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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 18, 1993 - - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help, Supply Tables and Library Table Open)

Speaker: Mary Magnuson

Topic: Emigration: From the "Old" Country to the New

About the Speaker: Mary is well known to most of us at EGS. She was the first President (Co-President) of EGS. She taught classes in genealogy for twelve years: for EGS in the early years, in the King County Library system, and at the Redmond Senior Center. Mary has published genealogy how-to books on Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, and is in the process of updating her book on Ireland. She is also working on a book about the history of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota -- the county in which she was born.

Mary has lived in Bellevue for thirty years. She has a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. Mary and her daughter (who was adopted) have recently shared the excitement of learning that her daughter's birth family came from Norway. They even know which village. Her daughter called Mary on the phone the other day to say, "Mom, I'm so excited! I feel like a person now." Mary will speak about the reasons people from European countries decided to emigrate to America, and why they settled in "pockets" after they arrived.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Connie Balazic

Family ties are precious things, woven through the years.
Of memories of togetherness, of laughter, love and tears.
Family ties are cherished things, forged in childhood days
By love of parents, deep and true, and sweet familiar ways.
Family ties are treasured things, and far though we may roam
The tender bonds with those we love, still pull our hearts toward home.

By Virginia Blanck Moore

May this little poem help set the tone in your homes for Thanksgiving. Could it be as family researchers, perhaps we have a special fondness for this particular holiday? Each of us has an ancestor, or we may be the one, that made the decision to come to America. This, then, is the holiday that now celebrates every family's first feast in a country with hope for a brighter future and where dreams do come true. May your home be filled with wonderful memories and memorable activities. Have a great Thanksgiving!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- New Book: Lucille McDonald's Eastside Notebook -- 101 Eastside Vignettes by Lorraine McConaghy and Donna Cutler, will be available December 1, 1993. This is a collection of 101 of McDonald's best columns out of over 400 printed in the Journal American. To order, send \$14.95 to Marymoor Museum, P.O. Box 161, Redmond, WA 98073 (206-885-3684)
- Some Mail-Order Sources of Archival Supplies: Call for catalogs. Except for Everton, all carry large selections of preservation products.

Genealogy Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 537, Orem UT 84059-0537, 800-666-4363

Light Impressions, 439 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 214607-3717, 800-828- 6216

Preservation Emporium, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 131, Dallas, TX 75207, 800-442-2038

The Everton Publishers: Archival sheet-protectors, 8-1/2 x 11, \$18 first box of \$100, \$13 for additional boxes, includes tax, shipping; clear or non-glare; 8-1/2 by 14 also available, 800-443-6325 (Check first with our own supply table for these.)

20th Century Plastics: (catalog and excellent pamphlet on photo archiving), P.O. Box 30022, Los Angeles, CA 90016-0959, 800-767-0777
- EGS has received three family-name newsletters this past month. The names are Estes, Phillips, and Littlefield. See the freebies table for information.



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COMING EVENTS

November 18, 1993

Don't miss the EGS General Meeting --

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO ARMISTICE DAY

Speaker: Mary Magnuson

Topic: Emigration: From the "Old" Country to the New

November 27, 1993

Irish seminar sponsored by Seattle Genealogical Society. Speaker Nora Hickey from County Cork. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (spend all or only a part of the day), at the new SGS location, 8511 15th Avenue NE, Seattle. Fee: \$10 for SGS members, \$12 for others; registration limited; send money, with SASE for confirmation, to SGS Irish Seminar, P.O. Box 1708, Seattle, WA 98111. For details, call 524-3808 or 368-8393.

January 13, 1994

EGS General Meeting

Speakers: Jan Pancratz, Howard Short, Audrey Schroeder

Topics: State Archives in Genealogical Research; Records in Seattle National Archives other than Census; Interlibrary Loan System and Access to Libraries via Computer.

February 10, 1994

EGS General Meeting

Speakers: EGS Member Panel

Coordinator of Panel: Tove Burhan

Topic: Family Newsletters and Reunions

March 10, 1994

EGS General Meeting

Speaker: Darlene Hamilton

Topic: Maps in the Seattle Public Library Genealogy Collection

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

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REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

The title of the presentation in October was "Thinking about the Oregon Trail: 150 Years Later," by Lorraine McConaghy, Ph.D. Lorraine talked about the reality of the experiences on the trail rather than the romanticized, nostalgic versions presented in past decades. She noted that the fear pioneers had of what might happen to them were greater than the reality of what actually did happen. She talked about how the trail changed over time and with the passing of increasing numbers of people -- to the point that by 1852, there were restaurants, real estate salesmen, livery stables, and other businesses along the trail. She noted that each emigrant was a product of the culture of their time and recorded their memoirs accordingly. She pointed out that 50 percent of emigrants were single men, so it was not unusual to find a man travelling the trail alone, his family coming later. Lorraine gave a fascinating account of a unique period in our history, and everyone was sorry when the meeting had to end. A short bibliography of some of the books Lorraine recommends follows here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THE OREGON TRAIL

Selected Bibliographies

Luchetti, Cathy. Women of the West. Berkeley: Antelope Island Press, 1982 and New York: Orion Books, 1982.

Schlissel, Lillian. Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey, New York: Schocken Books, 1982.

Stratton, Joanna L. Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1981.

Unruh, John D. The Plains Across: The Overland Emigrants and the Trans-Mississippi West, 1840-1860. Urbana, Chicago, London: University of Illinois Press, 1978, 1982. (Lorraine considers this the best of all Oregon Trail books)

"New" Western History

Limerick, Patricia. The Legacy of Conquest, New York: Norton, 1987.

Limerick, Patricia, ed., Trails: Toward a New Western History. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas, 1991.

Saragher, John Mack. Men and Women on the Overland Trail. New Haven Connecticut: Yale University Press, 1979.

White, Richard. It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1991 (Richard White is now at the University of Washington)

Local Reminiscences, Pioneer and Oregon Trail Experiences (Lorraine uses these as texts).

Judson, Phoebe Goodell. A Pioneer's Search for an Ideal Home. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska, 1984 (also Tacoma: Washington State Historical Society, 1966)

Meeker, Ezra. Pioneer Reminiscences of Puget Sound. Seattle: Historical Society of Seattle, 1980.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

This year there will be a December issue of the Bulletin Board, but no January issue. Issues for 1994 will resume in February. My sincere thanks to all of you who have helped the Bulletin Board grow! More and more, it reflects the interest, expertise, and enthusiasm of so many of you. Your EGS board, special interest group chairpersons, other task leaders, and I, wish you a very happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

THANKSGIVING

Let us be thankful that there still is sunshine,
that we still can glimpse the blue of the sky
and in our onward way, continue to look up.
Let us be thankful for friends with kindly smile and cheerful words.
This is a time for grateful thanksgiving!
(Author Unknown)

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Thank you, CIG members who shared your time and expertise with attendees at the EGS Roundtable on October 23rd. Technical session leaders and others, who answered questions on the many subject areas involved with computers and genealogy, provided a valuable service to our Society, and to the community. Thanks!

CommSoft began shipping the new version of Roots - Roots IV - in October. Watch for a technical session coming early in 1994 on this long-awaited update.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL ARCHIVES Sand Point, Seattle

Non-Federal Census:

I-1	Oregon Territorial Census, 1842-1859	C184, D8
I-21	Washington Territorial Census, 1857-1889	C184, D8
I-33	Oklahoma Territorial Census, 1890	C184, D8
I-35	King County, WA Census, 1879-1892	C184, D9
M-158	Colorado State Census, 1885	C184, D8
M-352	Nebraska State Census, 1885	C184, D8
M-845	Schedules of the Florida State Census of 1885	C205, D1
M-846	New Mexico Territorial census, 1885	C184, D8
T-1130	Kansas Non-Population Census, 1850-1880 (Mortality)	C184, D9
T-1134	Non-Population Census Schedules for Texas, 1850-1880	C205, D4
A-1154	Washington Territory Non-Population Census, 1860-1880	C184, D9
T1175	Schedules of Minnesota Census, 1857	C184, D9

Relationships:

During our research, many of us have been amazed and baffled at the interrelationships of pioneer families -- brothers and sisters who arrived together, settled in pockets, and eventually married. EGS member **Marge Kovacs** submitted the following family research puzzle for your reading pleasure!

Thomas Van Zandt and Louisa Julia Underhill have two sons; 1. William Thompson Van Zandt and 2. Leopold Austin Van Zandt. Therefore, William and Leopold are brothers.

William married twice; 1. Elizabeth Barker and 2. William Van Zandt.

Margaret married twice; 1. Thomas Austin and 2. William Van Zandt.

Margaret Phillips and Thomas Austin have a daughter Maria.

When Thomas Austin died, Margaret married William Van Zandt, consequently Maria became William's stepdaughter.

Maria married Leopold and had two children; 1. Louis and 2. Laura.

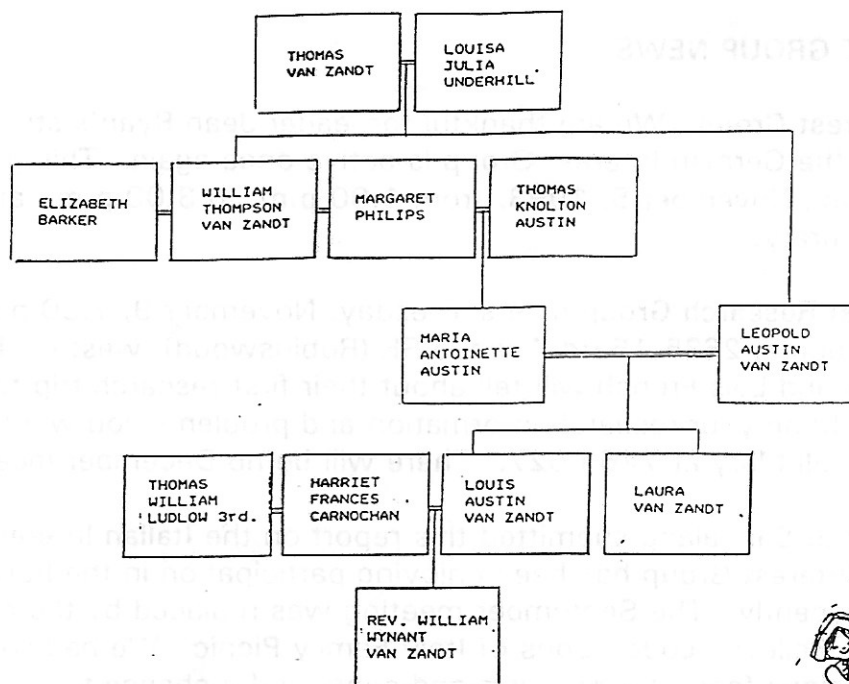
SO!

Since Leopold Van Zandt married Maria Austin, daughter of the second wife of his brother William, by her first husband --

1. Not only is Margaret, Leopold's sister-in-law, she became his mother-in-law, too!
2. Not only is William, Leopold's brother, but he became his stepfather-in-law, also.
3. Maria Austin was sister-in-law to William through Leopold, likewise, William is brother-in-law to Maria through Leopold.
4. Laura is a natural niece to William Van Zandt -- William is natural uncle to Laura.
5. Margaret Philips is Grandma to Laura, and wife of Laura's uncle.
6. Later on in life, when Maria and Leopold were having marriage problems, William adopted Laura. So now, not only does William become Laura's adopted father, but by his second marriage he became Laura's stepgrandfather, too!

Now, do you wonder why genealogists go slightly mad at times?

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS VAN ZANDT



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

1. It was decided to try once again to provide refreshments after the general meetings, as the social time is a good time for members to meet, greet and mix.
2. Gloria Brown requested more space at the general meetings for the supply table. A discussion ensued concerning various configurations of the furniture and room, and it was decided to move the membership table and the freebies table outside the door to the room.
3. Frankie Larson, education co-chair, reported that she and Mary Magnuson had received 73 responses to their survey.
4. Melissa Clausen sent a note that she is willing to handle the mailing of EGS publications if Bob Mullen will continue to handle the marketing. Bob is writing a piece for the NGS newsletter concerning our publications.
5. Bob Mullen is spearheading the effort to get EGS involved in the Civil War Indexing project. This indexing will be done over a three-year period (5.2 million index cards, of which EGS would index only a portion). Volunteers should contact Bob.
6. Charles Anderson, a regional manager at the new Bellevue Public Library, is interested in genealogy and is working on our request for space for the EGS library. EGS will arrange a joint meeting with the library to make sure that both group needs are met. Barbara Justice, our volunteer librarian, was given a list of possible donations for our library from EGS members.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- **German Interest Group.** We are thankful for leader Jean Ryan's strong recovery from illness; the German Interest Group is active once again. This group will meet on Friday, November 5, 1993, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Lake Hills Public Library.
- **The Mid-West Research Group** meets Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. at Mary Magnuson's home, 2635 153rd Avenue SE (Robinswood), west of the Bellevue Airfield. Ray and Lois French will tell about their first research trip to Salt Lake City. Please bring your research information and problems you want solved. For information, call Mary at 746-6627. There will be no December meeting.
- **Mary DeMatteo Sangalang** submitted this report on the **Italian Interest Group**: "The Italian Interest Group has been enjoying participation in the Italian Community recently. The September meeting was replaced by the group attending the Bellevue Lodge Sons of Italy Family Picnic. We had wonderful weather, delicious food, Italian music and song, and a chance to partake in activities from our heritage. Everyone there took turns stirring the huge stockpot with a large wooden paddle to help make the Polenta, Italian cornbread with tomato sauce. Many members took their turn at Bocce, Italian lawn bowling. These friendly people welcomed us, one and all.

The October meeting was replaced by the group hosting a booth at the Festa Italiana - Italian Heritage Festival on October 9 and 10 at Seattle Center. Our displays were colorful and informative about tracing Italian family history, and the line at our booth was non-stop from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. each day! We are looking forward to a very large attendance at our next meeting. We also passed out brochures about EGS and the upcoming EGS Beginner Workshop, so you may be meeting some of these people soon!

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 20, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., at the Lake Hills Library. Member Sheila Baggione, who spent the month of October in Italy doing family research, will share what she found, what information is available, and how to go about researching in Italy. The IIG (Italian) hopes to see many of their Festa friends in attendance. Anyone researching family history in the U.S. or abroad is welcome to attend. Bring your family history information, questions, or any research tips to share. Contact Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, Italian Interest Group Chair, 883-1245, for further information. CIAO!

- **Scandinavian Interest Group** will meet on Monday, November 29, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. This meeting will be a Christmas meeting with refreshments. Come and share your Christmas traditions.
- **The British Interest Group** has adjourned for the balance of 1993 -- no meetings in November and December. Watch the Bulletin Board for 1994 news.

- **EGS Computer Interest Group** meeting at Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, Saturday, November 20, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. Tech session: "Using Your Modem."
- Because the **Irish Interest Group** has been moving from library to library for the last few meetings, some members have been going to the wrong location; some eventually find us, but some have given up and skipped the meetings. We apologize for our dislocation, but take the space where it is available. Please notice in this newsletter, or in the IIG (Irish) newsletter, the locations for our meetings.

We move again, this time to the Kirkland library, for the November 8 meeting when Charity and Bob Small will tell us about their recent trip to Ireland from the perspective of first-time visitors there, and also as family history researchers. All this, and slides, too (last 1993 meeting).

Our January 10, 1994 meeting, location not yet settled, will focus on helping the would-be traveller to Ireland with tips and suggestions about lodging, car rentals, libraries, and other depositories, heritage centers, and many research clues from our members. Please call Gloria, 746-1875, if you will be a panel member to present a SHORT report on ONE aspect of your research trip to Ireland.

Our chairman, Glen Ethier, has a proclivity and rare talent for appropriate rhymes to precede or follow the IIG (Irish) programs. Following was his contribution to the wild meeting when Mary Magnuson and Gina Linehan discovered they are cousins:

**I NEVER SAUSAGE A COMMOTION,
BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WURST!**

Just to prove that our meetings aren't phony,
Two descendants of surname MALONEY
Chanced one evening to meet,
Served each other new "meat"
And went home with their fill of baloney.

- **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group.** Using tax records in genealogical research will be the focus of the meeting. It will be on Wednesday, November 24, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., at Janice Pankratz' home, 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City. Call 222-7583 for additional information.
- **New England Interest Group.** No topic has been announced, but this group will meet on Monday, November 22, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library.

THE AMERICAN IMMIGRANT WALL OF HONOR

Ellis Island, located just a few hundred yards north of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, was the major federal immigration facility in America. Between 1892 and 1954, 12 million immigrants were processed at Ellis Island. Today more than 40 percent, or over 100 million, of all living Americans can trace their roots to an ancestor who came through Ellis Island.

The new Ellis Island Immigration Museum tells the inspiring story of the largest human migration in modern history. It is located in the 200,000 square foot Main Building. It offers visitors a fascinating complete look at the total immigrant experience.

You are invited to place the name of an immigrant ancestor, individual or family name on display, for posterity, at the only national museum built to honor them.

Prominently located at Ellis Island, this unique exhibit is devoted solely to the displays of hundreds of thousands of names of immigrants... each name is an individual gift of remembrance and devotion. The names will remain for posterity in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, recording forever the people you wish to honor.

Registration was closed in order to process and engrave the over 420,000 names submitted on the newly constructed **American Immigrant Wall of Honor**. However, due to the overwhelming interest on the part of thousands of people who missed the deadline, registration has been reopened.

When you make a \$100 contribution for the further restoration and maintenance of Ellis Island, the name you designate will be permanently placed on the American Immigrant Wall of Honor. You will receive a handsome Certificate, personalized with the name and country of the individual you choose to honor.....In addition, all names will be entered, together with a country of origin and the name of the donor, in a computer register located in the Main Building. (excerpt from application/order brochure.)

Member **Janice Pankratz** and spouse took advantage of this notice and now are the proud owners of two certificates for their ancestors. Janice reported on, and displayed, these certificates at the last EGS meeting and shares the information with readers of the Bulletin Board. If you are interested in further information, write to: The Statue of Liberty -- Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017-3898. Time is limited. (or see the brochure at the freebie table.)



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