family *Backtracking*

USGenWeb Project

by John Rigdon

Overview

The goal of the USGenWeb project is to create a global library for genealogy research. This library provides electronic versions of genealogical resources and volunteers to answer research questions via the Internet. The Archives maintain original source data (transcriptions of censuses, wills, etc.) and will be the foundation and material source for publishing of genealogy efforts.

The USGenWeb Project will provide resources for each state (and each county or equivalent) in a format that makes national publishing projects possible.

Who were your ancestors, and what was their life like? The answer to this simple question is not easily found. The course of a genealogical project is slow and tedious. Public records are searched, manuscripts are read, and books are studied. Contact with other genealogists is sought. The information gleaned from these sources is organized, and theories are formed. More research is needed to prove or disprove the theory. As more information is collected, the answer to the question slowly begins to unravel. Finally, after countless sources have been assimilated, the information is finally ready for publication so others can benefit.

By far, the greatest amount of time spent on a genealogical project is in research. Originals of public records are scattered throughout the country and access to them is available to only those able to travel to them. Placing transcriptions or copies of regional records in various repositories makes research possible at more locations; however, the information is still not accessible to the entire population. The time spent searching for each individual record is usually greater than the amount of time spent utilizing the record.

The Internet can make access to records easy. The USGenWeb Project seeks to leverage this great new medium to the advantage of genealogy researchers in several ways:

1) A page for each county lists volunteers willing to do lookups in reference books. This "virtual library" network allows researchers to obtain information from books not available in their local areas.

2) A query page for each county helps find answers to specific questions and locate others working on the same families. A global index allows researchers to zero in on a specific query page.

3) The Archives house transcriptions of public records. This makes the finding of genealogical solutions and the location of important primary documents much easier.

4) Together, the USGenWeb sites provide a foundation for the publishing of family histories on the Web. As the library matures, more and more researchers can cite the on-line references in their own research, and actually link to the source documents which are on line.

Your family and mine might have no names in common, but we might find ourselves linked by the database of a third person. So, if all three databases are online, and if a mechanism exists to link those databases together, then we effectively have a single database. It doesn't matter where the data actually resides. What matters is that we have access to it and that it is organized in a manner that makes research easy.

Goals and Objectives for the Project

Establish the US State Page - complete. Establish State Pages - complete. Establish Local Pages etc... - 43% completed.

"Genealogists Rush in Where Angels Fear to Tread" - A History of the USGenWeb Project

The USGenWeb project had its roots in discussions that occurred on the GenWeb mailing list hosted by Gary Hoffman. In March and April of 1996, Jeff Murphy laid out a framework and began to solicit volunteers for the KYGenWeb project.

Through Jeff's vision and organization, the KyGenWeb Project took shape in an amazing 90 days. Here's a quote from his posting to Roots-L on "April Fools Day" '96.

President's Message

My congratulations and thanks to Andrea Mac-Donald who has taken on the editorship of our quarterly publication, *family Backtracking*. This is a formidable and challenging job. Andrea has many ideas and changes in mind for this publication. Please be available for her when she asks for help from us. It is also up to us to keep her supplied with queries and any other items we would like to have considered for publication. Her addresses are listed elsewhere.

I would like to discuss briefly a topic which is appearing with increasing frequency in genealogical records. Many of us have spent countless hours of research and travel, and more importantly, money, in accumulating sizable collections of family records, personal notes, legal documents, books, and photos.

Most of us have already reaped many intangible rewards from this activity. Some of the rewards are; an understanding of the rich history of our own and foreign countries and the participation of our ancestors in this history as well as the geography; finding and making contact with many cousins and relatives we would never have known otherwise; fellowship with many participating in this rewarding hobby; and the realization that each one of us is at the apex of an enormous funnel of ancestors.

Have you given serious thought to the fate of the tangible results of your research (i.e.; personal notes, books, and family memorabilia)? Since many of us are in the "golden" years of our lives, we should be giving thought to what will happen to our genealogical records should something happen to us. Each of us should ask ourselves this question and make some definite plans now.

Talk to the relative(s) who will take over the records should something happen to you. Or, if no one is available, consider leaving them to a genealogy society. It is easy to make a codicil to a will spelling out your desired disposition of the records. It is time now to protect your valuable records!

Bill Richardson

Meetings

Meetings are held at the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Room 110, Port Orchard, Washington, on the fourth Tuesday of each month except December which is announced each year at the October meeting. Times for meetings are 7:00 p.m. for March through October and 1:00 p.m. for November through February. Visitors are welcome.

The Belfair Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the North Mason Timberland Regional Library, N.E. 23081 Highway 3, Belfair, Washington.

Membership Fees

Single membership is $12 and family membership is $15 per year prorated accordingly. Membership includes free use of the library and a yearly subscription to *family Backtracking* published four times per year. Send membership application and fee to PSGS Membership, 1026 Sidney Ave, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298.

Library

Our library is located at the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard, Washington in Room 110. Hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 - 4:00.

Queries

Questions may be sent to our genealogy society for investigation. A charge may be assessed for intense searches. Queries for the newsletter may be sent to The Editor, *family Backtracking*, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. Queries will be placed as space permits.

Newsletter

family Backtracking is published four times per year; March, June, September, and December. Due dates for material submitted are the first day of the month prior to publication. Materials must be camera ready and of high moral standards. Manuscripts, announcements, and items for review should be mailed to: The Editor, *family Backtracking*, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. *family Backtracking* will announce genealogical events and publications from genealogical societies, archives, or libraries at no charge as room permits.

The articles, reviews, advertising and news items in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views or support of PSGS or *family Backtracking*. We are in no way liable for inconvenience or monetary loss to readers which may be the result of recommendations made in articles, reviews, or news items.

Club News

Internet training was provided by Teri Frasier in January. No further classes are scheduled; however, if there is enough of a demand, another one will be considered for April or later. Please sign up in the library if you wish to be placed on a waiting list; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. (See story on page 11.)

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The Surname Index was completed in October 1996. There are currently six notebooks of pedigree sheets available in the library. If you have new pedigree sheets or modified pedigree sheets, they may be placed in the left file cabinet top drawer in the file marked ''Pedigree Sheets.''

The Surname Index will be updated and corrections made. Please check the index to be sure your names are correct. The revision will be started in April '97. This index will be placed on our web site and/or the USGenWeb Archives and be for sale along with many other indexes put together by society members. (See page 8.)

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It's time once again to pay your yearly membership dues. The cost is $12 per person or $15 per family. Send your checks to PSGS Membership, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. For those of you who have not yet paid your 1997 dues, this will be your last issue of *family Backtracking*. On your mailing label, if your name has an asterisk in front of it, your dues are still owing.

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A new Ways and Means Committee Chairman and members are needed. Please give some thought about volunteering for this much needed committee. Or, if you have ideas for our society to earn money, contact Bill Richardson (360) 944-5881.

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7 Steps to a Family Tree is available in the PSGS library for $1.50. Contact any librarian on Monday or Friday during regular hours.

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Do you have an e-mail address? PSGS would like to know. E-mail *ctaylor@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.us*. When he receives your e-mail, he will add your address to the membership listing.

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The Family History Library of Salt Lake City attempted to purchase three of our publications: Probate, Cemetery, and Death indexes. Bill Richardson took a copy of each with him this year (during our annual Salt Lake City research trip) and, as voted on by the Executive Board, donated them to the FHL for dissemination. See page 8.

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With money returned to our society for the Salt Lake City 1997 research trip from the Best Western Hotel, we have started a fund for a new microfilm reader/printer for our library. If you would like to donate money to the fund, send a check to Cyril Taylor, PSGS Microfilm Reader Fund, 1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. Also, if you visit the library, a tall gold can is on the librarian's table. Loose change is gladly accepted.

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The 1997 Salt Lake City trip has already been scheduled. Start making your plans now! First day of reservations is January 4, 1997. Length of stay is at your discretion. The cost will be $73.00 + 10.72% room tax = $80.83 per night plus a one-time $10 fee for baggage and shuttle to and from the hotel. The cost includes a class taught in the hotel on researching in the Family History Library.

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PSGS Treasurer Cyril Taylor put together a proposed budget for 1997. The proposal was presented to the Executive Board on January 28, 1997 for approval. It was accepted and can be found on page 11.

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PSGS is a member of AGLL, a major publisher of a variety of genealogical material. Their most well-known publication is their newsletter which includes queries placed by anyone for a fee. Because we are members, our society may place queries at no cost.

Also, we can order microfilm at a reduced rate. If a minimum is met, we will be ordering microfilm once a month. Contact Marge Menees at (360) 871-0342 for more information. (See Notes from the Library on page 5.)

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A new Historian is needed. If you enjoy taking photos and can make all of our events and meetings, this job is for you! Contact Bill Richardson at (360) 3775881 for more information.

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We have a new telephone in place at the library. The phone will be answered by the on-duty librarian during regular hours. In the near future there will be an answering machine to receive calls when a librarian is not available. The new library phone number is (360) 874-8813.

Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule

this list is tentative

March 4	1 p.m.	Belfair Community Church Southern Research
April	TBA	Trip to Fiske Library in Seattle
May 6	1 p.m.	Bygone Clothes and Lace Making
June 3		Trip to Seattle Public Library
July 1		History of Loyalists
August 5		Trip to Seattle Federal Archives
September	TBA	Civil War
Oct 7		Trip to Tacoma Public Library
Nov 4		Last meeting for 1997. Potluck Xmas. Arrange tentative schedule for '98. Voting on '98 executive board

Courses and Seminars on Genealogy

Olympic College (360) 478-4504
Writing a Family History/Biography
Class starts April 1
Noon - 2:15 Tuesday and Thursday
Writing episodes or complete works of family history or biography.

Central Kitsap Community Schools (360) 692-3171
Series I
March 5, 12, 19, 26
9:00 - Noon
Covers interviewing, recording your information, organization, letter writing and library research.
Series II
April 9, 16, 23, 30
9:00 - Noon
Covers how to research using United States Courthouse and Federal records.

Seattle Genealogy Society (206) 522-8658
Technology Seminar
March 25
Speakers include Myra Gormley and Cyndi Howell.

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Acceleration Software International Corp.

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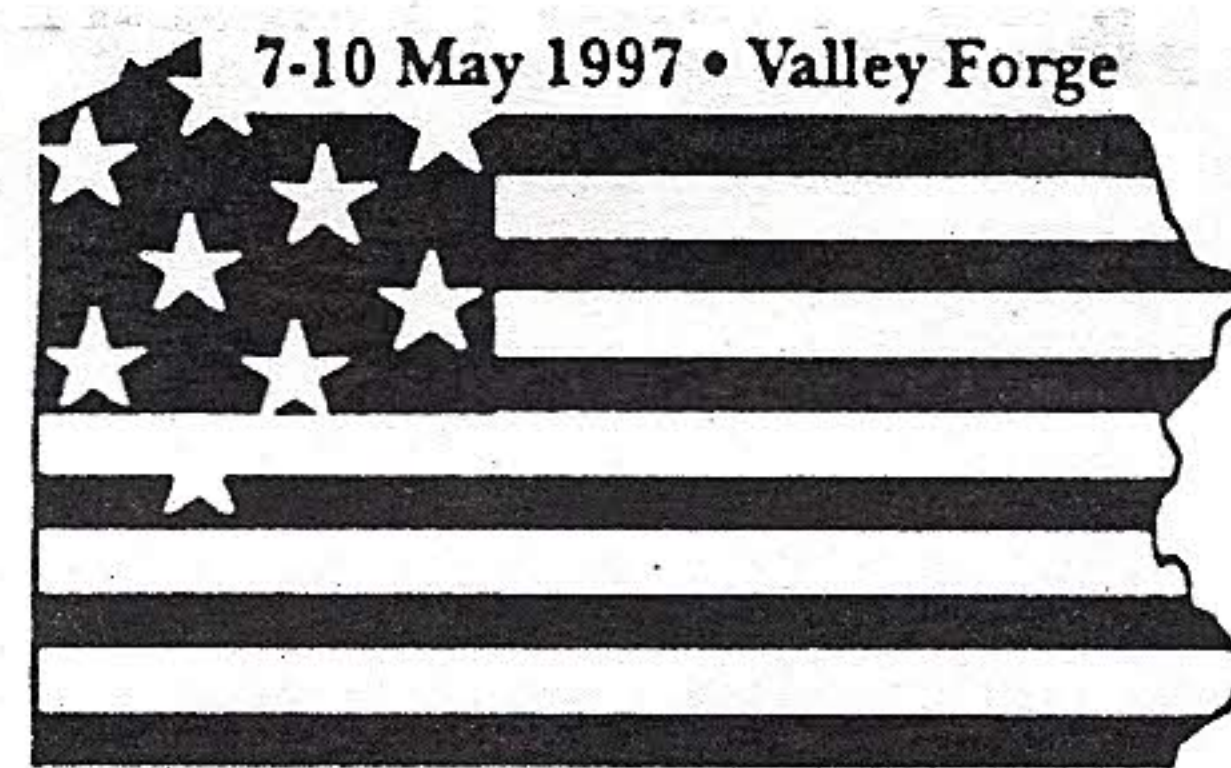
to our society
and to Friends of the Given's Center
as a money-raiser for our non-profit organizations.

This product speeds up CD Roms and can turn a 1/2 hour data search into three minutes! It normally sells for $39.95 and we are offering it for $10.

To purchase a copy in person, see Cyril Taylor at the next meeting (March 25 at 7:00 p.m.) or send a check or money order for $13. ($3. shipping and handling) to PSGS Treasurer, 1026 Sidney Ave, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. On Mondays and Fridays, during regular library hours, a copy may purchased from the duty librarian for $10.

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Notes from the Library

by Marge Menees

During the past year we not only have acquired new books but also a large collection of periodicals, microfiche, and order catalogs. You will find the periodicals in their new location under the windows. They are filed in the same color code and order as the books. Because of space shortage, we have had to double file the periodicals so if you don't find what you are looking for, check the ones behind the front row.

A list of the new acquisitions, with their locators in parentheses, has been filed in the front of the library copy of the Index. If the locator begins with PER, you will find that item in the periodical shelves, HF indicates the Hanging Files, MF items are in the file notebooks on the shelves above the microfiche machines. All others are on the book shelves. Remember to check the color code!! A copy of that is in the Index and also on the librarian's desk.

Our AGLL order catalog, located on the microfiche shelf, is in microfiche also. You can order from that through us for the cost of $3.50 for one film or $2.50 each for 10 or more. To help with this, we are going to send in orders after the last Friday of each month. Thus, if there are 10 orders in all, we can borrow yours for the lesser amount.

Remember another offer we have for you -- you can send a list of as many queries as you want by way of us to AGLL's *The Genealogy Bulletin*. Ask for an order form for either of these from the librarian -- leave the order form with us and we will send them in. *The Genealogy Bulletin* is on top of the file cabinets with the other recent periodicals -- the older ones are in the periodical files.

Our new periodical shelves are a work donation from Dave RUGH as is the blue stool for assistance in looking at floor level shelves. Dave will also enable us to have another shelf arrangement so that we can soon be equipped with a computer. The computer is a gift from Andrea MACDONALD.

Speaking of gifts, you can help us further enhance the library by donating to our Microfilm/printer fund. As you know our microfilm reader is only better than nothing. We have a beginning for this fund donated to us from the Salt Lake City Researchers. On the librarian's table you will see a tall round gold container -- any change you would like to leave for the reader can go in that.

We are looking for volunteers to help the work staff of the library. We need (1) shelvers (2) a committee to hone the periodicals into a more concise collection - this would entail removing pertinent information pages to put into notebooks. If you would be willing to give us time we would not only appreciate it but you would be helping solve the problem of space. We work on Tuesdays now from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you are willing to share some of your time with us, phone Marjorie at 871-0342 or leave a note for me at the library.

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Type of Membership (circle one)   Individual ($12.00)   Family ($15.00)

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Mail completed application and payment to: PSGS Membership, 1026 Sidney Ave, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298.

"The structure revolves around linking together databases which have people who were born, married, or died in KY. To facilitate the placement of these databases... we have started by creating a master page for all counties in Kentucky... This will give all KY researchers a single entry point to all counties in the state.

If you would like to have your data available on the web, and have names in KY, please look at the master page to see if a county has been created yet for your data. Contact the page owner and talk to them about linking to your data, and about locating space on the web where your data can be placed.

We are also looking for some software support, to help us implement a special LINK feature, which will help tie together individuals in different databases and provide an html pointer to the other database.

This is an opportunity to create a working model for the rest of the country, and other states may follow suit..."

In June, 1996, the USGenWeb began as an outgrowth of the KYGenWeb project. It, too, has had phenomenal growth. As we celebrate the 6 month birthday mark for this initiative, we have almost 1,345 counties being hosted by county coordinator volunteers all over the country. Here are some recent statistics:

From September 1, 1996 to October 1, 1996

1) 56,000 people have loaded the USGenWeb page.

2) There have been 350,000 redirects (people who have used the USGenWeb system to visit state pages).

3) Our page for introducing the USGenWeb Project to new volunteers received over 5,000 visits.

4) Individual pages for 50% of the states are more than 36% complete Individual pages for 20% of the states are more than 50% complete.

5) The TOP TEN States are: Kentucky - 100% complete Washington DC - 100% complete Indiana - 99% complete Tennessee - 91% complete Mississippi - 87% complete West Virginia - 80% complete Virginia - 80% complete Connecticut - 75% complete New York - 73% complete Maine - 69% complete

6) For the past month, we have had an average of more than 2,500 queries per week posted on the various state pages. The most recent week numbered 2,775.

The USGenWeb project introduces several new ideas to genealogy research on the WEB:

1) Organization of data on a statewide county-by-county basis. Up to now, the data that have been placed on the web has focused on a particular family name or a specific locality.

2) Organization of data for research. Prior to the introduction of this project, very little data were available for actual research, and the available data were not organized effectively.

3) Nationwide coordination of volunteers in support of the project. The USGenWeb represents far and away the largest, most focused effort by volunteers to organize genealogical material. Prior to this time, several individuals had created some significant sites, but they were essentially one-person initiatives.

Fifty-one coordinators (every state and Washington, DC) have their own state page. They are seeking out volunteers for every county in their state. From the USGenWeb site (**http://www.usgenweb.com**), you can go directly to a state's homepage. Take New York state for example:

NYGenWeb- **http://www.usgenweb.com/ny**
From the NYGenWeb page at **http://www.rootsweb.com/~nygenweb**, you will find:

1) General information about NYS resources

2) How to volunteer for the NYGenWeb project

3) How to subscribe to internet mailing lists for NY researchers -- 62 counties, about 1/2 of which are hosted (in various stages of readiness)

The status of a county may be any of the following:

1) No volunteer yet

2) A volunteer, but no homepage published yet

3) A volunteer that has their page on line.

Counties that are already online will have a direct link from the stare page. County pages in general have the following

1) Map of the county

2) History of the county

3) Names of the towns and cities in the county

4) Postal addresses or internet links to:

   a) Historical or genealogical societies

   b) County or municipal offices

   c) Other links of interest to people researching in that area

5) A page where you can post queries to request information from other researchers

6) A page where you can list the surnames you are researching from that county

7) A page where researchers (like you) can list the books they own.

Organization

Our organization can best be described as "webby." The individuals who populate our organization tend to have "webby" personalities. That is, there is a sense of interlinking of interests and a spirit of teamwork. The "rules and regulations" are few and open to change-- the biggest rule is "If you want to play, play nice!" We use a lot of smileys :-) grins <g> and we like it that way. :-)<g>

Our structure is geographic: A user can enter WorldGenWeb, hotlink to USGenWeb, then to TNGenWeb, then to Lincoln County, TN. The county page may also offer hotlinks to towns since, in some states (New England especially), the town is the basic genealogical unit rather than the county.

Each web page is maintained by a coordinator. With over 3,000 US counties, it is futile to expect consistency-- and, in any case, not within the spirit of our organization. Yet, the user will find a great deal of similarity since sample pages and guidelines are available to make the coordinator's life easier. State coordinators support county coordinators and mailing lists are provided (by Dale Schneider and others) for all geographic levels (except counties, which are too numerous). For example, the mail list **usgenweb@nebr.dsenter.com** allows US state coordinators a place to discuss state-level concerns; and, **magenl@nebr.dsenter.com** allows Massachusetts county coordinators a forum for discussion.

WorldGenWeb

Dale Schneider maintains this web page. This project consists of over 200 countries. Few countries have coordinators now since the page has only existed for a short time.

WorldGenWeb: http://www.dsenter.com/worldgenweb/index.html

Dale Schneider, WorldGenWeb Coordinator: mail to: DALE.SCHNEIDER@dsenter.com

USGenWeb

John Rigdon coordinates the USGenWeb Project. All 50 states and DC have coordinators and active web pages. The main USGenWeb page is located at **http://www.usgenweb.com**. This site is maintained by Dale Schneider. The USGenWeb Archives (see below) is affiliated with USGenWeb and coordinated by Linda Lewis. Help files are maintained by Nancy Trice.

USGenWeb Archives

Unlike our web pages, which are dispersed across the Internet, the Archives is located at RootsWeb. The Archives is organized in the same format as the web sites.

Archives Main Table of Contents: **http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/usfiles.htm**

Here's a sample of what's in the Archives now:
1) Wills and Cemetery listings from Columbia County, GA
2) Cemetery listings from Ornarga Funeral Home, IL
3) Tax lists from Breckinridge County, KY
4) Wills from Calloway County, KY
5) Cemetery listings from Harrison County, KY
6) Census records from Orleans, MA
7) Census records from Olmsted County, MN
8) Census Records from Washington County, NY
9) Census Records from Rowan County, NC
10) Early Colonists of SC
11) Census records from Spartanburg County, SC
12) Census records from York County, SC
13) Census records from SD
14) Obituaries from Campbell County, SD
15) Newspaper Extracts from Lincoln County, TN
16) Civil War Rosters from VA
17) Newspaper articles listing CSA casualties in VA
18) Birth records from Essex County, VA
19) Census records from Jamestown, VA

RootsWeb

This site in California is maintained by Brian Leverich. The Archives are located here and Brian also offers free space to individuals for any other USGenWeb purpose including state and county web pages.

Genealogist's Index to the World Wide Web

This site is hosted in Nebraska and is designed to offer a nationwide index to the names and URLs that make up the USGenWeb project and other genealogy sites. It is being built and maintained by John Rigdon. The Index will provide the framework for local, statewide, and national linking of data that are being organized and published by the various county coordinators.

Call for Volunteers

In conclusion, the USGenWeb Project will require helping new people set up databases. It will require some funding. It will require that all data be accessible on line. It will require some organization, and it will require a lot of work by thousands of volunteers.

We need you to make this project successful. Here's how you can help.

Make and distribute copies of this article.
Volunteer to ''host'' a county page.
Volunteer to provide a lookup resource.
Volunteer to transcribe original records for the Archives.

Thanks to the following individuals who have contributed to this article. They are all a part of the USGenWeb project and helped in its creation. Also many thanks to the hundreds of other volunteers who are working to make the USGenWeb Project a success.

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Note from the editor: USGenWeb Project by John Rigdon was downloaded via the internet.

Cyndi Howells

Cyndi Howells is the webmaster and owner of ''Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet'' located at **http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm**. The ''list'' is currently receiving about 3,800 visitors a day. Approximately 1,000 new links are added every month, currently the total is over 15,500. Cyndi works on the list voluntarily, in her home, on her own time, between eight and twelve hours every day and receives more than 60 e-mails each day.
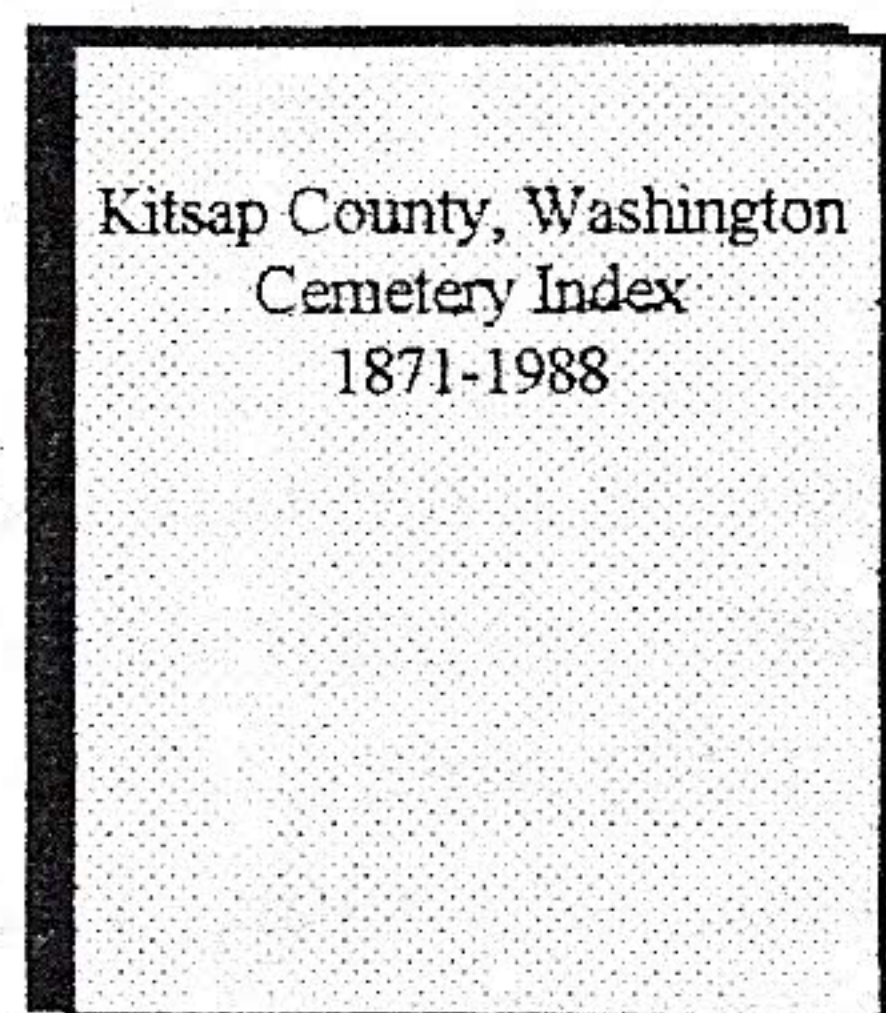
Cyndi has received many awards and recognitions for her site. Included are Best Genealogy Site on the World Wide Web for 1996, 1996 Journal of Online Genealogy Reader's Choice Award, HomePC's 500 Best Web Sites for 1996, Golden Web Award Honorable Mention Third Quarter 1996, and ranked #1 of the Family Chronicle's Top Ten Genealogy Websites Nominees.

Cyndi has been written about in several publications: On October 27, 1996 she was featured in ''Search for: Genealogy,'' an article by Robi Zocher in *The Seattle Times*, Personal Technology section, page C-1. On October 13, 1996, Cyndi's web site was described as a ''five-star homepage'' and featured in the weekly syndicated newspaper column by the nationally famous and popular genealogist & author, Myra Vanderpool Gormley. In the February 1997 issue of the on-line newsletter, *Treasure Maps Genealogy Newsletter* by Robert Ragan, Cyndi and her work were featured. And in the February 24, 1997 issue of *Newsweek* on page 33, Cyndi was described as ''...the biggest boon to the heritage hunt ... no one has been more influential there .... housewife who became obsessed with genealogy after tracing her own family tree.''
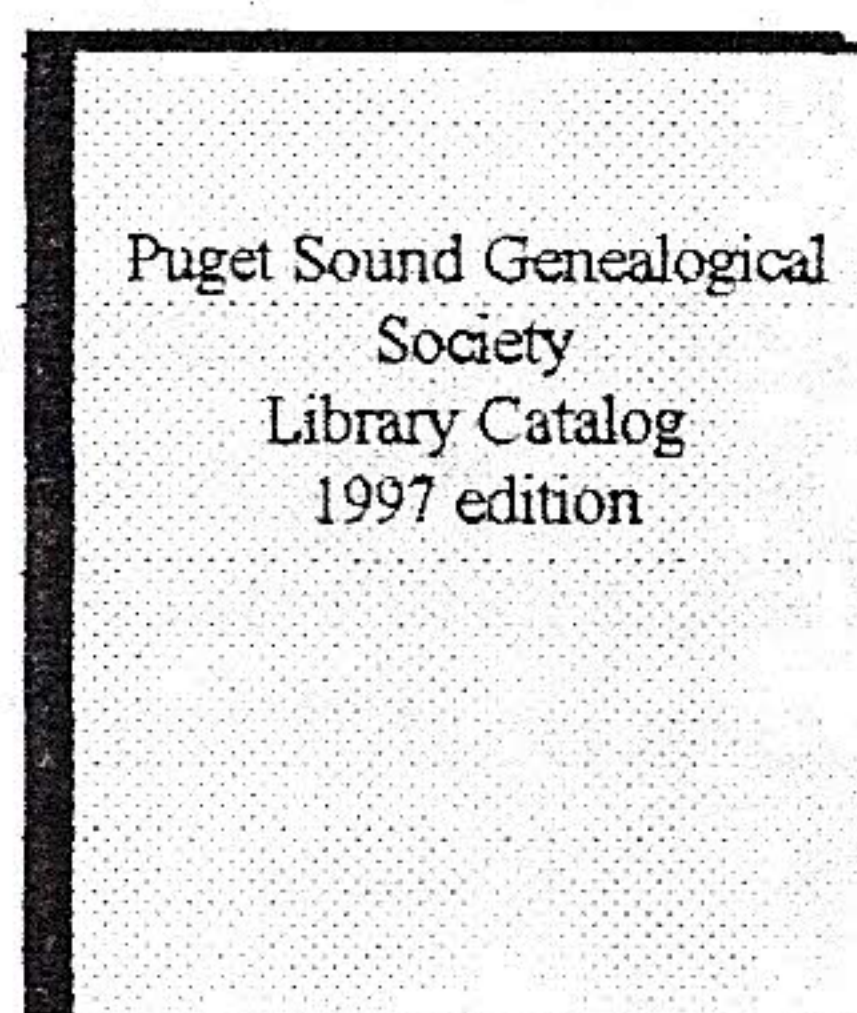
Cyndi is the 2nd Vice-President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society and has been involved in genealogy for over 17 years. She is married to Mark Howells who is also a genealogist and webmaster of the Norfolk Surnames List and contributing editor for the Journal of Online Genealogy.
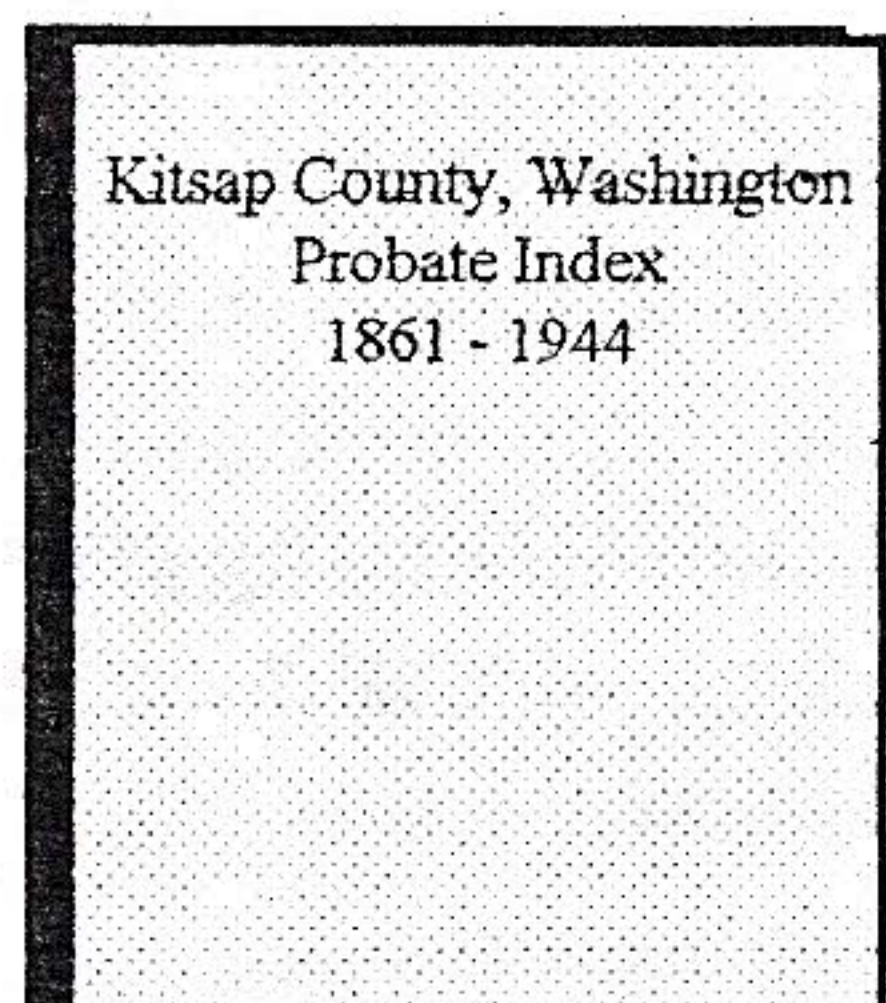
Kitsap County Indexes for Sale!!!

Kitsap County, Washington
Cemetery Index
1817-1988

Includes 9,105 burials occurring in 23 cemeteries located in Kitsap County, Washington.
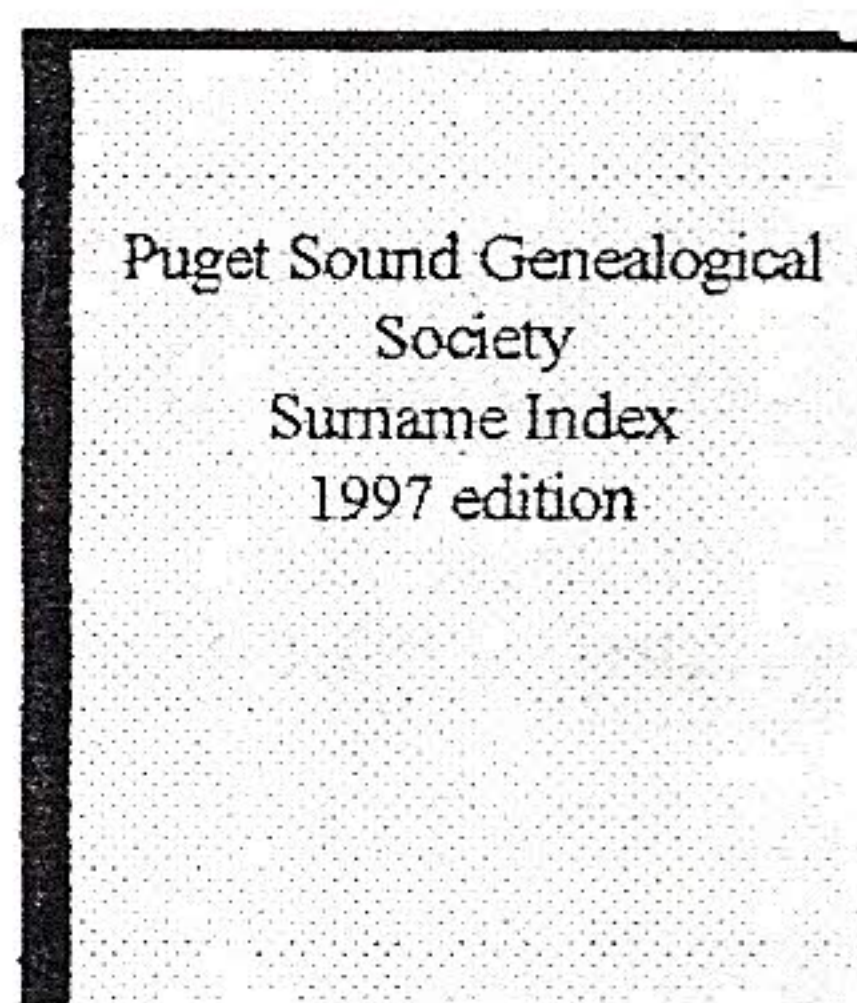
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Kitsap and North Mason County
Library Catalog
1997 edition

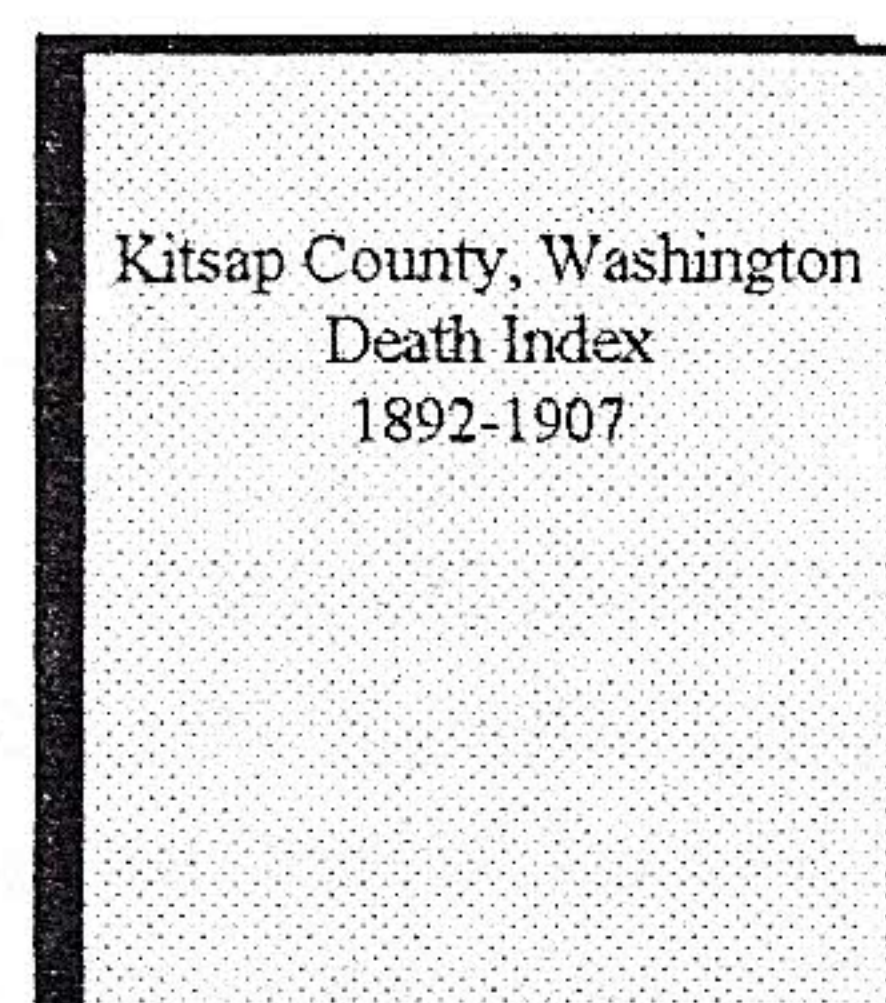Complete listing of PSGS holdings.

Kitsap County, Washington
Probate Index
1861-1944

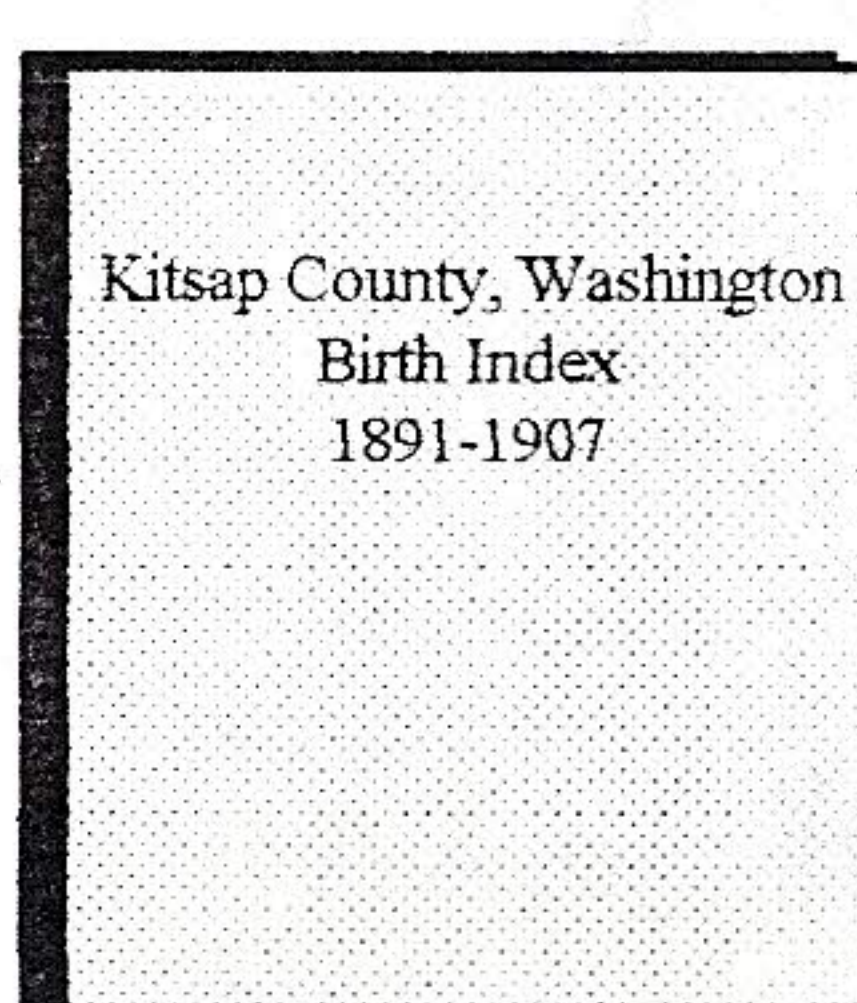Contains over 5,200 probate cases for persons who died between 1861 and 1944.

Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Kitsap and North Mason County
Surname Index
1997 edition

An index to over 1,000 5-generation pedigree sheets by members of PSGS.

Kitsap County, Washington
Death Index
1892-1907

Includes over   death entries in Kitsap County between

Kitsap County, Washington
Birth Index
1891-1907

Contains over 900 births between 1891 and 1907 in Kitsap County.

Watch Here for More Kitsap County Indexes

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City, State, Zip

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2.	Probate Index	1861-1944		$ 10.00	
3.	Death Index	1892-1907		$ 7.50	
4.	Library Catalog	1997 Edition		$ 5.00	
5.	Surname Index	1997 Edition		$ 15.00	
6.	Birth Index	1897-1907		$ 7.50	
		Subtotal			$
		S&H			
		Total			$

How PSGS is Doing Its Part for Technology

PSGS has joined the wave of local genealogy societies taking charge of their county's web site.

In November 1996, Teri Frasier brought the US GenWeb Project to the attention of this society. After much discussion and research, PSGS authorized Teri to act on their behalf as 'webmaster' of the Kitsap County Web Page.

Teri provided a mock-up of the web site to the executive board for approval, which was granted, in December 1996. By the end of November 1996, PSGS had several Internet Training classes set up to train interested members. Those classes were subsequently taught by Teri in January of 1997. More classes will be provided in the near future.

At the March 25, 1997 meeting, Freddi Perry, of the Kitsap County Historical Society is scheduled as a speaker along with Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, and Ed Hallda of Sense Networking (aka: oz.net)

Future projects include additional internet training, publishing more indexes of Kitsap County records and adding those to the Kitsap County web site and/or USGenWeb Archives, accepting queries via the internet and replying in the same manner, and having a standard internet column in our newsletter to keep our members updated on the latest in internet technology.

PSGS is doing it's part and encouraging its members to do theirs. How you as a member can help: Access the internet and start learning what is out there; talk with others about the internet and the things you have found; volunteer to help develop indexes of Kitsap County records; and attend the next meeting on March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Kitsap County's Web Site

In late 1996, PSGS authorized Teri Frazier to act on their behalf and become webmaster of the USGenWeb Projects' Kitsap County, Washington web site (**http://www.rootsweb.com/~wakitsap/kitsap1.htm**).

Teri has given freely of her time in developing the Kitsap County page which has been on the internet for about two months. She plans to continue overseeing the home page for us and to liaison with the WAGenWeb project. Teri has prior experience on the internet and in developing web sites, and first brought the USGenWeb project to the attention of our society.

PSGS plans to continue sponsoring the Kitsap County Page with Teri's guidance and help. It is expected that indexes we have published will be placed on the internet.

In the past, indexes were only in a printed format but with today's technology it is possible to place indexes on a computer and send them directly to the internet. By placing information on the internet we allow others to immediately peruse our index. If they find their ancestor, it is then easy enough to link to the page which contains addresses to send for the required documentation.

Indexes that are currently available to be placed on the internet are 1) Probates 1861-1944, 2) Cemetery 1871-1988, 3) Births 1891-1912, and 4) Deaths (1817-1988).

Within the next several months our 1997 edition of the Surname Index and the 1997 edition of the Library Catalog will be available for publication and possible placement on the internet.

PSGS' Publications Chairman will be organizing all future work on indexes and as they are completed, they will also be placed on the internet. Also, in order to ensure duplications of work are not being done by volunteers, other societies in the county will be contacted for listings of works they have completed or plan to work on. This is very important as one of our members recently spent a great deal of time working on a project which was found to have been completed previously by the Historical Society.

A local webmaster by the name of Missy Hayes has agreed to develop several indexes into htmls that may be linked to the home page that Teri oversees. Missy has developed several web pages (for our Government in Europe, for a one-name society, and others) and understands the inner workings of web pages. She is willing to donate her time in developing the htmls to our specifications and looks forward to working with us on the USGenWeb project.

Much work is to be done in order to bring Kitsap County's information to the internet. You can help! There is something for everyone who volunteers. Not only will there be typing, research will need to be done, maps found or drawn, other societies contacted, and much, much more!

Exchange Notes

by Pat Eder

Ancestry 14:6 (Nov/Dec '96): identifying and preserving old photographs; immigrant aid societies; African-American research; CD ROM resources; using libraries to find your ancestor's records in Europe. Ibid 15:1 (Jan/Feb '97): using deeds and wills; sources at Brigham Young University; military records on the WEB; linkage databases; will your family research survive you.

Canada, Ontario "*Van Norman Family Assn.*" 1:2 (Nov '96): includes Van Orman. Lists of Van Norman ancestors, many in the U.S.

Genealogical Helper 50:6 (Nov/Dec '96): Civil War loyalty and amnesty oaths; Swedish immigrant ancestors; queries; new book reviews; advertisements.

The Irish at Home and Abroad 3:4 (1996): researching Irish Masonic records; Cork and Kerry Counties; records of the English poor in 1834; CO Tipperary resources; Catholic Church records of Diocese of Brooklyn, NY.

Odom Genealogy Library 6:6 "*Family Tree*," (Dec '96/Jan '97): Repository for ninety-one Scottish clans; family organizations and groups; source of information for Scottish study and genealogy. Ibid. 7:7 (Feb/Mar '97): as above.

NGS (National Genealogical Society) Newsletter 22:6 (Nov/Dec '96): sources at Brigham Young University; library sources in Independence, MO; computer software programs discussion; genealogy on the Internet.

CA Orange CO GS 33:2 (Oct '96): Fullerton telephone subscribers 1899; Lathrop Jr High graduates 1939; ledger of John Young Pearson of Rosebud, SD 1898 passenger list steamship Bremen from NY to Bremen, Germany 1923; Lacy family of Santa Ana; Santa Ana high school graduates 1893-1915; school teachers 1876.

CA Sequoia GS 23:5 (Nov '96): using the IRS as a locator; Tulare high school graduates 1909.

FL Okaloosa CO GS 20:69 (Winter '96): Sunset Cemetery tombstones; Okaloosa school records 1928; Walton CO marriages 1906.

FL South Lake CO GS 8:4 "*Pastfinder*" (Fall '96): any US Presidents in your line? Why some genealogical resources are being closed to researchers.

IL Clay CO GS "*Clay Roots*" (Winter '96): A Civil War resource containing Clay CO soldiers, pension applications, muster rolls and photos.

IL Peoria CO GS 24:2 "*Prairie Roots*" (Winter '96): records of a Peoria midwife 1893-9; exerpts from local newspaper 1919.

IL Schuyler CO Historical and GS 25:3 "*The Schuylerite*" (Fall '96): bonds, wills, executors, administrations 1837-44; local news items 1879; census 1870 Bainbridge Twp, Schuyler CO. Ibid. 25:4 "*The Schuylerite*" (Winter '96): 1828 pioneer letter; local news items 1883, 1908; wills, letters, bonds 1844-49; marriages 1879; how to obtain Illinois pioneer certificates.

IN-IL-KY TriState GS 20:2 (Dec '96): HARTIG reunion attendees 1921; summary of events of 1867 in Evansville, IL newspaper; births Posey CO, IN 1883-99.

IA Boone CO GS Newsletter 14:3 (Sep '96): Margaret Kincade SLOCUM decendants. Ibid. 14:4 (Dec '96): 1905 graduating class of Pilot Mound High School.

KS Crawford CO GS 26:4 "*The Seeker*" (Winter '96): marriages ABRASSART to CLINE; probates LANYON to MOORE' births 1894 BRICKER to HUGHES; obits of persons born prior to 1900.

KS Jefferson CO GS "*Yesteryear*" (Oct '96): marriage licenses 1931; county school notes 1915; local news items 1876, 1915; news accounts of storms and tornadoes.

MA Berkshire Genealogist 17:4 (Fall '96): Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pittsfield, MA deaths 1860-1923 GLANDER to MEYER; map of West Stockbridge MA and surnames of those living there; state census of Lee, MA 1855, ongoing; St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, burials 1883-99. Ibid; 18:1 (Winter '97): Census of Ashford 1790-1820; state census of Lee, MA, ongoing; Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church deaths ongoing.

MA Falmouth GS 8:6 (Nov/Dec '96): death records research; Irish research. Ibid. 9:1 (Jan/Feb '97): Irish research.

MD Frederick CO GS (Dec '96): bible of George LEONARD; DINTERMAN bible 1800; member's family group sheets; HOLTZ family 1869; BINKLEY journal. Ibid. (Feb '97): CRAMER ahnentafel; land record abstracts; and owners of Whiskey Springs Tract; post offices 1887 and names of those receiv-

ing mail there.

MN Otter Tail CO GS 14:3 (Sep '96): Tordenskjold Twp 1880 census surnames, cemetery surnames and landowner's map. "J" and "K" surnames mentioned in "*History of Otter Tail CO*". Ibid. "*Newsletter*" (Dec '96): Dora Twp 1880 heads of families and 1884 landowners; cemetery records of Dora Twp; naturalization index of Otter Tail CO.

MT Flathead Valley GS 21:4 (Dec '96): grantor index 1884-97 RUSSELL to STANNARD.

MO Lincoln CO Historical and Archaeological Society 10:1 (Feb '97): Troy Herald newspaper items 1876.

MO Scotland CO GS 11:1 (Jan '97): reading old handwriting; school records 1914; marriage licenses 1898-1922; news items various years; obituaries 1994.

OH Brown Co GS 19:4 "*On The Trail*" (Winter '96): probates from the burned courthouse; deaths from Red Oak Presbyterian Church; newspaper items.

OR Genealogical Forum 7:5 (Feb '97): history of Valentine's Day.

PA Mercer CO GS "*Past Times*" (Jan '97): local news items 1897; marriages BEIL to BELL; militia lists 1857; FREW pedigree chart. Ibid. (Feb '97): Marriages BELL to BELZER; news items 1897; militia lists 1857.

SD Sioux Valley GS 23:1 "*Pioneer Pathfinder*" (Jan '97): Minnehaha CO residents names extracted from "*History of Dakota Territory*" published in 1915; Union CO news items in 1880.

WA Chelan Valley GS 6:6 "*Apple Orchard*" (Dec '97/Jan '97): finding Civil War ancestors; genealogy sites on the Internet.

WA Clallam CO GS 16:4 "*Bulletin*" (Winter '96): 1896 marriages.

WA Clark CO GS 23:2 "*Trail Breakers*" (Winter '96-'97): Oregon Trail journal of CONDIT family; news items from Vancouver Register 1869; library and archival research; discussion of Family Origins 5.0 for Windows.

WA Grant CO GS 24:5 "*Big Bend Register*" (Dec '96): 1910 Grant CO census; NORTHRUP letters; Grant CO directory 1911.

WA Grays Harbor GS 8:1 "*Family Tree-*

Proposed Budget for 1997

Revenues

Savings Account Interest	$32.00
Membership Fees	2,500.00
Donations	100.00
Library	
Publication Sales	100.00
Non-Member Usage	100.00
Research	50.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
family Backtracking	
Advertising Revenue	200.00
Copy Machine Receipts	300.00
Seminars	3,000.00
Family History Research Workshop	
Ways and Means	
Raffles	300.00
Unspecified Program	
Miscellaneous	50.00
Forms	25.00
Miscellaneous	
Total Revenues	**$6,782.00**

Expenditures

Bank Fees	$90.00
PSGS General Fund	
Insurance	301.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Library	
Book Purchases	1,500.00
Subscriptions	100.00
Supplies	300.00
Publication Costs	
Equipment and Fixtures	200.00
family Backtracking	
Printing and Mailing	1,200.00
Bulk Mailing Fee	85.00
Copy Machine - Supplies & Maintenance	400.00
Seminars	1,500.00
Ways and Means	
Raffle	100.00
Unspecific Program	
Miscellaneous	30.00
Forms	25.00
Total Expenditures	**$6,031.00**

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Puget Sound Genealogy Society will be establishing itself as a non-profit organization to protect it's officers from personal liability.

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Are you a speaker or trainer who would be interested in speaking to our group? Subjects can be on anything related to genealogy. Contact Fred Ward at (360) 876-2809 or Bill Richardson at (360) 377-5881.

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Volunteers are always needed. Cindy Spore (360) 871-0202 is looking for volunteers to staff the library on Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers are needed to help Marge Menees with clipping important articles/information from various newsletters and placing them in binders in an effort to clear up space for more books -- call Marge at (360) 871-0342. Marge is also looking for volunteers to put together packets of forms to sell at the Historical Center. Andi MacDonald (360) 871-5694 is hoping to find volunteers to type indexes the club is putting together as money-raising ventures -- volunteers must have a computer or access to one.

Searcher'' (Jan/Feb '97): More native American decendants of Sidney S. Ford, Jr.

WA Jefferson CO GS 12:4 (Winter '96): nicknames; items from local papers; WOODLEY history.

WA Mason CO GS ''*Mason CO Log*'' (Feb '97): medical terms.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS 10:3 ''*Stillaguamish Star Newsletter*'' (Jan/Feb '97): deaths MAYBERRY to MCMERKIN.

WA Tacoma-Pierce CO GS 28:2 ''*The Researcher*'' (Winter '97): Lowell school census, conclusion; boarders with Dominican sisters in Tacoma; will book #3 Pierce CO abstracts 1892-94; local news items 1886.

WA Wenatchee Area GS 24:4 ''*Appleland Bulletin*'' (Dec '96): overview of first 25 years of the society; research tips; library acquisitions; 1993 update Wenatchee city directory.

WA Yakima Valley GS 28:4 (Dec '96): land titles 1908-12; WILEY family; Janeck drug store accounts 1896; Ellensburg newspaper items 1890; Kittatas CO school records.

Scheduled Meetings

March 25	7:00 p.m.		August 26	7:00 p.m.
April 22	7:00 p.m.		September 23	7:00 p.m.
May 27	7:00 p.m.		October 28	7:00 p.m.
June 24	7:00 p.m.		November 18	1:00 p.m.
July 22	7:00 p.m.		December	TBA

1997 family Backtracking Publication Schedule

Publication Date	Information to Editor
March 9	February 15
June 8	May 15
September 14	August 15
December 6	November 15

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