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CLUB NEWS

MEETING TIMES AND DATES

The meetings of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society are held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the PSGS Library, located at Givens Community Center, Suite 115, 1026 Sidney Rd, Port Orchard, WA. Exception: the November through February meetings are held during daylight hours, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The library is open for research on each Monday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Belfair Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the North Mason Timberland Regional Library, NE 23081 Highway 3, Belfair.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

As you opened this issue of the *Backtracker* you were presented with the announcement and registration form for our seminar on October 5, 1996, featuring Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D. As you must realize this type of seminar requires a great amount of advanced planning. The chance of another genealogical society in our general area planning a conflicting seminar is very great. This has happened to us in the past. To avoid conflicts we have worked with the Washington State Genealogical Society (of which we are a member) in the scheduling of the date for our seminar. We also checked with the Tacoma-Pierce County Society which is having their Fall seminar in early November. Our seminar has been listed in the last two issues WSGS newsletter.

About two months ago, we received an announcement of a Pacific Northwest Genealogical Rendezvous on October 12, 1996, in Tacoma and sponsored by AGLL and Heritage Quest Research Library. After investigating, I learned that the sponsors had not checked with the WSGS or Pierce County to avoid having three seminars within a few weeks of each other in the same general area.

The seminar we are having depends on most of our members attending for success and has always drawn from the Pierce County. ... seminar price has been kept low to encourage good attendance. The objective is education and profit is secondary. The Rendezvous on October 12 is a commercial venture so if you only have money to attend one event -- PLEASE support your Society and attend the October 5th seminar. It will be worthwhile for the beginner and advanced researcher, even if the topics don't cover the your areas of interest. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW!

The Washington State Society has divided our state into regions with a representative appointed for each region. We are in Region III and our representative is Jean Laws of Olympia. I am in contact with her frequently to give her news of our Society and receive pertinent news from the WSGS to pass on to you. Here is the latest -- Washington Pioneer Project: All forms and applications from this project are being transferred to the Washington State Archives where they will be available for researchers. Pioneer certificates are still being issued every month. The WSGS is ready to publish the cemetery listings for Washington State with information on location, records available, etc. WSGS is purchasing the Washington State federal census soundex for 1920 for the Washington State Library. They will then have a complete set of Washington State census both federal and state with all soundexes and indexes. These are available for interlibrary loan through your local libraries.

PSGS CONTACTS

Do you need to contact somebody in the Club? Do you have a question or suggestion? Here are a few phone numbers you should jot down:

President - Bill Richardson (377-5881)

Treasurer - Cyril Taylor (769-8131)

Programs - Linda Sloan (830-4871)

Library - Marjorie Menees (871-0342)

Family Backtracking - Dick Helander (479-0131)

Membership - Lois Roark (871-2157)

EDITOR NEEDED

The time has come when I just don't have the time to continue as editor of the Family Backtracking after the end of this year. Since I now spend more than half the year out of the area, it becomes a difficult task for me to meet the deadlines and get material for the publication. I would like one or more members, preferably one who has a computer, word processor, and a data base program to volunteer to take over. I would like to work with this person(s) on the next issue to make the transition work smoothly. Please contact Bill Richardson (377-5881) if you are interested.

NAVAL HOSPITAL RECORDS

We need help in entering data from Naval Hospital records into a data base for publishing in the Family Backtracking starting next issue. This task can be done in your own home at your own pace. All that you need is a computer with a data base program that will export a flat file (ASCII). The information was extracted a number of years ago and is stored on 3x5 index cards. Contact Dick Helander (479-0131) or Bill Richardson (377-5881) for more information.

EXCHANGES

Have you ever wondered with whom we exchange periodicals? Below is a list of current exchanges in zip code (state) order. Be sure to read Pat Eder's excellent review of the records and interesting articles published by these societies and associations in Exchange Notes.

Berkshire Family History Assn, Pittsfield MA 01201
Falmouth Genealogical Soc., Teaticket MA 02536
American-Canadian Gene Soc., Manchester NH 03108
Rockingham Soc. of Genealogists, Exeter NH 03833-0081
Mercer Co. Gene Soc., Sharon PA 16146-0812
Lycoming Co Gene Soc., Williamsport PA 17701
Frederick Co Gene Soc., Monrovia MD 21770-0234
Prince William Co Gene Soc., Manassas VA 22110-0812
Kanawha Valley Gene Soc., South Charleston WV 25303
Okaloosa Co. Gene Soc., Fort Walton Beach FL 32548
Pathfinders Gene Soc., Clermont FL 34711
Tuscarawas Co Chapter OGS, New Philadelphia OH 44663
Brown Co Chapter OGS, Georgetown OH 45121

Tri-State Gene Soc., Evansville IN 47710
Boone Co Gene Soc., Boone IA 50036
Jackson Co. Gene Soc., Maquoketa IA 52060
Minnesota Gene Soc., St Paul MN 55116-0069
Otter Tail Co Gene Soc., Fergus Falls MN 56537
Sioux Valley Gene Soc., Sioux Falls SD 57102
Lyman-Brule Gene Soc., Chamberlain SD 57325
The Tree Branches, Glendive MT 59330-1275
Flathead Valley Gene Soc., Kalispell MT 59901
Fed. Of Gene Societies, Western Springs IL 60558-0271
Peoria Gene Soc., Peoria IL 61655
Schuyler-Brown Hist & Gene Soc., Rushville IL 62681
Clay Co Gene Soc., Louisville IL 62858
Lincoln Co Historical Soc., Troy MO 63379
Lincoln Co Mo Gene Soc., Troy MO 63379
Scotland Co. Gene Soc., Memphis, MO 63555-0232
Jefferson Co Gene Soc., Oskaloosa KS 66066
Crawford Co. Gene Soc., Pittsburg KS 66762
New Mexico Gene Soc., Albuquerque NM 87102-3517
Orange Co. Gene Soc., Huntington Beach CA 92648
Sequoia Gene Soc., Tulare CA 93274
Gene Forum of Oregon, Portland OR 97201-4934
Willamette Gene Soc., Salem OR 97308
South King Co. Gene Soc., Kent WA 98032-0203
Seattle Gene Soc., Seattle WA 98111
Stillaguamish Valley Gene Soc., Arlington WA 98223
Whatcom Co. Gene Soc., Bellingham WA 98227-1493
Clallam Co. Gene Soc., Port Angeles WA 98362
Jefferson Co. Gene Soc., Port Townsend WA 98368
Tacoma-Pierce Gene Soc., Tacoma WA 98401
Olympia Gene Soc., Olympia WA 98507
Grays Harbor Gene Soc., Cosmopolis WA 98537
Mason Co Gene Soc., Grapeview WA 98546
Clark Co. Gene Soc., Vancouver WA 98668
Gene Soc. of N Cent Washington, Wenatchee WA 98807-5280
Chelan Valley Gene Soc., Chelan, WA 98816-1316
Grant Co. Gene Soc., Ephrata WA 98823
Yakima Valley Gene Soc., Yakima WA 98907
Tri-City Gene Soc., Richland WA 99352

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS

Here is a list of the new books acquired over the last quarter. The librarian will be placing new books on a special shelf so they will be more easily located.

Census documents: 1870 MO Washington & Wayne Co's, 1880 WA King (Part) - Wahkiakum, 1890 Kentucky Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890 Louisiana Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890

Maine Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Maryland Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Massachusetts Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Michigan Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Mississippi Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Missouri Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 New York Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Texas Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 Virginia Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 West Virginia Veterans' Census Index, AGLL, 1890
 1982 Bremerton (Kitsap Co) City Directory, Including Port Orchard, by R L Polk & Co., Donated by Cyril Taylor, 1985
 Bremerton & Vicinity City Directory, Donated by Cyril Taylor, Alabama Early Marriages, AGLL, Ancestor Charts of Members - Vol 1, IL St GS, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Ancestor Charts of Members - Vol 2, IL St GS, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Ancestral Roots of 60 Colonists of New England, Fifth Edition, by Fred L Weiss, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists Who Came to New England Between 1623 & 1650, by Weis-Lewis, Ancestry of Van Hoosier Lawson, by S M Lawson, Donated by the Author, Arkansas Early Marriages, AGLL, Banner or Peace & Cumberland Presbyterian Advocate, by Marg Scoggins, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Biggerstaff - Second Edition 1981, by R Biggerstaff, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Bremerton City Directory - 1990, by R L Polk & Co, Donated by Jean Stark, Civil War Genealogy, by G Schweitzer, Donated by Pat Eder, Claiborne County, Tennessee, by Claiborne Co, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Dickinson Family Records, Donated by Laurel Dickinson, Early Church Records of Groton Massachusetts, by S A Greene, Donated by Frank Baillie, Early Settlers of Barbour County, Alabama, by Marie H Godfrey, Donated by Deanna Dowell, Excerpts from this Mountain Echo - 1896, by Laurel Co HS, Donated by Cereice Cook, Genealogy Collection of the Tacoma Public Library "New on the Bookshelf", Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange, Geographic Dictionary of New Jersey, by Henry Gannett, Donated by Pat Eder, Georgia Early Marriages, AGLL, Groton During the Revolution, by S A Greene, Donated by Frank Baillie, Harry D. Sorensen, by Clara Sorensen, Donated by Deanna Dowell, Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1907-09 (Ah, Cly 000 - Zoeing, Roy 652), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1910-19 (Aho, Dan 000 - Holberg 451), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1910-19 (Holm, Soren 450 - Reidt, U 300), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1910-19 (Reidt, U 300 - Zermaritz 656), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1920-29 (Aho 000 - Hill 400), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index 1920-29 (Hill 400 - Prarer 666), Health-Vital Records, Birth Index

1920-29 (Quay 000 - Zermante 655), Highland Heritage, History & Genealogy of the Barnstead Early Families, by Stuart Merrill, History of Bristol & Bremen Maine, by John Johnston, Donated by Frank Baillie, History of St Albans, Maine, by Bigelow/Knowles, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, History of Wheeling City & Ohio Co., WV & Representative Citizens, by Gib L Cranmer, Illinois Regional Archives Depository System, Donated by Marjorie Menees, Indiana Early Marriages, AGLL, Inskeep Genealogies, by Kathy Inskeep, Introductory Genealogy, by N S Southwick, Iowa Early Marriages, AGLL, Jackson Co., IA GS Quarterly, by Jackson Co GS, Kentucky Early Marriages, AGLL, Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy, by Soc of KY Pioneers, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Killings, by Wm L Montel, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Kitsap Co. Auditor - Register of Births (Anderson - Salenjus), Kitsap Co. Auditor - Register of Deaths (Alexander - Bringleston), Kitsap: a Centennial History, by Fredi Perry, Mason Co. Auditor - Register of Births (Allen - Skelsey), Mason Co. Auditor - Register of Deaths (Asmus - Sanderson), Massachusetts Register - 1802, by Orange Co GS, Donated by Orange Co GS, Mayflower Descendants & Their Descendants for Two Generations after the Landing, by John T Landis, Mississippi Early Marriages, AGLL, Missouri Early Marriages, AGLL, NEHGS Register of Persons in Vol 1-50, A-O, by Rayne, etal, NEHGS Register of Persons in Vol 1-50, P-Z, by Rayne, etal, Norris (Family Group Sheets & Charts), by Herb Norris, Donated by Herb Norris, North Carolina Early Marriages, AGLL, Norwegian-American Studies & Records; Vol. 11-15 & 17, by Norwegian-American Hist. Soc., Donated by Dave Rugh, Proving Your Pedigree, by A F Bennett, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Roster - American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Sequatchee Families, by James Douthat, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Society of Kentucky Pioneers, by Soc of Ky Pioneers, Donated by Stephen Lawson, Speakers Directory - Genealogical Speakers Guild 1994, Donated by Guild, Surname Index of Members of Orange Co., by CA Gene Soc, OGS, Donated by Orange Co GS, Suzzallo Library - U of W - Basic Sources for Genealogical Research, Texas Early Marriages, AGLL, The 1812 Census of Ohio, by TLC Genealogy, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, The Clans of Scotland, by M Macdonald, Donated by Frank Baillie, The Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin #52, by CT Hist Soc, The Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin #53, by CT Hist Soc, The Domesday Book, by Thomas Hinde, The Fyler-Filer Family Vol. 1, by Jean F Arnold, Donated by Stephen Lawson, The Fyler-Filer Family Vol. 2, by Jean F Arnold, Donated by Stephen Lawson, The

Githens Family in America 1741-1977, by G D Githens, The Index to the 1800 Census of Massachusetts, by Eliz P Bentley, Donated by Frank Baillie, The Union: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War, by Munden & Beers, Thomas Daniel of Colonial Virginia, by Kevin W Daniel, Donated by Mrs. Paul C. Amis, Virginia Early Marriages, AGLL, Vital Records of Haverhill Massachusetts (Births), by Topsfield Hist. Soc., Donated by Frank Baillie, Vital Records of Haverhill Massachusetts (Marriages & Deaths), by Topsfield Hist. Soc., Donated by Frank Baillie, and WA State Genealogical Society 1996 Membership Directory.

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

Welcome to the following new and renewed members:

New: Jim Bailey, 9834 Central Valley Road NE, Bremerton WA 98311-9130, Ph: 692-2014, Dennis L. Blake, 10789 Bowe Ln SE, Port Orchard WA 98366, Ph: (206) 857-7287, Judith Collins, 2611 Long Lake Road SE, Port Orchard WA 98366, Ph: 871-3670, Patricia L. Haugen, 3555 Surrey Court, Port Orchard WA 98366, Ph: 871-5548, Mark Hester, 11032 SE 183rd Pl, Renton WA 98055, Helen M. Jolly, 7677 Old Military Road, Bremerton WA 98311, Ph: 692-1012, Stephen M. Lawson, 819 Cline Ave., Port Orchard WA 98366-4301, Ph: 876-1397, Elmer D. Lince, 2316 E 11th St, Bremerton WA 98310, Ph: 479-3338, Cara J. Loflin, 7174 N Vandecar Road SE, Port Orchard WA 98366, Ph: 876-3977, Margaret Odden, 2257 NW Vinland View, Poulsbo WA 98370, Ph: 779-2313, Frank and Clara Porter, 7007 Prestwick Lane SW, Port Orchard WA 98366 Edna Sims, 8651 State Hwy 3 SW #138, Port Orchard WA 98366, Ph: 674-2156 and Richard and Jean Yager, 8232 Lariat Trail NW, Bremerton WA 98311, Ph: 698-2498.

Renewals: Frank Baillie, Alice Beebe-Blowers, Sue Bye, Elizabeth S J Demmon, Patti Hughes, Bess Olson, Ralph and Barbara Peterson, Bertha G. Randall, Helen Ristvet, Carole Sayers, Paul and Shirley Southwell, Ernestine G Swan, Jerry and Jacqueline Thompson, Marge Tonge, Weiford and Leona Wells and Clarence and Elizabeth York.

Dues for 1996 are \$12 (individual) and \$15 (family). After June 30, the dues are \$7 (individual) and \$8 (family). If you have paid your dues but have not received your 1995 membership card, you can pick it up at the monthly meeting or send a

SASE to Lois Roark, 4500 Salmonberry Rd SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

EXCHANGE NOTES

by Pat Eder

THE DINGHY Vol 7 No 4 (1995): Genealogical data on colonial families; finding maiden names of colonial women; direct lineage charts sent in my readers; lists of ancestors by name of boat they arrived on pre 1800. Also received: The Dinghy winter 1995-96): Same as above. Reader generated charts; queries; ancestor lists; missing maiden names all pertaining to colonial times or earlier

ANCESTRY (Mar/Apr 96): British Isles research; African-American research; copying photographs yourself; passengers to Canada; finding your ancestor's place of origin. (May/June 96): Andersonville, GA; using a research plan; Louisiana Civil War military records; Revolutionary War research; using census information.

HERITAGE QUEST (Mar/Apr 96): Polish-American research; Italian marriage records; Native American research; Photos from your ancestor's European town; genealogical research at the Archives of Archdiocese of Boston; new and raffle known resources.

NGS (National Genealogical Society Mar/Apr 96): Tracing your family health history; genealogical resources of the Allen Co., IN public library; computer software discussion of genealogical programs; PAF 2.3- how to get the most from it.

CA Sequoia GS (June 96): Importance of vital records; 1902 Tulare, CA data. (July 96): Tulare, CA data 1907.

FL South Lake Co. (Winter 96): Mascotte, FL cemetery tombstones; importance of how you preserve and pass your records to your descendants. (Spring 96): Mascotte, FL cemetery won't; wagon train diary.

IL Clay Co. GS (May 96): Alamo Scouts of the 6th Army in the southwest Pacific during WW II. (Summer 96): Clay Co. history; articles from Clay Co. newspapers; Union cemetery, Hord, IL; J. Mack Tanner journal 1902.

IL Peoria Co. (Spring 96): Civil War leper; Peoria newspaper articles 1895-96; medical history research; Peoria public library info; member surname file. (Summer 96): Newspaper articles

1896 Peoria co; members surname file.

IL Schuyler Co. (Spring 96): 1898 chronology of Schuyler co; items in Rushville Times 1909-1946; early Mormon history. (Summer 96): Schuyler Co. obituaries and news items in local newspapers; Civil War soldiers reunion of 1899.

IN-KY-IL GS (Mar 96): Dubois Co., IN estate and guardianship record 1839-53; Ziemer funeral home records 1928-38 surname "B" won't; 1870 Vanderburgh Co., IN census, won't; Evansville, IN newspaper items for 1867.

IA Boone Co. (Mar 96): Members surname file.

KS Crawford Co. (Spring 96): Crawford Co. marriages PENTLER to STEEL, 1894; Crawford Co. probates 1897-1900; Crawford Co. births MCCOLLOM to RITCHEY, 1893. (Summer 96): Crawford Co. marriages book Baja probates book "L": births 1893 PEASE to WHEELLOCK.

MA Berkshire Genealogist (Spring 96): 1855 State census of Lee, MA; St. Stephens Episcopal church, Piffisfield, MA marriages 1883-99; Yearbooks of Norway, Maine high school 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918 and 1923.

MN Offer Tail Co. GS (June 1996): Compton Twp 1880 census surnames and 1884 landowners; cemetery records Compton Twp; 1890 Civil war veterans and widows; naturalizations 1901.

MO Scotland Co. (Apr 96): Memphis, MO obituaries June 1994; school pupils in Memphis, MO Sept 1913 term; how to find maiden names.

MT Flathead Valley GS (June 96): Marriages 1921-31 don't; grantor deeds index 1884-97 won't; where to write for information about your ancestor's ship.

MT Tree Branches (May 96): Dawson Co., MT death notices Jan-Apr 1996.

NH Rockingham Society of Genealogists (Mar 96): Stratham, NH cemetery records; Bartlett family of MA. (Summer 96): Bartlett family of MA Conk Stratham NH cemetery records won't.

NM GS (June 96): Lincoln Co. voter lists; Rio Arriba Co. cemetery stones; register of deaths Curry Co. 1909-20.

OH Tuscarawas Co. GS (May 96): 1860 mortality census won't; Strasburg high school graduates 1905-17.

OR Genealogical Forum (June 96): Lone Fir, Portland OR cemetery records; OR civil war veterans con't; naturalizations found in Alaska land papers

OR Willamette Valley GS (Spring 96): Marion Co. execution docket #1, 1873-74; Marion Co. death certificates 1909-10; Marion Co. probates con't; Hentz bible.

PA Lycoming Co. (May/June 96): 1860 Lycoming Co. mortality census; 1860 Sullivan Co. mortality census; Muncy monthly meeting births and deaths 1778-1816; St Lukes Catholic church contributors 1917-19, Jersey Shore, PA; Marriages os Rev. Greer 1835-43.

WA Chelan Valley GS (Apr/May 96): calculating birth dates from tombstone inscriptions.

WA Clallam Co. (Spring 96): Pioneering at Lake Ozette, WA.

WA Clark Co. (Spring 96). Member surname file; Knapp mortuary records, Vancouver, WA 1943; Vancouver newspaper excerpts 1869.

WA Grant Co. (Mar 96): 1910 Grant Co. census; 1911 Grant Co. directory; Coombs bible.

WA Grays Harbor (June/July 96): Liechtenstein history.

WA Mason Co. GS (May 96): Opal Woolhouse story don't.

WA Olympia GS (Jan 96): Thurston Co. naturalizations 1850-1974, DECKEY-DONOHUE; War veterans Thurston Co. don't.

WA South King Co. (May 96): Synopsis of PBS TV program "Ancestors" due in fall; finding your ancestor's cause of death..

WA Stillaguamish Star Valley GS (May/June 96): Computer research on Internet.

WA State GS (May/June 96): Searching for fathers who died in WW II; social security prefix numbers.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co. (Spring 96): Early MA records-where to find locally; Pre 1850 CT vital

records; Pierce Co. wills 1891; Pierce Co. probates 1869; congressional directory of 1865.

WA Tri-City GS (May 96): Benton Co. obituaries; member surname file; Hanford High school 1931.

WA Yakima Valley GS (Mar 96): Early Yakima land records; army records WA territory 1856; Kittitas Co., WA school records 1901; newspaper excerpts Kittitas Co. 1890.

READING OLD GRAVESTONES

Submitted by Carol Wilkerson

From: edby3@worldnet.att.net
(Edgar D. Byler, III)

To all:

Have been reading the comments about what to use in reading old gravestones. I agree with Mr. German that chemicals should be avoided. Several people have used a solution of diluted chlorox and water to clean old tombstones. This is not a good idea since the Chlorox reacts with the calcium in some of the stones and actually does more damage than good. The stones may look clean and white for a while, but the patina on old stones may actually help to preserve the stone from acid rain and air pollution.

In the past thirty-odd years I've had the opportunity to read thousands of old tombstones, both in the US and abroad. I would recommend, like Mr. German, a soft chalk or flour. You do have a problem with chalk if the stone is covered with moss or lichens. But on a fairly clean, smooth stone, the chalk, if it's soft, will bring out the inscription.

The best to use on rough stones or engraved fieldstones is flour and pantyhose. Pour the flour into the pantyhose so that it fills the foot end. Then gently slap the filled end against the stone. The flour will fill in the inscription on engraved stones. This also works well for those stones which have a raised inscription. When we were doing our local Cemetery book, we found a very unique stone that covered the grave of a young girl. The stone was completely engraved and carved from top to bottom and also on the sides. The inscription was almost unreadable because it was slightly raised against the level of the surrounding stone. We took the pantyhose filled with flour and beat the stone, then used a soft brush to brush away the excess flour. The result was a complete surprise. The inscription on the stone contained three generations of information. At the top was the engraving of a young girl's head and face and below

the inscription were two tiny feet. The stone, by the way, was shaped like the top of a coffin. The pantyhose technique, along with a soft brush should also keep from using so much flour that animals are attracted to the stone. You certainly don't want a herd of cattle knocking down the stones as a result of the flour you used.

Have also found the flour and pantyhose to work very well on fieldstones. If there is any inscription left at all, this will bring it out. You may have to carry a soft brush along to brush away the excess flour, but it does work.

Another note: sometimes lighting on the stone can make a difference. Several years ago we cleaned an old church cemetery. In the process we found rows and rows of small engraved fieldstones. At first the inscriptions were unreadable without the application of flour. But about 2 P.M. we found that the sun hit the stones in precisely the correct angle. All of the inscriptions were clearly readable, even those which were difficult to read with the flour! So time of day and location of the sun can effect the readability of a old stone. So you might want to carry a flashlight even on a sunny, clear day.

AND A WARNING! Please be careful in old graveyards; watch where you are walking. Nothing can be more disturbing than visiting gggg-grandfather's gravesite and in the process, stepping through a grave. This happened to a cousin in a well-tended graveyard and as a result, she broke her ankle. AND NEVER GO ALONE! Especially if the site is out in the country, away from well traveled roads.

Someday I may submit some of my graveyard stories. Some have really been "hair raising"!

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A family reunion is an effective form of birth control

Any family tree produces some lemons, nuts and bad apples.

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

Floor (n): The place for storing your priceless genealogy records

Genealogists are like monkeys, always in the trees.  
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DON'T USE SHAVING CREAM ON TOMBSTONES

By David A. Chapin

[This article was reprinted by permission from Heritage Quest, July/Aug issue 64, page 23]

I was reading the editorial in "Heritage Quest" by Leland K. Meitzler about why he continues to use shaving cream to enhance his photos of tombstones. Many people in the genealogical community know that I am an activist AGAINST this practice, because the stearic acid in the shaving cream will dissolve $MgCO_3/CaCO_3$ that makes up typical marble stones. Since most people are not experts in the different gravestone types, as a geologist by training I suggested people stay away from shaving cream on tombstones altogether.

Mr. Meitzler was clearly referring to my Internet articles in his editorial, as some of this was a direct quote. He wrote:

"The gentleman has a point, in that shaving cream contains stearic acid, putting the shaving cream in the pH5 range.

This makes it a rather acid substance. It was stated that it is even more acid than acid rain! I'm sorry but acid rain has been a problem since the inception of the industrial revolution. It has gone on day after day, with little let-up.

The use of shaving cream, wiped across the face of a headstone, and then washed off doesn't even seem to be in the same league....For my own part, I'll continue to use shaving cream, because it works better than any other medium for allowing us to read headstones that are otherwise illegible. I use small amounts of it....[after photographing the stone,] I then wash the shaving cream from the stone..."

First of all, let me comment on the above. Then let me add some new research on the matter.

Comments:

1) The time of reaction is very brief, as anyone who has mixed baking soda with vinegar will attest to. The damage commences within seconds of initial contact. Even acid rain works the same way. It is not the length of time that matters so much as it is the fact that you add the acid to the stone in the first place.

2) The active ingredients in shaving cream are not so easy to wash away. That is one of the reasons why the menthol or the perfumes that you

apply to your face when shaving still can be felt or smelled for a long time after you shave.

3) Acid rain comes and goes. In one rainstorm, the drops could be acidic. In the next they could be alkaline. I know here in North Texas where I live, the rains are almost always alkaline. I know this because everytime it rains, I have to add acid to my pool to balance it. Recently, great strides have been made reducing air pollution, which is the leading cause of acid rain. Why would Mr. Meitzler want to exacerbate a known problem that may have been arrested in your area?

4) Shaving cream may be an easier medium to work with, but should laziness be the excuse we use to damage gravestones for future generations?

Now for some new research into this problem...

My son took on this idea for his Science Fair project this year. And he came to some interesting conclusions. He took sample tiles of fresh polished rock that he knew was used for gravestones in our area. Then he subjected them to various acid tests. He also went to different cemeteries and recorded the amount of erosion based on the assumption that the stone was the same age as the date the person died.

For the igneous crystalline rocks, such as granite or black granite (actually called diabase), acid caused no visible damage. Some of the sandstone headstones showed damage and some not. This was related to the composition of the intergrain cement that holds the sand together. Some cement was made of $CaCO_3$ and showed the most chemical weathering.

Now for the marble stones, which seem to make up the majority of the gravestones in our area.... Obviously, there were significant chemical weathering effects that were visible. Even new stones were not immune. At the very least, the polish was completely removed from the stone, indicating as much as 1 mm of surface disintegration had occurred.

He soaked the fresh tiles in an acid bath of pH 3 for five minutes. He observed a minimum of 3 mm of surface disintegration, sometimes more. This represented the equivalent of about 50-100 years of chemical weathering. The point was that it took only 5 minutes to reproduce years of weathering!

He also tried using shaving cream (Gillette Foamy, Menthol). It is admittedly less acidic than his experimental acid bath. We measured our sample and it had a pH of 5, which is in the acid range. In five minutes, it had completely removed the polish from the marble. He measured what appeared to be as much as 1 mm of surface

disintegration. Since old gravestone carvings are typically only 3-5 mm deep, shaving cream causes significant damage to marble stones. Even if you only leave it on the stone for the length of time necessary to take a photograph, the damage is done!

When I published this information on the Internet, I received several interesting comments. One of them, by Ben Buckner, was most noteworthy. Let me quote him:

"As a surface scientist and guy who minored in chemistry, I heartily concur with your conclusion. In addition to the initial damage, the long-chain organic acids like stearic will probably remain on the surface even after the cream dries (undissolved stearic, for example, is solid at room temperature) and possibly even after wiping. The reaction will slow down considerably, probably essentially stopping after drying, but come the new rain, the acids will dissolve again, those H⁺ ions will start floating around, the CO₃⁻⁻ ions will start converting to CO₂ and history will stream down the face of the stone, at least until most of the H⁺ ions are used up. Because CO₂ is a gas, it is removed from the solution and nearly all of the acid will be reacted, despite being a weak acid species.

"I would recommend that people refrain from using the shaving cream method unless they can identify the material as a relatively inert one like granite."

In summary, a couple of points need to be made:

* No one in their right mind would want shaving cream to touch the finish of their car, right? Everyone knows the damage it can do. Why take a chance of damaging a gravestone with shaving cream?

* It was pointed out by others that gravestones -- indeed cemetery plots -- are owned and deeded just like any other piece of property. You would not want someone coming up to your house painting graffiti or, sand-blasting it without your permission. Tombstones are usually someone else's property. Like the saying goes: "Take only photos...leave only footprints". Why on earth would you want to purposely risk damaging someone else's property without their permission? Applying a foreign, chemically-reactive substance to someone else's property is not the right thing to do. In fact it verges on vandalism.

If you are interested in other means of getting the information off a gravestone, let me make several suggestions:

a. If at all possible, take a photograph without doing ANYTHING to stone. My favorite technique is to always use a detachable flash (even on sunny days). I direct my flash at a low angle to the stone to enhance the lettering. Some people like to use mirrors or flashlights to enhance the inscriptions.

b. I don't mind taking a rubbing of the stone. Some people claim that even a rubbing may damage the stone, if you don't do it right. Please check what the rules are in the cemetery before you attempt this procedure. If you are interested in how to take rubbing, check out web page: <http://www.firstct.com/fv/t~stone.html>

c. If you have to add something for contrast, start with water. If you have to go further for contrast, the only thing I recommend is powdered, chemically-inert substances. My suggestions are for light-colored stones - powdered charcoal or graphite. For dark-colored stones - talc or powdered limestone. I know using powdered substances is more bothersome than shaving cream, but it works and doesn't contribute to the degradation of the stone. In fact, it doesn't alter the stone in any way.

d. For more information about tombstones, contact the Association for Gravestone Studies: <http://www.history.rochester.edu/ags/ags.htm>

One final comment: I know that old habits are hard to change. This is one of them. We used to do a lot of things in the past that in hindsight were bad. We used to pour used motor oil down the drain; we thought smoke out of smokestacks was a sign of progress; polluted streams were acceptable, etc. In the genealogical realm, we used to archive important documents on acidized paper; we used to glue or tape precious photographs in notebooks etc. I would hope we have learned the lessons from the past. This is one of them. Applying shaving cream to a tombstone and causing one millimeter of damage may be hard to notice, but it is real damage nonetheless. Why damage something needlessly? Will our future generations thank us because, in our haste and convenience, we have actively contributed towards a gravestone that will become illegible sooner? This was something that was meant for them to read, as well.

The bottom line is: **DON'T USE SHAVING CREAM ON TOMBSTONES!**

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THE BREMER FAMILY FOUNDING FAMILY OF BREMERTON

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The Bremer family was atypical of the people who settled in the Puget Sound region in the waning years of the Nineteenth Century: ambitious, gutsy, European, devoted to family and optimistic about the future of the Puget Sound region.

Although the Bremers never maintained a full-time residence in Kitsap County, they were instrumental in providing today's population with a solid economic base.

William Bremer had an advantage over many of the other newcomers who came to the area: a sound financial education at a leading European banking institution. During his 47 years, he knew the heights of wealth and the depths of debt: he immigrated to a land he did not know and left his name on the city he helped carve from the wilderness.

William Bremer was born June 12, 1863, in Seesen, a Harz Mountain community in the Dukedom of Brunswick, Empire of Germany. He was the son of Edward Bremer, a prosperous banker, and Matilda (Mader) Bremer. After his mother's death (and with not only his education, but practical work experience at his father's bank in Seesen) he immigrated to the United States, arriving aboard the Steamer Abysinia in New York City on Oct. 20, 1882.¹ It has been said that he also worked for a large financial institution in Hamburg and came to the United States jobless and without knowledge of the language. The nineteen year old first went to Winona, Minnesota, then joined his brother Charles in Aberdeen, (South) Dakota. Two other brothers, Adolph and Otto joined them, but they left for St. Paul, Minnesota in 1886, where they established the Bremer name.²

William sold farm implements in Aberdeen for three years and there met William and Pauline (Elterman) Hensel. They had four children, a daughter Sophia and sons, Louis, Henry and William. The Hensels were also German immigrants and had originally settled in Portage, Wisconsin where their children were born.

When the 22 year old Bremer was first introduced to the Hensels, Sophia was a child of 12. Sophia's father had fought in the Indian wars in the Dakotas. A blacksmith by trade, he

volunteered as his mechanical aptitude was desperately needed. In later years he would tell his grandchildren stories of The Plains, of buffalo running in large herds and the fine buffalo steak dinners which were the mainstay of the soldiers' diet. William Hensel's cheek bore an indelible sear of those Wars: an arrow had pierced his cheek and a deep groove was proof of his participation.

The Hensels moved West, settling in Seattle. William Bremer followed, arriving in Seattle January 10, 1888. The Hensel's fondness for the bachelor Bremer, and his fondness for them, led to a permanent union of the two families on March 25, 1891, when Sophia was just 18 years old. The Hensel home was located at Fourth and Union until the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYPE) (1909) when they were forced out of the area and bought a home on Queen Anne Hill.

It was said that William Bremer displayed an uncanny insight into the potentialities of the real estate position and of properties overlooked or deliberately ignored by others.³ He was so successful that his business soon expanded to the point where he took two partners into it.

William Hensel owned a thriving general store in Seattle. Young Bremer and the Hensels spent many weekends cruising the waters of Puget Sound. One of their favorite camping spots was an area near what we now know as Manchester. The women would sleep aboard the boat at night as the area was cougar infested.

The campers knew most of the channels and bays in the Western Puget Sound area. When the tides were right, they'd take their sailboat into Port Orchard Bay and their favorite camping spot was on the beach where the Washington State ferry terminal is today.

It was during Mr. Bremer's early activity in the year 1888, while selling logging lands and farm lands at Sidney (now Port Orchard) that he learned of the Government's interest in locating a Navy Yard on Puget Sound. Several sites were suggested and Bremer knew of some land that could be purchased which was in the area of one of the suggested locations. From Seattle, Bremer took one of the Sound steamers to Bainbridge Island, then hiked across the Island where he found an Indian who rowed him across the Bay to Point Turner. The purpose of the call was to visit Andy Williams, a squawman, about purchasing his homestead. Williams had taken up the homestead in 1872, and on October 15, 1875, received a patent on the 168 acres. (This parcel of land consisted of what is now downtown Bremerton and a small portion of the East end of the Shipyard.) Williams was a logger and various reports since say that

Bremer considered him difficult to work with. After considerable negotiations, Bremer and his brother-in-law, Henry Hensel, purchased the entire parcel for \$32,000. Bremer also bought property from Warren Smith who lived near Puget Power's Eleventh Street power plant. (Warren Avenue is named after Smith.)

Bremer had a concept about what the acreage could be. He sketched it out in his mind, then on paper and hired P. D Hamlin, a civil engineer to survey and plat the townsite. The plat outlined a small town near waters edge and farm units on the outskirts.

Lt. A. B. Wyckoff had been engaged to secure property suitable for a Navy Yard and "after an exhaustive examination of the waters of Oregon and Washington, this commission selected 1572 acres of land between Dyes' and Sinclair's inlets fourteen miles west of Seattle."⁴

But Wyckoff found that the property selected was far too expensive and he was then ordered to find suitable property within the Government's appropriation of \$10,000.

Wyckoff selected the present site, but again the owners of the property would not sell within his budget, so he selected site on Dogfish Bay (Poulsbo). Sinclair Inlet property owner reconsidered, at the suggestion of Bremer, and sold to the Government. The purchase by Wyckoff was the original portion of Puget Sound Naval Station and the transaction was completed on September 16, 1891.

Bremer had acted as the representative for other property owners in the area and negotiated with Lieutenant Wyckoff for the sale of the 190¼ acres.

The Bremer's religious affiliation was with the Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle. The Bremer's donated land for the Norwegian United Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea and the First Methodist Church.

Times were not good for the young real estate developer between 1891 and 1899. He had invested all the money he could lay his hands on in property and his townsite was not prospering as quickly as he had hoped. Work at the Shipyard had bogged down.

Wyckoff was instrumental in creating a committee to sell Congress on the idea of investing in the Puget Sound site and in 1900, \$300,000 was secured in appropriations and in 1901 about half a million. Bremer's lots started selling better once Congress took action.

In the meantime he had built a "substantial wharf at the foot of Second Street, which has ever since been maintained, and at which all ocean-going

vessels can safely land. At the same time Mr. Bremer employed, among others, O. Blanchard, George Hefner, Emil Johnson, Charles Lakin, Nels Nelson, Jesse Phillips, Martin Reuter and Haken Sieverson to clear forty acres of the new townsite, which period marks the founding of Bremerton."⁵

Bremer was described in *The Bremerton News* in 1901, and praised for the magnificent and phenomenal growth of "his town". Praise was given for "The sale of the Navy Yard site by Mr. Bremer to the government at its own price, which was one-half of the price paid by the original owner, the erection and maintenance of a large and substantial wharf, the donation of the school house site, the encouragement of the church people by gifts of church sites, the steadfast faith of the founder during the dark days of financial and commercial depression and his upright conduct and courteous treatment, have contributed in no small degree to the magnificent and phenomenal growth of his town."

Lots in the townsite went for \$50, an inducement for people to settle in the area.

Scott Wetzel recalled the man, Bremer:⁶

He was a fine looking gentleman, prematurely gray, with a little bit of a mustache. He was of medium height and although he was from Germany, he didn't speak with an accent. He was a good dresser...I thought he was a very distinguished looking man."

Wetzel also recalled that Bremer had the reputation of not foreclosing on any mortgages or property sales he had made:

I once bought a piece of tax title property from the County and in order to clear the title up — they only give the deed for the equity in these cases — I went to William Bremer because I remembered he had owned it at one time. He said, "Let's see now, five years ago I sold that to so-and-so. He's in Missouri now. Better let me write him and see if he wants to redeem it." That's the kind of man William Bremer was. How fair he was. I liked him very much.

Wetzel also related that although Bremer didn't come to Bremerton every day, he came often. People called him Mr. Bremer and not William or Bill, according to Wetzel's recollections. (Family members did call him Will, however.)

The young Bremer couple lived in a duplex on Second Avenue where the Washington Plaza now stands. The duplex was shared with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDermott. She was the widow of Edward Nordhoff who had started a one-story, 30 foot framed structure in Belltown (Seattle) which sold drygoods and notions. Mrs. McDermott learned the Chinook jargon and measured out calico and counted change in the language of the Sound

Indians. The drygoods store was later moved uptown and it was what today is known as The Bon Marche'. McDermott was president and general manager of The Bon and Mrs. McDermott treasurer until the business was sold in 1929.⁷

Sophia's brothers, Louis and Henry, worked together in Henry's thriving jewelry business. Louis was a watchmaker. The younger brother William took up engraving and worked for Henry only briefly. Henry became a diamond expert and was the chief appraiser in Seattle for many years.

All of the Hensels loved boats. The brothers all owned them. Henry was very fond of his brother-in-law, William, and they took many yachting trips together. Henry was the first president of the Seattle Yacht Club and although he owned power driven boats, he more often chose sailboats.⁸

William and Henry suffered from wanderlust and lived for the excitement which the new frontier offered. When news came of finding gold in Alaska in the summer of 1897, the Hensel brothers joined the trek northward. They weren't too successful in the gold fields, but Ed Bremer recalls that his Uncles used to talk for hours about the "fields" and how they'd watch the Indians kill, dress and cook deer over an open firepit. In 1913 or 1914, William Bremer's sons, Ed and John, went to White Horse and took the same trails that their uncles had hiked 16 years before.

The Bremer family summered at Colonel Whaley's at Waterman. The Colonel's flagpole was a favorite of Puget Sound Steamboat captains. When the Colonel saw a boat approaching, he'd drop the flags and the boats would answer with a toot. A favorite Bremer family outing would be to visit the Colonel, then hike to Long Lake, through the woods and across logging roads. It was an all-day trip, but an exciting adventure for the family.

In 1908, the Bremers bought 40 acres of land and 1,000 feet of waterfront at Enetai Beach. They summered here until about 1920, when, according to Ed, "Summer homes went out of vogue and touring came in."

They sold the home to Ben Cheney, a Tacoma lumberman, and since his death it's been left idle in the Cheney estate. A caretaker is its only resident now.

Ed Bremer recalls leaving the Enetai dock on a Monday morning for Broadway School in Seattle. He'd catch an 8 a.m. steamer and arrive in Seattle 50 minutes later, take a jitney to the school and be in class at 9 a.m. "The boats were faster than the present day boats," he bemoans.

A special interest of this youngest Bremer son was the steamships of the Sound. A favorite boat was the H. B. Kennedy, a 180-foot, two-stacker built

in Portland in 1909. Promoters of The Kennedy were anxious to prove that their new ship was the fastest on the Sound and the best way to do this was to beat the Inland Flyer. About twice a year young Ed Bremer was fortunate enough to be on The Kennedy headed for Bremerton when the ships raced.

Ed Bremer knew all the captains. He loves to tell stories of how he would stand on the bow of the boat, before radar, and during a heavy fog the Captain would toot the ship's whistle. Ed would listen and signal back to the wheelhouse when the echo bounced back to the ship.

Captain John L. Anderson asked Ed to go to Olympia in 1930 to help get a franchise for the Bremerton-Seattle route. Anderson felt opposition would be good on the run. A group of people, including Bremer, did go to Olympia and the franchise was granted.

Roland N. Carey, noted Northwest marine historian says:⁹ *At the time, 1930, Captain N. G. Christensen remarked that Johnnie Anderson had a lot of pull in the Legislature at Olympia, or he never would have got the franchise. This is probably the incident Mr. Bremer was discussing.*

The Bremer family lived modestly in their Seattle duplex. Before the AYPE most businessmen in the Puget Sound area were suffering financially.

Then the AYPE brought thousands of people to the Northwest and real estate started to sell. The Bremers did everything to promote the development, prosperity and welfare of the Puget Sound area.

According to Ed Bremer, his father became ill in December 1910. Sophia wanted to give him an old-fashioned treatment for the cold, but it was decided to call in a local doctor who ordered Mrs. Bremer to get a prescription for the ill man. After taking the medicine, he took a turn for the worse and developed a blood clot in his leg, according to Ed, and lasted three or four days before he died. Although his obituary listed the cause as his heart, Ed always felt that he'd been accidentally poisoned. He'd never had a sick day in his life, according to his son, Ed. Sophia blamed herself for her husband's death. "If" ... always played a prominent part of future conversations about his death.

Tributes came from all of the papers in the Northwest:

M. M. Carraher, his Seattle associate for 17 years said: "While Mr. Bremer's death was not unexpected by his close friends and his family, his sudden taking off at the very prime of life will be learned with profound sorrow by thousands of persons here and at Bremerton who have personal knowledge of his splendid character, his integrity

and his activities in all works looking toward the upbuilding of this city and all of Western Washington."¹⁰

"The funeral of William Bremer, founder of Bremerton, was held yesterday at his home, 615 Harvard Avenue North in Seattle. It was conducted by Bishop F. W. Keator of the Episcopal Diocese. There were many elaborate floral offerings, including a reproduction in laurel leaves, violets, carnations and roses of a miniature battleship, sent by the city council of the City of Bremerton. Many of the businessmen of Seattle and Bremerton as well as others attended. In Bremerton, the entire city was in mourning during the day and all business houses remained closed between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. The commercial bodies of the city council adopted resolutions and sent floral offerings. The schedule of the ferry, H. B. Kennedy, was changed to accommodate the Bremerton people who attended the services."¹¹

"His death was a great shock to the people. The whole city is in mourning. Flags were placed at half mast and resolutions are being passed by the city council and the businessmen of Bremerton and a large number of his old Bremerton friends attended the services. The pall bearers were Frank P. Lewis, W. N. Redfield, M. D. Haynes, Frank W. Baker, George F. Meacham and A. G. Benbennick. At a meeting of citizens Thursday afternoon, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the feeling of sorrow caused in Bremerton by Mr. Bremer's death. As a mark of respect all places of business in Bremerton were closed from 2 to 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon at the time the funeral was held in Seattle."¹²

On January 9, 1911, the Bremerton City Council did adopt a memorial to the memory of William Bremer. The memorial was an example of expert penmanship and drawing and was created by M. F. McGowan, City Clerk of Bremerton at the time. His son, E. H. T. "Shyne" McGowan was in later years also Bremerton's City Clerk.

On September 17, 1960, the Kitsap County Historical Association (now Society) dedicated a monument to the memory of William Bremer. It is located in the Park adjoining Bremerton's City Hall and commemorates William Bremer's efforts in establishing the city and assisting with establishment of the Shipyard. His sons, Ed and John, were introduced as visiting celebrities.

William Bremer's eulogy read: "He was liberal with Navy Yard workmen. He allowed them to make small payments and was never known to be close

with them when it was inconvenient for them to make their payments. Many of those having homes in the city today owe them to the generosity and kindness of William Bremer. To the churches and lodges established in the early years, Mr. Bremer donated lots for their buildings. In every matter of public welfare coming before the people where he benefited, Mr. Bremer gave of his influence and of his money, freely and gladly. He was generous almost to a fault and to his own loss and detriment."

Mr. Bremer was buried in Seattle's Lake View Cemetery, surrounded now by his friends and names which are perpetuated in State history books: Terry, Denny, Colman, Van Asselt, McGilvra, Mercer, Boren, Captain William Renton, Irving Ballard, Elisha P. Ferry, Henry Yesler and Princess Angeline, daughter of Chief Sealth. Other members of the family have since been entombed in the family's Lake View plot.

The shock of her husband's death changed Sophia's life. She remained close to the Hensels and her three young children. In later years a niece of William Bremer, Marie Bremer Reim described her aunt's closeness to her children: "All German women are taught to keep their family together, especially during times of crisis. Losing her husband was extremely hard on Sophia and her children."

Life insurance in the early Twentieth Century, at least to William Bremer who had gone through the depression of the late Nineteenth Century, was something different than we know today. After his death, Sophia went to the bank and took out the safety deposit box. Its size was estimated by Ed Bremer as approximately one foot by two feet by 10 inches. When Sophia opened it, she was amazed to find that it was filled with \$20 gold pieces. This tided the family over comfortably during the transition period in their lives.

John Bremer was 17 at the time of his father's death, and a student at Broadway High School. During World War I, he was drafted and served overseas in France at Base Hospital 50.

When John was drafted, Ed quit school to assist his mother handling the affairs of their real estate business. Ed drove the family's 1910 Packard, a car that he recalls "never broke down" and only occasionally had a flat tire. The Bremers purchased one of the first Franklin cars in Seattle and Ed recalled that its license plate number was 473: the 473rd car in the State of Washington.

Mother and children had many happy days "touring". A typical weekend might be motoring to Mount Rainier. Many families would start from Seattle, but most would break down before getting

to Tacoma. On one trip, two of the cars made it to Tacoma before breaking down; the third broke down at the base of the Mountain. Ed recalls pushing the Bremer car to the Tacoma dock and onto the bow of one of the steamers going to Seattle. This possibly was the first "auto" ferry on the Sound.

Matilda and Mother Sophia were extremely close during this time. They seldom left each others company. Ed continued making his father's rounds in Bremerton and recalls buying his first building. He was 17 years old and the building, a three-story hotel, was located at First and Pacific in Bremerton. After negotiating for its purchase and before the day had ended, the building burned to the ground.

In 1917, Ed was drafted into the Army and took an examination as a mechanic in aviation. His mother went to the draft board and pleaded for a reconsideration of Ed's status as she needed him to run the family's business. Ed says that he had "one foot in and one foot out of the Army." Mama won as the War was ending and Ed continued operating the business until John returned from France.

Matilda was graduated from Broadway High School and attended private schools in Pasadena and Boston. She was an extremely bright girl, according to her younger brother. She was engaged to marry an Army man at one time, but he died of injuries incurred in the War, according to Ed.

Mother, sons and daughter bought an Overland and drove East on the Old Oregon Trail. They traveled with their handy "blue book" which logged the course rather than using maps. Ed recalled that most farmers in those days had signs out inviting overnight guests and during this vacation they met many wonderful farm families.

Business prospered after the War and when a Bremerton dry goods merchant moved out of a Bremer-owned building Matilda and Sophia walked around Woods' empty store and decided to open a department store of their own. They hired a fixture company to put in new fixtures and lights and ordered all new furniture. Twice annually the entire family journeyed to market in California to purchase clothing for the store. This was the beginning of Bremer's Department Store. "We made fun out of business", Ed says. "Those were the good days."

As young boys, John and Ed were familiar with Seattle saloons. Although too young to partake of the spirits, the saloons were the only place where they could eat while inspecting their Seattle real estate holdings.

Ed always loved sports. Shortly before his Father's death, he ran in track meets in Seattle and

often won blue ribbons. "Once you love one sport, as I loved track, you love them all."

Ed and a friend, Frank Smithers, decided to bring boxing matches to Bremerton where they'd match the Bremerton boys with the Navy boys. Frank was the matchmaker and Ed would publicize the events. Alma Matson, later Ed's housekeeper, was Smithers' cook. They employed her to run the training quarters for the boxers.

"We'd get inquiries from as far north as Vancouver and as far south as Portland to put boxing cards together. We were quite well-known in those days in boxing circles."

Ed has always thought of himself as the mechanic in the family, taking after Grandfather Hensel. John was the business head, more like William Bremer, according to Ed.

William Bremer was a member of the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce and the Navy Yard Bay Commercial Club. He was also a member of Woodman of the World. Sophia was one of the founders of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Ed, either personally or through Bremer Real Estate contributions, belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Eagles, Kitsap Golf and Country Club, Washington Athletic Club and the Naval Base Association. He has contributed heavily over the years to hundreds of worthy organizations and endeavors.

Passing him on the street, few realize that he is the last of the Bremer family. He has lived a modest life, dresses and lives conservatively. He has always been more interested in his business and progress of his family's namesake city than the frivolous niceties that vast sums of real estate usually dictate.

Hundreds of old-timers offer stories of the Bremer family. One which is atypical of those stories is about a former employee of the Bremer family who faced a bleak depression-era Christmas with many young children. His young son eyed an airplane which was being given by the Bremer family in a store-wide promotion and stared at it for a long time. Christmas eve, the father was called into the Bremer office and given a package. It was another airplane, just like the prize, and was long remembered with kindness and affection. Much of the Bremer benevolence has gone unheralded, because that's the way they wanted it. They were a modest family and never sought acclaim within the community.

Edward Bremer Family

Edward Bremer, father of William, born August 16, 1826; died St. Paul, Minnesota Dec. 24, 1893

and buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul. He was a successful banker in Seesen, Germany. His first wife, Matilda Mader, was the mother of William, Edward, Rudolph, Alma, Charles, Otto, Adolph and Freda. After her death in Germany, Edward remarried Marie Bremer (Born Jan. 16, 1852; Died July 3, 1928). Marie and Edward had one son, Paul G., Born Jan. 17, 1887; Died Nov. 16, 1948. No additional information is available on him.

William Bremer Family

William Bremer, born June 12, 1863 in Seesen, A Harz Mountain community in the Duchy of Brunswick (Germany). He was educated at the Jacobson Institute of Seesen and rose rapidly in the financial field, working for his father and for a time in Hamburg at a large financial institution. He arrived in the United States on Oct. 20, 1882, and resided in several states before settling in Seattle on Jan. 10, 1888. He was married to Sophia Hensel on March 25, 1891. (Died Dec. 28, 1910.)

Sophia Hensel was born in Portage, Wisconsin in 1873. She died Nov. 2, 1959 in Seattle. She was the daughter of William and Pauline (Elterman) Hensel.

Matilda, born in Seattle May 12, 1892; died Nov. 7, 1956. Attended high school in Seattle and private schools in Pasadena and Boston. (Another spelling of her name is Mathilde). She was a member of the Seattle Historical Society.

William John, born in Seattle July 28, 1893; died March 23, 1969 in Bremerton after suffering a stroke. Attended Broadway High School and assisted his mother with the family business after the death of his father. He served in World War I at Base Hospital 50. He and his brother managed the affairs of the Bremer Estate. He was known as John.

Edward was born Jan. 19, 1900, in Seattle and attended Broadway High School and had mechanical training. He operated the family business when his brother entered the First World War. He has made his home in Bremerton since the death of his mother in 1959.

The Hensel Family

William Hensel and Pauline Elterman were born and married in Germany. They settled in Portage, Wisconsin where at least three of their children were born. They were the parents of Louis, Henry, Sophia and William. (See Henry Paul Hensel history-Bainbridge Island.)

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KITSAP COUNTY RECORDS

KITSAP COUNTY MARRIAGES 1860-1915 (Cont'd from Vol. XXI #2 page 43)

GUY BEATTY, 24, white, [blank].

Son of James Beatty and [blank]. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IL.

JULIA BERGET, 22, white, [blank].

Daughter of Olie Berget and Anna Johnson. Resident of Poulsbo, WA; native of MN.

Officiating: D. C. Bleam, JP. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: [blank]; license date: 28 Dec 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Charles A. Johnson and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

OLIVER C. LASCHBAUGH, 57, white, carpenter.

Son of Joseph Laschbaugh and Mary _____. Resident of Pearson, WA; native of MI.

LILLIE B. MORGAN, 38, white, [blank].

Daughter of E. S. Morgan and Charlotte _____. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of MO.

Officiating: Frank W. Coder, JP. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 30 Dec 1914; license date: 30 Dec 1914. Second marriage for both. Witnesses: Harry G. Frost and Joseph A. Karr.

PATRICK J. DONEHOE, 27, white, fireman.

Son of Patrick Donehoe and Rosana -----
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of Ireland.

STELLA JUDD, 26, white, [blank].

Daughter of William H. Judd and Effie Edmonton. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of NY. Officiating: D. C. Bleam, JP. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 2 Feb 1915; license date: 2 Feb 1915. Second marriage for groom, first for bride. Witnesses: William H. Donohoe and D. C. Bleam.

ABRAHAM H. ALBERTSON, 43, white, architect.

Son of Edward H. Albertson and Victoria Newman. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of NJ. CLARE D. FOX, legal, white, teacher.

Daughter of Seymore C. Fox and Kate Herbert. Resident of Rolling Bay, WA; native of IL. Officiating: Fred M. McCreary, Minister. Place: Rolling Bay, WA. Date: 6 Feb 1915; license date: [blank]. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Adeline Ashley and E. H. Albertson.

EDDIE L. HENRY, 23, white, soldier.

Son of Edward Henry and Eliza Bussell. Resident of Fort Ward, WA; native of IL.

CLARA MYER, 22, white, [blank].

Daughter of William Myer and Clara Weber. Resident of Port Orchard, WA; native of TX. Officiating: W. E. Pitcher, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 8 Nov 1914; license date: 4 Nov 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: James A. Stack and Miss A. Myer.

J. S. MORIS, 21, white, salesman.

Son of H. R. Morris and Hatty F. Jolly. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IL.

ELIZABETH R. INGERSOLL, 19, white, [blank].

Daughter of E. R. Ingersoll and Elizabeth A. Rexford. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of CO. Officiating: W. E. Pitcher, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 9 Nov 1914; license date: 9 Nov 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Anna Pitcher and Mildred Pitcher.

ERNEST L. BOND, 37, white, real estate agent.

Son of Thomas ----- and Imogene -----
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of Nova Scotia.

LETTA B. FRANKBENE, 39, white, [blank].

Daughter of James M. Kerr and Minnie -----
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IN.

Officiating: Frank W. Coder, JP. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 18 Dec 1914; license date: 18 Dec 1914. First marriage for groom, second for bride. Witnesses: John F McChemg(?) and Bettie Coder.

O. J. FOSTER, legal, white, rancher.

Son of Olaf Foster and Anna Ackman. Resident of Clyfton, WA; native of Sweden.

LUCY M. TRIGG, legal, white, [blank].

Daughter of L. H. Robins and Lizzie Pine. Resident of Allyn, WA; native of IA. Officiating: W. F. Pitcher, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 24 Dec 1914; license date: 24 Dec 1914. Second marriage for groom. Mary A. White and Anna Pitcher.

GEORGE W. CONNOR, 42, white, laborer.

Son of George W. Connor and Rachael Barker. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of MO.

LENA HOPE, 41, white, [blank].

Daughter of Hans Paulson and Sina Nelson. Resident of Cove; native of Norway. Officiating: Walter M. French, Judge. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 28 Dec 1914; license date: 28 Dec 1914. First marriage for groom, second for bride. Witnesses: A. M. Dufield and Mr. J. Wang.

M. L. FRANCIS, 28, white, baker.

Son of M. W. Francis and Hannah Tobin. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of NY.

HAZEL KATHERINE CORVIN, 21, white, [blank].

Daughter of John A. Corvin and Susie Reynolds. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of NY. Officiating: Rev. H. Hudson. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 30 Dec 1914; license date: 29 Dec 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Mrs. Lydia McGill and Charlie Teacher.

ARTHUR JOSEPH WALLACE, 31, white, mariner.

Son of Frank K. Wallace and Katherine Gerhardt. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of IL.

MYRTLE EVELYN ERICKSON, 19, white, stenographer.

Daughter of Gustav A. Erickson and Betsey Carlson. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of MN. Officiating: Charles W. Holmes, Rector, St. Paul's Church. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 31 Dec 1914; license date: 29 Dec 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Florence Erickson and Andrew W. Bloomer.

J. SPITHILL, 33, white, shingle mill.

Son of Alexander Spithill and [blank]. Resident of Granite Falls, OR; native of WA.

NINA TURNER, 35, white, [blank].

Daughter of J. L. Smathen and Lena Sayles.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of MT.
Officiating: J. C. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 29 Dec 1914; license date: 29 Dec 1914. Second marriage for both. Witnesses: Perry Smith and Mrs. C. A. Lindholm.

W. BLAKELEY, 35, white, railway mail clerk.

Son of D. D. Blakeley and Angeline Benway.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of MI.
GEORGEANA BURTON, 28, white, [blank].

Daughter of L. E. Burton and Susie Nelson.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of MT.
Officiating: J. C. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 2 Jan 1915; license date: 2 Jan 1915. Second marriage for both. Witnesses: Jennie Gesford and P. C. Gesford.

J. A. McINNIS, 27, white, moulder.

Son of John McInnis and Marie Gorman.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of CA.
RASSIE M. PATTERSON, 25, white, [blank].

Daughter of Edwin Patterson and da Sands.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of WI.
Officiating: J. C. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 2 Jan 1915; license date: 2 Jan 1915. First marriage for both. Witnesses: E. Mendenhall and Mrs. C. A. Lindholm.

CHARLES R. THOMPSON, 21, white, mail carrier.

Son of John W. Thompson and Minnie Snyder.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of OH.
LAURA R. ROBINSON, 23, white, [blank].

Daughter of Roland Robinson and Cara B. Baner. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of IL.
Officiating: E. G. Decker, M. E. Pastor. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 1 Jan 1915; license date: 30 Dec 1914. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Mat Herthman and Conrad Verdee.

EDWARD A. BOLEEN, 23, white, sheet metal worker.

Son of Charles Boleen and Carrie B. Baner.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IL.
ANNA STEIN, 19, white, [blank].

Daughter of John Stein and Caroline Olson.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of Norway.
Officiating: Walter M. French, Judge. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 2 Jan 1915; license date: 2 Jan 1915. First marriage for both. Witnesses: T. W. Gerning and Agnes Groming.

CHRIS MILLER, 32, white, laborer.

Son of Herman Miller and Ella Campbell.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of CO.

NELLIE A. HUBBS, 38, white, [blank].

Daughter of Robert Hubbs and Marie Kensie.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of VA.
Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 11 Jan 1915; license date: 11 Jan 1915. First marriage for groom, second for bride. Witnesses: Andrew Young and Thomas B. Hilstad.

PAUL N. LOCKWOOD, 24, white, motorman.

Son of James Lockwood and Jennie Brown.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of U.S.
ALICE BIERING, 16, white, [blank].

Daughter of E. F. Biering and R. M. Thomas.
Resident of Kingston, WA; native of U.S.
Officiating: W. E. Strain, JP. Place: Kingston, WA. Date: 25 Dec 1914; license date: [blank]. Second marriage for groom, first for bride. Witnesses: H. B. Gilmore and E. S. Gilmore.

E. H. MICSKE, 22, white, salesman.

Son of Ludwig Micske and Augusta Miller.
Resident of Seattle, WA; native of WI.
HELEN SHAND, 19, white, operator.

Daughter of Charles K. Shand and Anna C. Leith. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IL.
Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 6 Feb 1915; license date: 6 Feb 1915. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Ella Breed and Mrs. C. A. Lindholm.

L. E. CONRAD, 42, white, lumberman.

Son of Wesley Conrad and Florence Guy.
Resident of Everett, WA; native of IA.
LAURA E. WEEKS, 29, white, [blank].

Daughter of Ed Hensy and Elisa Bussell.
Resident of Port Orchard, WA; native of CO.
Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 2 Feb 1915; license date: 2 Feb 1915. First marriage for groom, second for bride. Witnesses: Theo. B. Histad and Eliza Henry.

FREDERICK REINKEN, 43, white, carpenter.

Son of Henry Carl Reinken and Augusta A. Wedekemp. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of KY.

SARAH H. CROSS, 47, white, [blank].

Daughter of Calvin Heath and Ruth Corzatt.
Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of OH.
Officiating: E. G. Decker, M. E. Pastor. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 21 Jan 1915; license date: 20 Jan 1915. First marriage for groom, second for bride. Witnesses: John A. Carlson and Rose A. Carlson.

BURT H. VINNING, 31, white, teacher.

Son of Calvin Vinning and Caroline Price. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of OH.

HELEN M. WEDDELL, 20, white, [blank].

Daughter of William B. Weddell and Lucy Kriesher. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of OH. Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 3 Feb 1915; license date: 3 Feb 1915. Second marriage for groom, first for bride. Witnesses: R. F. Shean and Mrs. C. A. Lindholm.

CHARLES LOHRE, 23, white, salesman.

Son of John E. Lohre and Christine Egger. Resident of Tacoma, WA; native of WA.

ADLINE JAMES, 40, white, [blank].

Daughter of Alexander Pellard and Ellen Joe. Resident of Tacoma, WA; native of WA.

Officiating: E. G. Decker, M. E. Pastor. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 1 Feb 1915; license date: 1 Feb 1915. First marriage for groom, fourth for bride. Witnesses: Carl G. Johnson and S. W. Faust.

J. B. BENAVENTE, 23, yellow, Navy.

Son of Lazarus Benovite and Juane Blegner. Resident of [blank]; native of Philippine Islands.

RAY LEWIS, 21, white, [blank].

Daughter of thomas Lewis and Emelia Debrinate. Resident of Bremerton, WA; native of France.

Officiating: P. S. Turner, JP. Place: Bremerton, WA. Date: 25 Sep 1915; license date: [blank]. First marriage for both. Witnesses: M. M. Bowman and J. L. Valemula.

NELS THORSON, 35, white, [blank].

Son of Thor Thorson and Kari Jensen. Resident of Poulsbo, WA; native of Norway.

JOHANNA LOSS, 18, white, [blank].

Daughter of A. P. Loss and Ligna Hansen. Resident of Poulsbo, WA; native of MN.

Officiating: Rev. C. M. Mohn, Minister. Place: Poulsbo, WA. Date: 7 Feb 1915; license date: [blank]. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Nels Thorson and Lina Loss.

C. ELMOOR ANDERSON, 18, white, printer.

Son of Andrew Anderson and Christina Knudson. Res. of Seattle, WA; native of Seattle.

AMEY BROWN, 18, white, clerk.

Daughter of H. Brown and _____. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of England.

Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 25 Jan 1915; license date: 23 Jan 1915. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Andrew Anderson and Christina Anderson.

W. HARRIS, 35, white, carpenter.

Son of Comodore Harris and Perriside Stacey. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of IL.

TESSIE J. CAMPBELL, 30, white, [blank].

Daughter of Collin Campbell and Tessie Campbell. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of Nova Scotia.

Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 27 Jan 1915; license date: 27 Jan 1915. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Ed Angel and Mrs. E. Tewelliger.

L. A. CRAWFORD, 25, white, fireman.

Son of S. Crawford and Sarah Bainbridge. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of CA.

MAZZEPA BUMP, legal, white, [blank].

Daughter of Edwin B. Killie and V. S. Herrman. Resident of Seattle, WA; native of MN.

Officiating: C. A. Lindholm, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 25 Jan 1915; license date: 25 Jan 1915. Second marriage for both. Witnesses: Harold Kellie and Urdene Kellie.

A. REINHARDT, legal, white, engineer.

Son of Samuel Reinhardt and Mary Huntzinger. Resident of Pendleton, [OR]; native of IL.

LOUESA IONE OTHWELL, legal, [blank], [blank].

Daughter of Oliver Heavner and Sarah Brace. Resident of Walla Walla, WA; native of MO.

Officiating: W. E. Pitcher, Minister. Place: Port Orchard, WA. Date: 12 Feb 1915; license date: 12 Feb 1915. Second marriage for both. Witnesses: Mildred Pitcher and Mrs. Anna Pitcher.

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The Campbell Papers

This is the fourth and last part of a series continuing from Volume XXI No. 2, page 53. This journal was discovered recently by Dick Helander in a "tin box" with some old papers belonging to his deceased aunt. Based on the information contained in the journal, it was determined that the journal belonged to William Campbell, Dick's GG-Grandfather and was written while he served in the military between 1807 and July 1815.

1814

December

- 8 purchased 5 tickets in the board of health lottery for 55.00 for which I had them insured to draw 40.00
- 10 Very pleasant day
- 11 12 Mo. H. M. C. 2.00 12th Mo. H. M. C. 2.00
- 13 paid foster in full
- 14 sent my clothing to the store and took receipts - 30th 2 pr wool socks
- 18 20 with V. H. - J. Atter 2.00 - 20 gave V. H. 20.00
- 21 for 24.00 for six shirts and four hdkfs - Recd. 14.73 of Linn. Field for Divine and Waterbury
- 24 - bot. of John Hatcher, a Great Coat - Citizen Coat, pantaloons
- 28 - sold my sword to Dr. Sew for 40.00 - took his aut. for 45.73 - paid the balance in cash - recd. a letter from Judge Robinson
- Balance on hand last month 2470.70 Recd. 14.75 = 2485.45
- paid V. H. 30.00 exp. 6.00 - physician for purgative 6.00 - tickets 72.00
- Sewer 5.73 - Horse 14.37 - Great Coat 22.25 Citizen Coat 33.50 Pant
- Loans 13.12 - worsted shirt 3.00 - six shirts and four hdkfs 24.00
- 2 pr socks 1.50 Mending 1.00 - washing 3.00 - exp. 14.00
- = 247.47 = balance on hand of 2237.98

January

- 2 Sold to Dr. Washburn my cloak 60.00 - Sartout 45.00 Saddle bridle & 60.00
Pistols 25.00 & Books 25.00 = 215.00 = rec'd his Accounts for 5 months = 274.41 -
leaving a balance of 59.41 which I paid him in Cash - rode to Cambridge
11 rode to Dedham and back
13 took my cash from the bank & sent 200.00 to Col. Eustis for his
receipt he gave me on the 11th -
14 entered St. Johns Lodge - 142^d for 15.00 extra session expense 8.00
16 18 had my boots for the 18 (vis) M. A. M. C.
21 ticket N^o 13.236. in W. C. Lottery drew 12.00 which I gave for N^o 11290 & 1.00 Cash
22, 4, 5 saw V. V. - 24 checked Silk Hdk 1.50 - 25 Mason Monitor 1.25
26 paid Carl for board & washing - myself & waiter to this day 167.43
30 gave Isaac 8.00 -
Balance on hand last month 2237.98 - Rec'd 1.00 = 2238.98
paid Washburn 59.41 - Col. Eustis 200.00 - St. Johns Lodge 23.00 boots 4.50
Hdk 1.50 - Book 1.25 Board & washing 167.43 - Isaac 8.00 expen 167.5
= 481.84 = Balance on hand of 1757.14

February

- 7 10 ruled the 3^d degree in Masonry - for 10.00 - 10 gave V. V. 5.00
11 Paid Baldwin and Bullard 20.00 in fee - gave Carl my note for
31.62 on demand -
" bot. Sleigh Harness & Whip of Reed for 41.00 - Silk purse 0.75
" 4 P.M. set off for Albany - rode to Smiths in Walburn -
12, 13 rode to Harringtons in Spencer - 13 to Warrens in Northampton - Col
14, 15 to Pittsfield - 15th to Whitmores in Albany
16 rode to Troy & back
17 wrote to Mrs. Richmond & Washburn in left with Daet. Shaws my
horse - Sleigh harness - Saddle & trunk & 1060.00 Cash -
Rec'd 4.00 of Col. Allen for premiums on Boston fair
for Whitmores bill 8.00 - passage to New York 12.00
18 19 set off rode to Fishkill - 19 rode to New York - passage to Phila 6.00
20, 21 rode to Somerset - 21st to Philadelphia - passage to Baltimore 10.00
22, 23 set off this morning and rode until 8 p.m. on 23. to Baltimore and then
24 rode to Washington - Stage 5.00 - Nat^l & lost my knife last night
25 Reported - went to Mr. Dimmons to Board
" bot. Gloves 1.00 - pen knife 1.25 -
Balance on hand last month 1757.14 Rec'd 4.00 = 1761.14
Paid for Sleigh harness & Whip 41.00 Baldwin & Bullard 20.00
Silk Purse 0.75 - pen knife 1.25 - for Gloves 1.00 -

1815

February

3rd degree Masonry 10.00. 01445.00. Gave Isaac 3.00. Whitmore's bill 8.00
 Stage fare 33.00 expense 40.00 = 163.00 = Balance on hand 1598.14

March

9. 10th Saw the Secretary & 10th gave in my auth for B & O for Conty.
 11 Arrived at Burlington - 1/2 Mr. Dimmore for board 24.00 - 1/2
 11 1/2 x 129 259 1.00 - Stage to Baltimore 5.00
 12 Rode to Baltimore -
 13 Barnys bill 3.50 - Took Steamboat - passage to Newcastle 5.00
 14 Arrived at Philadelphia - packed passage 1.50 (1134 x 1/2 3.00 - pass to N. J. 5.00)
 15. 16 Rode to Somerset - 16 Arrived at New York -
 17. 18 Theatre & B. Campbell 7.00 - 18 Lyons bill 3.50 - Steam boat 7.00 -
 19. 20 Arrived at Albany - Highams 1.00 - 20 went to Dord Shaw -
 24 Settled in part with Dord Shaw for my share of my Father's estate
 (Mr. He gave me 2 Note & one Order which he held against me amtg
 to 600.00 - (33.00 was endorsed on one Note which he did not cash)
 and his note on demand for 100.00 - and I am to have 100 or 200
 acres of Land in the town of Staw - I also have Mr. Shaw's due-
 bill for 60.00 -

27 Went to Greenbush and bank -

Balance on hand last month 1598.14 -
 paid for Board 24.00 - Stage fare 11.00 - Steam boat 13.50 expense 8.00
 Theatre 1.00 - 1134 x 129 259 11.00 Pocket 9.00 = 73.50 =
 Balance on hand of 1524.64

April

11th Parture

12 Changed 100 D B Money with Steel - recd 3.00 premium - Pocket 5.00
 14-15 Bot Grey Surtout of Hermanus 38.00 - 15 Rode to Lanesboro -
 20 Settled with Henry Shaw & recd his Note Dated 1st April 1815 for 216.00
 21-23 Rode to Albany - 23 Nat - by State house -
 25-30 Recd 647.00 of Solomon Allen for his note - Nat in town -
 Balance on hand last month 1524.64 Recd 650.00 = 2174.64
 Paid for Surtout 38.00 - Pocket 5.00 = 43.00 = Balance on hand 2131.64
 Read Balance on hand - 2876.25

1815

May

- 4th Bot a Bay horse & a bay mare each six years old of William A. Clow of
 Etton-park - warranted sound &c - for which I paid him in Cash 225.00 -
- 5 Exchanged a 50\$ Boston Bill with Allen Clark re. 50\$ S. D. small ones and
 and 3.50 N. Y. money
- 6 Bot Portmuntous - Bridle & Pantaloons - Vest - Stockings & Boots -
- " Exchanged - 100 B. money with Steel for J. Bates - re. 9.00 premium
 also a N. York 50\$ bill for Georgetown - re. 37 Cents
- 8th Set off from Albany with L. D. Campbell, for the South
 - road - rode to Cox's Creek - 22 miles - exp. 1.23 -
- 9th rode to Whitethers - 34 miles - exp. 1.92 -
- 10 - " - " - Mullens in Shawangum 30 miles - exp. 1.77 -
- 11 - " - " - Clarks in Goshen 21 miles - " 1.36
- 12 - " - " - Allasons in Hamburg N. Y. - 24 miles - exp. 2.16
- 13 - " - " - Hays - " Hope - " 30 - " - " 1.60
- 14 - " - " - Hotel - " Canton Point - 22 - " - " 1.64
- 15 - " - " - " - " Kutztown - " 36 - " - " 2.28
- 16 - " - " - " - " Adamstown - " 28 - " - " 1.94
- 17 - " - " - " - " Lancaster - " 21 - " - " 1.88
- 18 - " - " - Dutchmans beyond York - " 26 - " - " 2.14
- 19 - " - " - Kirkdutch - " 34 - " - " 1.67
- 20 - " - " - Dutchmans beyond Fredric May - 29 - " - " 1.75
- 21 - " - " - " - " Charlestown - Point - 23 - " - " 2.16
- 22 - " - " - Greys in Middletown - " 35 - " - " 2.47 -
- 23 - " - " - Strasburg - agreed with Landlord to go to Cacapehon
 river and look of his place &c - (rode thru) 30 miles exp. 1.71
- 24 - Viewed the situation - land, water &c - rode 12 miles -
- 25 - " - " - " - " - " - " 10 - " -
- 26 - " - " - " - " - " - " 8 - " -
- 27 - Surveyed and bought a piece of land lying on both sides
 of Cacapehon river (containing about 144 Acres)
 of Elisha C. Russell and Whelan Gittett for which I gave
 them twelve hundred dollars - (viz) 200\$ in Cash - and my
 note for 200\$ 1st month 1816 & do 1st month 1817 - 18 - 19 & 20 -

18/5

May

- The land was surveyed by Brannon Deputy Surveyor & to him I gave my deed to have it recorded and proved June 28th Set off for Albany - rode to Rippled in Strasburg - 18 miles - 29 - Very warm - rode to Graham in Martinsburg 40 miles - expn yest & this day 2.21 - 30 - rode to Green Village in Penna - having passed the Potomac which I forded and passed through Maryland, rode 43 miles 31st rode to Hagley - near Harrisburg - 36 miles - exp of yesterday 2.73 of this day - 2.52

Ballance on hand last month 2876.25 - recd 12.87 - total 2889.12
Paid - Glover 1.00 - Cotton socks 1.63 - Chuk & Holby 1.13 - Velvet Pantaloons 6.30 - Vert 6.00 - Portmanteaus 6.00 - 3 saddles 4.77 - traps, 87 - Boots 11.50 - Two Bay horses - 225.00 - Keeping horses 7.00 - Pocket 8.37 - expense of riding to Coopersburg 29.54 - expense on my way to Albany 7.46 - Paid towards my land 200.00 - total 516.77 = Ballance on hand of 2372.35

June

- 1st Crossed the Susquehanna - forded the Swatara and rode to Lebanon = 34 miles - expn 2.88
2 Crossed the Schuylkill & rode 2 miles this side of reading = 30 miles exp 2.50
3 - " " Lehigh rode to Bethlehem 38 miles exp 1.40
4 - " " Delaware rode to Johnsonsburg, 40 miles exp 2.45
5 - rode to Vernon N.J. 30 miles - expn 2.06
6 - " " Mullens in Shawangunks 36 miles expn 2.57
7 - " " Kitz's in Sargent's 42 miles - " - 1.94
8 - " " to Albany - 44 miles - " - 2.13
12 - Changed 47.00 Boston Cash with Steel for Albany - recd 21.15 premium
14 - Set off for the northward - rode to Henry Shaws in Lancaster = 33 miles - expn 54
15 - Visiting - rode 5 miles
16 - rode to Shaftsbury Vt 38 miles expn 53
17 - " " Wells - 35 miles expn 1.80
18 - " " Orwell 37 - " - 1.87

1815.

June

- 19 rode by Rices to Henry Moors 3 miles
- 20 " to Middlebury put up at Harts - 17 miles
- 21 Harts bill and other exps 2.60¹²⁰ rode to Lincoln & back for to see about my land. rode 32 miles -
- 22 " settled with Symour - His account for money paid out was 65\$ this I paid 45. & am to send 20 from Albany - he had lost the land by taxes but got it back again and agreed to give the trouble of us if I would take back D. Himes note which he had neglected collecting & return
- 23 Agreed with Robert Hawley to sell my land - gave him my deed to have recorded & he is to write & send
- " left with J. Atwater Wm. Richards note of 80\$ dated 11th Jan 1808 for 80\$. Atwater is to trade it off at discretion and give me three fourths of what he gets.
- " Got plan of Sawmill of Huntington for which I gave him 1.00
- " Agreed to have Hawley pay Dootelle 5 or 6 Dollars for Daniel
- " Rode to Orwell called at H. Moors & put up at Rices - rode 18 miles - expense 3.50
- 24 Called at Perkins and rode to Grosvill 30 miles exp 1.73
- 25 rode to Pittstown 40 miles exp 2.14
- 26 rode to Albany - 25 miles expense 2.32 -
- 30 Recd 30.00 of B. C. Allen for his note
- Balance on hand last month. 2372.35 Recd. of Steel 2115 of Allen 30.00 = 51.15 = 2323.50
- Paid - Grey Coat 15.50 Hatt 2.00 Suspenders 50 Ban. H. 178. Turnip seed .34 -
- Keeping house - 7.00 Draft of sawmill 100. Land tax 65.00 Pocket - 971 - expense in travelling 33.56 = 136.39 = Balance on hand of 2187.11 -

July

- 1 - Recd. 28.69 of D. Steel for premium on Albany Cask
- Recd. 300.00 of John Baird for my Grey horse and bay horse
- " 7.46 of Jot. Allen as premium for two hund. Treasury notes
- 2 Wrote to Mr. which Earl and enclosed to him the tickets I had of Crofts -
- 5 Left Albany in the Steamboat for New York. 6 Arrived - put up at Gibson's
- 7 12th Theatre - Buying goods &c - 12 theatre - 13 - B. Humble
- 13 14 Recd. of Mary Allen for premium on money - 24.50 - Theatre -
- 16 at 9 o'clock A. M. set sail in the schooner perseverance for Alexandria -
- light wind - came to anchor at Sandy hook - 8 P.M. stood out to sea -
- 17-18-19 Light wind - 18 Light wind & Calms - 19th Do -
- 20 - Calm morning - 2 p.m. got a breeze and ran into the Chesapeake bay
- 21 - evening - entered the Potomac river -
- 22 - Calm - went on Virginia shore - got fruit - Milk &c - 5 p.m. - ran aground above cedar point -
- 23 14th & 16th got off after much fuss and had work - Calm - went on shore - 18 Days - Theatre tickets

July

- 24 - Light wind - went to Fenwick on Maryland Show - treated Politely
 - Arrived at Alexandria at 4 P. M. - Put up at Spread eagle -
- 25 - Began purchasing goods - Fitted with Cap. Grey & Store freight with Adams & Herbert.
- 28 - Purchased a Horse & trimmings & at 1/2 past 4 P. M. set off for Cacaphon - rode - 10 miles
- 29 - 30 Rode to Paris - 46 miles - 30th to Russell in Stewartown - 32 miles
- 31 - Rode to Sweetgum 20 miles - Rm on 28th for Jim Case 2.50
- Balance on hand last month 2187.11 Recd. 363.15 - ~~from~~ 2550.26
- Paid - for. Pantaloons 9.00 - Boots 11.55 - 2 pr shoes 6.00 - 3 pr socks 2.50 - 2 worsted
 shirts 3.00 - 2 pr striped pantaloons 5.50 - 1 Vest 6.00 - 1 thin Coatee 6.00 - one
 Round Jacket & Trowsers - 5.00 - Drapping Hatt. - 25 - Pomatum. 37 - Gibbons bill 17.88
 Steam boat passage 7.00 - Theatre - 3.00 - Passage to Alexandria 15.00 - Road 3.00
 Pocket 14.12 - ex/sum 11.60 - Reardon's bill 10.00 - Horse 60.00 - Saddle, bridle
 & Portmanteau 35.00 Spurn 2.25 - Cartage 1.96 - Freight to Cayes 12.74
 Good of David Hill - 5.31 - Stafford & Spencer 37.63 - W. C. Pritchard 253.50
 Hutton & Brown - 4.75 - Palmer & Nichols 113.74 - Halsey & Ludlum - 49.84 - H. K.
 Frost - 12.88 - Wm F. & Samuel Mott - 89.26 - Chesebrough & Van Allen 243.30 - Wm
 J. Grinnell & Co. 56.91 - J. & E. L. Enslaw 28.13 - Fiedwell & Hone 193.48 - Peter
 Donnelly's freight bill 2.00 - Stephen Dando Goss - 60.12 - Fiedwell & Hone 67.25
 Dunham & Auchincloss 63.09 McGregor & Darling 16.25 - Hugh Smith & Co.
 59.52 Wm Lumsdown 19.89 - O. & J. Mandeville 331.99 Charles Stadel 44.71
 Richard Libby 123.96 Adam Lymer 5.45 - Patton & Butcher 27.20 John
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