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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 9, 1993, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library
(7:00 p.m. - Beginners' Help; Supply Tables; and Library Table Open)

Speaker: John C. Morrison

Topic: Look at This Great Stuff I Found Up in Dad's Attic and Why Is It All in These Old Cardboard Boxes? (Old Photographs: Restoration, Storage, Organization)

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: John Morrison is an Ohio native of mostly German, Scottish and Irish ancestry. He is also his family's historian, a pursuit he became interested in by accident when he inherited boxes of old photos. John has a BA degree in Communications with a special emphasis in television, film, and photographic communications. For nearly four years he was a producer/director for an Ohio PBS television station and has freelanced for several networks and local TV stations in Ohio and Washington. John has worked in the Philippines with the Peace Corps and in London with an independent film production company. In Seattle, he has formed his own film and video production business, Manasseh Productions Ltd.

John will discuss the restoration, storage, and organization of old photographs with an emphasis on the issues of personal time to work on such projects and the money available to do so. He will show the options available for different levels of costs, and will speak about how to index genealogical information to photographs and other records for easy retrieval and access.

FOUND: At our February Show-and-Tell Meeting - a small metal badge with a woman's photo on it - probably dated in the 1870's. This delightful memento was found on the floor after the meeting was over and we have been unable to locate the owner. Please contact Connie Balazic, President, if this is your badge.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Connie Balazic

Service to one another is the key to a happy and successful life and essential in keeping an organization such as EGS thriving. I have been impressed by the willing attitude of many of the members who have stepped forward to volunteer for whatever task is needed.

I especially appreciate the friendly and generous nature of the Society as a whole. Thanks so much for your encouragement and kind words.

The next few months will be exciting with two workshops, and a Saturday Problem-Solving class for beginners once every six weeks. These events will naturally attract many new members and give all of us an opportunity to reach out and extend a helping hand to novice researchers.

Remember when you began, there seemed to be too much to learn and even where to start was overwhelming. It was a struggle to learn new terminology plus all the resources to investigate. I feel confident that our group can meet the challenge of relieving the anxiety of the unknown, one on one.

May I encourage each of you to act as a mentor for a new member of EGS when the opportunity arises. Our common goal will be to stretch ourselves that extra mile and feel the deep satisfying joy of service.

CORRECTIONS:

August Bulletin Board, pg. 4: The new bookstore, "Family Historian" was not formerly Heritage Quest. August Bulletin Board, pg. 3: Index of Probate Court Records -- it was stated that the price would be \$14 plus \$2 postage -- this is not correct. The price is \$20 including postage, or \$17 at the supply table. Sincere apologies for any embarrassment or inconvenience caused by these errors.

TAKE TIME

Take time to WORK, it is the Price of Success
Take time to THINK, it is the Source of Power
Take time to PLAY, it is the Secret of Perpetual Youth
Take time to READ, it is the Fountain of Wisdom
Take time to WORSHIP, it is the Highway to Reverence
Take time to be FRIENDLY, it is the Road to Happiness
Take time to LAUGH, it is the Music of the Soul
Take time to DREAM, it is Hitching your Wagon to a Star
Take time to LIVE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT, JULY 1993

1. Joe Julien, Treasurer, reported that he was making arrangements for the annual audit, and was getting signature cards for the new board members.
2. Sue Dolliver reported on the first phase of the Probate Record Project. The selling price was to be \$20 including postage, or \$17 at our supply table. (Not \$14, as noted in error in the August Bulletin Board).
3. Sharron Filer, Membership, reported there were 28 renewals for the month and no new members.
4. Myra McDowell, Supplies, reported on the Supply Table sales. There was a net profit of \$45.75. Two books ordered from Irish Books and Media have both arrived, and Myra will be ordering other books shortly.
5. Connie Balazic, President, requested help in finding a chairperson for the Problem Solving sessions.
6. Wendy McCrain, Secretary, agreed to assume the responsibilities of Corresponding Secretary also.
7. Pat Sandbo will be the EGS representative for the Bellevue Public Library. It was noted that the Library has its own sound system that we may use, so we no longer need to bring our own.
8. Melissa Clausen submitted a report on the Computer Interest Group, which now has 220 members.

REVIEW OF THE AUGUST PROGRAM

Sarah Thorson Little, our August speaker, stressed not only how helpful land records can be in our research, but also that they are extremely important **primary** sources of information -- information recorded at the time of the event. Sarah noted that even though an ancestor may not have many records available, there is a good chance he or she had a piece of land somewhere.

Records surrounding the purchase and sale of that land can potentially give a variety of important genealogical information -- for instance, relationships among family members, economic status, occupations, names of children, whether native-born or naturalized citizen, place of birth, date of settling on the land, spouse's first name, marriage date, the previous place of residence, and more. Probate records can also be a source of land descriptions. Sarah showed examples of many types of records and demonstrated how the information in them can be analyzed -- a highly informative presentation.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- **British Interest Group** - September meeting: Dick Baughman will speak on Baughman Family History, from Britain to Utah, and Various Points West. This meeting will be held on September 30th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Issaquah Public Library.
- **Snoqualmie Valley Interest Group** - Janice Pankratz will have the September 15th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in her home at 35621 SE Fish Hatchery Road, Fall City. The meeting will feature Darlene Hamilton's tape, "Library Resources and Little-Used Sources for Genealogists." Call 222-7583 for further information.
- **Scandinavian Interest Group** - will meet on Tuesday, September 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Hills Public Library. Topic to be announced. (Scandinavian Interest Group members should be sure to note the Nordic Immigration and Genealogy Seminar listed in this newsletter under Upcoming Events.)
- **New England Interest Group** - will meet on Thursday, September 30, 1993 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library. Topic to be announced.
- **Irish Interest Group** - On Monday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library, Meeting Room 1, EGS member Curtis Roselle will speak on the geography of Ireland; how the civil, church, and geographic division of Ireland affect research there. On Monday, November 8th, at 7:00 p.m. (place to be announced), EGS members Charity and Bob Small will report on their recent trip to Ireland, with a slide presentation.

One of the stalwart members of the Irish Interest Group presented a fine podium to be used by their speakers. This will fill a need which has plagued our speakers. Once the podium has been placed on a table, the speaker can look out into the audience and speak directly to them. Using a table only has not been satisfactory. So, thanks from the IIG to Curtis Roselle, who crafted the podium for the group.

It's workshop time again on September 13th at the Newport Way Library. Books and other materials will be available; our advanced researchers will be there to help; call in your questions early to Mary Magnuson, 746-6627, or Gloria Brown, 746-1875, who will try to have answers ready for you at the meeting. Bring your charts and books, and we will have another good evening of study.

There will be an important Irish seminar this fall. See details listed in Coming Events in this newsletter.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP NEWS

- Please -- would all CIG members who work for Boeing wear their badges to CIG meetings? Boeing employees are needed to escort people from the door to the cafeteria. Thanks!!
- The CIG will have a table at the EGS sponsored Genealogy Roundtable on 23 October, 1993. If you would like to participate at this table, please contact Melissa Clausen, 451-9613. Technical session speakers and "question answerers" will be needed.
- At the September CIG meeting, Barb Justice will present a tech session on "Publishing Your Family History - Using Professional Touches." Topics to be covered include: the printers lingo, eye appeal and flair, grammar and your grandma, those elusive typos, what about photographs, new technology in copiers, the great cover-up, and binding choices. This subject would be of interest to non-computer users also. Welcome to all!
- The CIG library is missing "Selecting Genealogy Software," by Donna Przech and Joan Lowrey. Please, other members are waiting to use this book.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE EGS BULLETIN BOARD

Given the time constraints in putting together the Bulletin Board and having it printed in a timely fashion, it has become necessary to ask that all items be submitted in writing. This will help to avoid miscommunications, errors, and omissions. You may give your written articles or notices to the Editor at the meetings, or mail to Jan Ulstein, EGS Editor, P.O. Box 1185, Bellevue, Washington 98009-1185. Your cooperation will be appreciated greatly.

MISCELLANEOUS SELF-SERVICE MICROFILM AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES-PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Military - Civil War:

T-252	The Mathew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs, 1861-1865	C214, D3
T-288	General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934	C182, D2
T-289	Organization Index to Pension Files, 1861-1900	C182, D8
M-1003	Pardon Petitions and Related Papers Submitted in Response to President Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865 (Amnesty Papers)	C-213, D4-6 C214, D1-3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Friends of Genealogy** offers free queries in their quarterly publication, *The Journal*. Any number of queries may be submitted and will be used in several issues. Queries may be about any place or time. Write Query Editor, *The Journal*, Friends of Genealogy, P.O. Box 17835, Shreveport, LA 71138.
- **Concordia Historical Institute**, 801 DeMun Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105, is collecting genealogies of descendants of Lutheran immigrants. They invite the descendants to deposit a copy of their family records so that researchers can look at the departure of these "old Lutherans" from Europe and also learn more about the nature of their lives after they arrived in the United States. If you descend from Lutheran immigrants to the United States, please send a copy of your genealogy with supporting records, and a cover letter mentioning permission for the institute to share your information with others.
- **EGS Newspaper Project**: As EGS's contribution to Washington State's centennial celebration in 1989, Bellevue newspapers for the period 1918-1967 were indexed for birth, marriage, and death notices. Since 1990, a series of nine-volumes have been published which EGS has been selling. For details of this report, see our new president, Connie Balazic. Congratulations to those volunteers who tackled this monumental job!
- **WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A SEAMAN?** An act of Congress in 1796 made provisions for Seaman Protection certificates which were issued on proof of citizenship to protect U.S. seamen from being "shanghaied" into a Navy in a foreign port. Certificates gave birth, place, age and physical description of applicant. These certificates are on file in Washington, D.C. They were indexed by the WPA in the 1930s. Write to Judicial Fiscal and Social Branch, Civil Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 10408 (Lewis County G.S., Volume 3, No. 4, July 1993)
- **HANDBFAST**: Do you know the meaning of "H/F" after a person's name? This may be found in marriage and birth records. The letters stand for "handfast." It is basically a sign of the confirmation of a form of "uncanonical, private, or even probationary form of marriage." Handfasting was a form of announcing a union between a man and a woman who wished to live together as husband and wife before receiving the blessing of the church. The couple would stand before a group of their peers, hold their clasped hands above their heads and state their intentions. The agreement was good for a year and a day, or until the preacher came to perform the rites of the church. If, at the end of the specified time, both wished to go their own way, they could do so with no ties. No matter what happened, any child of a "Handfast" was considered legitimate and would inherit. (Paradise, CA G.S. 1991 and The Apple Orchard, Chelan Valley G.S., Vol. 3, No. 4, Aug-Sep 1993)

- **SASE AND YOU:** From the Northern Arizona Genealogical Society Bulletin comes this pertinent information. Did you know the postmaster could direct your mail containing a folded SASE to the dead letter office? That's because it's a violation of postal regulations to include a folded envelope inside another, because it might jam postal sorting machines. The best way to remedy the problem is to use a No. 9 envelope (measuring 3-7/8 by 8-7/8) which will fit inside a No. 10 envelope (4-1/4 by 9-1/2) without folding, for the SASE. The No. 9 envelope is available in most office supply stores, but might not be marked "No. 9" - then look for envelopes with the measurements listed above. (via the Waukesha (WI) Co G.S. Newsletter, May 1993, and the WA State G.S. Newsletter, Vol. 9, Number 4, July/August 1993)

OBSCURE BUT USEFUL BOOKS FOR RESEARCHERS

- Patriots in Disguise: Women of the Civil War, by Richard Hall, published by Paragon House, 224 pp. Indexed. \$21.95
During the Civil War, a surprising number of women masqueraded as men and fought in the Union and Confederate Armies. The book has excerpts from memoirs, diaries, letters, military records and newspapers, and is a fascinating and personal account of the courage of these women. (The Retired Officer Magazine, May 1993)
- Long Point Settlers, by R. Robert Mutrie. Log Cabin Publishing, Ridgeway, Ontario, 1992. 274 pp. \$39.50
This is a history of Long Point, which lies near Presque Isle in the Northeast Lower Peninsula. Arranged as a directory, this book has biographical sketches, and a list of Long Point settlers. Order from publisher at: 244 Maple Leaf Avenue, RR 2, Ridgeway, Ontario. (Michigan History Magazine, May/June 1993)
- The Virginia Revolutionary "Publick" Claims, compiled by Abercrombie and Slatten. Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA. 1992.
These three volumes document the compensation of Virginians for provisions collected by American forces during the Revolution. Following the war, claims were heard in county courts and then forwarded to Richmond. The claims are organized by county with a master index to all claimants, and can be used for placing an individual in a particular Virginia county during that time. (Origins, Newsletter of the Newberry Library, Spring 1993)
- Shipping Literature of the Great Lakes: A Catalog of Company Publications, 1852-1990, by LeRoy Barnett. Published by Michigan State University Press, 1992. 165 pp. Illustrated. Maps. \$27.50 plus \$2.50 p&h.
This book locates publications issued by the shipping firms that operated on the Great Lakes for the past 140 years. Over 3,000 company schedules and pamphlets are cited, and the North American repositories that house each item are mentioned. A valuable source for libraries, historical and genealogical societies, maritime buffs, etc. Order from publisher in East Lansing, MI 48824 (Michigan History Magazine May/June 1993)

COMING EVENTS:

- **EGS Workshop, October 23, 1993, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA. Cost for the all-day workshop will be \$5: This will be an open-door workshop for beginning and intermediate family researchers. There will be ten tables, each under a chairman, for the following topics: Census - Helen Joiner; Beginning Forms - Linda Hjelm; Organization - Audrey Schroeder; Computer programs - Melissa and Bob Clausen; Courthouse records - Jan Pankratz; Vital records (?); Military Records - Bob and Bonnie Taylor; Passenger lists, immigration and naturalization - Sarah Little; LDS Genealogical Library records - Connie Balazic; and Interlibrary loans via Libraries, Archives and Historical Societies - (?) Many volunteers are needed -- for refreshments, to man the admissions table, computer design of flyer, kitchen help, and set-up and clean-up crews. Contact Connie Balazic, 885-2012, if you can help.
- **A second EGS workshop is planned for February 26, 1994.** This will be a national and international workshop and the tables will be manned by members of our special interest groups.
- **Mark your calendars for future EGS general meetings.** We have some great programs coming up: October - Lorraine McConaghey, Ph.D. - Thinking About the Oregon Trail: 150 Years Later; November - Mary Magnuson on Emigration: From the Old Country to the New; January/94 - EGS Panel coordinated by Mary Magnuson and Frankie Larson; February/94 - Tove Burhan - Family Newsletters and Reunions.
- **Nordic Immigration and Genealogy Seminar: Tracing Your Family Roots, Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, 1993, at the Nordic Heritage Museum.** (Presented by Seattle Genealogical Society and the Nordic Heritage Museum. Speakers will be: Gerhard Naeseth, Director of the Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Editor of "Norwegian Tracks"; Marit Lucy of SLC, Accredited Genealogist with the LDS and a Scandinavian Research Specialist; Suzanne Alskog, President of the Swedish-Finn Historical Society in Seattle; Marianne Forssblad, Director of the Nordic heritage Museum; Darlene Hamilton, Genealogical (Humanities) Reference Librarian at the Seattle Public Library; Sarah Thorson Little, professional genealogist and instructor at the UW Extension and North and South Seattle Community Colleges; Laurie McKay, former Director of the North Stake LDS (Seattle) genealogical library; and Jean Roth, Certified Travel Agent who specializes in Heritage and Genealogical Tours. For questions; call Sarah Thorson Little, 368-8393; Will Siddons, 524-3808. Cost will be \$18 if paid by September 7th or \$20 after that date. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Seattle Genealogy Society will sponsor an Irish seminar on November 27th, 1993.** Noted researcher, Nora Hickey of County Cork will be the speaker. Contact Will Siddons, 524-3808.

NEW MEMBERS

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NEW MEMBERS INTERESTS

Donald L. Dudley, 16825 NE 18th Street, Bellevue, WA, 206-641-1518
NETTLETON, Milford, Branford, Fairfield, and Killingworth, CT, 1639-1760
NORTON, Sharpenhoe and Shelton, Bedford, England, 1500-1650; Guilford, CT, 1639-50
PANTRY, Cambridge, MA and Hartford, CT, 1634-1649
PARMELEE, Guilford, CT, 1639-1840
PAYNE, Southoe, Cambridge, England, 1600-39
PECK, Essex, England; before 1640; New Haven, CT, 1640-72
REEVE, Gosfield, Essex, England, before 1650
ROBERTS, PA and Wellsburg, 1815-1860
ROBINSON, Hartford and Guilford, CT, 1640-1689
ROGERS, Wales, before 1792; Prince William Co., VA, 1792-1808
SCRANTON, Kent, Surrey, England, before 1639; Guilford, CT 1639-1800
SEWARD, Bristol, Gloucester, England, before 1643; Taunton, MA, New Haven and Guilford, CT, 1643-1689;
SMITH, New Haven, CT, 1639-1700
SOPER, Suffolk, NY, 1800-28
STEVENS, Guilford, CT, 1639-1685
STONE, Hertford, England, before 1633; Cambridge, MA, Hartford and Guilford, CT, 1636-1752
STOWERS, Dorset, England, before 1639
THOMPSON, New Haven and Guilford, CT, 1639-1665
TYLER, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England, 1840-1906; Worcestershire, MA, 1906-1938; San Gabriel, CA, 1938-43
WATTS, Hartford, CT, 1639-54
WELLS, Nether Dean, Bedfordshire, England, 1550-1639; Prince William Co, VA, before 1780; Hardy Co, VA, Union Co, PA, Wellsburg, Brooke Co., WV, 1815-1916
WHITEHOUSE, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England, 1840-1900
WILLETT, Barley, Hertfordshire, England, 1500-1629. Plymouth MA, Swansey, RI, 1629-1674
WOODMANSEY, Boston area, MA, New London, CT, 1660-1692

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A perverse preoccupation of those
who seek to demonstrate that their forebears
were better people than they are.

(quote from Sydney J. Harris, Shawnee Newsletter, Vol. VII, #9, 1992
submitted by Glen Ethier)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EGS member, Mike Murphy offers the following correction to the occupation terms listed in the August Bulletin Board (Farrier - horse doctor, one in charge of horses):

FARRIER: means primarily (1) a shoer of horses (from the Latin 'ferrum' = iron) and hence by association a horse doctor; (2) the NCO in charge of a cavalry regiment's horses, and hence by association anyone in charge of horses.

Mike offers the following reminiscences of his boyhood days in Ireland: The common mode of commercial transport was the horse-and-cart (and in rural areas the pony-and-trap was the family car). Trucks -- they were called "lorries" -- were noisy, and tended to have tyres (spelt with a "y") of solid rubber: the inflatable variety, called the "balloon type" was just becoming established.

Airplanes were then bi-planes, and so rare (in Ireland) that every boy ran out-of-doors to stare when he heard one. But they were so painfully slow that he had to be very patient indeed to watch one out of sight.

Twenty-five Germans had flown the Atlantic in a Zeppelin airship, and Captains Alcock and Brown of the British Army had just become the first men to do so non-stop in a heavier-than-air machine (it was a Vickers "Vimy" bomber left over from World War I). Lindbergh had not yet become the first man to solo the Atlantic.

In short, it was the early 1920's, when fashionable young women (they were called flappers) aspired to a bucket hat, a fox pelt draped around the shoulders, a bosomless figure, and a knee-length skirt (considered scandalous), and danced the Charleston to "Ragtime" music, then just changing its name to "Jazz", later to become "Swing" in the 1930's.

Mike suggests that the above personal reminiscences of 70 years ago may be worth publishing, because whilst the history books can give us the Big Picture, the "little picture", i.e., how it looked to the individual human being at that time, can perhaps only be found in the "Bulletin Boards" of genealogical societies.

(I would agree, Mike, and found it most interesting to read. Ed.)

Mike goes on to say, "families (even a proud, arrogant family like the Mulhollands of Bracknagh) tend to regard their present existence as their justification, and fail to see how the part they played in their country's history might someday need documentation. How I wish that even one of my mother's forbears (perhaps the one who studied at Trinity College, Dublin [TCD] had had a modicum of historical perspective."

(It would be nice if our ancestors had considered the historical perspective of their lives, but in most cases, (I know with my own pioneers), they were just too busy trying to survive. Ed.)

Thanks for your letter, Mike, and your comments.