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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

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#### **EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, November 12, 1998  
at the Bellevue Regional Library  
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "Prizes & Surprises in the Courthouse"  
Speaker: Jan Pankratz

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:** Jan Pankratz is a founding member of our own Eastside Genealogical Society. She has served on various committees and was president of the Society from 1986-1988. She is presently chairman of the Snoqualmie Valley Study Group and has been our Society's representative to the Federation of Genealogical Societies since 1986. Jan taught English and Home Economics in Seattle, Issaquah, and Anchorage before assuming the full-time duties of mother and family historian.

Jan will be speaking on the wonderful things one might expect and not expect to find in courthouses in the United States. Jan considers a courthouse as one of the best genealogy libraries in a community. If your ancestors have been born, married, died, divorced, naturalized, arrested, or been involved in any number of other activities in the community, you very definitely need to go to the courthouse in the areas where your ancestors lived. The courthouse is where the action was taking place and that is where the primary evidence will be found. Join us for a wonderful evening learning about the treasures we will find and how to find them.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Researching</b>                       |
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**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:** There will be no Board meeting in December. After the holidays, the next Board meeting will be on January 7th, 1999. Following is a schedule of upcoming Board meetings. We hope all Board members will attend.

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| November 5, Thursday | 7 pm at Firehouse #9  |
| December             | no meeting            |
| January 7, Thursday  | 10 am at Firehouse #9 |
| February 4, Thursday | 7 pm at Firehouse #9  |

**EGS HOLIDAY SCHEDULES:** Please remember there will be no EGS General meeting or Board meeting in December. There will also be no newsletter in December. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter, the January 1999 issue, will be December 15th, 1998. Have a wonderful holiday season, and we will see you in January.

**ELLIS ISLAND WEBSITE:** <http://www.ellisland.org>

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER ROBERTSON**

In many respects, I see the Eastside Genealogical Society as being an "out there" kind of organization. This realization came to me when I was thinking about how different genealogical societies serve the interests of their members.

Some societies, such as national ones like the National Genealogical Society, the Society of Genealogists (English), and the Scottish Genealogical Society, publish magazines periodically that contain well-researched scholarly articles. Other societies focus on maintaining an extensive library for the use of their members and the public. Both approaches enhance the conduct of genealogy in the larger community.

However, our society does an excellent job, given our resources, in educating the community on genealogical matters. We have members who volunteer their time to help people using the Bellevue Regional Library make the most of the genealogical resources that EGS and the library jointly make available to the public. Our monthly meetings feature high quality informative programs free of charge to anyone who cares to attend. Other members conduct genealogy classes off-site to bring the genealogical message to various segments of the public. And, EGS is willing to support open houses and community events to make genealogy more visible to everyone.

Given the current level of these activities, it seems appropriate to pause and acknowledge the dedication these efforts represent and to feel good about the service EGS provides. Peter Robertson

**CONDOLENCES:** EGS would like to extend our sympathy to the families of EGS members Marie Daniels and John Hanly who passed away recently.

**UNDER THE WEATHER:** We hope the following members are feeling better: Joan Bakeman, Mary Sangalang, Diane Marinig, Jan Pankratz's husband, Dick, and Mickey Main's husband, Alfred. Get well soon!

**OPEN HOUSE AT KIRKLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER:** On Saturday, November 14th, from 2 - 8 p.m., the Kirkland Family History Center will be having an open house and invite everyone to stop by. The FHC is located on the corner of Juanita Drive and NE 132nd in Kirkland. Several EGS members will be on-hand to answer genealogy and research questions. Call Peter Robertson at 206-236-2473 for more information. Come and explore this great resource.

**FREE GENEALOGY SEMINAR IN WOODINVILLE:** The LDS Church in Woodinville is having a free genealogy seminar on November 14th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Classes include: Getting Started; Creating Family Histories; Organizing Your Data; What's New at the Archives (taught by EGS member Curtis Roselle); Census Records; Family History Centers/Family Search; Immigration, Naturalization, and Passenger Lists (taught by EGS member Mary Magnuson); Maps; Working with Computers; Working with Photos; The Internet; Genealogy Computer Programs; Canadian Research; Czech Research (taught by EGS member Rosie Bodien); Midwest Research (taught by EGS member Mary Magnuson); and Scotland/Ireland/England Research. There also will be various booths, including several from EGS. Attendees need to bring questions, paper and pen, and either plan to bring a brown bag lunch or go to nearby fast food restaurants. The Church is located at 16500 124th Ave. NE, Woodinville. To get there, coming on 405 take exit #22 at NE 160th Street. Go east at the end of the exit on 160th St. Turn left on 124th Ave. NE - the church is on the right about 1/4 mile. For information call Loraine Sotelo at 425-488-2305 or Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050. Hope to see you there.

**THANK YOU!:** A giant thank you to all the EGS members who are helping at events that EGS is participating in during October and November. At the Issaquah Fun Days, held Oct. 24th at the Issaquah Community Center, helpers included Peter Robertson, Laura and John Wise, and Mary Magnuson. At the Kirkland Family History Center Open House, to be held November 14th, members who will be helping include Peter Robertson, Barbara Robbins, and Merrill Anderson. At the LDS Genealogy Seminar in Woodinville on Nov. 14th, EGS members participating will be Mary Magnuson, Rosie Bodien, Curtis Roselle, Gordon Young, Kimberly Lackey, Kay Greco, Kim Nichols, and other members of Special Interest Groups. Thank you to all of you for volunteering your time and expertise.

**TOUR OF FISKE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY:** The Midwest Interest group will be taking a research trip to the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle and invites any interested person to join them. The trip will be on Wednesday, Nov. 18th. We will meet in Bellevue around 10 a.m., then go to the library for research and hopefully a tour. If you would like to go, please call Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050 to reserve a spot.

**EGS GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM SUMMARY - BARBRA EDWARDS - OCTOBER 1998**

Barbara Edwards, a longtime genealogist and granddaughter of a founder of the Seattle Genealogical Society, gave an outstanding presentation on doing an oral family history at our October EGS meeting. Doing an oral family history not only benefits the one recording the family happenings but it also is validation for those who are being interviewed that their lives have meaning. An oral family history is easier for one to give than a written one: we speak faster than we write and we are not as intimidated by the process. We can actually do our own history orally by recording our thoughts and remembrances. Barbara read a piece taken from a modern county book that gave some incidents in her grandmother's life. She then read the same person's history as taken from an oral accounting. The latter was filled with the subtleties that express emotion, visual images, and personal memories. Audio is preferred over video. Video requires special lighting and is not as natural to work with as tape recording in which the person being interviewed forgets the conversation is being recorded. Be sure to state at the beginning of each side of a tape your name, whom you are interviewing, the date, and where you are. Set up the room or situation so you are facing the person with no light coming from behind either of you. You want to be able to see in the person's face for clues. Make sure the room is warm enough. You can supply a structure to the conversation either by being at a meaningful place or showing an object or picture to trigger remembrances. After the recording, make a transcript of it and index for easier reference. (By Marty Gale, program chair).

**EGS MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO DAR:** Cascade Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently welcomed two EGS members, Jan Pankratz and Audrey Schroeder, as new DAR members. Any woman is eligible for membership if she can trace her lineage back to an ancestor who served the country between April 19, 1775 and November 26, 1783. Congratulations to both Jan and Audrey! (*The Valley Record*, Sept. 24, 1998).

**DONATION MADE:** Thank you to EGS member Mary Jarman Karr, who recently donated a copy of Family Tree Maker's World Family Tree Super Bundle III to the Bellevue Regional Library. This set of CD-ROM's will be available on the second floor of the library.

**CLASS FOR BELLEVUE LIBRARY REFERENCE LIBRARIANS:** A class for reference librarians at the Bellevue Regional Library was given by Eastside Genealogical Society members on October 5 and 6. The main purpose was to better prepare the librarians to handle questions from patrons who come to the library seeking information on how to find their family background. The topics covered, partly from prior specific requests of the library staff, included: How to answer the questions like "How do I start?" or "Where's my family tree?", what basic how-to books exist at the BRL, when to refer patrons to other locations, useful forms available at the library, and using the InfoNet system to find books on the subject of genealogy. The presence and importance of the Eastside Genealogical Society was emphasized.

EGS members Melissa Clausen and Eleanor Dixon taught the classes, and deserve an enthusiastic "thank you" for their time and skill in preparing and conducting them. Kathy Warner, the head reference librarian, said that the classes were very well received and appreciated by the 22 librarians who attended. Carl Cason, EGS Library Chair.

**FLOOD AT BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:** On August 16, 1998, the Boston Public Library, the nation's oldest public library, had a ruptured water main that sent tens of thousands of gallons of water rushing into the basement. More than 50,000 documents were damaged or destroyed. At this time, the library has contracts in place with professional document recovery organizations to assist them with the boxing, freezing, clean-up, and drying of damaged materials. Immediately after the flood, the documents were boxed, then the boxes were sealed in shrink-wrap, and loaded onto refrigerated trucks and transported at 28 degrees to a facility near Ft. Worth, Texas. Freezing stabilizes the items keeps mold spores dormant until a controlled and carefully organized drying operation can be accomplished. Approximately 30 % of the materials in the Government Documents and Science Reference Departments were submerged in the flood waters. Conservators estimated approximately 50,000 cartons of materials were taken from the library for recovery. (From *Seattle Times*, August 17, 1998 and Boston Public Library's Website at <http://www.bpl.org/www/news/floodupdate.html>).

**TRAVEL TIP:** Frequent travelers should consider individual insurance policies for expensive laptop computers. Often, the maximum coverage limits in the destination state will not cover the value of a laptop. For example, if your laptop is stolen from a Chicago hotel's security area, the maximum liability law limits the hotel's liability to \$250, much less than the laptop's actual value. (From *Seattle Times*, Oct. 4, 1998).



**CLASSES AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES - SEATTLE:** The following genealogical workshops have been scheduled at the National Archives in Seattle. All classes are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations may be made over the phone (206-525-6501) or in person. A \$5 donation is requested. Call Celia Coffalo (M-F between 7:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) at the above number for more information/questions.

- ♦ Workshop A - Census Records: Nov. 3, Jan. 5, March 2, or May 3.
- ♦ Workshop B - Military Records: Nov. 10, Jan. 12, March 9, or May 10.
- ♦ Workshop C - Immigration and Passenger Arrival Lists & Naturalization: Nov. 17, Jan. 19, March 16, and May 18.
- ♦ Workshop D - Land & Other Records: Nov. 24, Jan. 26, March 23, and May 25.

**HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY CLASS:** A class, "Getting Started on Your Family Tree Research," given by Janet Baccus, will be offered on Nov. 14th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$10/person. Call 253-863-1806 to register.

**PERMISSIONS:** Are you writing a family history and want to know if you need permission to quote something? Material quoted from works published in 1921 or earlier is now in the public domain and no permission is required to use this material verbatim. Quoted material taken from work published in 1922-1998 may still be under copyright and a letter of permission may be required. This applies to illustrations as well. To get permission, contact whoever holds the publishing rights. This is generally the publisher but it could be the author. To determine copyright status, contact the Register of Copyright, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20559. Request the appropriate forms and ask about the current search fee. The amount of material you wish to use may be little enough that it falls under the Fair Use Act and will need no letter of permission even though the original work is still under copyright. To determine if your material falls within these parameters, contact the Register of Copyright, at the address above, for information about the Fair Use Act. Always remember to cite your sources as you write even if you have obtained permission to use the material. (From Heritage Books Genealogical & Historical Book Publishing Conference 1998 Syllabus).

**DEAR ABBY:** Do you store precious family data on a computer disk? On September 23, 1998, Dennis Grafflin, Professor of History, Bates College in Lewiston, Maine wrote Dear Abby about this common practice. He suggests that if you store information on a disk for your children, that by the time they are old enough to care about the data, no one will be able to retrieve the data from the disk. He states that both computer hardware and software changes, and to beware. Instead, he suggests printing out that document now on 100% cotton or linen rag buffered paper with a neutral pH, and storing it in a nondestructive archival folder in a dark, safe place like a safety deposit vault. (*Seattle Times*, Sept. 23, 1998).

**DETROIT NEEDS HOMELESS FOR CENSUS:** Detroit is relying on its homeless people to keep its official population above one million in the 2000 census. The benchmark is crucial to the amount of federal and state money the city receives, according to the Associated Press. If the number counted falls below one million, it could mean a loss of \$170 million in federal and state money. State law allows cities over one million to levy higher taxes. The city is compiling a list of places where street people gather so census takers can find them. The city is estimated to have 7,000 to 10,000 people living on the streets. In 1996, Detroit's population was put at just 272 people over the one million mark. (*Real Change*, June 1998).

**ONTARIO, CANADA STRAYS:** The Ontario Genealogical Society, in Toronto, defines a "stray" as a person who is described in a record of an event as being from or connected with a place outside the area in which the event took place. The OGS has collected strays and exchanges them with other provinces and countries in an attempt to repatriate the record to the place of origin of the individual. Now available is Volume 3 of *Strays! An Index to the OGS Strays Project* for \$10 plus \$4.50 postage & handling outside Canada (\$3 within Canada; non-Canadian residents should pay in U.S. dollars) from the OGS, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 102, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4R 1B9. (From *FGS Forum*, Fall 1998).

**ARIZONA DEATH AND BIRTH RECORDS:** Death records in Arizona up to 1948 are on microfilm at the Arizona State Archives. Once filming of birth records up to 1923 is completed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, those records will be made available. Indexes for birth and death records appear to be incomplete. (From *FGS Forum*, Fall 1998).

**NEWSPAPERS MICROFILMED BY INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** The IHS sells for \$2 a catalog detailing newspaper titles filmed by their Indiana Newspaper Project over the last 15 years. The catalog contains more than 900 titles dating from as early as the 1830's. Reel-by-reel lists of any titles shown in the catalog are available on request by calling the Indiana Newspaper Project at (317)232-4592. All films are available through interlibrary loan from the Newspaper Section, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis IN 46204 or they can be purchased for \$15 per roll, price subject to change. To order a catalog, send check/money order payable to IHS to: Newspaper Microfilm Catalog, Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-3299. Include \$1 for postage and handling for each catalog ordered. (From *FGS Forum*, Fall 1998).



**RESEARCH QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:** The following are some very good research questions you may want to ask yourself:

- Are all dates for events in proper order?
- Is every fact documented?
- Have you looked for citizenship, naturalization papers, or ship manifests?
- Do all the children belong to one wife or husband?
- Did the father serve in the military? If yes, what war?
- Have you found a will and probate records?
- Figuring the dates, how many children could the mother have had?
- Do you have the children listed in correct birth order?
- Have you followed each child in the census to see if a parent or grandparent is living with them?
- Have you checked to see if your families are in the Family History Center?
- Have you entered your family in the Ancestral File?
- Have you plotted your family's migration pattern?
- Review documents acquired over time. New clues will surface that were missed the first time, or the information didn't fit with your data at that time. Those papers filed away should be reviewed often. You will be surprised how clues just seem to grow after being put away!
- Are all abbreviations correct?
- Have you found your ancestor in every census of his/her life?
- Was the mother or father married more than one time?
- Is a pattern evident in the children's names?
- Did the family own land?
- Have you researched tax lists and church records?
- If widowed, did he or she live with her children in later years?
- Do you have place of birth and marriage information for each child?
- Have you checked to see if a book was ever written about your family?
- Have you considered that your ancestor may have kept a diary?
- Have you placed queries on your families in all the genealogical periodicals? And on the Internet?

(From *OKROOTS-L Mailing List*, October 7, 1998, author unknown).

**MIDDLE NAMES:** The use of middle names or middle initials is a relatively new custom to English speaking countries. It is hard to say when middle names first appeared, or developed into something more than nicknames. The practice gradually came into use in England after 1750 and in the US between 1750 and 1850. Record keepers had a tendency to ignore middle names, either due to laziness or the belief that middle names were a fad, resulting in problems for the genealogist. (From *Family Chronicle*, September/October 1998).

**STUDYING GENEALOGY THROUGH FASHION HISTORY:** For seven women in Detroit, studying genealogy has been an extremely creative process. The women are skilled seamstresses with a common desire to make cloth dolls replicating some of their ancestors. Research for this project included consulting fashion history books, then drafting patterns in miniature to make authentic detailed wigs, costumes, and accessories. (From *Seattle Times*, Sept. 27, 1998).

**CEMETERIES IN SAN FRANCISCO:** Did you know that there are no cemeteries in the city of San Francisco? In 1903, because of the value of land, a law was passed ordering the removal of all existing cemeteries and prohibition of any new cemeteries, with the exception of Mission Dolores, the Columbarian, and Presidio Military cemetery. The dead had to be removed to other cemeteries outside of San Francisco and reburied. Next of kin was notified if they could be found; if not, the dead were buried in a mass grave in Colma Cemetery in San Mateo County just south on San Francisco. During the renovation of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in the early 1990's, several bodies that had not been exhumed were discovered. City officials blamed the loss of records in the 1908 earthquake as the reason these graves were not removed before the Museum was built. (From *The Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter*, June 1998 via *New from the Northwest*, Sept./Oct. 1998).

**COPYING OF PRE-1907 WISCONSIN VITAL RECORDS:** Starting in March 1997, photocopies are no longer made from microfilm copies of the pre-1907 Wisconsin Vital Records at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Area Research Center. You can still make extracts, abstract, or handwritten copies from the microfilm. Persons wanting a photocopy of a vital record from these pre-1907 films must request them from the State Registrar, Bureau of Vital Statistics in Madison, WI, or from a County Register of Deeds. Also, you can not make additional records for anyone else from your copy. (From *Dodge/Jefferson County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 12, #1, via *The Apple Orchard*, Chelan County Genealogical Society newsletter, Sept./Oct. 1998).

**MAPS AND FAMILY HISTORY:** There are many types of maps and many of them are very helpful in family history research:

- ♦ Highway maps - shows us how to get from one location to another.
- ♦ Railroad and canal maps - shows the means of travel and migration routes of our ancestors.
- ♦ County atlases - these were popular in the nineteenth century and often showed individual houses and owners' names in rural areas.
- ♦ Topographic maps - shows land forms, such as hills, lakes, valleys, as well as features resulting from human activity.
- ♦ Public land surveys - these were done in states where land was originally owned by the federal government and shows the location of land as described by its position within land townships.
- ♦ Fire insurance maps of urban areas - these were published from the late nineteenth century to the present and show individual buildings with their configuration, type of construction, water supplies, and other information used in rating fire risk.
- ♦ Tax and assessment maps - shows property boundaries, dimensions, and a reference to the owner.
- ♦ Private surveys - show either one or a group of adjoining properties, usually identifying owners.
- ♦ Political boundary change maps - shows changes over time in jurisdictional boundaries at the national, state, county, city or town level. (From *Ancestry* magazine, September/October 1998).

**OLD PHOTO ALBUMS:** Many warnings have been given us telling us not to use magnetic photo albums as they cause rapid deterioration of photos. But did you inherit an old family photo album in which the photos were glued onto black construction paper? In a recent *Missing Links*, Myra Gormley suggests that before you rip out the photos that were glued into these older-type albums, look at the arrangement and any accompanying notes. Depending on how the albums and photos were put together, it may be best to leave well enough alone. You can put a piece of acid-free, unbuffered tissue between each page to mitigate the acidity of the construction paper. Archival supply companies, as well as some local stationers, sell these tissues. (From *The Researcher*, 29:1, via *The Apple Orchard*, Sept./Oct. 1998).

**FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Was an ancestor of yours at some time a Senator or Representative to the Federal Government? If so, you may want to check the records held by The Center for Legislative Archives in Washington, DC. The Center holds more than 90,000 cubic feet of records dating back to the First Congress (1789) to the 103rd (1993). The official records from the committees of Congress - standing, select, special, and joint, where Congress accomplishes most of its work - represent the core holdings of the center. If interested in what your ancestor did, you can write for further information to: The Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20408. Also, two finding aids you may want to check are *Guide to the Records of the U.S. House of Representatives* and *Guide to the Records of the U.S. Senate*. (From *Will-Grundy Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Sept. 1997 via *News from the Northwest*, Sept./Oct. 1998).

**IRISH-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER:** Over 80 years of *The Irish-American Advocate*, a weekly newspaper published in New York City for almost 100 years, have recently become available on microfilm at the New York State Library. The newspaper was published between 1893 and 1988, and available are issues spanning the period 1904-1911 (as *The Irish-American Advocate*) and 1911-1988 (as *The Advocate*). Microfilm reels of the newspaper may be borrowed on interlibrary loan from the New York State Library and further holdings information is available from the State Library's reference desk at (518) 474-5355. (From *Irish American Magazine*, May/June 1998).

**ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL PAYROLLS:** The Illinois State Genealogical Society *Quarterly*, Vol. 30 No. 1 (Spring 1998) has an article titled "Illinois and Michigan Canal Payrolls as a Genealogical Source." Given is information on accessing and searching these records along with a sample of records from December 1847. Many of the names are Irish, and the article quotes a local as saying "four things were necessary to dig a canal - a pick a shovel, a wheelbarrow, and an Irishman." The article is authored by Edwards J. O'Day, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. (From *The Septs*, Vol. 19, No. 3).

**THE IMMIGRATION AND SHIPS PASSENGER LISTS RESEARCH GUIDE** can be found at <http://home.att.net/~arnielang/shipguide.html> (From *CIG October 1998 Newsletter*)



**MY ITALIAN IRISHMAN By David Kendall Martin**

Any dyed-in-the wool genealogist is excited by an addition to his own family. Such was my frame of mind when, three years ago, my son David married Rosalyn Desmond of Canajoharie, NY.

My first impression, judging from her name, was that Rosalyn was Irish. However, because her mother belonged to the DAR and had already developed an interest in family history, my first year was spent exploring Roz's maternal background. Her father's side of the family remained untapped except that her mother sent me a copy of Roz's grandfather's obituary headed: Sullivan Desmond. "Ah yes," I thought, "a true son of the Old Sod."

Yet Tony, Roz's father, told me he had always heard his parents had been born in Italy. To compound the problem, while sorting through some estate papers recently, the family found a quitclaim deed drawn to Desmond Sullivan. "I don't know who I am," said Tony.

Fortunately, there was also an official copy of a birth certificate for Tony's older brother, Joe, stating that Giuseppe had been born in Nusco, a town in the Italian province of Avellino, on 16 Nov. 1895, to Salvatore De Simone and Michela Ressa.

Apparently, the family name De Simone had first been written in America as Desimone and then became Desmond. In addition, Americans in New York's Mohawk Valley had stumbled over Salvatore, turning it into Sullivan. Whoever wrote the deed had simply reversed the order of the names. My son's "Irish" father-in-law was actually Italian.

Once again, here is proof that the eager genealogist must constantly be on guard not to jump to conclusions. (From *The American Genealogist*, Jan. 1989).

**THE FRANCIS FRITH COLLECTION:** Francis Frith was 34 years old when he established the first photographic publishing company in Britain in 1856. His goal was to photograph every town and village in Britain and to publish the photographs for sale. He spent the rest of his life in pursuit of that goal.

In those days, photography was a messy and complicated process only undertaken by a very few professionals and the very rich. The photographs Frith took satisfied a demand for souvenirs of the places Victorians were visiting. "Frith's Post Card" became well known at the time and are collectibles today. If you are researching ancestry in Victorian England or even as late as 1970, the Frith collection probably contains photographs of the villages where your ancestors lived.

F. Frith & Co., Ltd. closed its doors some years ago, but their photographs are now held by a new company in Shaftesbury, England doing business under the name of The Francis Frith Collection. The company offers three primary services: 1) Victorian County Maps of the counties within England and Wales with Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands as separate maps, 2) Reproduction (and original) photographs of over 6,000 towns in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and 3) *Frith's Photographic Directory Volume 1*, a hardbound book complete with CD-ROM (Windows only at the moment) that contains over 3,000 photographs of towns and villages in the UK.

The Frith Website contains more information and has a small sample of the Frith photographs. It is located at: <http://www.francisfrith.com> Or you can write to Frith USA, Inc., 6108 Blue Ridge Drive, Unit C, Highlands Ranch, CO 80127. (From *Ancestry Home Town Daily*, March 18, 1998).

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Kentucky had no general birth or death report system before 1 January 1911?
- The Tennessee State Library and Archives offers a service to genealogist through interlibrary loan - the microfilm copies of the earlier marriages, wills and estates, and deed indexes for each county are now available. These records generally date from before 1860. This is a free service except that your local library may ask you to pay return postage. For a list of available records and details about the program, send a SASE to: Public Services Section, TN State Library and Archives, 403 7th Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312.
- The University of Florida Tampa Campus Library offers online marriage records and other treasures for Hillsborough County, FL. Records include marriage records from 4 Jan. 1878 - 11 May 1884, city directories, Florida census records, and cemetery records. Visit the Genealogy Collection at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/spccol/genea.html>
- Marriage records and marriage licenses are often filed in different counties - the county where the marriage took place and the county where the license was issued, if it was a different county. Divorce records may be located in the county which issued the divorce or in the county where the marriage took place. Wills and probate records are filed in packets, by number and may contain a copy of the will, appointments of an administrator, estate administration, accountings of assets, and appointment of guardians for minor children. (From *News From the Northwest*, Sept./Oct. 1998 and *So King News*, July/August 1998).

**WEBSITES TO CHECK INTO:**

- ✓ Eastside Genealogical Society - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wakcegs/index.html>
- ✓ The American Immigration Page - done by students and has interesting information on immigration [http://www.bergen.org/AAST/Projects/Immigration/ellis\\_island.html](http://www.bergen.org/AAST/Projects/Immigration/ellis_island.html)
- ✓ Pony Express Home Station has a list of riders (incomplete), history, museums, etc. <http://www.ccnet.com/~xptom/>
- ✓ Library of Congress Map Collection - covers a period of 1597-1988 and you can search in a variety of ways. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>
- ✓ For updates on genealogy databases on CD-ROM offered through the LDS Church see [http://lds.org/en/4\\_news\\_update/19980929\\_Genealogy.PR.html](http://lds.org/en/4_news_update/19980929_Genealogy.PR.html)
- ✓ Welsh research - <http://homepages.enterprise.net/johnball/wales/>
- ✓ Irish History, including general Irish history, Republican history, Unionist history, Northern Ireland history, Famine Websites, Genealogy resources, Timelines, Documents, etc. <http://www.vms.utexas.edu/~jdana/irehist.html#top>
- ✓ New online surname guide lists surnames in alphabetical order. Contains links to thousands of Websites devoted to particular surnames. <http://familyhistory.flash.net>
- ✓ Links for African American Family Historians includes general genealogical resources, home pages, historical links, and more. <http://192.41.11.174/distantc/Links/Ethnic/African.html>
- ✓ Germans in America/Germans in Missouri - <http://www.serve.com/shear/germusa/germusa.htm>
- ✓ Census information - for a list of the questions asked in each census from 1790 to 1920, visit [http://www.ancestry.com/research/census\\_questions/htm](http://www.ancestry.com/research/census_questions/htm)
- ✓ Tennessee Vital Records - <http://170.142.16.205/health/vr/>
- ✓ How many ancestors do you really have? <http://glwarner.narrowgate.net/genealogy/complete.html>
- ✓ Women and the American Civil War - [http://members.xoom.com/acw\\_women/](http://members.xoom.com/acw_women/)
- ✓ Article on County Atlases by David Thackery <http://www.ancestry.com/atlas.htm>
- ✓ US Census Bureau Gazetteer <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/gazetteer>
- ✓ Canadian Geographic Names Data Base <http://GeoNames.NRCan.gc.ca/english/>
- ✓ 1895 US Atlas by Pam Rietsch <http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>

(From *Ancestry Daily Hometown News*, August 31, 1998; September 14, 1998; and October 6, 1998; *EGS CIG Newsletter*, September 1998 and October 1998; *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, October 10, 1998).

- ✓ Out of the Past - lectures on genealogy and history presented by Richard L. Hooverson <http://www.outofthepast.com>

**WORLD'S LARGEST FAMILY HOLDS REUNION:** A family with almost 100 million members worldwide held a family reunion in Boston the week of July 4, 1998. The family, the Lees, had nearly 500 members attend, representing more than 20 chapters of the Lee Family Association throughout the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China. Lee, which is often spelled Li when using the European alphabet, recently edged out the surname Chang (or Zhang) as the largest surname in China, and therefore, the world. The family is so big it even has its own credit union worth 22 million dollars. It also maintains an extensive array of real estate holdings.

The Lees are serious about their claim of relatedness. They say they are all descended from the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, founder of Taoism, who lived 2,500 years ago. The family traces their origins back to the Tang dynasty, about 1,300 years ago, when an emperor named Lee bestowed his surname upon favored subjects. The family stories state that in time, it was an honor to be a Lee.

It is considered taboo to marry another Lee. "Technically speaking, when you're married to a Lee, you're not expanding. You're downsizing. You have to bring other surnames into the flock," said Yon Lee, English secretary of the Lee Family Association of New England. The Lee Family Association dates back to the 1800s, when Chinese arrived in the United States to work on the transcontinental railroad. In a hostile foreign environment, Chinese of similar backgrounds or surnames formed social support organizations. "The family association acted like an extended family," said Wilson Lee, President of the New England Chapter. The associations provided emigrants with everything from food to shelter to medical treatment. If a Lee passed away, they would arrange to have the remains sent home. Even in the 1990s the Lee Family Association helps new immigrants become established in their newly adopted countries. (From *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, July 4, 1998).



### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

- 7 November 1998 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society presents Dr. George Schweitzer speaking on "Illinois Genealogical Research," "Military Genealogical Research," and "Tracing Your Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic." See below for more information.
- 14 November 1998 Kirkland Family History Center Open House, see page 2 for details.
- 14 November 1998 Woodinville LDS Genealogy Conference, see page 2 for details.
- 22-23 January 1999 GENTECH' 99 Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Includes lectures, exhibits, software demonstrations. Registration \$75-145 depending on whether or not you stay at the conference hotel and if you register by Dec. 1. For information/registration online visit:: <http://www.gentech.org/>
- 12-15 May 1999 National Genealogical Society's national conference, Richmond, Virginia.
- 11-16 August 1999 Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 1999 National Genealogical Society's 1999 Research Trip to Ireland. Research in major Dublin repositories, led by professional genealogists. Includes seven nights in Dublin, departing late summer. Ask to be placed on the mailing list, or for more information, contact NGS '99 Research Trip to Ireland, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, phone toll-free 1-800-473-0060, e-mail: [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org), website: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

Annual Fall Seminar of Tacoma-Pierce County  
presents Dr. George K. Schweitzer  
Nov. 7, 1998

Dr. George K. Schweitzer will be the featured lecturer at the Fall Seminar, held at the Tacoma Elks Lodge, 1965 Union Ave. South, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Schweitzer will be speaking on "Illinois Genealogical Research," "Tracing Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic," and "Military Genealogical Research." Registration is \$25 before Nov. 1 and \$30 after Nov. 1; a Turkey lunch buffet is available for \$8 prepaid only. Mail to: Marie Hayden, Registrar, 4010 No. 36th St., Tacoma, WA 98407 or call 253-759-4451 or 253-756-9703 for information.

**QUERIES:** The following are actual queries received by the Family History Department in Salt Lake City:

- ? Our 2nd great grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library. He was married three times in the endowment house and has 21 children.
- ? I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.
- ? Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?
- ? My Grandfather died at the age of 3. We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelope.
- ? The wife of #22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn - what do you think?
- ? I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was very small and cannot be found.
- ? This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.
- ? We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?
- ? Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.
- ? A 14 year old boy wrote: "I don not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U.S., England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."
- ? Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas, now only the Good Lord knows where it is...
- ? I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children. (From *ILTAZEWE-L Mailing list*, Sept. 24, 1998).

## EGS INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Computer Interest Group             | Will meet Saturday, November 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Boeing Tech Center, Eastgate area, Bellevue. For more information, contact Sherry Holthe at 425-880-4407.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| EGS Lunch Bunch                     | No meeting in November or December due to holidays; next meeting will be January 28th at 11:30 a.m. at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Melissa Clausen at 425-373-1488 for more information.                                                                                                                                   |
| German Interest Group               | For meeting information, call Jean Ryan at 425-746-9610.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Irish Interest Group                | The Irish Interest group will meet at the LDS Family History Center in Bellevue, 10675 NE 20th St., at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9th. Bring your family work sheets to spend the evening researching. All EGS members and anyone doing Irish research is invited. No meeting in December. Call Mary Magnuson at 425-746-6627 for information. |
| Italian Interest Group              | Will meet on Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Lake Hills Library. There will be no December meeting. Call Mary Sangalang at 425-649-2250 for info.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Midwest Interest Group              | Will take a research trip/tour to the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle on Wednesday, Nov. 18th. Please call Kim (425-402-9050) and let her know if you are planning on going or not. Any interested person is invited to join the trip. No meeting in December.                                                               |
| Original 13 Colonies Interest Group | Monday, November 23rd, 7 p.m. at Firehouse #9. Contact Gini Wisner, 425-454-9635 for more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Portuguese Interest Group           | Contact Barbara Guyll, 425-746-5603 for information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Scandinavian Interest Group         | Will meet Tuesday, November 10th, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Puget Sound Regional Archives Building, Bellevue Community College Campus. Call Carol Owings at 425-641-9930 for information.                                                                                                                                            |
| Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group    | Call Mary Lou McKibben at 425-888-2053 for information about meeting date/location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library  
NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760

Boeing Technology Center  
Building 33-07, Eastgate area  
2760 160th Ave. SE  
Bellevue, WA

Firehouse #9  
12412 SE 69th Way  
Bellevue, WA

Issaquah Public Library  
140 East Sunset Way  
Issaquah, WA 425-392-5430

LDS Family History Center-Bellevue  
10675 NE 20th St.  
Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690

LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria  
4200 124th Ave. SE  
Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361

LDS Fam. Hist. Center-Kirkland  
7910 NE 132nd St.  
Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781

Lake Hills Library  
15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE  
Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350

Newport Way Library  
14520 SE Newport Way  
Bellevue WA 425-747-2390

North Bend Library  
115 East Fourth St.  
North Bend, WA 425-888-0554

Seattle Public Library  
1000 Fourth Ave.  
Seattle, WA 206-386-4636

Snoqualmie Public Library  
38580 SE River Street  
Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223

**Newsletter Schedule:** The *Bulletin Board* is published each month, except December. Submission of news and articles to the *Bulletin Board* must be in writing and received by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please call Kim at 425-402-9050 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and cooperation is appreciated. Please mail submissions to: Kim Nichols, 15525 NE 195th St., Woodinville, WA 98072-8465 or e-mail to: nichols@nwlinc.com