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EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 13, 1994, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. Beginners' Help and Supply Table Open)

Program: Steve Hamre, of Hamre Investigative Services

Topic: Investigative Searches

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Steve Hamre is the head of Hamre Investigative Services, 11410 NE 124th Street, Kirkland. He specializes in the fields of domestic relations, fraud, workmen's compensation, background information, and missing persons, etc. After his talk, Mr. Hamre will answer questions for a short period of time. Office phone for the northend is 481-3231 and for the southend, 228-3185. Mr. Hamre is married and the father of two children.

REMINDER TO ALL EGS MEMBERS: Newsletter space is limited and does not permit the copying of board minutes. However, EGS board meetings are open to any and all members, and the minute book is available for review at every general meeting. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, check the calendar page for details. You will be welcome!

REVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The enthusiastic and amusing video, *Climbing Your Family Tree*, by Robert Burns, was shown and enjoyed by all present. The film gave a very general view of steps to take to begin your genealogy search. For those interested in obtaining copies for personal use or for gifts, they are available for sale at the Supply Table.

EGS member **Mary Magnuson**, chaired the remainder of the meeting, answering questions from the audience. Mary's expertise and willingness to contribute her time and knowledge are always greatly appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Connie Balazic

As daylight begins to progressively fade away and the warmth of firelight offers a cozy retreat, why not pick up a book about a noted character from your research area. These biographies often provide more insights to matters that deal with people and their emotions than the standard county or state history accounts.

As an example, Abraham Lincoln lived in New Salem, Menard County, Illinois, for about six years before moving on to Springfield and his law career. Depending upon the author and the theme of the article, most males in this New Salem community have been mentioned at least once. Lincoln's own history would not have been so colorful if it had not been for men like Jack Kelso, who drank, swapped tall tales, and taught him about Shakespeare and great poets. Pick up any standard history text on Lincoln and you will find mention of Joshua Miller and his brother-in-law, John Kelso.

Descendants of these 1832 pioneers wanted their ancestors to be identified in history and have their imprints recorded beside the great and noble ones. The Joshua Miller and John (Jack) Kelso families have donated their family bible, dishes, and tools to help restore New Salem village and duplicate the atmosphere and condition of those times. As a result, the tourist bookstore provides postcards featuring the Miller/Kelso story, and a variety of printed material about most of New Salem's citizens.

When new neighborhoods are forming, each individual is vital to the natural evolution and progress of building the community. Otherwise common events become historical notations when placed in a fresh setting with ordinary folks doing extraordinary things. Your heritage, also, has a foundation that molded great men by small events.

May joy of the light from your fireplace, reflecting on the pages of your ancestral heritage, fill many hours with sweet satisfaction.

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



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- * **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group.** The next meeting for this group will be at the North Bend Library, 115 East 4th Street, North Bend, on Wednesday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m. Focus will be a tape by Elizabeth Shown Mills - "Finding Origin and Birth Families, Methods that Work." **NOTE NEW LOCATION.** Call 222-5620 for more information.
- * **Italian Interest Group.** Mary Sangalang, 883-1245.
 - * Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, FESTA ITALIANA Italian Heritage Festival at the Seattle Center Flag Pavilion. Food, crafts, Italian entertainment and bocce tournament. EGS's Italian Interest Group will host a genealogy booth.
 - * Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m., the Italian Interest Group will make a presentation and display on genealogy at the Bellevue Lodge Sons of Italy meeting and dinner.
 - * Saturday, October 29, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Library. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION** (this library has a VCR). Program: Video on Italian Immigration.
 - * Saturday, November 19, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Library. Topic to be announced.
 - * **NO DECEMBER MEETING!**
- * **Computer Interest Group.** Next meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 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). Tech session will be on the program "Census db." This database program teaches how to organize your census data and have the program search for patterns on specific information.
- * **Roots User Group.** Meets Saturday, October 8, 1994, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Boeing Technology Center in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, 2760 - 160th Avenue SE (Building 33-07). Call Bob Goodnow, 868-4073, for information.
- * **German Interest Group.** Fall meetings begin on the first Friday in October - October 7, 1994, at the Lake Hills Library, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Topic to be announced.

The Sunshine Committee reports that EGS member Curtis Roselle has been a little under the weather lately. Hope you feel tip-top again soon, Curtis!
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IRISH INTEREST GROUP NEWS

The September meeting for the Irish Interest group will be held as a working class at the LDS Branch History Library, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, on Monday, October 10. Browsing time starts at 7:00 p.m., then at 7:30 p.m., instructions will be given on how to use the library's resources. Take NE 8th Street exit, headed west, and turn right on 108th Avenue NE, follow this to NE 20th Street. Turn left, and you will see the LDS Stake Church. Go to the back of the Stake Building and there you will see a smaller building with the sign, "The Genealogical Library." For more information, call 746-6627 or 392-6193.

The November meeting will be held at the Issaquah Public Library, at 7:15 p.m. on November 14. 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. Also, Linda Hjelm would like to get some input from the Irish group members on what books you would like to see on the EGS book shelf in the Regional Library in Bellevue. Please try to come -- and enjoy an Irish fellowship gathering, with refreshments.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS

W. Bullock, 1819 - 221st Place NE, Redmond, WA 98053; 206-836-2690
Diane Guthrie, 10929 - 298th NE, Carnation, WA 98014
Vanessa L. Hawes, 17437 W. Lake Desire Drive SE, Renton, WA 98058; 206-235-8035
Virginia R. McAnlis, 21607 SE 24th Place, Issaquah, WA 98027; 206-391-4740
Kimberly A. Nichols, 46922 SE 127th Place, North Bend, WA 98045
Jack Rensel, 6438 NE 129th Place, Kirkland, WA 98034-5718; 206-823-8501
Laura L. Sparr, 15421 149th Avenue SE, Bothell, WA 98012; 206-337-2476
Wayne Summers, 12224 NE 68th Place, Kirkland, WA 98033; 206-827-5519

MEMBERS INTERESTS

Jack Rensel, 6438 NE 129th Place, Kirkland, WA 98034-5719
Rensel, Bowers, Baker, Lee, Reel, Donahue, Nichols; Indiana; Ohio; Pennsylvania
Barbara L. Howard, P.O. Box 7011, Bellevue, WA 98008-1011
Bugni, Jorgenson, Osello, Massucco, Coffin; Italy; Norway; Nantucket, MA
Carol B. Zarko, 924 - 111th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98004-6804
Brady, O'Brien; Buffalo, NY; Harrisburg, Penna; Williamsport, Penna

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- * **Helen M. Williams**, a longtime member of EGS, from Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, will be at the EGS membership meeting on October 13th. Helen is an authority on the history and records of Boone County. She co-published, with Katherine Rowland, *The Pioneers of Winnebago and Boone Counties, Who Came Before 1841*. Helen has also published all the cemetery records of Boone County, and the 1860 and 1870 census of said county, plus several books on her families. Her ancestral background is in New England and the Mid-Atlantic states, with the families of Haskins, Rose, Moss, Aldrich, Allen, Willis, Tobyne, Hammond, and yes, even Smith. Helen also writes a column for the Belvidere newspaper on the history of the county and its people. She is the cousin of EGS member, Mary Magnuson, so when you see her, give her a big HELLO!!!

- * **Glasgow, Scotland, Catholic Archdiocese Registers Indexed**. A parish indexing program for the Archdiocese of Glasgow is under way. At this time, St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Glasgow has the following dates covered: 1) Baptisms and marriages begin in 1795, with Irish parish of origin listed; 2) Register of Easter and Devotional Communicants covers 1826-1837; 3) Sick call book covers 1827-1832.

Other parishes covered in the project are St. Patrick's in Dunbarton, beginning in 1830; St. Mary's in Duntocher, beginning in 1841; St. John's in Glasgow, beginning in 1846; others. For more information regarding the indexing project, write to Mary McHugh, Archivist, Curial Office, Archdiocese of Glasgow, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, Scotland G1 4JY. (from TIARA Newsletter, Spring 1992, Marie Daly, Editor, via Gloria Brown)

- * **Massachusetts Military Archives**: The Archives' location is in the National Guard Armory, 143 Speen Street, Natick, MA. The Military Archivist, James Fahey (Retired, U.S. Coast Guard), presides over an extensive collection of Civil War records. In addition to the Civil War and GAR manuscripts, photographs and records, there is material for all Massachusetts servicemen from the Revolutionary War to the present, including daybooks, pictures, "objects," copies of letters, diaries, regimental histories, card indexes, etc. (from TIARA Bulletin, 8 May 1992, via Gloria Brown)

- * **The National Genealogical Society is anticipating its 1995 Family History Writing Contest**. If you have been thinking about writing your family history or are in the process of writing it, NGS encourages you to begin planning NOW. A word of caution, if your family history has been previously published or if you plan to submit it elsewhere before the contest ends, it is not eligible for submission to this contest. For details, see the last quarterly issue of the National Genealogical Society bulletin.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE: The Bulletin Board is published each month (except January). 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. Mail articles to the Editor, Jan Ulstein, 4002 149th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-1645. If you are unable to meet this deadline, call the editor at 562-6663 to make special arrangements. Your understanding of these guidelines and your cooperation are appreciated.

- * **Virginia State Pension Records.** Researchers unable to find persons who served in the Revolution on Federal pension records might check the Virginia State Pension Records which provided a better pension than the Federal pension. Four hundred sixty-five former Revolutionary War soldiers and/or their widows chose the Virginia pension instead. (Danawha, WV Newsletter, via Grays Harbor County G.S. Newsletter, July 1993)
- * **Are You Lost on the VA/PA Border?** When searching records in VA and PA border counties, keep in mind that before definite boundaries were established, many settlers would file their claims and records in a nearby jurisdiction with a lower fee. In the SW corner of PA, between 1748 and 1785, PA was selling its land for 5 pounds per 100 acres, whereas VA was getting 10 shillings per 100 acres. Many residents of Fayette and Green counties, PA, filed their transactions in Augusta County, VA, and paid the lower price. Land records were recorded in the county where the purchase was made, not always where the land was located. If you cannot find a land record in the place you think it should be, look in the adjoining county or state. Not only does VA have records of land now located in PA, WV, and KY, but Fayette and Greene counties have some of the property records of land that is NOT in VA. (Topeka, KS G.S. Newsletter, via Grays Harbor County G.S. Newsletter, July 1993)
- * **Newspaper BMDs.** If you wish a copy of birth, death or marriage announcements from a newspaper and know the exact (or approx.) date, the staff at the National Library of Canada will send you a photocopy. Presently, there is no charge for a limited search. An extended search will NOT be undertaken by them, but you can do the search yourself. Many Canadian newspapers and most local newspapers are on microfilm and are available on inter-library loan from them through your local library. You may contact them at: National Library of Canada, Inter-Library Loan, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N3 (from Trails, Essex County Br. OGS, Vol. 16, no. 2, April 1994 via Bruce and Grey Br. OGS, Vol. 24, No. 3, August 1994)

MORE TIPS ON SEAMEN, SHIPS, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS AT SEA

- * **A Source for Ships' Photos.** Contact the Steamship Historical Society of America, Langdale Library, University of Baltimore Library, 1420 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201. If you can supply the ship's name that your ancestor arrived on, the society will provide you with a brief history on the ship and prices for pictures. (from Family Findings, WI Jewish Genealogical Society, 4:1, October 1993, via Heritage Hi Lites, Kandiyohi County, MN, Vol. 10, No. 4, July 1994)
- * **Ship Information.** If you are searching for details about ships bringing emigrants to the U.S., you might be interested in contacting the G.W. Blunt White Library. It is operated by the Maritime Historical Association in Mystic, Connecticut. They collect information on shipbuilding, U.S. mercantile activities, and seaport histories. (Genealogical Helper, Nov-Dec '93:188, via Heritage Hi Lites, Kandiyohi County, MN, Vol. 10, No. 4, July 1994)



- * **Sea Births, Deaths Recorded.** If you had an ancestor who was born or died at sea while on a British vessel between 1864 and 1921, records may be obtained by writing to the Registrar General, Custom House, Dublin, Ireland. If the birth occurred at sea, the date was recorded if at least one parent was Irish. In case of death, the date, age, and sometimes additional information was recorded. Another source for births at sea on British vessels from 1586 to the present is St. Dunstan's Parish, London, England. (from *The Key*, Lower Columbia G.S. Vol. 9, No. 3, July 1994)
- * **Birth or Death at Sea.** When a birth or death occurs on the high seas, whether on an aircraft or ship, the determination of where the record is filed is decided in terms of the direction in which the craft was headed at the time of the event. If the craft was outbound or docked at a foreign port, requests for copies of the record should be made to the Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. If the craft was inbound and the port of entry was in the U.S., write to the registry in the city where the craft landed in the U.S. If the craft was of U.S. registry, contact the U.S. Coast Guard at the port of entry. (The Prospector, Clark County G.S. 13:4, October 1993, via Kandiyohi County, MN, Vol. 10, No. 4, July 1994)
- * **Seaman's Protection Certificates.** If your American ancestor went to sea in the 1800s, he may have applied for a Seaman's Protection Certificate, which protected him from imprisonment by Great Britain and other powers. This program lasted from 1796 to 1897. A list containing the age and physical description of each seaman was updated every three months and sent to the Secretary of State. Write to the Archives Division, National Archives & Records, Washington, DC 20408 (from *Reunions Magazine*, Vol. 5, No. 1, Autumn 1994)
- * **Born at Sea.** If you have an ancestor who was born at sea, check the International Genealogical Index (IGI) issued by the LDS Church. There is a special card on the fiche version of the IGI titled, "At Sea." Using the computerized IGI, filter for "At Sea." Some of these entries give information about the ship or where on the high seas the birth took place. (from *Will-Grundy Counties, IL G.S.*, Vol. 12, No. 5, the *Tree Climber*, 12/93, *HAGS Informater* 4/92, the *Nugget* 11/92 and via *News from the Northwest*, Prospect, IL, Vol. XV, No. 1, Sep/Oct 1994)

EPITAPH

The following is a literal copy of an epitaph on a deceased "sausage maker" in Paris, dedicated by his "inconsolable" better half. Ye who have tears, prepare to shed them now: "Here lies buried the body of JEAN PIERRE CORLETT, who died June the 2d, 1822. His *inconsolable* widow continues the sausage business in all its varieties, at the old stand, No. 185, Rue St. Honore, where she will be happy to serve the customers of her late *lamented* husband. N.B. Orders for sausage must be accompanied with the CASH." (Western Herald 16 Dec 1841 -- submitted by L. Corson to the Newsleaf, Ontario G.S. Supplement to Families, Vol. XXIV, No. 3, August 1994)

New Brunswick Research

(Content provided by EGS member, William Folkins)

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick was created in 1967 and today is part of the Department of Supply and Services. It is located on Dineen Drive of the U of New Brunswick's Fredericton campus in the Bonar Law - Bennett building. Except for statutory holidays, it is open to the public from 10 AM to 5PM Monday through Friday and 8:30 AM to 5PM on Saturdays. Photocopying facilities are available. Public parking is in the rear of the building. They can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1.

Visitors may view many church land, probate, census, marriage, and passenger records as well as newspapers and some private manuscript collections which have been committed to microfilm. These reels can be borrowed free through the patron's local library on the Interlibrary loan program. This includes U.S. residents. Researchers are reminded also to check for additional information in the "Subject Index to Microfilm" to be found in the reference area.

- Crown Land Petitions (RS108* and RS272*) cover the years from 1783 to 1966 but those from 1783 to 1850 are the ones that usually contain biographical data. They are indexed and the early documents have been microfilmed. If a researcher sends the Provincial Archives the name and years of residence of an ancestor, the staff can search the Index and reply with the appropriate film number.

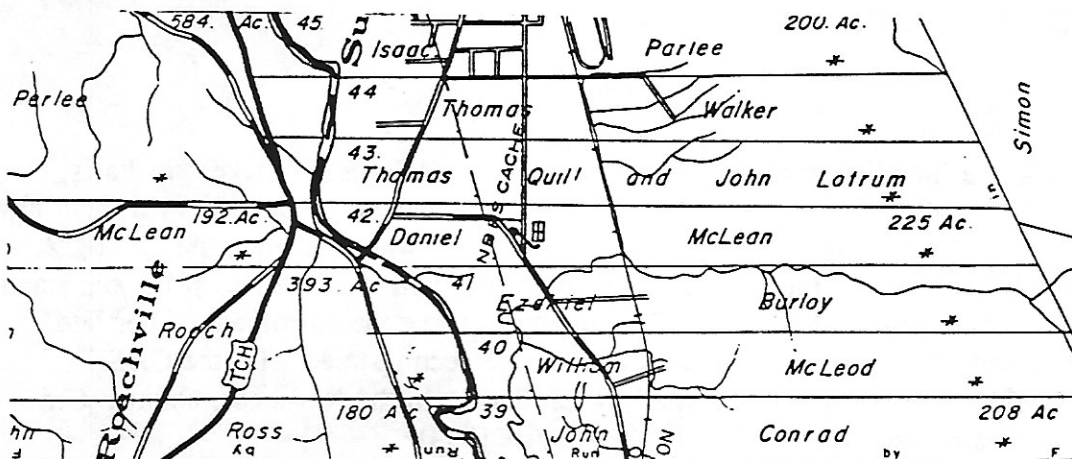
- Crown Grants (RS686*) describes the metes and bounds of lots and are available on microfiche at the Archives. The microfiche indices are available on loan and researchers can obtain a copy of a grant by writing to the Lands Branch, Dept. of Natural Resources and Energy, PO Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1. A small search fee and photocopying charge is made. Crown grants contain no biographical data.

- Crown Grant Maps can be purchased from the Lands Branch for a small fee. The map of the grant will show where a grant was located. These maps are 2 1/2' x 3' although they all aren't a standard size. (* Microfilm identification numbers)

NOVA SCOTIA MAPS AVAILABLE

Land grant maps are available from the Provincial Department of Natural Resources, Torrington Place, 780 Windmill Rd., Dartmouth, NS B3B 1E5.

(Excerpt from Kings County, New Brunswick)



SUPPLY TABLE NEWS

With the start of fall classes in genealogy, we want to again mention Emily Croom's book *Unpuzzling Your Past*. This is a comprehensive how-to book, easy to use, with clear explanations of the research process, place-lists of libraries, archives, etc., and examples of useful forms. Any beginning researcher would benefit from using this book.

Ms. Croom has now written *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook* for those researchers looking for help beyond the basics of the first book. The federal censuses and their various schedules are detailed; the use of military records is explained; county and courthouse records are shown to be important sources for the genealogist. Many other chapters have equally important information.

COMING EVENTS

- * The Seattle Genealogy Society's Irish Interest Group will meet on Saturday, October 15, 1994, at 10:15 a.m., at the SGS headquarters, 8511 15th Avenue NE, Seattle. Speaker will be Ida McCormick, leader of SGS' Computer Interest Group. Topic: Use of Computers by Beginning Genealogists. Visitors welcome. The November meeting will be held at SGS on Saturday, November 19, 1994, at 10:15 a.m.
- * Seattle Public Library Classes:
 - * "Genealogical Research in the Seattle Public Library" on 27 October or 29 November; no fee, class limit 20, preregistration required. Call 386-4629.
 - * "Beginning Your Family History Research" on 13 October, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., or 15 November, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.; no fee or preregistration required.
- * The Eastside Genealogical Society will again have a Beginning Genealogical Workshop on Saturday, January 28, 1995. Plan on spending this day of learning in Issaquah's Historical Train Depot, in the center of downtown Issaquah. There will be six one-hour discussions on beginning areas of research. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. There will be an attendance fee. Look for more information in the November Bulletin Board, and the flier on the November membership table. For information, please call Mary at 746-6627, or Linda at 392-6193.



CAN YOU HELP? Cornish Mining Index:

Through my interests in both genealogy and the Cornish heritage, I am in the process of compiling a computer database of Cornish miners both at home and overseas. Initial research has been restricted to census returns, mining journals, and other publications, but since publicising the project, I have been in receipt of a variety of other data such as pay book transcriptions, wills, and indexes to name but a few. Since the commencement of this project in September 1993, the index has in excess of 6,000 entries, and includes entries as widespread as England, Wales, America, South Africa, and Brazil.

To cover the cost of a search, printout, and return postage, it would be appreciated if all enquiries would be accompanied by two IRC. Multiple name searches (within reason!) accepted. This is a NON-PROFIT MAKING project. It would be greatly appreciated if OGS members would be willing to submit data for inclusion. Write to:

Ian Richards, Cotts Farm, Higher Stanbeer, Henwood, Liskeard
Cornwall, England PL14 5BU Telephone: (0579) 63345

Editor's Note: Database headings include: forename, surname, age, DOB (date of birth), occupation, where born, street/village, cen. district, source, workplace, notes. (from Newsleaf, Ontario Genealogical Society's Supplement to Families, Vol. XXIV, No. 3, August 1994)

THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES IN GENEALOGY

1. Not using family group sheets and pedigree charts.
2. Not contacting relatives for assistance.
3. Assuming that "No one else is working on my line."
4. Not using maps of the area at the time your ancestors lived there.
5. Not knowing the history of the area in which you are researching.
6. Not using common sense when reading family histories. If sources for information are not listed, be cautious about accepting it. Some information may be hearsay.
7. Gathering information on everyone by "that" surname, unless it is a very uncommon surname.
8. Not using primary sources: land, probate, church, county records, but relying on printed histories.
9. Not making photocopies.
10. Not making a master copy. Leave the master copy at home when you travel to do research and take the duplicate with you.
11. Not organizing your records.
12. Not paying attention to the clues your ancestors may have left.
13. Assuming that your surname is "never" spelled a different way.
14. Giving up.

(Heart O'Lakes G.S. Newsletter, December 1993, via Heritage Hi Lites, Kandiyohi County, MN)