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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 14 November 1996 7:30 p.m.
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table Open)

Speakers: Missy and Dick Malm
Topic: "Walking with her ancestors"

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Dick and Missy Malm will be speaking about their search for their ancestors, which has included several research trips. Missy became interested in genealogy in 1978, when an unknown cousin, Alice, from Texas, connected with her seeking information about one line of their common family. Although Missy had inherited a modest "pile of stuff" about her family, she wasn't very responsive to cousin Alice's requests. But Alice persevered, as do most family history researchers, Missy gave in, and got the bug. She has been digging ever since to find all the dead people in her past.

Since all of her family, beginning in the mid-seventeenth century, derive from roots in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, those countries have been the destination for four sojourns since 1981 when Dick retired from the U. S. Coast Guard. The first two trips in 1981 and 1987 were for exploration. In 1993 and 1995, family research activities were an integral part of their journeys. The research coupled with their urge to walk has made for two very interesting trips to the "other side."

Dick's progenitors are from Sweden and Slovenia. The Swedish research has been relatively easy—so much that Missy despairs whenever they visit Salt Lake City. She finds one ancestor at best—Dick reels in five generations. Slovenia is likely to be a different story for Dick.

Please join us to hear Dick and Missy's presentation on "Walking with her ancestors."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Charles Dorian

The October meeting was an interesting session as we tried a new approach to assist members in their research. The "Ask the Research Panel," as moderated by Melissa Clausen and supported by a panel of Frankie Larson, Mary Magnuson, Curt Roselle, and Sherry Holthe, answered the many questions from the floor. It was interesting to note that most of the questions came from our newer members and those who were visiting for the first time. I am sure the answers were of help to everyone as they do future research. We thank Melissa and the panel for their grateful help.

Mary Sangalang lead a successful "Italian Root Seminar" at the "Festa Italiana" at the Seattle Center. She and her Italian Interest Group, reported to be one of three in the U. S., put a tremendous effort into this seminar. We congratulate her for her leadership and effort.

The November meeting will be another in the series designed to assist you in your research. In this case, it will be the British Isles. Dick and Missy Malm will tell us how they combined a walking tour and doing genealogical research.

December is our month off. This will give you another day to search the many resources available in this area—National Archives, Family History Center, Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library, and the Seattle Public Library.

I hope all of you have a pleasant Christmas season and may the coming New Year be fruitful and interesting as you search for those missing ancestors and their stories of life in days past.

Charles

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Caton 13730 SE 20th, Bellevue, WA 98005-4006
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Vera R. Hansberry 3271 SW Avalon Way, #304, Seattle, WA 98126-2696
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Jost (Yost), Hansberry, Watts

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Thames, Whalen

Linda Jeanne Teller 9712 167th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052
researching Addison, Huntwork, Duquette, Howards, Rennells, Fuldauer,
Coutieour, McKean, George, Romoulard/Romillard, Fischer

Gini & Bob Wisner 921 Sunset Way, Bellevue, WA 98004
researching Dummick, Cressey, Hauner, Wisier

GET WELL SOON

On the ailing, but recovering list are Adele Byrd, who served until recently as the EGS rep to Washington State GS Board; and Tom Hammond. Also, Billie Dorian is recuperating from foot surgery. Get well wishes to all of these friends.

NEWS FROM THE SUPPLY TABLES

- ♦ The October question and answer EGS meeting revealed an interest in naturalization. The supply table has a couple of books which may help those looking for records. *AMERICAN NATURALIZATION PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES, 1790-1985* traces the changes in the process over the years, explains how ancestors were naturalized, where records exist, and how to proceed. *LOCATING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR, A GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS* begins with a rundown of migration patterns by country of origin and follows with a state-by-state listing of what records are available and how to locate them.
- ♦ The forms for ordering microfilms and microfiche to purchase from the Salt Lake City Library have been received from the Family History Center. Ask for the forms at the Supply Tables.
- ♦ The University of Florida catalog is available at the Supply Tables. This catalog lists a beginning genealogy class that can be taken by correspondence.

RESEARCH HELP AVAILABLE FROM LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Genealogy help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Come to Room 6 on the second floor and our friendly EGS volunteers will gladly help you!

ANCESTORS SERIES ON PBS

"Ancestors," a family history and genealogy series for PBS, began shooting in September, 1995, and is slated to air sometime in 1997. This series focuses on presenting an invitational instruction for people who have had a interest in starting their family history and genealogy, but never made is past the initial hurdle of where to start and what to do.

Each episode will focus on successful strategies and tips for aspiring family historians. The hosts, Jim and Terry Willard, will interview guest experts from the world of genealogy and family history who will help shed light on some of the best ways to find clues to our ancestors. Watch your local TV listings, and this newsletter, for further information.

JOIN ANCESTORS ONLINE

"Ancestors" went online on the World Wide Web in August of 1994. This page will bring you information about the series, as well as links to genealogical sites to visit. You can visit "Ancestors" at: <http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/ancestors.htm>.
or by searching genealogy on Yahoo.

ITALIAN GENEALOGY NEWS

♦ 1ST EVER PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN GENEALOGY SEMINAR
HELD IN WASHINGTON STATE

During Festa Italia, Sept. 28-29, 1996, an Italian Roots Seminar was co-sponsored by EGS and Festa Italiana at the Seattle Center. The featured speaker was Mr. Jayare Roberts, AG, MLS, a 16 year employee of the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Mr. Roberts enlightened us with background information on Italian history and immigration patterns as well as record resources available both in the U. S. and abroad. Much of the U.S. source information pertained to any genealogist, however Italian document examples were shown. Approximately 79 people attended during the two day seminar, and nothing but favorable comments were heard regarding the seminar and knowledgeable speaker.

Mr. Roberts was impressed by the perceptive questions asked by the attendees. He also informed us that the EGS Italian Interest Group is one of only 3 in the nation. The other two are in Cranston, RI, and Dix Hills, NY. Overall, we came away with many ideas to pursue to obtain that elusive ancestral information!

♦ ITALIAN SEMINAR SYLLABUS AND EGS TAPE LENDING LIBRARY

As you Italian researchers know, there aren't many written resources to guide you in your ancestral search. If you were unable to attend the above mentioned seminar, you may still gain from the workshop by purchasing a copy of the syllabus. The syllabus may be purchased through our supply tables, or send \$5 and \$2 shipping/handling to: EGS, Italian Syllabus, PO Box 374, Bellevue, WA 98009-0374.

The EGS Tape Lending Library has all three of Mr. Roberts' lectures on tape. They are available for loan for \$1 per month. These tapes, as well as many others, may be rented at our monthly general meetings.

♦ HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALIAN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Here are some of the tips I gleaned from my notes of the Italian Roots Seminar Part I, presented by Jayare Roberts.

Italians are one of the two largest immigrant groups with over 5 million Italians total immigrating to the U.S. The most common places of origin for Italian immigrants were from Sicily and Calabria. Between 1900 and 1909, almost 2 million Italians came to the U. S., however many returned to Italy. More Italians went back than any other ethnic group. Some Italians passed through Hamburg, Germany before immigrating to the U.S., so it may be worth a look at the Hamburg Passenger records.

Besides immigrating to the U.S., over one million immigrants per country went to Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, and Switzerland. Italian women retain their maiden names for legal matters. If a women traveled without her spouse she would travel under her maiden name! Check passenger records for both married and maiden names. Less than 20% of those Italians who applied for naturalization actually completed the process and became citizens.

The above Italian Genealogy News was submitted by Mary DeMatteo Sangalang.

EGS LIBRARY DONATION

Mr. Jayare Roberts has donated to the Italian Interest Group a set of two Genealogical Journals published by the Utah Genealogical Association, of which Mr. Roberts is a member of their board. Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, Italian Interest Group Chair, in turn donated the set to the EGS Library Collection, to be housed at the Bellevue Regional Library. In this way, many people can gain from the information in these articles.

The articles are Volume 23, 1995 Numbers 2/3 and 4, both written by Jayare Roberts. Number 2/3 features a 91 page article titled "Ellis Island and the Making of America." This article outlines the history of Ellis Island, its myths and misconceptions, research strategies for New York Immigration Records, and more. Number 4 contains the Ellis Island Bibliography identifying 130 sources dealing with the various aspects of Ellis Island. In addition, this issue contains "Ellis Island: Update," with new information on his previous work.

EGS thanks Mr. Roberts for his generous donations, and we are proud to add it to our permanent collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. (by Mary DeMatteo Sangalang)

COMMUNITY FIRESIDE

A Community Fireside entitled "What's New In Genealogy" was presented by Mr. Jayare Roberts and co-sponsored by EGS. This presentation was held Sept. 27, 1996 at the LDS Stake behind the Mormon Temple, in Bellevue WA. Approximately 60-70 people heard the informative discussion of the latest indexing and microfilming projects, the upcoming PBS series "Ancestors," thoughts about genealogy on the Internet, and more. With a learned and interesting speaker such as Mr. Roberts, the evening seemed to pass in a flash!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Mullen for arranging the Community Fireside location; Gloria Brown for her overall support of the Italian Roots Seminar project as well as mail delivery and writing to Italian organizations; Myra McDowell for Italian genealogy books and beginner kits to sell at the seminar; and to EGS and Festa Italiana for co-sponsoring this event. Special thanks to the Italian Interest Group for all their hard work: Pat Ciocca Calkins, Joe and Pat Julian, Valerie DiMartini Ferronato, Barbara Howard, Steve Fontana, Steve Stimac, and Jeannette Van Der Hayden. Submitted by Mary DeMatteo Sangalang.

EGS MEETING SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

The Library has informed us regarding what EGS needs to do with the chairs and tables after our meeting. The chairs are to be stacked no more than 12 high on the carts, and then wheeled into the storage room. The remaining chairs are to be stacked against the west wall of the meeting room. Tables need to be put in the storage closet opposite the doors.

Sincere thanks to our members who help set up and take down the tables and chairs!

GENEALOGY COMPUTER PROGRAMS

By Sherry Holthe

Computer oriented genealogists have an abundance of computer programs available to choose from—over 350 are on the market! They range from inexpensive shareware programs that are very basic to full-featured programs that print register reports and create web pages.

In selecting a program, there are several things to consider. Price can certainly be a big consideration for many people. Programs run from about \$30 for a shareware program to \$130 for an “industrial-strength” program such as The Master Genealogist or ROOTS IV. You’ll also need to consider your computer system: the processor you have (386,486, or Pentium), amount of hard-disk space and multi-media capabilities. Does the program have the features you find important? Maybe you’re not interested in creating a web page, in which that feature would not be important to you. The program definitely should be GEDCOM compatible. GEDCOM stands for GENEalogical Data COMMunications, a protocol developed by the LDS that allows the different genealogy programs to communicate with each other. Most programs are GEDCOM compatible now. A very important consideration is the ease of use, especially if you’re a computer novice or don’t have a lot of spare time to learn a new program. Other factors are the level of support available, either from the developer or other users in the community, and return policy if you’re not happy with the program. I recommend getting a demo copy if one is available. Here is a sampling to what’s available.

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is the original genealogy program, created by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) for their members to use in researching their family lines and keeping track of their ordinances. It’s an excellent program for its purpose and is very basic. Because of this, a lot of “add-ons” have been created to meet the needs of researchers who want more functions. It comes in both DOS and MAC versions, and sells for about \$35 and can be purchased through the LDS church.

Family Tree Maker (FTM) is a program that is very popular for its CD capabilities. It comes with a Family Finder Index, which is an index of Automated Archives CDs. FTM has multi-media capabilities for photos and sounds. A new version, v3.4 is due out in October and will have register report formats. Broderbund has a website at <http://www.familytreemaker.com>. Price for the upgraded version hasn’t been released yet. The current version is found in many software stores and includes CD ROMs containing the Social Security Master Death Index and the first two volumes of World Family Tree, a collection of family trees submitted by FTM users. FTM is available at most software stores.

The Master Genealogist (TMG) is one of the more expensive programs at \$129 for the new Windows version and \$99 for the DOS version, plus shipping and handling. It’s a full featured program with unlimited number of entries, a master list of sources, very flexible reports and many additional features. It has excellent capabilities for documenting sources. The Windows version has multi-media support. There is a demo available of the DOS version. More information is available at their website: <http://www.whollygenes.com>. The program can be obtained from Wholly Genes Software by calling 1-800-982-2103.

Family Gathering has just been released, replacing Visual ROOTS. It’s a joint venture of CommSoft, the makers of ROOTS, and Palladium Interactive. It has most of the features of CommSoft’s “industrial strength” Roots IV program for MS-DOS but wraps it in a more user-friendly Windows environment. It can create a web page from your data and the page can then be placed on the Family Gathering web site at <http://www.familygathering.com>. Like the FTM web site, certain areas are open to Family Gathering users only. A MAC version is scheduled for release in October. The program lists for \$49.95 and can be found at software stores.

These programs and others are used by members of the Computer Interest Group. If you wish more information, please contact me at 392-9294 or SherDH@aol.com (or better yet, come to one of our meetings!) and I’ll put you in touch with one of our members experienced with the program you’re interested in.

DO YOU HAVE A GENEALOGY TO DONATE?

If you have a genealogical work or family history which has been published, you may donate it to the Library of Congress. You may deliver it or mail the publication to:
Local History & Genealogy Section, Collection Development Division, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20540-5554 (From “aROUNDtheTABLE,” a publication of the Genealogical Roundtable, October 1996).

REDUCTION OF EXTENDED HOURS AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives—Pacific Northwest Region announced that the extended operating hours formerly conducted the second Tuesday evening of each month will no longer be held, effective October 8, 1996. Extended operating hours will continue only on the first Tuesday evening of each month from 5-9 p.m. through December 3, 1996. Extended operating hours in 1997 will be by announcement at least 30 days in advance.

RESEARCH TRAVELS BY JEAN JAEKEL

This summer I attended an Elderhostel genealogy class in Dover, New Hampshire. It was taught by Duncan Chaplin and his wife, Ann Chaplin, who are both certified Genealogists with a long list of credits. Also teaching were Edward Holden, Meilende Sanborn, Marcia Melnyk, and Sandra Frost, all expert genealogists and authors.

We had half days of lecture and demonstrations, and afternoons to do research in libraries. The Dover Library has excellent books and documents for New Hampshire research. We spent one day at the New Hampshire State Library, and the library of the New Hampshire Genealogical Society.

I came away with a valuable notebook on many phases of research and some new information about my family.

NEW INFORMATION REGARDING SWEDISH GENEALOGICAL PACKETS

In the September "Bulletin Board" article entitled "Help in Locating Swedish Ancestors," a program to help Americans of Swedish background find their ancestors was discussed. Since the date of that newsletter's printing, new information has been learned. EGS member Lois Jacobson wrote, requesting a genealogical packet as mentioned in the article. She received a reply from the Swedish Council Of America, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN 554047. Their reply states that such packets are no longer available. However, they state "You may still get archival research services through SVAR (the Swedish Archive Information Service), but their regular rates for genealogical research are now in effect. SVAR's address is:

SVAR, Box 160, S-880 40 Ramsele, Sweden

You might also want to contact Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. They deal with SVAR on a regular basis." Their address is:

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, 639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2273

Tel: 309-794-7204 Fax: 309-794-7443

Thank you, Lois Jacobson, for passing this correction on to us.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

The New England Historic Genealogical Society advises that major renovations to its Newbury Street headquarters will be undertaken this winter, probably from December through March. The society's reference library is expected to be closed for several weeks early in the new year (1997). Library users should have this in mind when planning a research trip involving the use of the library's extensive resources. (From "aROUNDtheTABLE," published by the Genealogical Roundtable, October, 1996)

EUROPEAN CENSUSES

The list below shows the year of the first census for several European regions and countries.

Austria	1815	Prussia	1810
Bavaria	1818	Russia	1897
France	1801	Saxony	1815
Great Britain	1851	Spain	1789
Greece	1836	Sweden	1749
Norway	1815	Switzerland	1860

(From: News From the Northwest, Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists, Mount Prospect, Illinois, September/October 1996)

HERITAGE QUEST LIBRARY

Heritage Quest Library, in Orting, WA, has new owners, a new director, and new hours. In August, the library came under the private ownership of Brad and Raeone Steuart. Betty Leonard has been appointed the new Director. New ownership and directorship has resulted in a "whole new look" for the library, as well as expanded hours. The library is open seven days a week, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. For information about the library, including membership and resources available, call 206-863-7372.

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGY HOME PAGES

The Library of Virginia home page links to an electronic card index of 850,000 catalog cards at the Virginia Archives and Library. Among the items indexed are Land Office Patents and Grants, Bible records collection, and W.W.II photos. Later this year, actual images will be available, not just the index. Visit this site at:

<http://leo.vsla.edu/lva/lva.html>

Also, the Pennsylvania Genealogy Web Home page is available at:

<http://www.libertynet.org/gencap/pacounties.html>

(From "The Apple Orchard," published by the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society, Chelan, WA, October/November, 1996).

THE FAMILY TREE

I think that I shall never see
The finish of a family tree
As it forever seems to grow
From roots that started so long ago
'way back in ancient history ties,
In foreign lands and distant climes
From them grew trunk and branching limbs
That dated back to time so dim.

One seldom knows exactly when
The parents met and married then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow
With odd-named children row on row.
'Though verse like this is made by me,
The end's in sight as you can see.
'Tis not the same with family trees
That grow and grow through centuries.
By William G. Corbitt