS - introduces census and military records.
- 7) OUR ETHNIC HERITAGE - focuses on African-American and Native American Records and where to look for them.
- 8) HAND-ME-DOWN GENES - explores the world of medicine and the fascinating and important information you can unearth in your genetic genealogy.
- 9) COMPUTERS DON'T BYTE - takes you into the world of technology and shows how computers and the Internet can make searching more fun and exciting than ever.
- 10) LEAVING A LEGACY - describes the impact that leaving a legacy can have on your life and the lives of those yet to come. Tips on how to hold successful family reunions, publish family histories, and share what you have learned with others are given.

This series has the support of FGS, NGS and other genealogical societies throughout the United States. Whether the local PBS stations air this program depends on viewer demand. Call or write your local PBS station to express your interest in viewing this series (KCTS-TV, 401 Mercer St., Seattle wa 98109, 206-728-6463 or KBTC-TV, 1101 S. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405, 206-596-1528). ANCESTORS is produced by KBYU-TV of Provo, Utah. And don't forget to show your support during the next pledge drive. This is programming well worth supporting.

For Internet users, the following URL is related to the series:
<http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/ancestor.htm>.

From: SGS Newsletter of March-April 1996; TIARA Newsletter of Winter 1996; KBYU-TV Newsletter of 1 September 1995; Clark County GS Newsletter December 1995; NGS November/December 1995.

* LOOKING FOR A BOOK TO READ? *
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DRESSED FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER: ORDINARY AMERICANS AND FASHION 1840 -
1900. Ohio: Kent State University Press.

A photograph can tell much about its time period through clues such as the type of processing and type of frame. This book takes the study further by revealing secrets held in the subject's clothes, accessories, hair style and footwear. This informative author explains, through photo examples, such things as how to look at the clothing fabric to determine what kind of cloth it is and who would wear it. She explains the styles for men, women and children in terms of which economical and occupational level would be wearing them.

This book was found by Patricia O'Connor at the Fiske Genealogical Expo on April 13, 1996. It was not located in the King County Library System, but can be ordered through major book stores.

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KLARA'S NEW WORLD by Jeanette Winter, 1992; Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. Publisher. Call # E W.

This is a wonderful children's picture book about a small Swedish girl and her family's struggle to survive in Sweden. Subsequently the family decides to sell all they have and make the long journey to America, settling in Minnesota sometime in the late 1860's. The author bases the story on letters and diaries of Scandinavian immigrants which clearly depict to children the hardships and determination of those immigrants who came to America.

* * * * * recommended by Mary Sangalang * * * * *

Empty college dorms during summer vacation can mean a good deal for the budget-minded travelers. Smaller private colleges seem to have the most available empty dorm rooms. BUDGET LODGING GUIDE can help you locate those rooms. University of Washington Bookstore stocks this book (\$14.95), and most libraries have it on their shelves. If any EGS members have stayed on campus, let us know how you rate the experience. Call Gloria Brown at 746-1875.

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And if you'd like a light mystery to read while enjoying a nice summer afternoon in the lawn chair, three paperbacks have come out lately with genealogy as a theme. THE ALPINE ESCAPE by local author Mary Daheim involves a very old body found in the basement of an old Port Angeles home. The solution is found with the help of the local genealogy society. FROM HERE TO PATERNITY is set at a Colorado ski resort where a convention of genealogists is being held. MURDER ONCE REMOVED by Kathleen Kunz involves the death of a partner in a genealogy research service in St. Louis.

Recommended by your editor

Thanks Patricia, Mary and Gloria for the contributions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

LOCATING OLD TOWNS -- If you have a town's name in the United States, but can not locate it on a map or gazetteer, write to: United States Geological Survey, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. They will locate the town, send you an historical description, plat map and a list of organizations that may be of help in your research, all at no cost! For cities in Canada write to: Ministry of Energy, Mines & Resources, Surveys & Mapping Branch, Canada Permanent Committee-Geographic Names, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0D9E.

From: WSGS, Sept/Oct 1995 via The Apple Orchard; Chelan Valley GS, Feb/Mar 1996

ELLIS ISLAND

There is now a computer printout of information from Ellis Island. Write for information: Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York, NY 10017-3808

From: WSGS, Sept/Oct 1995 via The Apple Orchard; Chelan Valley GS, Feb/Mar 1996

FINDING WOMEN'S GRAVES

When looking for women, check the records under the married name and the maiden name. Women were buried under their maiden name from time to time. It is also important to remember that they may have remarried if the husband died prior to her own death. When a man and woman are buried side by side with only one stone don't assume that they were husband and wife; it was not uncommon for a brother and sister to be buried together. It is always better to wait for positive proof so that your genealogy is not inaccurate because you included some assumptions as actual fact.

From: Sheboygan Co. GS, Summer 1995, via WSGS Nov/Dec 1995 and The Apple Orchard; Chelan Valley GS, Feb/Mar 1996

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FOUND

A metal pin with a woman's portrait circa 1900 or so, in a small white box. This pin was found in the EGS President's file cabinet and was probably left at a previous EGS meeting or workshop prior to May 1995. Call Mary at (206) 649-2250 if you know who the owner could be.

And from last month..still trying to locate the owner of an old photo found in the Bellevue Regional Library in March. It is marked on the back "Familie des Mr and Mrs William Brandt in Springfield, Missouri". Contact Judy Smith, (206) 562-9027 for return.

LOST

A binder containing issues of the PAFinder publication is missing from the Computer Interest Group library. Please bring it back to the next Computer Interest Group meeting. Thank you.

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The EGS Board meets monthly to discuss the business of the group and plan for future events. The next Board meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Interested? Join us.

120 DIFFERENT WAYS TO SPELL A SURNAME

How many ways can a surname be spelled? An easy system to plot the most common ways follows:

- 1) Print the surname.
- 2) Below each vowel, print the remaining vowels.
- 3) If the vowels are doubled, consider one.
- 4) Print above each consonant, other consonants that sound the same or look similar.
- 5) If the name ends in either a single or double consonant, add one or drop one.
- 6) Now look at the "I"s and "Y"s and consider the opposite.

Make the appropriate changes of letters and you have many variants of the same surname.

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As an example, consider the name COVAULT:

Then count the obvious ways to spell COVAULT. There are at least 120 possibilities.

Now try your own surname. With this system as a starting point, you may see other possibilities in the spelling of your surname.

A truism: If there is another way to spell a surname, it will be.

Submitted by C. Richard Covault; Sun City GENEALOGIST, Sun City, AZ, Vol VII #3 via THE RESEARCHER (Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society, Summer 1987.

GRETN A GREENS IN THE U.S.

Gretna Green was the expression used to describe a "no questions asked" marriage locale. The original Gretna Green was a village in the south of Scotland near the English border. It was to this village that English couples eloped. In the United States, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Cincinnati, Ohio, were known as Gretna Greens. A minister from Marysville, Kentucky, ran a ferry boat on the Ohio River between Marysville and Aberdeen, Ohio. He would pick up couples (who didn't have a marriage license) in Marysville, ferry them, across the river to the Ohio Shore and marry them. The name of his ferry: The Gretna Green.

OGS, Jan 1995 via WSGS Newsletter Jan/Feb 1996.

Brigadier General Wlodzimierz Krzyzanowski organized the New York Volunteer Infantry or "Polish Legion" during the Civil War. He fought bravely at Bull Run, Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. Yet he was twice passed over for promotion because no one in the US Senate could pronounce his name!

POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL, Nov 1994; Milwaukee County WI GS REPORTER Feb 1995; Olympia GS QUARTERLY, October 1995.

Mourning jewelry began to be worn in the seventeenth century and was unique to England. Rings and slides of this period include white enameled skulls set with diamond eyes. Eventually, subjects became classical: a lamenting widow encircled by weeping willow trees.

Hair jewelry was very popular in the nineteenth century. Brooches often contained a receptacle for a lock of hair of the beloved departed.

Bereavement for Queen Victoria popularized black jewelry. Jet, a coal-like substance, was often used with gold or offset with precious stones for earrings and bracelets.

A gentleman might bequeath a sum of money for a set of mourning rings to be worn by his friends and family. Such rings were usually in black. White enameled rings generally commemorated a child or young girl.

Sataloff, Joseph, and Alison Richards. *The Pleasure of Jewelry and Gemstones*. London: Octopus Books, 1975

Flower, Margaret. *Victorian Jewelry*. South Brunswick, NJ: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1967

Contributed by Sandra Leubking and printed in the March/April 1996 edition of ANCESTRY.

JEWISH CEMETERY DATABASE

The Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies has distributed an initial version of its Cemetery Project database. The project has plans to document every Jewish cemetery and, theoretically, every Jewish burial in the world. At the annual seminar on Jewish genealogy, held in Washington, D.C. in June 1995, information was provided on 7500 cemeteries. A second database of burials includes more than 56,000 graves, primarily in the U.S. and Canada. An additional 100,000 burials from South Africa has also been received. For information on how to acquire these databases, contact project leader Arline Sachs, 6212 Thomas Dr., Springfield, VA 22150. Internet: nvsacha@nvtcpl.vccs.edu

Gary Mokotoff in FGS FORUM, Fall 1995, and reprinted in GCS News (California Genealogical Society).

Most police departments and state institutions will share SOME information regarding inmates. You may have to prove the ancestor is deceased and that you are a direct relative. You may also have to let the authorities know why you want this information.

ROOTS USERS GROUP OF WASHINGTON STATE, Jan 1993

There is an index of every known doctor in America since 1607. Write: National Institute of Health Library, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. Clark County GS Newsletter, November 1995

ABOUT THE PRESS

The Issaquah Press is the oldest newspaper on the Eastside, in its 96th year of continuous publication. It became a subsidiary of the Seattle Times July 1, 1995. Old issues dating to 1907 are available at the office for research.

THE ISSAQUAH PRESS, March 13, 1996

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MICROFILMING YOUR RESEARCH

In the event of your death, will your research be discarded? To avoid that happening, add your wishes to your will. You can send finished work to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, have it microfilmed free and received a free film. Someone will be interested in your work. Please don't let it go to waste.

Source: Huron County (OH) Genealogical Society, HURON COUNTY KINOLOGIST; Summit County Chapter OGS, THE HIGHPOINT, Sept 1994; Chelan Valley Genealogical Society, THE APPLE ORCHARD, Apr/May 1996.

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You can send your typed, completed, personal genealogy to the Library of Congress for only the cost of the postage to get it there. If you designate it to be "a gift" some of your personal research may be tax deductible. The address is: Library of Congress, Exchange and Gifts Division, 10 First St. SE, Washington, DC 20540.

BIG BEND REGISTER, Grant County GS, Sept 1995; THE SO KING NEWSLETTER, South King County GS, November 1995

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GREAT GREAT GRANDMA WAS A WITCH

The Associated Daughters of Early American Witches preserves names of those accused of witchery in early America and location of living lineal descendants. Write: Mrs. Charles Loucks, 1408 - 20th Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR(S) NEEDED

Like to read genealogy publications? Do you like to research genealogical topics? Are you good at condensing an article's information in a concise, clear format? Are you knowledgeable in an area of genealogy - would you be able to contribute a column on that area to our newsletter? Do you enjoy writing book reports. If you thirst for genealogical tips and facts and would like to share them with our members, consider becoming an editor for the EGS Bulletin Board.

Contact Judy Smith, Editor, 562-9024 or Mary Sangalang, President, 649-2250 for more information.

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EGS ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

A reminder to the EGS Board Officers, Committee and Interest Group Chairs to submit an annual report of their position or committee as to purpose, projects undertaken or in progress, number of members, expenses and recommendations for the future. This report should be submitted to the EGS Board May meeting.

The first major event scheduled through the Washington Commission for the Humanities (Humanities Media Center) is an Irish Film Festival, May 12-14, 1996, in Seattle. The event explores Irish culture as shown through film. Speakers and filmmakers from Ireland will introduce their films, attend screenings, and participate in a panel discussion. For a schedule, call 206-682-1770, or send your request by e-mail to wch@humanities.org.

Cultural tours planned by WCH are: Mining Days in Old Roslyn, June 21-23, 1996; Ellensburg, Past and Future, July 20, 1996, (Thorp Grist Mill; symposium at the Chimpanzee Institute with Washoe and her friends). For descriptive brochures, contact WCH as indicated above.

The National Cemetery System Dept of Veterans Affairs, Executive Communications and Administrative Service (402B), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420 provides free limited burial location assistance to relatives or close friends of veterans thought to be interred in a Dept. of VA national cemetery. All requests should be related to a specific individual (one name per request). You must provide: complete name, date and place of birth, date and place of death, state from which the veteran entered the military, rank and military unit in which the veteran served on active duty. No form is required.
FROM: Lynch Family Assn NL June 1995 via SCGS Root Digger Jun 1995 via CGS News October 1995

May 1996

- 1 7:00-9:00pm EGS Board Meeting, Lk Hills Libr
- 3 1:00-3:00pm German Interest Group
- 9 Bill Shaw, Scottish Research
7:30-9:00pm EGS Membership Meeting
- 13 7:30pm Irish Interst Group
- 14 Darlene Hamilton, Seattle Public Library
9:30am Beginning Family History Research
- 15 June Bulletin Board article due date
9:30am Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group
- 18 9:30am-12:00pm Computer Interest Group
10:00am-12:00pm Italian Interest Group
- 22 Researching Salvation Army Records
7:00-9:00pm Genealogy Research Series

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- 5 7:00-9:00pm EGS Board Meeting, Lk Hills Libr
- 7 1:00-3:00pm German Interest Group
- 13 7:30-9:00pm EGS Membership Meeting
- 15 July Bulletin Board article due date
9:30am-12:00pm Computer Interest Group
- 19 9:30am Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group
- 26 How to Organize Your Genealogy Research Records
7:00-9:00pm Genealogy Research Series

MOVING? If you plan to move, please notify our membership chair, Eleanor Dickson, as the post office will not forward your copy of the EGS Bulletin Board. Save EGS from wasted postage and keep your Bulletin Board arriving on time by updating your address before you move. Call her at 206-746-8412 or mail your change of address to EGS Membership, PO Box 374, Bellevue, WA 98009-0374. Thank you.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP LEADERS/MEETINGS	
Computer Charles Dorian 391-3536	Meets 3rd Saturday at Boeing Technology Center Next meeting May 18 Diane Hicks & Margery Perdue will discuss The Master Genealogist software program
German Jean Ryan 746-9610	Meets 1st Friday at Lake Hills Public Library
Irish Mary Magnuson 746-6627	Next meeting Monday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Fire Station Bring one problem you are having in your Irish family research for group discussion. Time will also be given for questions found when working with Griffith's Valuation. Call Mary at 746-6627 or Gloria at 746-1875 for more info.
Italian Mary Sangalang 649-2250	Next meeting Saturday, May 18, 10:00 to noon at Lake Hills Public Library
Mid-Atlantic/ Southern Don Taylor 643-4438	Contact Don Taylor for more information.
Mid-West Mary Magnuson 746-6627	
Portuguese Barbara Gyll 746-5603	Contact Barbara for details
Snoqualmie Valley Joyce Ossinger 868-1850 Mary Ann Nickell 222-5620	Meets 3rd Wednesday at North Bend Public Library Next meeting May 15 at 9:30 a.m. Member Ann Lamb will be discussing local research you can do without leaving home.
See Location Addresses, next page	

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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 & 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA. The Supply Table is open at 7:00 p.m.
Annual dues are Single \$12, Couple \$17, Senior Single \$10, Senior Couple \$14.