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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 10, 1994, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help and Supply Table Open)

Speakers: Mary Anagnost and Donna Hart *Cascade Chapter*

Topic: Using DAR (Daughters of the American *Revolution* Republic) Records in Genealogy

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS: Donna Hart is the local registrar for the DAR, and Mary Anagnost recently has been a volunteer member checking applications at the DAR National Library. They will discuss resources for researching your DAR ancestors: what records are available, how we can access them, the history of the DAR and how the records are verified and maintained.

REMINDER - NO DECEMBER MEETING

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Committee is sorting and creating a database of all EGS library materials in preparation for the transfer of books to the KCLS Bellevue Regional Library.

We want this to be an especially good collection of research books. Please look over your own libraries for town histories and genealogy related books. There is a new home eagerly awaiting those books you no longer have need or room for. You can visit your books any day of the week. Their many new friends will thank you and never let dust settle on their spines.

Book donations are tax deductible. Feel free to make copies of this EGS Tax Deductible Book Donation form (please discard the earlier form from the October EGS meeting). Enclose a copy of the completed form inside each book you donate. An EGS book plate will be affixed inside the cover of each book we place in the KCLS Bellevue Regional Library. Please indicate whether or not you want your name included. You may bring book donations to the EGS general meetings, any interest group meeting, or call Barb Justice at 391-8186 to arrange for pickup of the books.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Connie Balazic

Within the following condensed story are many avenues of discovery that will lead to a broader understanding of this subject and his history.

Once upon a time, Joshua Palmer Webster left Anglesey, Wales, discouraged because he believed that the dispute over his inheritance would never reach a conclusion.

In the early 1820's, ads were taken out in newspapers around the world to track down the original heir to the Tichbourne Estate. An imposter living in Australia claimed title by using facts from personal knowledge as an Anglesey butcher boy. In the litigation he was called the "Tichbourne" claimant. Death had apparently claimed the first heir, and Joshua was next in line along with others.

By 1867, J. P. Webster was established as a cattle buyer in Sioux City, Iowa, and while traveling south of the city, was robbed of about one hundred dollars. Without any great fanfare the local newspaper reported the incident.

This filler tidbit of news spread to additional papers and eventually was published in Anglesey, Wales, perhaps two or three years later. The clipping was sent by a banker in 1870 to the First National Bank in Sioux City, inquiring if this was the same J.P. Webster who had left Wales about 50 years earlier. It was!

Upon returning to his homeland, Joshua's old friend, an attorney, exclaimed, "This is no Tichbourne impostor!" And Joshua lived happily ever after with the remaining fortune, thanks to a filler in a newspaper.

May some "filler" add a fairy tale story to **your** family history!

The Sunshine Committee reports that member Joe Julian has been ill. Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery, Joe. We miss your smiling face!

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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Woodinville Library

SUPPLIES AND BOOKS

The November meeting will be your last chance to make holiday purchases from the EGS sales tables.

For your grandchildren, how about Do People Grow on Family Trees? or Roots for Kids? These books are well-written and attractively put together for children or the young-at-heart.

If the holidays will put you in contact with an elderly relative who may have tales of the olden days you wish to tap into, pick up a copy of Family Folklore Interviewing Guide; you'll find help on how to get the conversation rolling along those lines.

If you want a gift for yourself, try one of the Emily Croom how-to books, beginning or intermediate; these books are described in the October newsletter. Excellent help for you.

For those nice people who have been giving you research help through the mails, how about sending them some of EGS stationery in its various forms? These designs belong to EGS - a unique way to express thanks to your correspondents.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- * **Puzzled as to how to obtain sacramental records of U.S. Catholics?** A recently published book, U.S. Catholic Ancestors; a Diocesan Research Guide, will be of help to you. A request for information was sent to each diocese by Virginia Humling, who has compiled the replies in an easy-to-use format in the 136-page book. To order, send \$15 (postpaid), plus 8.2% sales tax for Washington residents, to Mrs. Virginia Humling, P.O. Box 1193, Bothell, WA 98031-1193.

- * EGS member Virginia McAnlis has published the first volume of an ongoing series of books (A-Z) of immense value to the Irish researcher. This 260-page book, with A, B, C surnames extracted, has the daunting title of The Consolidated Index to the Records of the Genealogical Office, Dublin, Ireland; over 2200 names are indexed in this first volume. Call Virginia at 206-391-4740 for information about ordering this book, which will be your key to using the various manuscripts of the Genealogical Office with efficiency and dispatch.
- * A new regional branch of the National Archives has opened in Pittsfield, MA, just over the border from eastern New York state. This will allow easier access to the census, immigration, and military microfilms now available in that area only at the New York and Boston locations. The address is 100 Dan Fox Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201. (from THE LIFELINE, Newsletter of the NY State Council of Genealogical Organizations, September 1994)
- * The NY State Library in Albany publishes THE BOOKMARK, a quarterly. The Spring 1991 issue, "Family History Resources," can be obtained by sending \$4 to Documents/Gift and Exchange, NY State Library, Albany 12230, with check payable to the library. This 83-page publication contains articles helpful to anyone doing research in NY state, with information about locating historical records and local government records, using newspapers for research, finding genealogy services in small libraries, etc.
- * Recognizing that researchers can benefit from a listing of records by SUBJECT, the Michigan State Archives has prepared several Archival Circulars which list their holdings' specific subjects. Write to the Reference Unit of the State Archives, 711 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918, to obtain a free copy of the list of circulars. If you find helpful materials listed, request the appropriate leaflets from the Archives at no charge.
- * Newlyweds have been hyphenating their last names for years. But now, in an effort to truly become one, some couples are going a step beyond: They are melding both their surnames into one. For instance, when Oakland, CA, Doctor Valerie Silverman married Michael Flaherty, they both changed their last names to Flaherman. Meanwhile, other twosomes are taking entirely new surnames in order to make a fresh start as a family. [Ed. note: Heaven help the genealogist!] (from NEWSWEEK, 29 June 1992)
- * If you had "folks" who homesteaded in Canada, try to obtain the homestead papers from the archives of the province where the property was located. In the homestead process, several steps required different pieces of paperwork. The most valuable to the genealogist would be the Homestead Application and the statement required at the end of the occupancy requirement; this latter statement was presented by the homesteader as he applied for the Letters Patent. From these records, you would learn his name, his age, address, description of the land, and information about his citizenship, occupation, and details about the homestead. See pages 140-147 of The Canadian Genealogical Handbook by Eric Jonasson for a complete description of various land records in Canada, and to learn how to gain access to the records.

* **More New York City records!** Write to NYC Department of Records and Information Services, Municipal Archives, 31 Chambers Street, Room 103, New York, NY 10007 for information and forms. Phone: 212-566-5292

1890 New York City (MANHATTAN ONLY) "Police Census." Listed according to address, the census recorded the name, age and sex of each resident, including children. Please consult census application form for search and copy fee schedule.

CITY DIRECTORY. Listed alphabetically, by last name, head of household (male adult primarily; women usually only if widowed), his or her occupation, home address and/or business address. Please consult directory application form for search and copy fee schedule.

Manhattan: 1873-1913; 1915-1918; 1920; 1922; 1924; 1931; 1933

Brooklyn: 1796; 1802; 1811; 1822-1826; 1829-1920; 1912-1913; 1933

VITAL RECORDS. Birth, death and marriage records are filed and indexed according to the locality (Borough) in which the event originally occurred. The following is a list of existing records for each borough. Please consult birth, death and marriage application forms for the search and copy fee schedule.

Manhattan Births: July 1847-1848; July 1853-1909

Deaths: 1795; 1802-1804; 1808; 1812-1948

Marriages: June 1847-1848; July 1853-1937*

Brooklyn Births: 1866-1909

Deaths: 1847-1853; 1857-1948

Marriages: 1866-1937*

Bronx Births: 1898-1909

Deaths: 1898-1948

The Bronx did not exist as a separate Borough until 1898. Before then, the Bronx was part of Westchester County, except for certain western areas which were annexed by New York (Manhattan) in 1874, and eastern areas annexed in 1895. For vital records in those areas and years, request a search for Manhattan.

Queens Births: 1898-1909

Deaths: 1898-1948

Scattered birth, death and marriage records, 1880s - 1890s.

Richmond (Staten Island) Births: 1893-1909

Deaths: 1898-1948

Marriages: 1898-1937*

Scattered birth, death and marriage records, 1880s - 1890s.

***Health Department Marriage Certificates only.**



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RELEASE OF BOOKS TO THE EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Date _____

I (we) _____
Donor(s)

hereby give, grant and donate the following book, periodical, map, other reference material, along with any and all rights therein to the **Eastside Genealogical Society** to be placed in the Bellevue Regional Library genealogy collection as a gift for such scholarly and educational purposes, as at their sole discretion they shall determine.

I (we) estimate the tax deductible value of this item at _____

I wish my name to appear in book as donor. ☐ ←YES ☐ ←ABSOLUTELY NOT.

I understand that there may not be space at that location for all donated items. In the case that my gift will not be lodged at the Bellevue Regional Library, you may:

_____ Return it to me.

_____ Place it in the KCLS circulating library.

_____ Sell, donate, recycle or dispose of in any manner deemed appropriate. Any money derived from such activity shall go toward further book purchases for the library.

_____ Other (please state) _____
(To be tax deductible, donations must meet the requirements of the IRS code.)

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES -- PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
6125 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Genealogical Workshops: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Reservations may be made by phone at 206-526-6507. A \$5 donation is requested.

Workshop A: Census

November 1, 1994, December 6, 1994, January 3, 1995

Workshop B: Military, Land, Naturalization and Immigration

November 8, 1994, December 13, 1994, January 10, 1995

Hours: Regular operating hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Federal holidays. No weekends!

Extended Hours: Beginning November 1, 1994, the National Archives-Pacific NW Region will be open the first and second Tuesday evenings of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Reservations: Reservations will no longer be taken. Readers can be used on a first come - first served basis.

The sales desk has census catalogs for \$2 each and other catalogs of interest. Mail orders, please add \$3 for shipping and handling per order under \$50.

Last Friday, October 21, EGS member Curtis Roselle undertook the role of genealogy expert when he was interviewed on the "Nerissa at 9" program on Channel 7, KIRO TV. He was joined by Susan Karren of the National Archives. Great job, Curtis!

COMING EVENTS

November 5, 1994, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Genealogical Forum of Oregon - Annual fall seminar - Desmond Walls Allen, professional genealogist and lecturer on "Picking up the Problem Line," "County Maps: Where to Find Them and How to Use Them," and "Research in Arkansas." Portland State University, Cramer Hall Basement Lecture Room, SW Broadway and Montgomery Streets, Portland, Oregon. \$25.

November 17, 1994, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - The Celts - last meeting of the year: at the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Ballard. Guest Seanachie: Harry McAlister. Topic: Scotland.

May 3-6, 1995, San Diego G.S. hosts NGS Conference - at the Town and Country Hotel, San Diego. Information: NGS 4527 17th Street N., Arlington, VA 11207-2399, or call 703-525-0050.

Eastside Genealogical Society Publications List

Indexes to Vital Records from Bellevue, King Co., Washington, Newspapers (1918-1967)

Death Index - 1 Volume (4,800 names)	\$ 10.00
Marriage Index - 1 Volume (7,300 names with Bride and Groom indexes)	\$ 10.00
Birth Indexes - 4 Volumes (Each includes Mother index)	
Child Surname Index A-D (8,200 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index E-K (8,400 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index L-Q (7,600 names)	\$ 10.00
Child Surname Index R-Z (9,000 names)	\$ 10.00
Set of Death, Marriage, and Birth Indexes (6 Volumes)	\$ 50.00
Every Name Indexes - 3 Volumes	
Every Name Index to Surnames A-G	\$ 10.00
Every Name Index to Surnames H-N	\$ 10.00
Every Name Index to Surnames O-Z	\$ 10.00
Set of Every Name Indexes - 3 Volumes (45,000 names)	\$ 25.00
Full Set of Death, Marriage, Birth and Every Name Indexes - 9 Volumes	\$ 75.00

Index of Probate Court Records of King County, Washington 1854-1917

The King County probate case indexes are a guide to the probate files of King County courts. Although most of the cases in this Index are estates (probate), there are also guardianship, partnership, partnership estate, trusteeship, and miscellaneous cases. This surname Index (containing 17,000 names) provides the case number for individuals which then can be used to obtain copies of the records from King County.

Index of Probate Court Records, 1854-1917, King County, Washington \$ 20.00

Mailing/Handling: All taxes and postage have been included in cost

PICTURE PAST

ILLUSTRATE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Bring your family history to life
with old postcards of the Churches
where your ancestors were
baptised, married and buried

ALSO CHURCH GUIDES &
RELATED EPHEMERA

Send SAE for details

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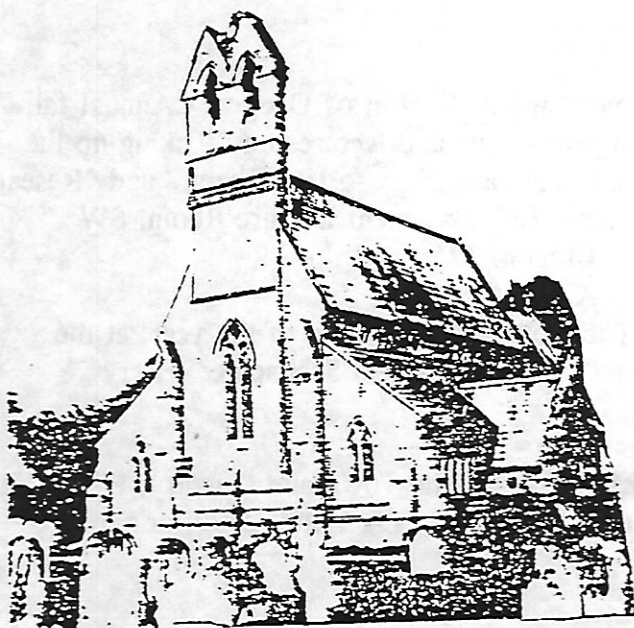
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DIFFICULTIES WITH BRAZILIAN VITAL RECORDS

The son of an EGS member recently visited the U.S. following an assignment at the American Consulate in Rio de Janeiro. Part of his work there entailed authenticating Brazilian birth, marriage, and death certificates for requirements of U.S. law. Several observations may be of interest to researchers attempting to trace a family or individual in Brazil:

Record not kept by government. All births, marriages, and deaths are recorded and archived at semi-official agencies called *cartorios*. No records are maintained by government entities. Instead, an individual is licensed to operate a *cartorio* in a particular area. However, a *cartorio* may also record events outside its home area, and more than one *cartorio* may operate in the same locality. Thus, not only is there no official source for vital records in Brazil, there is no exclusive source either.

Records may be unreliable. Standards of proof used by *cartorios* vary greatly, and may involve falsification or fraud. In many cases a simple declaration by an individual, unsupported by any documentary evidence, is sufficient to record an event. This commonly results in inaccuracies, but may also involve deliberate falsification. Some examples:

- * Laws prevailing until recently forced some families to deliberately register births inaccurately. Brazilian law, influenced by Catholic Church custom, did not recognize divorce, so children born to any parent who may have been previously married could not be registered as the child of the subsequent non-official union. Rather, a non-divorced, non-remarried couple -- the grandparents, perhaps -- might be listed as the parents, or simply the mother alone. As most Brazilian identity documents, and even application forms, require an individual to list the name of his or her parents, these official "parents" can end up following the child through life.
- * A child originally registered as having no father may acquire one very easily -- a man simply declares the child is his. There is no requirement that he be the actual father, only that he make a sworn statement to that effect. As in adoption cases, the altered record then becomes the official one.
- * Systematic falsification of records by *cartorio* operators or employees is not uncommon. Fraud of this type may result in revocation of the *cartorio's* license, but in many cases an operator simply re-opens a new *cartorio* at a later date under a different license.

Foreigners in Brazil

Foreign residents of Brazil are required to register births, deaths and marriages with a local *cartorio*. However, these events may also be registered at their respective consulates. These records are archived with the appropriate government agency in the foreigner's country of citizenship. The State Department, for example, holds American records.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * **German Interest Group** - Friday, November 4, 1994 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. December 9, 1994 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Note, this meeting is on the 2nd Friday of the month.) Micky Schroeder, 805 - 3rd Avenue NW, Issaquah, has graciously invited us to her home. She will tell us of her three-month visit to her former home in Germany. For further information call Jean, at 746-9610, or Lois, at 226-3876. Friday, January 6, 1995 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library.
- * **Snoqualmie Valley Study Group** - meeting Wednesday, November 16th at the North Bend Library at 9:30 a.m. "Quaker Records for Genealogists," a speech by Gordon L. Remington to the 1994 NGS Conference in the States, will be the program. Call 222-5620 or 868-1850 for further information. New co-chairs are Mary Ann Nickell and Joyce Ossinger.
- * **Computer Interest Group** - next meeting will be Saturday, November 19, 1994, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07). The general presentation will be a program "WARP - a new operating system for the IBM PC" by Ray French. After the general session the group will break up into two sub-groups: one discussing the PAF genealogy computer program and the other a more generic discussion of other genealogical computer programs. Ed Kovacs will talk to the PAF sub-group about "Great Presents for the Family." He will tell us how to go from PAF data to Brother's Keeper, to text and then into Microsoft Word for the inclusion of photographs. Charles Dorian is the new leader of this group.
- * **Italian Interest Group** - meets Saturday, November 19, 1994, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Topic to be announced.
- * **Irish Interest Group** - the November meeting will be held at the Issaquah Public Library, 7:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 1994. This will be a pre-holiday Irish get-together. There will be books and materials from personal libraries to browse through. Bring your Irish family information, books you may have completed, pedigree charts of interest, your personal research, books and materials, pictures of your Irish family, etc. It will be an evening of sharing. We hope to see all the old members present along with the new. Please come and enjoy an Irish fellowship gathering, with refreshments.
- * **Roots User Group** - meets November 12, 1994, Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. at the Boeing Technology Center in Eastgate, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07), Bellevue. Version 1.1, Roots IV, is out and functioning! The Roots User Group will meet again on Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m. for a social hour at the Boeing Rec Center in Kent, WA. See calendar page for address. Call Bob Goodnow for information, 868-4073.

EGS is now on the KCLS Community Resource File which you can find as a menu choice on the library system's InfoNet, accessible in libraries, or via dial-up on your computer modem: 382-2116 (Seattle area), 630-2898 (Covington area), 303-9159 (Issaquah), or 788-2659 (Woodinville). Can't find your BULLETIN BOARD? Regular meetings, special workshops and interest group meeting dates can be found on the Community Resource File. If you have a meeting date that needs to be posted (and isn't in the BULLETIN BOARD, call Anne Lamb, 788-7918 with the information).