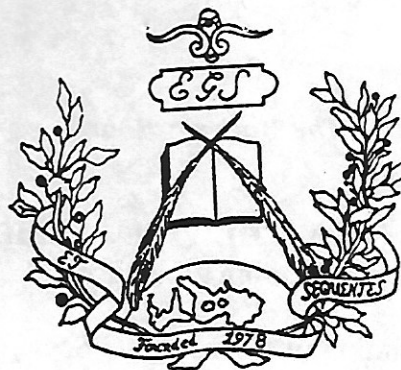




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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, November 9, 1995, 7:30 p.m., at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginner's Help and Supply Table Open)**

Speakers: Panel of FGS Conference Attendees

Topic: FGS Conference - "From Sea to Shining Sea"

Several EGS members will share highlights of the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference held September 20-23 in Seattle. The participants will relate some of the most exciting and useful research tips they learned. If you were unable to attend the conference, you are sure to learn something to help you in your research. If you did attend the conference, you undoubtedly had some scheduling conflicts and missed lectures of interest to you. If you especially want to hear about a particular lecture, please contact Sarah Munkasey (206-957-1134, evenings) and she will try to draft someone to address that subject.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
Sarah Fleming Munkasey

As those of you who attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference know, it was a rousing success! Margery and Bob Perdue are donating a copy of the conference syllabus to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. If you did not attend the conference, it will be well worth your while to check the syllabus for lectures of interest to you. Many of the outlines are quite detailed; most include useful bibliographies. EGS also purchased audio tapes for twelve lectures. These tapes will be available for members to check out at EGS general meetings.

Several EGS officers attended the Wednesday sessions on society management. Sessions offered included newsletter editing, creating an operating handbook, parliamentary procedures, financial reporting, and genealogical education. We all felt that we learned something that was directly applicable to EGS.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * **Computer Interest Group** - Saturday, November 18, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Technology Center, Eastgate area (see Location Addresses, page 11). Topic to be announced. (Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the typo in the calendar last month, giving the incorrect time.)
- * **Irish Interest Group** - There will be no meeting for this group until January, 1996.
- * **Italian Interest Group** - will meet Saturday, November 18, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Speaker Bill Volpentest will talk on how he traced the Parente family back to Italy in the 1400s.

There will be no December meeting.

- * **German Interest Group** - Friday, November 3, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Topic to be announced.
- * **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group** - meets Wednesday, November 15, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the North Bend Public Library. Rosie Bodien will speak on Czech research and her recent trip to Europe.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH
Celebrate Your Heritage!



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Due to the growing number of announcements at our membership meetings, and the time taken from the speaker's allotted time, the Board has decided to change this procedure. From now on, all announcements must be in writing and given to the President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, prior to meeting time. Mary will make a brief announcement for you and will post the full notice on the side of the whiteboard near the speaker's podium. Members who are interested can then read the full announcement when the speaker has finished. Thanks for your understanding, patience, and cooperation.

COMING EVENTS

November 4, 1995 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Regional Conference sponsored by several Pacific Northwest Genealogical Societies, to be held at Normanna Hall, 2725 Oakes Avenue, Everett, WA. Speaker: Judith Svoboda. For information call 360-653-3774, or 360-435-4838.

November 18, 1995 - 10:15 a.m. - the Seattle G.S. Irish Interest Group meets at the SGS headquarters, 8511 - 15th Avenue NE, Seattle. EGS member Mary Magnuson will speak on the Griffith's Valuation records.

December, 1995 - There will be no EGS general membership meeting this month.

March 23, 1996 - Vancouver WA, Clark County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar. Speaker: Dr. George Schweitzer, speaking on "Civil War, German, and Obscure Genealogical Sources." For information call Jennifer Warren, 360-573-1253.

May 9/10/11, 1996 - Washington State Genealogical Society Conference in Everett, WA. Details later.

August 28-23, 1996 - Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. "Families and Emblems Transcending Frontiers," presented by the 22nd International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EGS MEMBER MARY L. MAGNUSON for the many freebies she provided for the October EGS meeting. A fun time was had by all!
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DID YOU KNOW? The term "gore" refers to a piece of irregular land left over after other surveys have been completed. These irregular pieces of land are usually found in hilly areas or are caused by rivers used as boundaries. One of the best known gores is found in the northeast corner of Vermont at the Canadian-New Hampshire border. Gores occurred in many places and people were often identified as "living at the Gore." (Stillaguamish Star Newsletter, Sept 91 via SKCGS Vol. 10, No. 2, November 1994)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- * The Family Tree Magazine (England) has a helpful article, written by David Wright, concerning the London Probate Index 1750-1858. Many researchers have searched the enormous calendars to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) wills and administrations (admons) if they have found an ancestor dying in London or Middlesex. One reason for possible failure is that by no means all grants of probate or administration were in the PCC. Before 1858 and the establishment of the Principal Probate Registry at Somerset House, nine other courts had undertaken probate business in London and Middlesex, and their records are now divided between four separate archives. Using the original manuscript calendars, the London Probate Index has now drawn together all wills and admons from the nine courts into a single alphabetical sequence.

INTESTACY A person who dies without leaving a will is said to have died 'intestate'. Before the present century many people died without leaving a will. Their goods were then divided between the children or taken over by a surviving partner by mutual agreement. If no property was owned, no legal process was involved.

If, however, property was involved or there was money in a bank or savings scheme, an application for probate had to be made, and 'letters of administration' (admon.) were granted to enable the heirs to sell the property or obtain the money.

The Family Historian's Enquire Within by F.C. Markwell and Pauline Saul

Its contents are as follows:

1. **Royal Peculiar of St. Katherine by the Tower (location Guildhall Library).** Wills, admons and miscellaneous papers 1750-1772, plus one in 1818.
2. **Royal Peculiar of the Commissary Court of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster (location City of Westminster Archives).** Wills, admons and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1780s, and a few later to 1829.
3. **Archbishop of Canterbury's Peculiar of the Deanery of Croydon (location Lambeth Palace Library).** Wills, admons, and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1780s, and a few later to 1832. Most records of this court relate to Kent and non-metropolitan Surrey, but all entries relating to Harrow with Pinner, and Hayes with Norwood have been extracted.
4. **Archbishop of Canterbury's Peculiar of the Deanery of the Arches (location Guildhall Library).** Wills, admons and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1780s, and a few later to 1806.
5. **Peculiar to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral (location Guildhall Library).** Wills and admons, 1750-1837.
6. **Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex (location Greater London Record Office).** Wills, admons and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1785, and a few later to 1810.
7. **Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex (location Greater London Record Office).** Wills Admons and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1785, a few later to 1807.
8. **Commissary Court of London (location Guildhall Library).** Wills, admons and miscellaneous papers, 1750-1785, a few later to 1807.
9. **Commissary Court of London (location Guildhall Library).** Wills and admons, 1750-1858.

One item of interest - the Bishop of London had jurisdiction over mariners and consequently the Commissary Court proved the wills of large numbers of sailors (and soldiers) in preference to the PCC. Its calendars regularly show the ship's name or regiment, together with the country of death or service.

The index is now complete and open for searches for 1750-1800 and 1828-1858 (indexing the section for 1801-1827 is in progress.) A self-addressed envelope (SAE), 3 IRCs, and 5 pds will supply up to 10 entries of a surname and specified variants. Dates of death, even if approximate, should be supplied.

As a rule, each entry will supply name, month and year, court, county (or country) and whether a will or admon. A small percentage add extras such as status, occupation, parish, ship's name or army regiment. With this information the researcher can then turn immediately to the original entry, as follows.

- * Lambeth Palace Library, London SE1 7JU
- * City of Westminster Archives, 10 St. Anne's Street, Westminster SW1P 2XR
- * Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London EC2P 1EJ
- * Greater London Record Office, 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB

Enquiries to David Wright, 71 Island Wall, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1EL. An SAE with 3 IRCs is essential. (Family Tree Magazine, October 1995, p. 25)

- * **New Kirkland Family History Center.** An open house was held at the new Kirkland Family History Center on September 22nd and 23rd. The Center is located at the new LDS church on NE 132nd and Juanita Drive in Kirkland. It will not be open for research until about November 1st because of a delay in delivery of the microfiche. The tentative plan is to be open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. For further information call 206-821-3939. (Thanks to EGS member Lois Hussey for this welcome news.)
- * **10,000,000 "Lost Military Records HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND!** Clifford G. Amsler, Jr., Assistant Director for Medical Records of the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, has put out a call for assistance in setting the record straight with respect to the reported "lost" military records being found. The Records Center very much regrets the confusion and misunderstandings that have occurred as a result of these reports. The fire which destroyed so many military records on July 12, 1973, destroyed the major portion of records of army military personnel for the period 1912 through 1959, and there were no duplicates.

Many veterans had filed claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before 1973, with the result that their original medical records were loaned to the VA. Therefore, these records were not destroyed in the fire. If the records were in the Records Center on July 12, 1973, and stored in the area where the fire occurred, it is probable that they were destroyed.

The Records Center can verify hospitalization and some types of outpatient treatment from other records sources; however, the medical records cannot be reconstructed from these sources.

The Records Center has been flooded with requests as a result of these reportings and they have requested help in advising the public. (The Bulge Bugle, official publication of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, August, 1995, from EGS member Mary Magnuson.)

- * **Veteran Pension Records.** In 1818, the Congress passed action that allowed veterans of various wars prior to that time to file for a pension. (Revolutionary War, Indian War, War of 1812, and the Mexican War.) A great deal of personal data appeared on these applications. Check the area where your ancestor was living, on or after this time, to see if these pension lists have been published for that region. You can also request information from the National Archives in Washington. Use form "NATF Form 80." This form requests as much information about the veteran as you already know. You must indicate which files are to be searched, 1) pension, 2) bounty-land warrant (based on federal service before 1856), and 3) military records. Bounty-land warrant files usually give the veteran's age and place of residence at time application was made.

It is recommended on the form that you ask for the pension files to be searched first. It should be pointed out that pensions based on military service for the Confederacy were authorized by some southern states but not by the federal government. Your inquiries about state pensions should be directed to the State Archives or equivalent agency in the capital of the veteran's state of residence after the war. NATF Form 80 advises you to send no money with your application. If records are found, you will be instructed to send \$10 for copies of said records. For more information or to receive the blank forms, write to:

General Reference Branch (NNRG-P)
National Archives and Records Administration
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 10408.

(from Heritage Hi-Lites of Kandiyohei Newsletter via Mary Magnuson)

- * **The American Irish Teachers' Association is promoting the inclusion of studies on the Great Irish Famine in the NY State school curriculum.** Members are also working to have a commemorative stamp issued by the US Postal Commission to recognize the 150th anniversary of this event. For information on how to participate in these campaigns, write to the Association at 6 East 87th Street, New York, NY 10128-059. (NYIHR Newsletter, Fall, 1995)
- * **If you are researching in Ontario County, NY, send for a *Researcher's Guide* to the archival holdings of the Records and Archives Center of Ontario County, 3869 County Road #46, County Complex at Hopewell, Canandaigua, NY 14424.** This small agency has some of the big old record books of transactions in Ontario County, plus census records, military

records, etc. The Center will provide research services by mail at \$12 per hour, plus copy costs. (from Gloria Brown)

- * **The National Archives** has reached a settlement with the heirs of Major General John Frederick Hartranft concerning valuable historic records of the US War Department relating to General Hartranft's service during the Civil War. The records had been deposited at Gettysburg College by a descendant, and all claims have now been released. The collection has been placed on permanent loan to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission by the National Archives, where other Hartranft materials are located. (The Record, September 1995, a newsletter of the National Archives)
- * ***The Immigrant Experience: Social History***, by Suzanne McVetty. As the hobby of genealogy has matured, the emphasis has shifted from "just the facts, ma'am" on a family group sheet to learning about the life of an early immigrant ancestor -- what historical event prompted the move from the homeland, what was the situation for the newcomer in the new country, how did a particular ethnic community fare and prosper (or not)? Such questions as these compose the elements of social history; others might concern religion, work, food, education, etc. "When you narrow your research to the time and place that your ancestors lived in a particular community, you will understand what life was like for your family in more specific terms." The author cited the *American Family Albums* series of books by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler -- *The Chinese American Family Album*, *The Irish American Family Album*, *The Italian American Family Album*, and others; look for these books at the UW bookstore. Also mentioned was *Immigrant Life in New York City, 1823-1863*, by Robert Ernst, which explores the impact of the surge of immigrants on NYC. (Ancestry Magazine, July/August 1995)
- * **Unused Genealogical Sources.** There are two sources that few people think to use for genealogy. One is the passenger lists of ships arriving at the port of Quebec. The National Archives of Canada in Ottawa has microfilmed these lists from 1865-1919. The Archives also has lists of passengers landing at other ports for various years. They are as valuable as a census return and contain some of the same personal information. By 1865, the rail system in the United Kingdom was efficient and most people went to Liverpool to travel to Canada. In some years, this amounted to over 90% of all ships landing at Quebec from English ports. While a few of them turned east to the Maritimes, the majority headed west to the interior.

The second source is not generally considered because it probably does not contain the names of ancestors. It is useful, however, to learn the circumstances under which our ancestors emigrated and what greeted them when they landed in Canada (or, for that matter, the U.S.). Each year the (Field) Immigrant Agents filed a report with their superior who tallied them up and submitted a final report which was tabled in Parliament in the following year as a Parliamentary Session's Paper. In the first several years of the period, the Immigrant Agent filed them with the Department of Agriculture: Immigration was one of its departments. ("Ottawa Immigrants, 1870" by Bill Tufts, Ottawa Branch News, OGS, Vol. 28, #3, May 1995)

LIBRARY NEWS

EGS President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang has recommended a book which is most appealing to children ages 7 - 10. It is *The Sailor Who Captured the Sea, A Story of the Book of Kells*, by Deborah Lattimore. This book would make a lovely Christmas gift. The book is available at the Lake Hills Library, therefore should be available through any King County library. If not in the shelves, it can be requested and a hold put on it. The call number is E 745.67 LAT.

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

(Jim) 17427
Braun, L.J. & Patricia G. - 17412 NE 38th Street, Redmond, WA 98052, 206-883-4747
Gwilym, Edward - 418 158th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, 206-746-1868
Gwilym; Wales
Kruger, John F. & Marjorie M. - 8714 NE 21st Place, Clyde Hill, WA 98004-2440, 206-454-5475
Kruger(Krueger), Gros(Gross), Haroldson (Harison), Bachenheimer, Langsdorf; ND, CN,
MO, WI, Bremen, Frankfurt an der Oder, Frankhausen, Germany, Telemark, Norway
McElrath, Sharon Darleen - 10104 - 162nd Place NE, Redmond, WA 98052-3005, 206-882-1699
McKee, Donald & Norma - 14327 NE 27th Street, Bellevue, WA 98007-3699, 206-883-8638
McKee, Frantz, Boeff, Garlough; N. Ireland, Germany, Hungary, France
Read, Sharon - P.O. Box 219, North Bend, WA 98045, 206-888-3451
Read, Tooley, Rutledge; USA
Rountree, Robert B. - 19243 NE 149th Street, Woodinville, WA 98022, 206-885-2673
Rountree, McBee, McMahon, Boone, Rickman, Wilson, Duff; USA
Snyder, Ella - 520 Bellevue Way SE, #3, Bellevue, WA 98004, 206-646-9205
Sutherland, Earl & Charlotte, 14835 SE 18th Place, Bellevue, WA 98007-6801, 206-641-0876
Delaney, Manning, Smith, Johnston, Nece, Collins, Junod, Sutherland, Bray; Iowa,
Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ireland, Germany
Taylor, Jim - 10710 NE 28th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004, 206-822-1565
White, LaVita - 12605 88th Place NE, Kirkland, WA 98034, 206-823-8960
Bates, Mead, Stevens, Alderman, Davis, Babcock; Wisconsin, Oregon, England

Good wishes go to EGS President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang this month and the hope that soon she will be feeling better and raring to go at her usual pace.



SURNAME FILE UPDATE

Our new surname chairperson, Richard Gates, has asked that we once again remind you of the surname cards. It seems that some of us don't quite understand the system. Printed below are copies of the back and front of a sample card for your information and guidance. Do complete a card for each surname/ancestor you are researching. We know this can be time-consuming, so how about doing one or two at a time. Turn them in at the meetings to Richard, or mail them to him at P.O. Box 2, Bellevue, WA 98009. Remember to check the file boxes now and then to see if any other members are searching the same family line. You would be surprised how often this does happen!

Name: Terrell, James Edmond
Born: Dec. 2 1880
Where: Clarksdale, Mississippi
Married: June 12, 1926
Who: Wendolyn Elizabeth Seddon
Where: El Paso, Texas
Died: March 20, 1957
Where: El Paso, Texas
Buried: La Grange Cemetery
Where: Clarksdale, Mississippi

FRONT OF
CARD

Name: Richard James Gates
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Bellevue, Wash. 98005
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BACK OF
CARD

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVE

The PA State Archives is not a genealogical institution, but many of its records are of a genealogical nature. All records are free for public research at the State Archives Search Room, Third and Forster Streets, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., except state holidays. Requests by mail for searches by staff for indexed records are \$5 per name or item, and for unindexed records \$25 per hour/name or item. Following are some of the most used records in the collections:

- * **Military Records:**
 - Militia and National Guard records, 1775-1940
 - State Pensions for Revolutionary War and War of 1812
 - Records of PA soldiers in all wars from French and Indian War to WWII
- * **Immigration and Naturalization Records:**
 - Ship's lists of German passengers, 1727-1808
 - Naturalizations, PA Supreme Court, 1740-1773 and 1794-1868
- * **Vital Statistics Records:**
 - Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1852-1855 (some counties)
 - Some counties after 1885 on LDS microfilm
- * **Prison Records:**
 - State Penitentiary convict records, 1826-1967
- * **Census Records:**
 - Federal Census, 1790-1900
 - State Septennial Census, 1779-1863 (incomplete, not true census)
- * **County Records:**
 - Wills, Deeds, Estate records, Tax records, Vital Statistics (not all counties)
 - State Tax Records, 1762-1794
- * **Land Records:**
 - Warrants, surveys, patents of original land purchases from Penns or the Commonwealth, beginning 1681
- * **Others:**
 - State court records, PA maps, photographs, post cards, etc.

The following guides to records at the PA State Archives are available from the Friends of the PHMC, Publication Sales Program, P.O. Box 11466, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1466:

* Guide to the Genealogical Sources at the PA State Archives	8.95
* Guide to the Record Groups in the PA State Archives	5.00
* Guide to the Manuscript Groups in the PA State Archives	6.95
* Guide to the Published Archives of PA	3.50

Add \$1.50 postage for the first book and \$.50 for each additional book. (Provided by Jonathan R. Stayer, Reference Archivist, William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives via ISGS, Vol. 11:3, MR 1990 and Ray and Eleanor Shaw)