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## *Volunteers are Our Society's Future*

by Andi MacDonald

America is known for volunteerism. Nowhere else in the world can you find as many volunteers doing as many jobs as you can in the United States. The Gallup Organization's 1995 survey for volunteerism showed that one in four people volunteer; about half the adult population volunteers; most volunteers are between thirty and forty-five years old and contribute about five hours a week; the majority of volunteers are female; however, when men do volunteer, they are more likely than not to have a full-time job in addition; of the young people who volunteer regularly, most are likely also to work part time; and in 1995, ninety-three million Americans logged in 20.3 billion volunteer hours.

People volunteer for a variety of reasons -- to help others, to help a cause they believe in, to do something they enjoy. In *The Healing Power of Doing Good*, Allan Luks discusses how it became clear to him that people derived personal health benefits from volunteering. Some people suffering from chronic pain felt less pain when they helped others. Others suffering regular major headaches, suffered far fewer as a result of volunteering. In all, Mr. Luks and his colleagues believe that volunteering, or helping others, leads to a longer and healthier life.

Congressional Quarterly's December 13, 1996 issue of *CQ Researcher* was titled "The New Volunteerism." The article discusses current trends in volunteering. They quote Virginia Hodgkinson, vice president for research at Independent Sector, a Washington-based coalition that supports voluntary action, as

saying: "One reason we've seen the volunteer sector strengthening is because that is an area where people's contributions have demonstrated meaning."

In *Motivating and Managing Today's Volunteers*, Flora MacLeod, writes, "Studies show that as people get older, their interest in and commitment to volunteering increases, then peaks in the middle years, and declines toward old age." Because most baby-boomers are about to reach middle age, it is likely that the rate of volunteer involvement will continue to climb over the next decade. The effect they had on housing and on automobile markets was first noticed in the 1980's. This trend identified that as baby-boomers reach certain ages, they desire certain products.

What does all this have to do with our society's future? Because many baby-boomers now have the time and the money to spend on themselves, they are becoming more self-aware. Many are beginning the quest of finding out who they are (not what they want out of life but where they came from) and who their ancestors were. Genealogy was recently rated one of the fastest growing hobbies in the world -- probably due to the large number of baby-boomers to hit the "market." This year our society has seen an increase in membership when normally membership remains the same year to year.

It is a fact that baby-boomers are more educated than the generation before them, and possibly the generation after them. They must know for themselves how things work and where things are or can be found. It is expected that many (as new researchers) will be joining our society to learn how to do genealogy research -- not theories, but tried and true methods that work. For this reason alone societies of the future will need to teach with authority, and teachers will need to be highly educated in a specific field or area. (Gone are the days of sharing a little and sending another on their way to figure it out for themselves.) Therefore, our volunteer base must increase dramatically.

If our society is not prepared for this expected influx of highly educated people, these new members will not stay -- many will

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# President's Message

Volunteerism is the emphasis of this issue of *family Backtracking*. Since the greatest rewards in life seem to come from gifts or services freely given without the expectation of monetary rewards, why do many of us seem so reluctant to fill voluntary jobs? The individual personal reasons are many, but I suspect that two of the principal reasons are the fear of over-commitment of time and past adverse volunteer experiences.

I believe that the underlying force in the functioning of our democratic society in America today is due to volunteerism in all phases of living. Just consider a few of these areas; schools, churches, politics, youth programs, senior citizen programs, service clubs, national and state parks, athletics, museums, historical societies, Peace Corps, hospitals, and all special interest groups including genealogical.

Certainly everyone at some time has asked himself, "What can I give back or contribute to society?" This is especially true of those of us in the 'golden years' who are not consumed by efforts to establish reputations, families, and financial security. However, it should be obvious that it is not necessary to wait for advancing years to ask this question and to act.

Personal development guru Stephen Covey, who was named by *Time* as being among America's 25 most influential people, has changed how millions of Americans think and work with his popular book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. He has stated that, "More important than being successful is being significant. Significance means making a contribution to others." He promoted America's Future in Philadelphia and feels that if enough people get involved in making a difference, we could literally solve our social problems.

How does all of this relate to our society? At the present time a small number of our total members have devoted countless hours to its functioning. If many contributed a little time, even more could be accomplished and many of our problems could be solved. Consider volunteering now to work on our various committees or in an elected position.

Bill Richardson

## Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule

this list is tentative

September 2	Civil War
Oct 7	Trip to Tacoma Public Library
Nov 4	Last meeting for 1997. Potluck Christmas. Arrange tentative schedule for '98. Voting on '98 executive board

## Puget Sound Genealogical Society

### Executive Board

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Nominations: Madi Cataldo  
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Publicity: Pat Eder  
1998 Salt Lake City Trip: Marlys Marrs  
Seminar: Canceled this year  
Ways & Means:

### 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. 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. Phone: (360) 874-8813.

### Queries

Questions may be sent to our genealogy society for investigation. A charge may be assessed for intense searches lasting more than two hours. 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

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# Club News

PSGS is always looking for ways to save money -- a different way of fund raising, as it were. Each month, this newsletter is mailed to approximately 300 members, libraries, and as an exchange newsletter (they send us one, we send them one). Beginning this issue, *family Backtracking* will be delivered to the monthly meeting closest to the publication date for members to pick up. This will save considerable money in postage. The day after the meeting, remaining newsletters will be mailed. Another way we will be saving money is to audit our exchange program. Newsletters will be audited to determine whether or not they contain, on a regular basis, information our members want or need. If the answer is no, the exchange will be stopped.

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It's time to start thinking about the Salt Lake City Trip again. Each year in January our club books up to 15 rooms at the hotel next door to the Family History Library. It's fun to go as a group; we also sit together if possible to watch over each other's belongings. And, we can have from one to five or more people in a room which can cut the costs considerably. The cost for each room (not person) in 1998 will be \$80.83 plus there is a \$10 charge per person for baggage handling and ride to and from the airport. Payment is required in advance. 1998's rooms have been booked for 4-18 January. Marlys Marrs at (360) 373-6945 will be overseeing the 1998 trip.

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A Ways & Means Chairman is still needed -- desperately!!! PSGS has been without one for most of the year. Without this key position being filled, our finances could be in jeopardy. Contact Bill Richardson at (360) 377-5881.

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The Givens Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for October 25th. Linnie Griffin will be coordinating PSGS' refreshments table. Each year members of PSGS donate cakes, cookies, and assorted other foods which volunteers then sell along with coffee, tea, and soda to the public. The Givens Christmas Bazaar is well attended by the public and is the first bazaar of the season. To donate goods, please contact Linnie at (360) 275-3770.

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News on Our Publications: Two meetings were held for anyone interested in working on the indexes PSGS is preparing to publish. The telephone tree was activated and members were called. In all about 12 people showed up and most volunteered to work on the publications in some facet. The number of volunteers now working on various publications climbs to about 17. PSGS has nine books currently in work or nearly complete. Before the year is through, two of those books should be printed and available for sale. If you have ever had a desire to learn book publishing, now is the time to help. You

must be able to do data entry, proofread typed records against originals, or gather information. Contact Andi at (360) 871-5694. See page 39 for related article. Many thanks to the telephone tree volunteers for their help in getting the word out about these meetings. If you were not contacted, it is through no fault of those volunteers.

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The nominations committee has been voted in. Marj Menees and Madi Cataldo were nominated and voted in at the July meeting. Along with Marj and Madi, Cindy Spore is automatically on the committee as past president. The committee is now taking nominations and/or volunteers for various chairs and/or executive board; if you're interested contact them personally or see them at the next meeting. Voice votes will be taken at the October meeting.

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Do you know someone that you feel would be a great speaker at one of our meetings? If so, contact Fred Ward at (360) 876-2809 or Bill Richardson at (360) 377-5881 and let him know.

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A Grant Writer is needed to prepare grant proposals for PSGS. Do you have experience as a grant writer? If so, we could use your help. Monies would be used to purchase more research materials, upgrade equipment, and purchase additional equipment. Contact Bill Richardson at (360) 377-5881.

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Have you been receiving catalogs from various companies selling genealogy or remembrance book supplies? If so, *family Backtracking* is preparing a listing for our December issue of available catalogs. Send the name and address (and toll-free number if available) of the catalog to Editor, *family Backtracking*, 2984 S.E. Aspen St., Port Orchard, WA 98366-5764 or email [macdonalda@wvin.com](mailto:macdonalda@wvin.com).

*The Irish at Home and Abroad* 3:4 (1996) located in the PSGS Library has an article written by Dwight Radford which discusses researching Irish Masonic records. The article provides lodge numbers based on county locations which will serve as reference to the Grand Lodge archives. I wrote to the Grand Lodge and received extensive information on my ancestor, with a very quick reply. All very successful! If you are looking for this type of information, I suggest that you read the article first, note the reference number, and then submit your query to the following address. Be sure to enclose an International Response Coupon to facilitate the response.

Grand Lodge of A.F. & A. Masons of Ireland  
Grand Secretary's Office  
Freemasons Hall  
17, Modesworth Street  
Dublin 2, Ireland

~ Deb Palmer Redfearn



# Notes from the Library

by Marj Menees

About two and a half years ago, from the major task of setting it up in its present quarters, under the direction of Librarian Nancy CARTER, and the auspices of Cindy SPORE, President, our library began its slow and unwieldy progress toward a functioning resource center for researching. At that time, three volunteers: Lois ROARK, Cereice COOK, and I began an inventory as the first step to do so. We were sure that we could accomplish the task in a day (well, if not one day, at most three) as well as color code and re-label locator designations.

At the end of the first day, we figured we'd be lucky if we could get the books finalized and in order -- "sometime." And we did. By the end of the month, working one day each week, we had all the periodicals stored in cartons on top of the shelves -- "No Touching!" -- Remember how enticing they looked? And how you thought if you could just get into those magazines you would find everything you'd ever been looking for?

Our one day had evolved into a continuous one day each week - at first Thursdays and then Tuesdays. Within six months, Nancy had resigned her duties as librarian in order to make an extensive trip and I assumed them; Lois had been elected as Treasurer leaving Cereice, who had been appointed Acquisitions Librarian, and I re-logging and labeling locators and color coding. So, with boxes of periodicals begging a place and our inventory yet to be complete in all areas, Cereice and I continued re-labeling and pasting color dots. As more and more new books were acquired and we logged them in, less time was available for finalizing the original goal.

Every time we walked into the library, there were those cartons of periodicals facing us and no place to file them. But, when, thanks to more volunteers -- Bill RICHARDSON and Dave RUGH -- we acquired shelving for the periodicals, we had a worse chore to sort and log in and locate than the books which had already had

their first setup when we started. And more periodicals kept coming in -- Remember the big batch of North Carolina magazines that arrived and were in a "No Touch" carton under the work cabinets and how you thought if you could just dig into them you would find everything you'd ever been looking for?

Well, for two years we just kept pegging away (books, periodicals, microfilm files, and microfiche files) wondering if we'd ever accomplish what we had thought we would - and knowing that the current library catalog was completely out of date and needed a new edition.

So, having called for volunteers, we set out to start our second inventory prior to the new edition. We knew it would take several days for the books alone. And we knew that the periodicals would take several more days. And then we could face the microfiche and microfilm which would leave the only part of the library not reorganized (the hanging files) to do another time... Say a month or two at best?

At 0900, Tuesday, the 19th of August THE WORK PARTY assembled: Cynthia BAKER, Cereice COOK, Lorraine KNIERT, Geraldine and Wes KOENTZ, Andi MACDONALD, Marj MENEES, Madge NORTON, Clara and Frank PORTER, Bill RICHARDSON, and Larry SWAN. At 1500, Tuesday, the 19th of August, Cereice and I were locking up and the job was done!!!!!!! Oh - except for the last drawer of the hanging file. Now can you believe that?

As soon as we look for items checked as missing - and assemble our work for printing, we will have a new catalog. It would be good if would be the grand finale for 1997.

As for the above volunteers, they are wonderful workers and all deserve another star in their crown.

By the way, have you noticed the little book "A CHRISTMAS REMINDER" on the new book shelf? Pick it up and look inside.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Membership (circle one)

Individual (\$12.00)

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Years in genealogy \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Fortuitous Genealogical Circumstances

by Cyril Taylor

From that time in the spring of 1992 when I commenced research of my Wynn ancestry, I had the feeling I was the lone toiler mining the vast field of family history research in a geographical area stretching from Ireland and England to the eastern seaboard of the United States and all the way across America to the Pacific Coast. During this period I carried on a wide-spread, voluminous correspondence with individuals and institutions both private and governmental, searching for the traces left by the Wynns as they trekked westwards.

In the past few years through the agency of popular computer bulletin boards (mailing lists) inquiries periodically were wafted into cyberspace seeking information about the Wynns. In all this time I never once contacted a Wynn relative having the least bit of interest in conducting genealogical research. Oh Yes! All my cousins are interested in their Wynn family history and are for the most part willing to provide whatever information they possess, but family history to most of them is rather a dull subject. That has been my experience, that is, until now. For this is a story of an event that cannot be explained. It just happened.

It all begins with my great-grandfather, Thomas Wynn (see family chart on page 34). My knowledge of my great-father and his family was rather slim. This is a summary of the oral tradition that was handed down to me:

- His wife was Mary Farmer.
- Thomas and Mary had been born in County Cork, Ireland.
- They lived in Maryland at the time of the Civil War.
- My great-grandfather had been a soldier in the Civil War.
- The Wynns had lived in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where my grandmother, Catherine Wynn, had been born in 1866.
- The family had resided in Streator, Illinois, for many years.
- My great-grandfather was buried in a small Catholic cemetery at Krain near Enumclaw, King County, Washington.

My quest was started by locating Thomas and Mary (Farmer) Wynn on the

1880 census of Streator, LaSalle County, Illinois. It confirmed Thomas and Mary had been born in Ireland. This primary source also indicated that their first two children, John and Mary Ann, had been born in England. Thomas was employed as a coal miner. An occupation he followed his entire working life.

Since the initial discovery of information on the Wynns in the 1880 census, I have traced their wedding in August of 1852 at Wigan, Lancashire, England, where John and Mary Ann had been born, to Westernport and Lonaconing in Cumberland County, Maryland.

The Wynns were next found in Powelton, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Next, according to census returns and other records they resided in Streator, La Salle County, Illinois, from about 1870 to at least 1897 when Mary (Farmer) Wynn died. Because two sons had settled at Wilburton, Latimer County, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), there is evidence Thomas Wynn was living in that town in 1903.

With regard to the oral tradition that Thomas Wynn was buried in the cemetery at Krain, I sent a letter of inquiry to Sacred Heart Church in Enumclaw and received a response from Father Jerry Woodman, the parish priest, "The following entry (photocopy from registry entry) was located in our files of 1906. It was written in Latin as was the custom at that time. As far as we can translate it states simply of the death of Thomas When (Wynn) on January 29, 1906. He was buried in Krain Cemetery, which is our Catholic cemetery here, on January 31, 1906 at the age of 86."

My next inquiry was directed to the Enumclaw Public Library which provided me with a photocopy of the front page of *The Enumclaw Courier* of February 2, 1906, from which the following article is taken:

"Thomas Winn died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sweeney, last Sunday night. Mr. Winn came from Oklahoma Territory, over seven months ago, to spend his last few days with his daughter. Mr. Winn was 86 years old, still his death was sudden and unexpected. The funeral services were held at the Catholic

church on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Interment at Krain cemetery."

A third piece of information was needed to round out my knowledge of my great-grandfather's death. That was to obtain Thomas Wynn's death certificate. Since he died before the State of Washington began to assemble death certificates, I put this aspect of my search on inactive status.

Recently, I read<sup>1</sup> that the South King County Genealogical Society had compiled an index of King County death certificates issued prior to 1907. It occurred to me to write a letter to them and see if their index had a reference to Thomas Wynn's death certificate. I sent a letter of inquiry to SKCGS dated January 23, 1997, as follows:

"My great-grandfather, Thomas Wynn, died at Enumclaw on January 29, 1906. It would be of value to learn whether or not a death certificate was issued at the time of his death. If there is a reference to his death certificate, may I have a photocopy of the relevant page of the index?" Thomas and Mary (Farmer) Wynn's family group sheet was printed on the reverse side of the letter.

After I mailed the letter, its existence was pushed to the back of my memory where it remained until around 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, February 8th, 1997. This was when I received a telephone call from a lady. It is difficult for me to recall exactly in what order the revelations that my caller commenced to relate to me, but the following is the essence of what she had to say.

She said she was a member of the South King County Genealogy Society and was their Genealogist (similar to Corresponding Secretary). The caller said she had received my query and was preparing to respond to it, but was amazed when examining the family group sheet as it listed her great-great-grandparents and her great-grandmother. She came to the speedy conclusion that she and I are cousins.<sup>2</sup> Dolores' great-grandmother, Mary Ann (Wynn) Sweeney and my grandmother, Catherine (Wynn) Gallagher Davis, were sisters -- daughters of Thomas and Mary (Farmer) Wynn.

My cousin is Dolores (Schomburg)

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### Thomas and Mary (Farmer) Wynn's Family

Thomas Wynn b: About 1830 in County Cork, Ireland (Oral Tradition); d: January 29, 1906 in Near Enumclaw (Krain), Washington; married June 7, 1852 in Wigan, Lancashire, England, Mary Farmer; b: July 1833 in County Leitrim, Ireland (Unconfirmed); d: December 17, 1897 in Streator, Illinois.

1. John W. Wynn; b: June 21, 1853 in Wigan, Lancashire, England; d: October 1, 1931 in Wilburton, Latimer County, Oklahoma; married Mary Ann Ellsworth b: April 14, 1859 in Hartford, Connecticut or Pennsylvania; d: November 11, 1926 in Wilburton, Oklahoma.

2. Mary Ann Wynn; b: April 26, 1856 in Wigan, Lancashire, England; d: August 23, 1920 in Allentown, King County, Washington; married November 16, 1873 in Winona, Illinois, Thomas Sweeney; b: February 17, 1848 in Gascenc (sic), Scotland; d: August 30, 1920 in Allentown King County, Washington.

3. Thomas Wynn; b: August 17, 1859 in Westernport, Maryland; married Annie ( ) b: July 1863 in Scotland.

4. Michael Wynn; b: July 27, 1861 in Lonaconing, Maryland.

5. Ann Wynn; b: August 27, 1864 in Powelton, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

6. Catherine Wynn; b: June 1, 1866 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; d: October 23, 1928 in Seattle, Washington; married (1) October 21, 1885 in Streator, Illinois, James Gallagher; b: About 1862 in Northumberland, England; d: February 4, 1897 in Belt, Montana and (2) married July 20, 1898 in Great Falls, Montana, Thomas O. (originally "Davies") Davis; b: May 1, 1862 in Loughor, West Glamorganshire, South Wales; January 22, 1948 in Seattle, Washington.

7. James Wynn; b: About 1869 in Pennsylvania.

8. William Wynn; b: March 17, 1872 in Illinois; d: January 5, 1923 in Seattle, Washington.

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Halstead, and she resides in Renton, Washington. While the Schomburg surname was well known to me, I was not acquainted with Dolores even though I recorded her name on my Wynn family tree from information gleaned from her father's obituary.

The scope of the coincidence was more profoundly brought to my attention when Dolores related to me at a later date that she had been approached several months previous to assume the responsibilities of Genealogist. She said, "I almost turned it down. I'd been involved in several long-term projects (including the two volumes of early King County Death Records), and I was reluctant to take on anything else for a while. You, on the other hand, told me that when you wrote to inquire about Thomas Wynn's death record, really didn't expect to find it, but you had written the letter anyway! You see, if I hadn't accepted the job, I would never have seen your letter. It would have sailed right on past me. And if you hadn't written to SKCGS.... Talk about serendipity!!!!"

Dolores went on to tell me in her own

words a more lucid version of that initial conversation on that Saturday morning.

"I'm not surprised that you don't remember the details as well as I do, but, of course, I ambushed you. I'd had time to think about what I was going to say. You were caught off guard."

She continued, "When I called, I first identified myself by name and that I was the Genealogist for the SKCGS. I told you that I had received your inquiry about Thomas Wynn and that I was sorry, but he was not listed in our 'King County Death Index.' Then I said, 'You're probably wondering why I would call you long-distance to tell you that I can't help you. Well, I want you to know that you've really helped ME! Thomas Wynn was MY great-great-grandfather.' I then proceeded to tell you that I'd been called by the SKCGS who told me that we'd received an inquiry from someone who wanted to know whether his great-grandfather, Thomas Wynn, was listed in our Death Index -- that this Thomas Wynn had died in King County in 1906. I'm sure I must have gripped the phone tightly at that point, because I knew that MY Thomas Wynn had died in Enumclaw (in King County) in January,

1906. I was afraid to hope that we were talking about the same man, so much so that I didn't even say anything to my caller, afraid that I might 'jinx' the possibility. I waited with crossed fingers until your letter was forwarded to me. Of course, as soon as I turned your letter over and saw the Family Group Sheet, I knew that you and I were cousins. It was such a thrill."

Our conversation on that Saturday morning lasted an hour as we talked about all aspects of our shared family. Each of us soon discovered that we each possessed unique information about the Wynns and their descendants. We made tentative arrangements for a future meeting where we could become acquainted and exchange information on our widespread family, both geographically and chronologically.

Our meeting took place at my home on the following Wednesday, February 12th.

Dolores arrived around 10:00 a.m. and we spent the day looking at photograph albums, going over my files and looking at pertinent letters and copies of records. I presented Dolores with Wynn pedigree charts and she gave me some interesting material including photocopies of several Sweeney obituaries. We broke from a very intensive morning of delving into things genealogical long enough to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by my wife, Lee-Yen. Then it was back to talking Wynn family history until Dolores' departure at 4:30 p.m. It had been an exciting day of getting acquainted, exchanging our individual oral traditions.

Since that time Dolores and I have talked several times on the telephone and sent each other family history material in the mail and via email. And one of these days we will have another family history get-together.

For the five years past it had been seemingly a lone journey questing along the road into the bygone days of my ancestry, but another was on the same journey and fortuitous circumstances caused our paths to meet. In reality I had not been alone for unknown to me my cousin Dolores has in a sense been accompanying me in my quest.

Thus ends our serendipitous tale.

<sup>1</sup>Everton's Genealogical Helper -- November/December 1996, New on the Bookshelf, page 191: South King County Genealogical Society. *King County, Washington, Deaths, 1891-1907*. Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc, 1996.

<sup>2</sup>Second cousins once removed.

<sup>3</sup>Ralph Bernard Schomburg, 1911-1969.



# News From the Internet

**Emoticons.** If you're like most of us, you've been getting email which has strange punctuation that just doesn't make sense. These little "emotional icons" or emoticons, are becoming a very necessary part of communicating on the Internet via email. Because communicating through email can be very unemotional and others may not take our words as we mean them, some form of visual aide which allows the recipient to fully grasp the feelings behind the words becomes necessary. As with any good idea, emoticons have grown to number in the hundreds. And, many people make up their own.

There are several web sites that show commonly used emoticons, Richard Hanson's site <http://www.utopiasw.demon.co.uk/> contains literally hundreds of them. AOL has a site dedicated to "Internet Smileys." If you are looking for some hilarious emoticons, visit Dave Barry's web site at <http://www.randomhouse.com/features/davebarry/emoticon.html>.

Some basic emoticons being used are

:-) happy  
:-( sad  
;-) wink  
:-D laughing  
:-P sticking tongue out at you  
:-O yelling  
:-| indifferent  
;-} leer  
:-! foot in mouth  
:-& tongue tied

Even the Japanese are using emoticons in their email. According to Reader's Digest, "the basic smiley in the West, :-), has been changed to (^\_^), making it recognizable as a face without the reader tilting his head." Others used are (^.^) and \(^o^)/. The

first is a smiling woman because it is impolite for a Japanese woman to show her teeth when smiling. The second is a banzai smiley -- 'arms raised and mouth open in a traditional cheer.'

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Looking for a zip code? Check out the U.S. Postal Service web site at <http://www.usps.gov/ncsc/>. The site allows you to do a search on the address and returns the zip code +4.

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The USGenWeb Washington state archives is on-line at <http://www.usgenweb.com/archives/waindex.html> and for other states, <http://www.usgenweb.com/archives>.

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PERSI is now available on-line; however, there is a fee to access the index through Ancestry <http://www.ancestry.com/>. Wouldn't you rather access it for free at the library? See the related article on page 37.

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The newsletter of the Historical Records Advisory Board, State of Washington, *Archives Underground*, will resume in September. The newsletter will contain columns on collections, electronics, the regional archives at Bellingham, Seattle, Ellensburg, Cheney, and Olympia, and a "Bulletin Board" with major announcements of meeting dates, conventions and key activities you may wish to know about. Send a letter to Editor, 1120 Washington St., S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-0238, to be placed on the mailing list.

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## Upcoming Courses/Seminars on Genealogy

**How to Write a Family History**, begins September 22, 1997 at Olympic College. Call (360) 478-4504 for more information.

**Beginning Genealogy** courses, begins in the fall through Central Kitsap Community Schools. Call (3609) 692-3171 for more information.

**Unlock Your Heritage**, September 3-6. A Federation of Genealogy Societies event in Dallas, TX.

**The Ancestral Game of Hide & Seek**, October 4. Conducted by Kathleen W. Kinckley, CGRS, the conference will be held at the Eastern Washington Genealogy Society in Spokane, WA.

**Rendezvous '97**, October 11. Roots Revisited -- The Essentials of Successful Genealogical Research. Sponsored by Washington State Genealogical Society at the Best Western Executive Inn in Fife, WA.

**New England Historical and Genealogical Society & Fiske**

**Genealogical Foundation** present a two-day seminar at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel with Gary Boyd Roberts, October 17 & 18. Call toll free (888) 286-3447 for brochure.

**Clark County Genealogy Society Silver Anniversary Celebration**, Oct 18. From 10:00 - 4:00 with Donna Potter Phillips in Vancouver, WA.

**Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society**, November 15. Fall seminar with Desmond Allen from Arkansas covers "20th Century - Death Certificate Research," "Genealogical Writing," "American States Papers," and "Confederate Military Research."

**The Genealogical Route to Your Ancestral Roots**, November 15. A one-day genealogy fair and workshop, 9:00 to 3:30. Sponsored by the LDS Church and Willamette Valley Genealogical Society at the Salem Oregon East Family History Center, 862-45th Ave, N.E., Salem, Oregon. Open to the public -- no charge.



# QUERIES

## ANDREW/SMITH/METZER

William Andrew, born 25 Jul 1863, in Marion, Grant Co, IN married Della Smith. He was a police officer and died 5 Nov 1894 in Olympia, WA. Obituary indicates he left a wife and small child. Probate papers of Lydia McLaughlin Andrew (his mother) indicates money left to his children Harry and Ethel Metzger residing in Everett, WA. Information on the Andrew or associated lines would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lori Beth Walker, 8283 Saddle trail NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. (360) 307-0107. [walker@web-o.net](mailto:walker@web-o.net)

*Following are queries that have been mailed to PSGS for research in Kitsap County. Below each query are the results volunteers at PSGS came up with.*

## WORTMAN

According to his Certificate of Death, my gguncle Daniel Dewaine Wortman passed away in Charleston, Kitsap County, WA, on 13 April 1926. For more information, his family group sheet is attached. In addition, he was a Civil War Veteran. I am seeking any information concerning him or his descendants. In particular, I am interested in finding his obituary and probate information. Can your organization direct me to sources for finding this information? What information does your organization hold?

*Lewis Funeral Chapel Burials shows A Daniel D. Wortman, as being buried in Elgin, Oregon, on 13 Apr 1926 and Edna Yale Wortman buried in Elgin, Oregon, on Sep 1, 1925. For more information, contact Lewis Funeral Home, 5303 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA 98310. Probate records were checked with no results. Obituary is still to be found but must wait until library re-opens in September 1997. Cyril Taylor, Volunteer.*

## PERRY

I am looking for a record of an individual whose name is not clear. My gggrandfather is buried in the Washington Veteran's Cemetery in

Retsil. He may have two names. One is **Commodore S. Perry**, the other is **Seymore C. Perry**. Both of these names continue to crop up. I visited the cemetery this weekend and found the grave of Commodore S. Perry, no date given, row 22, plot 22. I then found the grave of Sarah E. Perry, widow of Seymore C. Perry, died 4-7-1922, row 16. According to census sources in Montana, Sarah was Seymore's second wife. His name may be Commodore Seymore Perry, but so far I have not seen it this way and I don't believe Commodore was his rank. The Navy may have made him drop the Commodore for obvious reasons. His death date is about 1918-1919 in Kitsap County. He may have stayed at the Veterans Hospital before his death. Other next of kin, besides his wife, would have been **Erwin Perry**, **Harriet Twiss** or **Leona Pierce**. Any help will be greatly appreciated. April E. Coggins

*A record for S. C. Perry and Sarah Elizabeth was found in Kitsap County, WA, Probates, 1861-1944. The probate number is 1822, dated June 3, 1920. This record may be ordered from Kitsap County Clerk, 614 Division St., Port Orchard, WA 98366. In PSGS' Kitsap County, WA, Cemetery Index, records were found for S. Perry (no date) and for Sarah E. Perry (7 Apr 1922). Pendleton Funeral Home has a Seymour C. Perry as a resident of Retsil and buried in 1919. Write Rill Chapel at 1151 Mitchell Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366, for information. PSGS Death Records is through 1907 only. Cyndy Baker, Volunteer.*

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including school children's names and court proceedings; ancestor charts of BYERS, FREEMAN, JETTE, LACY and MCDONALD; member's surname file.

WA Grant CO GS 17:2 "Big Bend Register" (June '97); 1910 Grant CO census, ongoing; DECAMP, CORY, ALLEN ancestor charts; NORTHRUP letters, ongoing; Polk's Grant CO Directory 1914.

WA Grays Harbor GS 8:4 "Family Tree-Searcher" (Jul/Aug '97): local news items; using the internet to prepare for a trip to Sweden.

WA Jefferson CO GS 13:2 "Newsletter" (Sum '97): member's surname file; WORTHINGTON history.

WA South King CO GS 12:6 "South King CO News" (Jul/Aug '97): index to Memorial Records of South King County; library acquisitions; where to find naturalization records; area research facilities.

WA Tacoma-Pierce CO GS 28:4 "The Researcher" (Sum '97): 1885 census of New Tacoma, WA Territory; news items 1886; new additions to the library; queries; name index to Vol 28 of "The Researcher" 1996-7.

WA Tri City GS 37:1 "Bulletin" (May '97): Benton CO obits, ongoing; locating old newspapers; an internet genealogy primer; creating your own WEB page.

WA Wenatchee Area GS 25:2 "Appleland Bulletin" (June '97): DANNER ahnentafel; 1993 update Wenatchee City Cemetery OLMOS-ROATH.

WA Yakima Valley GS 29:2 (June '97): history of Ahtanun Mission, Yakima area 1847; early land records; Janeck Drug Store accounts, ongoing; member's surnames files; school records, Kititas CO 1901.

WV Kanawha Valley GS 21:2 "The Journal" (Sum '97): some marriage notices in local newspapers 1822-32; McKinney Cemetery, Sophia, WV tombstones.

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never volunteer and the society's future will be in peril. To prepare, everything our society does today should be geared toward increasing the education and resources available to our members of the future. Thus, our society must draw on its current members to step forward and create a plan that will take us into the future, then be ready to volunteer to achieve that plan. Volunteers to teach, volunteers to coordinate, volunteers to index -- if you can imagine it, a volunteer is needed to accomplish it.

Can we move into the future? Each member of PSGS should be volunteering to do something to enhance our prospects for the future, whether it be seeking a higher level of education, doing research for others, helping in the library, or indexing. Gone are the days of waiting for others to do the job. We must take action as we are the ones to decide how our society will arrive into the 21st century -- our choices today will determine it.



# Genealogy 101

by Andi MacDonald

*Editor's note: The promised article on primary evidence; census records and birth, marriage, and death records was not ready at the time of publication, but will be in the next issue of family Backtracking. Instead, we hope that you will enjoy this article on the Periodical Source Index published by the Allen County Public Library Foundation. PERSI is a valuable resource for genealogists.*

You have probably heard this mentioned several times but have not been quite sure of what it is or what it is used for. PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) is an annually published index to articles found in genealogical and historical periodicals sent to the Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library in Indiana.

In addition to PERSI, there is Retro-PERSI which covers the years 1847-1985. There are 27 volumes of PERSI and Retro-PERSI in print today with over a million citations.

The project was begun in 1986 using funds from the Carol Christman Fund which is administered by the Allen County Public Library Foundation. Employees of the Genealogy Department do the actual work involved.

Each of the indexes are divided into sections. Included in the Place Names portion of the indexes is the U.S. Places

section. This section is alphabetical by a two-letter state abbreviation. Within each state, the information is sorted by county. This section has several exceptions which are outlined in the Format section in the front of each book. Next in Place Names is the Canadian section which is alphabetical by province and then by record type. Last are Other Foreign Places.

The middle portion of each index is Research Methodology. This includes all articles covering methods or types of research -- land records, cemeteries, vital records, military, immigration, etc. Records are placed in record type and then are alphabetical by title of the article.

The last portion of each index is Families. The title of the article is ignored and the most prominent surnames discussed within the article are listed. For instance, in an article titled *Cornish Mining Families*, the surname Crossman is written about extensively thus the surname is listed in the Families portion of the index -- not the title. (This is a fictitious article I have used as an example; Crossman is the main family I research.)

To make it easier for patrons to request copies of the articles listed in PERSI, each periodical received at the library is given a four letter code. As an example, *family Backtracking* is WAFB. Once periodicals are indexed, they are placed on shelves and

maintained by the library. The library has a system in place for retrieving and photocopying articles in response to requests sent in from people like you and me. There is a cost involved -- \$6 per request plus \$.20 per page photocopied. So, it's best to send in one request for a lot of copies.

The four letter code (WAFB, for instance) is listed next to the article along with the volume, volume number, month, and year of the publication. This information is required when sending a request to Allen County Public Library. It allows the library staff to quickly locate and photocopy the requested articles. The inset shows a few samples of what can be found in the index under Research Methodology.

Because of the cost involved, if only looking for one or two small articles, it may be best to contact the society or group which published the article. If it was a society, sometimes a SASE and a one or two dollar donation will get you a copy of the article which might cost \$6 plus if you send to the Allen County Public Library. If a club or publisher is involved (Genealogical Helper, Federation of Genealogical Societies), there may be a set fee for requesting

reprints of articles.

PERSI is one of the greatest research tools for the genealogist; the average

Record Type	Title of Article	Journal	Vol	Num	Mon	Year
Land	Reading property descriptions	NMGC	17	3	Nov	1992
Maps	Maps in genealogy	MDPG	23	7	Mar	1992
Military	Calendar of wars	OKPC7	4	Fal	1	1992
Other	Adoption and family history, resources	MIST	3	2	Aug	1992

genealogist can quickly scan each volume to locate information on any given subject or surname.

Where can you find them? The Tacoma Public Library's Genealogy Department boasts all volumes of the set.

You can also find PERSI and retro-PERSI on-line with Ancestry at <http://www.ancestry.com/>. Ancestry, in May 1997, struck up a deal with Allen County Public Library to be the single on-line publisher. Because they have an exclusive contract for the internet and CD-Rom, they are able to charge a substantial fee for the service. If you might be accessing PERSI often, it may be worth the money; however, if you only use PERSI a few times a year, the cost is prohibitive. Ancestry leads one to believe they are the only current source for accessing PERSI and this is not true. Allen County Public Library will continue to publish PERSI and Retro-PERSI in book form which will continue to be available at the Tacoma Public Library.

Some very good news indeed, is that our society has, on microfiche, Retro-PERSI. And, better, our society is now looking into purchasing PERSI. Within the next several months there will be discussions about whether or not the benefits derived from having the indexes warrant the purchase of them.

We will keep you posted.



# Exchange Notes

by Pat Eder

AMER Ancestry 15:3 (June/July '97): English sources; accessing the world's card catalogs via the internet; evidence and sources-how they differ; eastern Europe and Jewish sources; finding German protestant ancestors; Ellis Island Quarantine detainees housed at other islands in New York Bay.

AMER Fiske Genealogical Foundation 4:4 "Newsletter" (June '97): marriages 1897-98 from First Methodist Church, Seattle.

AMER Genealogical Helper 51:3 (May/June '97): African-American research; writing and publishing your family genealogy; 1997 directory of genealogical libraries; regular features such as missing ancestors, queries, new book reviews, roots cellar.

AMER Heritage Quest Issue 69 (May/June '97): Canadian soldiers and refugees of the American Revolution; Lithuanian, German, Polish; Hispanic; Irish; Scandinavian and British Isles research; Hessian soldiers; some former slaves and their masters; American Indian research; 1870 census Peshtigo, WI; inherited diseases.

Ibid. Issue 70 (July/Aug '97): Colonial illnesses; Revolutionary War claims, new and little known resources; questions on German and Scandinavian ancestry; ethnic resources, ongoing; 1870 census Peshtigo, WI ongoing; Leon S. Hollingworth card file of Georgia, NC and SC.

AMER Heritage Quest 2:1 "Researcher" (Spr '97): classes held at H.Q. library in Orting; calendar of upcoming events in WA.

AMER The Irish At Home and Abroad 4:2 (1997): records of the Genealogical Office in Dublin; Canadian cemeteries; Irish Palatines in Ireland and Ontario, Canada; County Armagh; Scots-Irish and Choctaw Nation combination through intermarriage; New South Wales, Australia; Irish resources on the internet.

AMER National Genealogical Society 23:3 "Newsletter" (May/June '97): American medical physician research; internet genealogy; software programs PAF 3, Family Gathering and Master Genealogist discussed.

AMER Odum Genealogy Library 7:3 "Family Tree" (June/July '97): Scottish genealogical research and resources, clan information; records available in Scotland; Georgia counties in the late 18th century.

CA Sequoia GS 24:4 "Newsletter" (June '97): WWI draft registration cards Tulare CO; Cherokee Strip Land Run 1893 ongoing CLARK to CRAMER.

Ibid. 24:5 "Newsletter" (July '97): how to obtain SS application forms; WWI draft registration cards BERNARD to BLALOCK; Cherokee Strip Land Run of 1893 CRANDELL to DUNCAN.

FL Oskaloosa CO GS 21:70 "A Journal of Northwest Florida" (Spr '97): Sunset Cemetery, Valparaiso, FL listings; Walton CO marriages 1907; list of Oskaloosa cemeteries; local news items from 1930.

IL Clay CO GS "Clay Roots" (Summer '97): Clay CO history; ancestor charts of LEWIS, WILLIAMS, BRYAN, CURL, WHITSON, HULEN and TANNER; Grand Army of Republic Civil War vets reunion held in Detroit, MI 1891; news items 1936; real estate transfers taken from Flora Register 1920; Farina, IL news items; Clay CO judges elected in 1933.

IL Schuyler CO Historical Museum 26:1 "The Schuylerite" (Spr '97): Local news items 1880; 1886; school students 1880, 1886, 1897, 1921; marriages Schuyler CO 1880; IL couples married in Lee CO, IA 1896-1903; CHAPMAN- HARRIS group sheets.

Ibid. 26:2 (Sum '97): early Colorado records; Brown CO news items 1897 and 1920-23; 1870 census Birmingham Twp, Schuyler CO; wills and estates 1849-50.

IN-IL-KY Tri State GS 20:5 "Tri State Packet" (June '97): Cox Collection- a list of surnames of people from Posey CO who have files at Willard Library, Evansville, IN; Bolin Cemetery tombstones, Perry CO, IN; Zeimer Funeral Home records 1928-38 LANGLEY to MOSCHNER;

First Ave Presbyterian births and deaths 1921-40; German Methodist churches in Indiana 1997.

IA Jackson CO GS 18:2 "Genie News" (June '97): 1927 Jackson CO 8th grade graduates of rural schools and the towns they came from.

KS Jefferson CO GS "Yesteryears" (Apr '97): John Steuart CURRY bio; Lydia RING bio; marriage licenses July 1-Dec 31, 1931; some Jefferson CO citizens who moved to CA.

Ibid. 18:2 "Newsletter" (June '97): member's surname lists.

MD Frederick CO GS "Newsletter" (June '97): Land record abstracts; post offices of Frederick CO 1887 and people receiving mail there; local news items.

Ibid. (Aug '97): EADER ahnentafel; post offices of Frederick CO ongoing; HUMMER-FLICKINGER bible; KINTZ bible.

MN Otter Tail CO GS 15:2 "Newsletter" (June '97): excerpts from "History of Becker and Otter Tail COs; landowners Dead Lake Twp, Otter Tail CO 1884; naturalization index 1904.

MO Scotland CO GS 11:3 "Newsletter" (July '97): MO courthouses destroyed during Civil War; Scotland CO names on Plat maps; Civil War loyalty oaths; School students 1915; obits 1995.

MT Flathead Valley GS 22:2 "Trees and Trails" (June '97): Grantor index to deeds 1884-97 SWITZER-TODD; MT Pioneer Certificate info.

NH Rockingham Society of Genealogists 20:2 "Kinship Kronicle" (June '97): graveyards in Epping, NH along with location map; tombstones from some of the listed cemeteries.

NM New Mexico GS "Genealogical Resources in New Mexico" (June '97): 25 page publication of collections, libraries, publications of the society and County societies in the state. Excellent resource.

Ibid. 36:2 "New Mexico Genealogist" (June '97): Mexican passport records Santa Fe 1828-36; Civil War discharges NM 1862-67; Old Watrous Cemetery tombstones; Mora CO guardianships 1886; marriage licenses Luna CO 1909-12; why states are closing public records.

OH Brown CO GS 20:1 "On the Trail" (Spr '97): baptisms Red Oak Presbyterian Church ELLIS-KIRKPATRICK.

OH Tuscarawas CO GS 25:2 "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" (May '97): Chancery records index to Common Pleas Court 1838-41 ALLSHOUSE-LEE; Stone Creek deaths and burials 1923-35 from a residents diary; deaths and injuries in coal mines 1908; SPROUL ancestor chart.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR 46:4 "Bulletin" (June '97): Portland fires and fire alarms responded to 1895; Lone Fir Cemetery records 1846-80, MCDONNELL-MARTIN Civil War veterans who were residents of OR, CARLSON-CHAPIN.

Ibid. 7:8 "The Forum Insider" (July '97): Calendar of events for Pacific Northwest.

OR Willamette Valley GS 29:2 "Beaver Briefs" (Spr '97): JOHNSON bio; how to use SS death index; 1997 society membership list; index to "Book of Remembrance of Marion CO, OR Pioneers 1840-60"; partial list of contents of OR State Archives.

PA Lycoming CO GS 14:4 "Lycoming Lineages" (Jul/Aug '97): wills from Chemung CO, NY; Quaker vital records Columbia and Lycoming Cos; destitute families during Civil War, Lycoming CO, ongoing TAYLOR-ZELLER.

SD Sioux Valley GS 23:3 "Pioneer Pathfinder" (Jul '97): Bethania Cemetery listings, Colton, SD; local news items; SOUKUP, family; Mary ARP- oldest SD resident 112 years old; current obituaries of SD citizens 100 years or older.

WA Clark CO GS 23:4 "Trail Breakers" (Sum '97): Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, abstracts; Vancouver Register news items 1869

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# PSGS Publications

PSGS has been gathering vital records and other information for publishing over the years. This year the Publications Chairman gathered together and organized all of the original works for review. It was decided that the information would be organized further and eventually published as books.

A basic format for all the books was designed. Volunteers who wanted to work on publications were sought out and each given duties designed to fit their abilities. Some of the volunteers provide data entry; some proofread typed information against original documents while others gather further information. In all, there are currently nine books being compiled for publication. They are:

**Births:** Covers 1891-1912, #1 - #1121. Information was previously gathered and typed by Naomi Morris, Marlene Christner, Beverly Green, Maxine Crippen, and Janice Richardson. Information was originally typed with a typewriter and paper, placed in a notebook and placed on the library shelves. Now, the information must be reentered onto computer. Volunteers are needed for data entry, proofreading, and for compiling the book.

**Marriages:** Covers the years 1860-1915. Material was originally published in *family Backtracking* in installments. Material was digitized (typed on a computer) and that disk was saved by Richard Helander (thank you Dick!). Lisa Miller is currently indexing the material and completing the format changes. Ida Mae Swedberg has volunteered for proofreading duty. More volunteers are needed for proofreading.

**Deaths:** Covers 1892-1907, #1 - #373. Death records were originally compiled by Minnie Harson and edited by Clarice and Ron Herlein. Records were made into a spiral bound book which sold for \$3.50 each. Records must be completely retyped and proofread against original records. Volunteers are needed for data entry, proofreading, and compiling the book.

**Funeral Homes:** Lewis Funeral Chapel, 1910-1939, was previously published in sections in *family Backtracking*. Original records were transcribed by Carol Neumann, Myrna

Bryant, and Marlys Marrs. The Pendleton Funeral Home records were transcribed and typed by Ruth Strube and Rose Mary O'Brien. For the book, Pendleton records were entered onto computer by Mrs. Jerry Dailey; Lewis Funeral Home records are still to be entered. Volunteers are needed for data entry (Lewis Funeral Home records), proofreading, and compiling the book.

**Obituaries:** Obituaries have been collected by many members of the society and placed in a file at the library. Richard Helander sorted a large number of the obituaries and indexed them. The index has not yet made it to the library shelves. Jean Yeager has taken on the task of sorting the remaining obits by last name (approximately 1,000 obits). Lori Brennan and Nadine Tietge agreed to each day tear obituary page from the Bremerton Sun and from the Mason County newspapers and to turn them in once a month for our records. We still need volunteers to photocopy pages of obituaries and place them in binders, complete the data entry of the obits we already have, proofread names and page numbers, and compile the book with completed information.

**Cemeteries:** This is by far our largest and most intense compilation of information. Prior to 1995, Jan Stevenson, Dorothy Martell, Dorothy McGee, Florence Anderson, Addie Gee, Mrs. Clifford Aarness, Jeffrey Cunningham, Joyce Abernathy, Maxine Minert, Aloha Wright, Virginia Anderson, Fern Baxter, Mrs. John Lentz, Neva Smith, Mark Hester, Clarice Hertlein, Donna Jean Bruce, Roseann Mitchell, and Brian Roberts transcribed 23 cemeteries. These transcriptions were made into a spiral bound book and sold for \$5 each. The records will be retyped and proofed against the original transcriptions. Each cemetery will have its own section; a map and cemetery information (i.e., contact person, phone numbers, address, etc.) will be placed in front of each section. An alphabetical index will be at the back. Volunteers are needed for data entry, proofreading, and compiling the book. Ruth Strube is already on the trail of old-time advertisements for each of the cemeteries.

**Probate:** Covers the years 1861-1944. There are 5,300+ entries. A Probate book was previously completed prior to 1996 by unknown volunteers. The listing is alphabetical. The front matter of the book is complete. Volunteers are needed to cut and paste the previously published information and to compile the book.

**Navy Hospital Records:** Covers 1900-About WWI. Originally the information was transcribed by Carol Neumann, Myrna Bryant, and Marlys Marrs onto 3x5 cards which have been maintained in the library. Information was entered onto computer and published in *family Backtracking*. A disk was kept by Richard Helander of N-Z and David Rugh provided a disk of F-M; however, A-E were not found and so are being retyped by Terry Mettling, Deborah Redfearn, and Cyndy Baker. Volunteers are needed to proofread completed index and compile the book.

**Federal Census Records:** Records for 1860 (originally transcribed by Marlys Marrs and indexed by Roseann Mitchell) and 1870 (transcribed by Marlys Marrs) Kitsap County, Washington Territory, and for 1880 (one set of 1880 records transcribed by Freddi Perry and another set transcribed by Marlys Marrs) Kitsap County, Washington state. These records were previously published in *family Backtracking*. Volunteers are needed for data entry, proofreading against originals on microfilm, and to compile the book.

The first two books expected to be completed before the end of the year are Marriages and Probates.

If you are interested in helping out on any of these worthwhile publications, please contact Andi MacDonald at (360) 871-5694.

An additional project is in need of being done before the records are lost to us. These records are very old school records which list students names and years of attendance at local schools. Cindy Spore has these books in her possession but does not know how much longer the school district will allow her to keep them. Volunteers are needed to transcribe these records as quickly as possible. If you can help, please contact Cindy Spore at (360) 871-0202.



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## Extended Hours Announced National Archives, Seattle

NARA, Seattle, has announced extended operating hours for microfilm research on the first and second Tuesday evenings of each month beginning 2 September 1997, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thirty minute public tours are available the same two evenings at 6:30 p.m. The tour will place microfilm research in an operational context. Novice genealogist workshops are available the first three Tuesday mornings of every other month beginning September and ending in May. Each workshop covers a different subject. A small fee may be required. Contact Phillip Lothyan at (206) 526-6501 for more information, to place your name on a mailing list for workshops, or to register for a tour.

If you have never been to the Federal archives in Seattle (at Sandpoint), a tour is highly recommended before beginning research. Also, the courses on genealogy will deal with Federal records which are available at the facility, and teach you how to access and use them for maximum information.