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Notes from the Library

By Marjorie Menees

Besides being open Mondays and Fridays for general research, the library has had video sessions every fourth Friday.

Those who attend (both members and non-members) find them very rewarding. After each session, there is time to move into the library to make use of the lesson learned. The nice part of these video sessions is the fact that you can attend any one that you care to without having attended the previous ones. In April, Pat Eder substituted as leader for Bill Richardson.

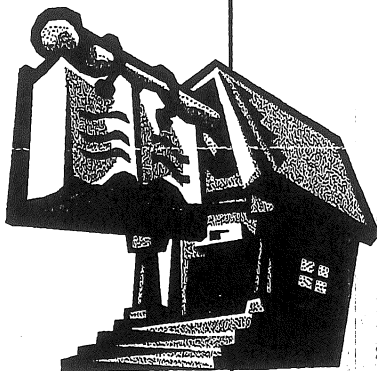
Because of the emphasis in recent sessions on English records, we purchased more books for this subject. One is "The Magna Charta Series" discussing century listings from pre-1624 to "1841, the Ultimate Census." Another is "The Duke of York Record" which consists of letters, permits, commissions, surveys and other transcripts signed by the Duke of York and other notables – these being from the Archives of the state of Delaware. You will find them on the new book shelf. Also, there is a set of three volumes "The Origin of Scots Colonists of Early America" from 1607 to 1783.

On the new book shelf are several gift volumes. Some from Barbara Maudlin are: "The Sevier County Family History Book, v. vi, 1994" - 553 pages of histories and family stories including pictures and an index. In addition, there are several Arkansas and Alabama books of county statistics. "First Families of Westpark and Eastpark

1940 – 1943" containing the history of each plus lists of families who lived there is a gift from author Gayle J. McCotter. "Jackson County Missouri" was given to us by Wes Koentz who also donates time as a duty librarian. A copy of "The History of Waterman" by R. V. Beach was given by member Paul Davis whose Davis and Bodine ancestors were among its pioneers.

There are some new services in our library too. For instance, on the filing cabinets beside the current periodical files is a "Lost and Found" box. Check it when you cannot find something you thought you knew where it was only it isn't. Right now there are three important items: (1) lined notebook paper with notes on Alabama: Cherokee Co., Limestone, and others; (2) lined yellow pad with notes for "John Conway 2100"; and (3) envelope with news clipping, receipt for Mrs. Mildred Lasswell from Iowa

Genealogical Society dated 17 April 1975, and other items – found inside "Iowa Genealogical Society Surname Index." (Continued Page 32)



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Prez Says!!

A hardy thank you to all of you who do us the honor of letting us be the repository for your genealogical treasures. Even back issues of periodicals, although it is often dated material, sometimes contain articles or ads that pique someone's interest. A special thanks to Kelly for the film reader. I was recently notified of a second book donation by Barbara Mauldin and her decision to join our group. Thanks Barbara, and I hope the rest of our library will help you.

Larry

Remittance of Foreign Funds

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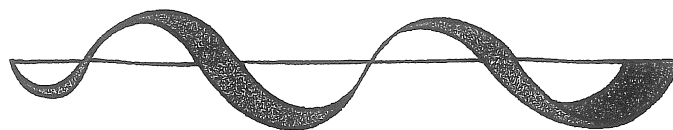
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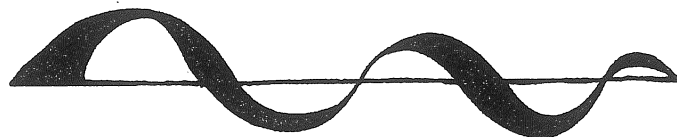
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Profile of a Genealogist

By Lawrence Swain

What makes a Genealogist? In my case, I think it was a fascination with old things and puzzles. I collected coins and stamps and other antiques and have always found it easy to get hooked on a big jigsaw puzzle or a good historical publication. I know I was never into stamps and coins for investments, it was always their historical significance which appealed to me.

Like many people, I was raised in a family where the only relatives were those still living and even some of those were not acknowledged as family. I knew my mother's sister; my father's sister and brothers; my father's mother and stepfather and my mother's mother and stepfather. I had a great-grandmother on my father's side and some cousins. This constituted "the family."

I didn't know that the only grandfather I had ever known was my mother's stepfather and that my father had six aunts and seven uncles. That my dad had at least eighteen cousins in South Dakota and New York. That people who visited my mom's parents and who we visited occasionally were mom's cousins. That my mother's real father came from a large family of German immigrants in Minnesota.

My interest in genealogy was piqued in 1989 by the arrival in the mail of a package of pedigree charts sent by one my sisters as an "oh, by the way, I just ran across this stuff thought you might interested". Seems she had been given the "stuff" by our aunt in 1968. These charts were my first indication that I had been missing out on a lot of family. Here was another set of great-grandparents and a whole bunch of Swedish ancestors. At the time, I was living across the river from the National Archives so of course, I did nothing about the information. After I retired to Bremerton, looking for something to do,

my wife suggested I investigate the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. That was the start of something big which continues to grow at an exponential rate and continues to raise more questions than answers because once I started I had to look into my present wife's family for "our children's sake" and my ex-wife's family for "our children's sake". Don't get me wrong, I enjoy it!

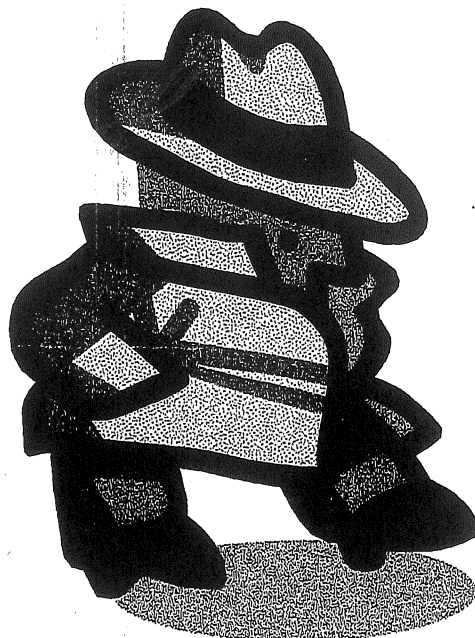
I know that there are those who think we are nuts. Why do you want to dwell on the past? What's done is done! What if you find criminals or mental cases? I guess that's just part of life. I am more than

willing to find that I didn't have a perfect family in order to find the plethora of people from all walks of life who make up my family and those special ones who make up who "I" am.

In the course of my detective work, I found that my mother's estranged father died of Botulism from home canned carrots and was buried in a contributed grave in Wenatchee, Washington. My grandma Swan's father committed suicide in South Dakota with dynamite. My grandfather Swan died after seven years in Eastern Washington State Hospital. Maybe that's why we were so closed-mouthed all

those years.

But on the bright side, I found that a lady I knew as "Aunt Tillie" was a first cousin once removed to my mother and that she had eight children; that five brothers are still alive and I got to meet them and their progeny at a family reunion last year. That I had several other second cousins from my mother's family here in Kitsap County who I now talk to regularly and, I think, some others who I have not yet tracked down. I found several second cousins on my dad's side who I communicate with and one who has published a 254 page book on her branch of the family. We share a Swedish great-grandfather.



There is so much enjoyment in finding this family that I sometimes figuratively kick myself for not starting sooner. I should have talked to my great-grandmother before she passed away at 92, but what is a twelve year old male thinking about? It sure isn't ancestors! Someone eventually included her in a book about his mother who had trekked from Chamberlain, South Dakota to Hill City in the Black Hills with my great-grandmother and eight or nine kids; no husbands and a sixteen year old wagon master. That book and family stories stated that my great-grandmother had been proclaimed a Sioux princess by Sitting Bull himself because she shared food with the Indians. It also started me on my quest for more information on my Olson family.

I must go back to my introduction to genealogy and PSGS. After attending a few meetings and not understanding a lot of what I was hearing, I signed up for a course with Marlys Marrs. By the time I had finished two courses and been introduced to the National Branch Archive, the Seattle Public Library and the LDS Family History Center, I had a much better grasp of what I was into. Although I found my initial scrap of data in the Backtracker (a confirmation that my grandmother had married a man other than the one I was used to), I probably would have quit some time ago were it not for having these and other resources pointed out to me. I then found my mother in a census record which is part of our library collection and I was on my way.

This was beginning to feel like one of my other past-times, jigsaw puzzles. I now had two

related pieces in one section and a large section of related pieces on another part of the table. I have spent many hours in our library, the LDS Family History Centers, County Archives in South Dakota and most importantly, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City acquiring puzzle pieces and most of them are beginning to make a picture. The only problem is that this picture keeps growing. I know that there are practical limits to the number of available pieces but my present horizon does not extend that far.

Like any jigsaw puzzle there are always pieces which you keep picking up that don't fit where you think they should. You just know that that record belongs somewhere in this puzzle. Something about that piece says it should fit but try as you will you can't find where the knobs of the pattern coincide. It may very well be that the orphaned pieces belong in the middle of a hole and there is no recognizable way to connect to the rest of the puzzle. Whatever you do, don't throw those pieces away too soon.

I have so many more holes and orphaned pieces in my puzzle than when I started that I'm firmly convinced I'll not be the one to finish it but I'm not discouraged and you shouldn't be either.

So why, you say, should I get all worked up over the past? Because it's there and the discoveries you make are satisfying in the long run. Who knows, you may even find some puzzle pieces you can relate to and like. Most people like to solve puzzles and genealogy has to be the all-time rush as a puzzle.

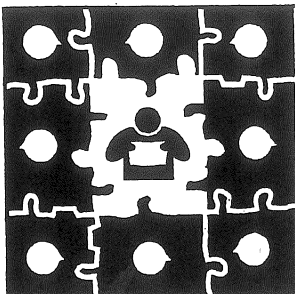
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Club News

New Members: Bruce Ramsey of Poulsbo and Art Johnson of Bremerton. Welcome to PSGS!

Library Receives Donations: The Library continues to receive donations. Barbara Maudlin gave another armload of Arkansas books, and she has rejoined as a member! A microfilm reader was also donated with a special thanks found in Prez Says!! on page two to Kelly as well as Barbara. Thanks to both for this quarter's donations!

The Grant: Well, sad to say, we were not one of the recipients for a grant from The Learning Company. Competition was fierce, but we put forth a good effort. Better luck to PSGS next year!

New Web Site: PSGS has the newly, revised web site up and running. Stop by and take a look at it. Some new features include the list of officers and committees, complete with e-mail addresses (links are included for easy use), past *Family Backtracking* issue highlights, the library, and links to other genealogical sites. There is still the membership form as well as a description of the coverage of PSGS for those visiting the site and unfamiliar with the geography of Puget Sound.

New Catalogue: Did you become one of the few lucky owners of a comprehensive library holdings list before the first printing sold out? With a bright pink color, it has a listing of ALL holdings in the Puget Sound Genealogical Research Library. The cost is about \$15.00 and more are being printed up. Please look for them the next time you are in the library!

Genealogical Resources On-Line By Cyril Taylor

Surname Helper

Surname Helper was developed by the programmers of the RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative to help the family historian who wants to search USGenWeb, WorldGenWeb, GenConnect and certain other genealogical databases for queries and other types of data that has a connection to a particular surname.

This Web Site can be accessed at the following World Wide Web address:

[Http://surhelp.rootsweb.com/srchall.html](http://surhelp.rootsweb.com/srchall.html)

It should be known that this surname search engine is designed to permit you a great deal of control over the scope of the search. You have the ability restrict the search to particular databases, geographical entities and certain types of data. It is suggested that you access the web site and experiment using your surnames of interest.

After you have obtained the results of your surname search, you can check each individual reference. If you see one that interests you, just simply click on that entry and study the entry to determine if there is relevance to your family history investigations. This entry may be either a query or a database. Each type of database will require a different action by the researcher. Rather than attempt to prepare you for each eventuality, I suggest the best way to use this powerful tool is to plunge right in and explore its possibilities. Learning as you explore Surname Helper is the best possible course to follow.

Driftwood Cove
May 1999

Fourth Friday Video Series

On the fourth Friday of each month at 1 PM in the PSGS library, Bill Richardson will be showing one video from The Genealogist's Video Research Guide. It runs for approximately one hour and there is time for group discussion. Bill said that he stops the tape at any time a question arises on the material being covered.

Here is what's coming up:

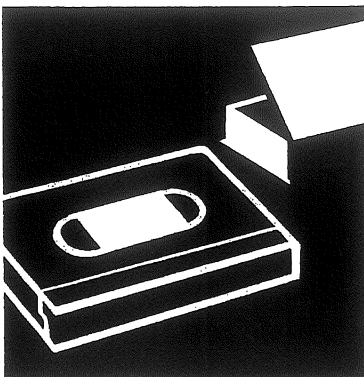
June-Tape 2 of "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series

Census Records: Census records are treasures of genealogical gems! You'll learn about all kinds of census records – from some of the earliest to the most recent. The instructors explain how censuses differ from each other and how each can be used to gain insights into the lives of ancestors. They also demonstrate how to use the Soundex system to locate census records. When the teaching is over, you'll gain vicarious research experience by watching a student find some of his own ancestors in original census records.

Probate Records: Probate records provide some of the most interesting facts you can learn about your ancestors. In this segment, you'll learn the secrets that probate records can reveal. Then, you'll learn how to find probate records. Naturally, you'll join in as a student uses probate records to identify some of his ancestors.

July-Tape 3 of "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series

Land Records: In America's early history, land sold for as little as \$1.00 per acre! Almost everyone could afford some! Records of land transactions provide countless links to forebears. The instructors show you how to find land records and how to comb them for information once the records are acquired. You'll gain vicarious experience as you accompany a student on a land rec-



ords search of his own!
Military Records: You'll learn how to commandeer military records and how to interrogate them for every scrap of information they've got. It's the raw intelligence you need to get started! And, you'll get prepared for your own excursions into military records by watching a student go through the whole drill!

Vital Records: The instructors explain how to delve into vital records to acquire critical information about ancestors. You'll learn how to extract all of the information that a vital record can possibly divulge. Then, you'll join a student as he conducts search to obtain the vital records he needs to extend his pedigree.

Aug-Tape 4 of "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series

City Directories: City directories listed the names and addresses of everyone who lived in a city. You'll learn how city directories can be advantageous to your research, how to find them, and how to use them to locate your ancestors.

Newspapers: Just about every town you can name has a newspaper – and has had from the town's inception. Large cities used to have dozens of newspapers, printed in English and countless foreign languages. It's quite common to find obituaries, birth notices, and even short biographies of your ancestors in the newspapers they read every day.

Also covered with Tape 4 is: Cemetery and Sexton Records, Fraternal Society Records, Lineage Society Records, Tax Lists, and Genealogical and Biographical Indexes.

September through November videos will be discussed in the September issue of Family Backtracking.

Handouts that recap the information presented in each video is available at the Friday viewing for 25 cents.

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At the library desk, there are three folders. One is either listing genealogical researchers you have found to be reliable or for looking to find such researchers. Please make this an active folder. The second one is for signing in as a one-to-one tutor for the use of computer and its programs or for signing in as needing a tutor. We want this to be an active folder also. We are increasing our CD collection all the time and with materials that may not be available in book form or too expensive to purchase in book form so it is good to be able to use the computer. The third folder contains a list of our members and the titles of books they are willing to bring to the library for you to use. For example, Wes Koentz has offered to share his seven volume set of the genealogies of Quaker families of Scarsborough, and Hayworth, Bucks County, Pennsylvania to begin this service.

A part of the library you should not overlook is the top of the periodical shelves where there are freebies and notices and a bulletin board that we try to keep up to date for your benefit. Two items there in which you might be interested relate to the Civil War. One is the brochure about joining the Sons of Union Veterans and the other about joining the Daughters of Union Veterans. For information concerning either one, there is a available address – for the Sons, contact PSGS member Wes Koentz. For the Daughters, you can write to Irene Berg (Dept. Pres) at 15407 E. Springfield Avenue, Veradale, WA 99037-9537, phone: (509)928-2566. Both of these organizations are wonderful ways to preserve one's Civil War heritage.

We are very excited about a new project started by Dave Rugh. It will be an index of the periodicals so that you can find a family name or place that is of particular interest to you and then

go to the magazine instead of having to crawl around on the floor looking through the many volumes in case something is there. Wes Koentz has volunteered to help Dave in this monumental task. We are very grateful for their efforts.

We also have learned that the fund for our microfilm/fiche reader printer has reached the thousand mark. We need a little bit more and then you will be able to dispense with all that hand copying. Ordering loans for census and ship passenger lists, and such like from AGLL should then be much more attractive and certainly save a trip to the Archives and other sources for such items.

In ending, I would like to state firmly that I have always loved libraries – you just never know on what exciting adventure you can embark via the printed page – words, pictures, maps – nor do you know what exciting people you may meet. The other day, I picked up a South Dakota periodical that Pat Eder had finished and turned in for filing. From among the pages fell a letter. "Dear Vincent," it said:

"Before we moved back to SD we lived on Foxwood DR PO. I worked for Family Service center at Shipyard and my husband retired AF worked for the Navy at Trident Trng at Poulsbo. We both took buy-outs: Chuck had 20 AF and 10 GS and was pooped. He's from Lyman Co. and we moved back May '96.

"We still have a daughter in Olympia. Another daughter and her husband stationed at Aviano AB, Italy (lucky them!!) & a son, daughter-in-law and three year old grandson who moved here from Ft.

Walton Beach, FL in May '96.

"Are you from SD or do you have ancestor ties. If so, I'd be glad to help you research. I didn't know about the PS Genealogical Society until I joined here. Can't believe I'd been in that



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building and had never seen anything, but I didn't get started on research until 1995.

"I really enjoy Family Backtracking so full of info. It's one of the best.

"I'm slow getting our newsletter out this month and its almost time for the PO to close so had better get busy."

Donna Kentch

PS I miss Port Orchard and area but hope to get out and visit my daughter and some friend later this year.

Donna is the librarian of her genealogical society. We hope if she comes to Port Orchard to visit, she will include our library in her itinerary.

Some statistics for you: 1998 library patrons Jan, 26; Feb, 10; Mar, 47; Apr, 46; May, 64; Jun, 77; Jul, 45; Aug, 64; Sep, 47; Oct, 66; Nov 31; Dec, 14 – a total of 537 for the year.

And for that year, a grateful thank you to our volunteer duty librarians: Larry Swan, Dominique Delphine, Jan Geier, Don Nees, Betty Nees, Larry Harden, Bill Richardson, Lorraine

Kniert, Doris Watson, Pat Eder, Nancy Carter, Sue Plummer, Ida Mae Swedberg, Joyce Lande, Cyril Taylor, Betty Cooper, Ken Cooper, Winnie Dagnie, Earl Dagnie, June Smith, Eric Bosley, Madge Norton, Norris Quam, Frank Baillie, Harry Tachell, Nadine Ruyle, Margaret Lentz, Carol Harcharik, Jackie Horton, Marlys Marrs, Debbie Redfern, Wes Koentz, Geraldine Koentz, Jerry Daily. If your name has been omitted it is because there was one month's duty schedule I could not find (Woops! Sorry!).

Extraordinary efforts were made by Larry Swan for the number of days worked, Bill Richardson for help in query answering and Video program coordinator, Pat Eder for reading and reporting on periodicals, Eric Bosley for computer lessons, and Lorraine Kniert for extra filing. Special thanks are extended to Cindy Spore, Library Coordinator for maintaining the schedule and the staff and to Cereice Cook, Acquisitions Librarian for her work in choosing and ordering and logging in new materials. Thank you again one and all.

After We're Gone

By Cereice Cook

We study the records of people who are dead, and yet we frequently do not consider our own deaths. And, as passionate as we may be about our family research, that level of interest might not be shared by our survivors. There are also those of us who do not have a relative, willing or not, to whom to pass the torch when we die.

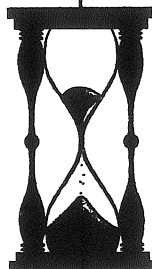
Considering the decades, energy, and money most of us have invested in our research, it is disquieting to think that our overflowing notebooks and file folders could easily find their way into a dumpster and our cherished books join them or languish in our driveway during a garage sale or estate auction.

It is common to make provisions for the distribution of our other holdings by way of a will.

Perhaps it would be prudent to arrange for disposition of our genealogical research by the same method.

Our findings stand the best chance of survival if we make those arrangements and if we have family records in book form. Even though we never feel we are finished with our research, it might be time to write down our findings in book form and bind them in some fashion. Even something as simple and inexpensive as a spiral bound collection could mean the difference between our research being preserved or perishing.

Hopefully, we will have that daughter or nephew or grandchild who shares our obsession with the magical pursuit of those distant mystery relatives. If not though, perhaps we should confront the question of what we want to become of our research and then make the necessary arrangements to assure that our wishes are followed after we're gone.



List of Officers & Men Of Documented Service at Camp Valley Forge Part Two

The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge compiled a list of names of patriots during 1777 - 1778 winter encampment at Valley Forge. If you have an ancestor listed, you may wish become a member.

Henry Cook	Robert Cooke
John Peter Corn	Edward Corwin
Benjamin Cotton	John Coulter
Francis Courtney	Francis Cowherd
Samuel Cox	John Craft
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John Crane	Peter Crise
Joseph Crockett	David Cross
Sterling Crowder	George Cummins
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John Davis (7th VA)	Joseph Davisson
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Nicholas Devore	John Dexter
Joseph Dexter	Peter Dickerson
Isaac Dickison	Francis Ditto
John Ditty	Henry Dixon
Amos Doane	Richard Dole
William Donaldson	Abner Doubleday
James Dougherty	Richard Douglas
Joseph Dow	Zacheus Downer
Michael Drake	Barnett Dutcher
James Duncan	Stephen Dunwell
Zaccheus Dustin	Samuel Dyer
John Eccleston	Daniel Edmonds
William Edmunds	George Emrey
John Emery	John English
Wolfgang Etchberger	William Faris

Anselam Farnham	Jonathan Felkins
Moses Fellows	Joachim Fetzner
William Ferguson	Frederick Filler
Daniel Fitch	Thomas FitzSimmons
William Fletcher	Alexander Flood
Simon Fogler	Frederick Foltz
Abijah Ford	James Ford
Jonathan Ford	John Forehand
Robert W. Foreman	Daniel Foster
Frederick Fox	Jacob Fox
Jonathan Fox	Elisha Freeman
Hezekiah Freeman	Philip Freeman
Joseph Freethy	John Frost
Jabe Fryar	William Fryar
Stephen Fuller	David Gaddy
James Gaines, Sr.	Thomas Gaines
John Gallagher	James Gardner
John Gardner	Daniel Garnet, Jr.
Thomas Gaskins, Jr.	James Gassaway
William George	John Gibson
Jacob Gideon	Elisa Gilbert
Daniel D. Gillespie	John Gillet
Robert Gilmore	Henry Ginger
Thomas Gist	Nash Glidewell
Michael Gold	Solomon Goodale
Thomas Goodrum	James Graham
George Grandstaff	Benjamin Gray
Garret Gray	John Green
Willis Green	Thomas Gresham
Johann Dietrick Gries	James Griffin
John Wesley Griggs	William Griggs
Leonard Grimes	John Grove
Nicholas Grund	Benjamin Grymes
Elisha Gunn	John Haas
John Haddock, Jr.	John Halbert
Anan Hall	Amos Hall
John Hall	Steven Hall
Pierce Dant Hamblin	James Hamilton
William Hamilton	John Hammersly

For membership application and/or inquiry, write: Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Deputy Commissary General, Post Office Box 915, Valley Forge, PA. 19482-0915.

The GenConnect Primer

By Cyril Taylor

Oh! Not another primer! What is this one about?

This article is concerned with GenConnect genealogical query bulletin board database system hosted by RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative.

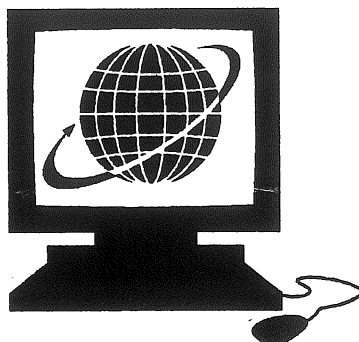
What is GenConnect?

Created in 1997 as an outgrowth of the Kentucky GenWeb project, it is a query system devised to handle genealogical inquiries at the county, country or surname level.

How is GenConnect organized?

Each GenConnect county, country or surname bulletin board has the potential to be divided into these distinct categories:

1. Queries
2. Bibles
3. Biographies
4. Deeds
5. Obituaries
6. Pensions
7. Wills



Is each of the above categories represented at each of the county, country or surname bulletin boards?

No. Each bulletin board will be composed of at least a query bulletin board. Other categories are established at the discretion of the bulletin board coordinator.

Is GenConnect limited to the above seven categories?

There are Special Projects bulletin boards that endeavor to address many miscellaneous issues and will have to be explored by the family historian to discover their nature.

How are these seven categories used?

Queries of a general nature are posted only to the "query" bulletin boards. The other boards are dedicated to the posting of specific information. For example, mini-biographies are posted to the "biography" bulletin boards and obituaries to the "obituary" bulletin boards and to the others, the type of data specified by the bulletin board title.

Are all categories used by family historians?

No. I took a survey of various categories and I found that while the "query" bulletin boards were universally used, most of the other categories were not. I did find some biographies and obituaries had been posted, but very few.

Is there a GenConnect bulletin board for my county or surname interest?

While county and surname bulletin boards are continually being established, there is yet a large number that has yet to find a sponsor. This is especially true with regard to surname bulletin boards.

How do I use GenConnect?

There are two ways that you can utilize GenConnect:

1. Searching the database for surname matches; and
2. Adding your own query to the database.

How do I search each category?

Use the Global Surname Search function built into GenConnect to locate queries posted by other family historians concerning the surnames you are researching.

What do I do if I find a query that appears to relate to my ancestral line?

You can click on the submitter's name and send him or her an e-mail message or post a response. Your response will appear directly below the original query

What if I want to post my own query or other category?

Scroll down to the bottom of the query viewing page and enter your personal "query" as prompted by the data input fields. When finished, you have the opportunity to review your entry for correctness before you submit it for posting.

Where on the World Wide Web will I find GenConnect?

GenConnect may be found at the following www address:

[Http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/index.html](http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/index.html)

Is there an alternative way to access GenConnect?

Yes, there is. Type in the search field of your World Wide Web browser as follows:

Genconnect

What are the GenConnect menu choices?

- ▶ Visitors' Center (Hints and Tips, requesting a Board, FAQs)
- ▶ Country Indexes
- ▶ State Indexes
- ▶ Surname Indexes
- ▶ Special Projects
- ▶ Global (Surname) Search Engine

My research is overseas, how will GenConnect help me?

Most countries have GenConnect bulletin boards. Many countries like England,

France and many others have bulletin boards dedicated to individual counties, provinces and regions. Smaller countries usually have only a nationwide query bulletin board.

What benefits are there for me if I use GenConnect?

We have to reach out and discover those other family historians who are researching our ancestral lines. GenConnect is just one more tool to help us accomplish this objective. It is for your own self interest as an enthusiastic family historian to post wherever possible queries concerning your family history research. And what else is better than a bulletin board dedicated to the specific geographic locality where your ancestors resided or to a bulletin board dedicated to researchers of your surname.

I am researching an uncommon surname.

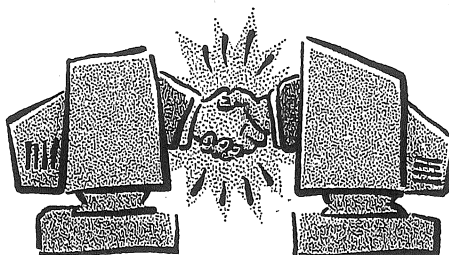
What alternative is there for me if the surname has no GenConnect bulletin board?

After you determine that there is no bulletin board, you have the option of sponsoring a GenConnect surname bulletin board dedicated to your unique surname. Click on GenConnect's Visitors' Center and then click on "Requesting a board." Read the instructions and contact the responsible person for surname bulletin boards.

Does this primer describe everything I should know about GenConnect?

No! I have left much untold about GenConnect. This primer is mostly intended to get you started. I suggest that you explore every facet of GenConnect for the purpose of discovering how best it can help you make significant progress in your search for your heritage.

Driftwood Cove – May 1999



Queries

Anyone who has relatives buried at Brownsville Cemetery, or has information about people buried there, is requested to contact Michael D. Brownell, 5903 Mount Eagle Drive #608, Alexandria, VA 22303-2528 or at mdb5166@aol.com. A list is being prepared for a cemetery marker.

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Would like information on John PERKINS married Tirzah IDE February 1855 in Monroe County, WI. Children are: James Edward, William, Robert, Helen (married Guy RAYMOND and Edward SWARTOUT), John, Francis Oliver, and Eliza. Many descendents live in Washington and Oregon. IDE's lived in Yakima. Please contact Jacquelyn Perkins-Horton, 7151 NW Bogard Road, Silverdale, WA 98383.

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I am collecting information on all HORTONS. Please contact: Jacquelyn Perkins-Horton, 7151 NW Bogard Road, Silverdale, WA 98383.

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John "Jack" WILSON (1863 - 1939): Searching for parents of John WILSON, born 1863 in Pennsylvania. Father was born in Maine and mother born in Pennsylvania. John bore a striking resemblance to President Woodrow WILSON. Please contact: Kay Wilson at 360-373-5789 or <kwwilson@silverlink.com>.

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Elam ROCKWOOD, born 1776 in New Hampshire and married Clarissa Goodrich ca 1800. Where? Who were her parents? Elam and Clarissa had children Harvey, Daniel, Lewis, Laura, and George. Need birth record and death record for George. He was last located in Brainard, Minnesota in 1885. Please contact: Margaret Lentz, 2141 Cloward Way, Bremerton, WA 98312, 360-377-6770.

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Seeking descendants of James E. WHITE (nicknamed Ted) who was a carpenter and cabinet-maker in West Palm Beach, FL in 1926. He was born in Southampton, England c. 1878 and came to America in 1906. He had a son named Harold, and I believe he had a grandson named James WHITE. Contact Priscilla Bailey, 9834 Central Valley Road NE, Bremerton, WA 98311.

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Seeking parents of Eslick Howell VOUGHT born 1822, Mayberry Twp, Montour Co., PA and died there on 29 July 1894. Children: Mary Jane, Hannah, Christian, Sarah LONG, Margaret HARTNER, Alfred, Edward, Joseph, and Alonzo. Contact Pat Eder, 2324 E 17th Street, Bremerton, WA 98310. Email: <peder@krl.org>.

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Wishing to share information with anyone researching HOWELL (HOWEL), Eastern Tennessee and Adams Co., IL. Mary E. HOWELL b.

Eastern Tennessee on 21 April 1821. Searching her family. She married Benjamin WHITE in Eastern Tennessee (?), moved to Adams Co., IL, Cass Co., MO, and Linn Co., KS. Contact Wes Koentz <wkoentz@oz.net>.

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Seeking anyone with queries who would like to include their searches in *Family Backtracking*. This is free, so don't delay while you are thinking about it.

Send your queries to:

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or email the editor at <mcbrittany@yahoo.com>.
The deadline for the September issue is August 15, 1999.



Submissions to Family Backtracking
By Michele Brittany, Editor

Well, this is my third issue of *Family Backtracking* as Editor and I thought that now was a good time to go over how to submit material to the publication, as there have been a few queries arise regarding procedure.

Let me start off by saying that I live in Seattle, so I prefer receiving material via email. If you are not online, you can either mail your submission to me, mail them to the library, or drop them by the library.

What am I looking for? Firstly, I am always looking for queries. Probably everyone could come up with a query or two. Queries are free and if you do not fancy yourself a writer, queries only need enough detail to describe who you are looking for. If you think that your query is just going to be seen by the "locals", then you have forgotten that one-third of FB's circulation is throughout the US by way of our exchange program (remember all those newsletters that Pat Eder recaps in her Exchange Notes?).

Secondly, if you have researchers, domestic or foreign, who have been helpful in your research, FB readers would like to hear about it. You can submit the name of the researcher, address, telephone, or e-mail address, along with your experience with the researcher.

Thirdly, if you know of an upcoming event that you would like to share with the readers, then by all means, submit the details. Please keep in mind the deadline for a submission is the 15th of the month prior to the issue coming out. For example, May 15th is the deadline for the June issue.

Fourthly, you may have noticed a "Memory Lane" article in the March issue in which one

of our readers shared her memories of a fire that had taken place some years ago. Do you have some memory of the local area that you would like to share? That information is quite valuable as it adds not only a sense of history to the area, but it also "roots" our nearer relations. How I would have loved an account from my grandmother of her growing up on the farm in the early 1920s. Just stop and think, what beats an eyewitness account of an event?

Lastly, I would like to continue the tradition of the "Ancestor Spotlight" started with the March issue. I have not included one this month as I would have had to go outside the society to get a story (as I did for the first one). I know that you, the reader, has some uncle who was heroic during the Spanish-American War, an aunt who braved the plains of Kansas in the 1860s, or perhaps an ancestor who fought with George Washington. I have a "spotlight" set for the September issue, but is there someone who would like to take December? Please let me know.

If the thought of writing an article is stopping you from sharing, then do not let it. Give me the details and I will work the article up for you. And if you take the step and write it yourself, please know that I do very little editing. I think it is important that the writer's "voice" comes through.

Well, I hope that this has been helpful and will give you the nudge to share some of your experiences or family stories with our FB readers. Below is my e-mail address and mailing address to send in your submissions. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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"The Ninety-Nines"

By Michele Brittany

I was surfing the web the other day, going through the hits I had pulled up from the Yahoo search using "McPhetridge" (one of my ancestral names) when I came across "The Ninety-Nines." I thought I would share this as I thought it might of interest to FBs readers.

Quoted from the web site¹:

"On November 2, 1929, twenty-six women gathered at Curtiss Airport, Valley Stream, New York. The weather wasn't favorable and most drove in or came by train. The first order of business was the selection of Neva Paris as temporary chairman, then the presentation of flowers to Viola Gentry, who was recovering from a crash following an endurance record attempt. The women conducted their business in a hangar above the din of a Curtiss Challenger engine running up as the work of the mechanics proceeded around them. Tea was served from a tool box wagon on wheels.

"Eligibility and purpose were quickly decided upon. Membership would be open to any woman with a pilot's license, and the purpose was "good fellowship, jobs, and central office and files on women in aviation". Choosing a name was a little harder. Some offerings were The Climbing Vines, Noisy Birdwomen, Homing Pigeons, and Gadflies. Amelia Earhart and Jean Davis Hoyt put a stop to the nonsense proposing the name be taken from the sum total of charter members. Thus the group was momentarily the 86s, then the 97s and finally the Ninety-Nines. The name/number stopped at 99, but the membership thereafter grew worldwide.

"These first 99 women became our charter members.

"Mary C. (Held) Alexander, Mary Ellen Bacon, Barbara W. Bancroft, Bernice C. (Perry) Blake, Ruth T. Bridewell, Margery H. Brown, Myrtle Brown, Vera Brown, Thelma R. (Johnston) Burleigh,

Myrtle Caldwell, Ruth Elder (King) Camp, Mildred H. (MacDonald) Chase, Irene J. (Green) Chassey, Bonnie (Whitman) Chittendon, Marion (Clendaniel) Clark, Ester (Vance) Combes, Helen V. (Cohecy Bikle) Cox, Jean Davidson, Jane Dodge, Margery L. (Greenberg) Doig, Amelia Earhart, Thelma (Giesin) Elliott, Frances (Leitch Leistikow) Ferguson, Sarah S. Fenno, Adeline F. (Anderson) Fiset, Phyllis (Crary) Fleet, Edith (Sterns) Foltz, Ila (Loetscher) Fox, Viola Gentry, Fay (Wells) Gillis, Phyllis M. (Penfield) Goddard, Mary H. (Jenson) Goodrich, Melba (Beard) Gorby, Geraldine (Loffredo) Gray, Candice I. (Gullino) Hall, Sacha (Martin) Hall, Ruth E. (Seitz) Halliburton, Frances (Marsalis) Harrell, Lady Mary (Williams) Heath, Nancy (Tier) Hopkins, Jean D. Hoyt, Betty (Gillies) Huyler, Katherine F. Johnson, Angela L. Joseph, Mildred E. (Workman) Kauffman, Betsy (Weeks) Kelly, Madeline B. (Royle) Kelly, Cecil W. "Teddy" Kenyon, Cecelia Roy Kenny, Florence E. Kingensmith, Opal Logan Kunz, Eleanor B. (Ross) Lay, Eva Mae Lange, Jean (Foote) LaRene, Dorothea Backenstoe Leh, Marjorie May (VanAntwerp) Lesser, Ehtel Lovelace, Lola L. Lutz, Edwina (Thro) McConnell, Retha (Crittenden) McCulloch, Helen (Matthews) Manning, Olivia "Keet" (Maugham) Mathews, Jessie Maude Miller, Agnes A. Mills, Sylvia Anthony Nelson, Ruth Rowland Nichols, Blanche Wilcox Noyes, Mary Webb Nicholson, Gladys O'Donnell, Margaret Fzandee O'Mara, Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie, Neva Findley Paris, Peggy J. Paxon, Achsa B. (Donnels) Peacock, Margaret C. (Manser) Perry, Elizabeth F. Place, Lillian (Metcalf) Porter, Thea Rasche, Mithilda J. Ray, Meta Rotholz, Gertrude (Oberlander) Ruland, Joan Fay (Davis) Shankle, Hazel Mark Spangle, Ruth Woerner Stewart, Majorie C. Stinson, Mildred Stinaff, Dorothy L. Stocker, Louise McPhetridge Thaden, Margaret (Warren) Thomas, Evelyn Bobbi Trout, Mary E. Von Mach, Wilma L. Walsh, Vera Dawn Walker, E. Ruth Webb, Nora Alma White, Nellie Zabel Willhite, Margaret (Smith) Willis, Josephine C. (Wallingford) Wood, and Alberta B. (Homan) Worley."

¹Web site <www.ninety-nines.org/charter.html

Book Review

"The Outlaws of Cave-in-Rock: Historical Accounts of the Famous Highwaymen and River Pirates who operated in Pioneer Days upon the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and over the old Natchez Trace"
Otto A. Rothert



Sailing the Ohio River, an 18th century flatboat would have eventually passed by a natural wonder – a large cave near the river's edge. There would have been a wooden sign advertising drink and entertainment. A stop made at the cave would have proved costly to the crew and passengers.

In this book, you will read the story of Brothers Harpe, both who committed gruesome crimes. One would be beheaded and the other one hanged. Samuel Mason had served in the American Revolution before turning to a life of crime, not only along the rivers but also along the Natchez Trace. Spain played a role in the downfall of Samuel. Or perhaps the sly James Ford who always kept his river pirating deeds under wraps while operating a ferry service across the Ohio River near the cave. If you survived the ferry ride, were you likely to make it through the night at the Potts House? Tragedy and shallow graves haunt the old homestead.

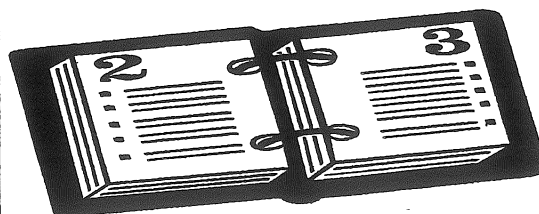
Cave-in-Rock was a key location from about 1790 to 1830 before steamboats emerged on the river. It was an eventful time and if you are interested in this location, then pick up a copy of this book. It will require being specially ordered from your local bookstore, or as I did, ordered through Amazon.com. The cost was about \$20.00 and was delivered to my door in about one week.

Calendar of Events

Sumner Summer Quest – Saturday, July 10, 1999 at the Sumner High School Cafeteria. Donna Potter Phillips, author of *Heritage Hunting*, will be condensing her 8-week (20 hour) course into one day. Topics will include "Looking Again", "Thinking In New Ways", Analyzing Evidence", and "Using New Sources." Bring a 3-ring notebook for note taking and handouts. Cost is \$25.00 (lunch is an additional \$6.00). For more information, please contact Heritage Quest Research Library & Bookstore, 909 Main Street, #5, Sumner, WA 98390 (253)863-1806.

Federation of Genealogical Societies and St. Louis Genealogical Society presents "Meet Me In St. Louis" - August 11 – 14, 1999 in St. Louis, Missouri. For more details of this exciting conference, please call 888-FGS-1500.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society presents George K. Schwitzer, Ph.D at Quailty Inn in Salem, Oregon on Saturday, September 11, 1999. Pre-registration is \$35.00 per person (lunch included); the deadline is September 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$40.00 if space permits. Topics will include "American Land Grants", "Obscure Genealogical Sources", and "Researching in Burned-Out Counties." Mail your details and check to WVGs, P.O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083. Lodging available at Quality Inn at (503)370-7888, mention "Genealogy Seminar".



Exchange Notes by Pat Eder

Amer Ancestry 16:6 (Nov/Dec '98): WWII history, The SULLIVANS; remembering our WWII soldiers; internet sources for WWII research; Arlington National Cemetery history; Chicago fire and other disasters; what genealogists should know about Y2K (year 2000).

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 9:1 (Feb/Mar '99): news of clans, societies, meetings. Scottish books, advertisements; suspected Melungeon-Roanoke Island connection found on Hatteras; queries, news from genealogical and historical societies.

Ibid. 9:2 (Apr/May '99): surname societies; reunion news; meetings; queries; repository for 103 Scottish clans.

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 53:2 (Mar/Apr '99): overview of marriage and divorce records in US, part II; William Bradford and his wives; 1999 Family Associations and Periodicals Directory; many new book reviews; genealogy software program tips.

Amer Genealogy Bulletin 15:2 Issue 50 (Mar/Apr '99): interesting tidbits; calendars and genealogical dates (Julian, Gregorian and others); new book reviews; queries.

Amer Heritage Quest Issue 78 (Nov/Dec '98): new technologies theme-the future of electronic research and ordering documents on the internet; the future of internet genealogy – 12 predictions; new internet sites of interest; genealogy chat rooms; new CD ROMs; Scandinavian, German, Swedish, Native American research; Swiss internet research sites; Black voter registrations from Cooke Co., TX-post Civil War.

Ibid. Issue 80 (Mar/Apr '99): using the Family History Library and its Family History

Centers; IGI research; post 1930 US records at FHL; digital technology – replacing the microfilm reader; Scandinavian, British, Irish, German, Dutch, Jewish and US research.

Amer National Genealogical Society "NGS Newsletter" 25:2 (Mar/Apr '99): Union Army deaths in Centreville, VA; US GENWEB computer software status and major projects; computer tools and tips.

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 26:1 (Mar '99): great register 1869, Tulare Co; great register 1888, Tulare Co.

Ibid. 26:2 (Apr '99): great register 1869; great register 1888 Tulare Co.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" (Spr '99): Flora Journal Record marriages and obits 1924; news items Clay Co Advocate Press; TOLLIVER history; news items 1954 Flora Daily Telegraph; news items 1960; society membership list and surnames being researched.

IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 26:1 (Fall '98): starting a family health history; old medical terminology; epidemics in US 1657-1918; news items of 1868; MERRY ancestor chart; ISBELL ancestor chart.

Ibid. 26:2 (Win '98): focus on Peoria Public Library history and present holdings index; news items 1868; City Cemetery in Peoria inscriptions.

IA Boone Co GS 16:3 (Sep '98): some school records 1864-65 and 1898-99.

IA Jackson Co GS "Genie Gems" 20:1 (Mar '99): obits from WWI and WWII.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 29:1 (Spr '99): Crawford Co marriage book "K" and birth records index 1897 ongoing; Kansas coal mining accidents victims ABA to BK; Crawford Co naturalizations 1867-1960.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" 13:1 (Dec '98): MEYERS group sheet; CHARLTON descendency chart; HUGHES-HARDING ahnentafel; BUTTS ahnentafel.

Ibid. 13:2 (Apr '99): ancestors who were in MD before 1800; descendants of Johann OSTIRTAG; local news items 1874; Carroll Co

births 1866-1885.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 20:1 (Win '99): Cumulative census of Peru, MA 1790-1920; ancestor tables of BARNES, HEATH, SIMON, COOK, BARTHEL, and CAMPBELL; map of Lanesborough, MA 1876 with landowners; town records of Pittsfield, MA 1814-1822; state census of Lee, MA 1855 ongoing; Berkshire agricultural society awards 1859.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 25:3 (Sep '98): CA letter from Sam Wagener 1877; St Paul's burials; Muskegon 1870-1899; GASPARO-RYERSON family news article 1901; local news articles Muskegon Chronicle early part of 1900s; WWI casualties from Muskegon; Muskegon 1871 Military Co.

Ibid 26:1 (Mar '99): chronological review of 1899 from articles appearing in Muskegon Daily Chronicle; other news items 1899; surnames from 1895 with spelling variations; probate court records from Muskegon News Chronicle, 1915; descendants of Colon C. BILLINGHURST and Fannie McDANIEL.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 17:1 (Mar '99): village of Elizabeth history, surnames, landowners and cemetery records 1880.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 13:2 (Apr '99): local news items various years; list of veterans of War of 1812 still living in 1870; Scotland Co school records 1915 with pupils' names; 1995 obits in Memphis Democrat.

MT Dawson Co GS "The Tree Branch" 19:1 (Feb '99): Dawson Co death notices May - Dec 1998.

NM New Mexico Genealogist "Journal" 38:1 (Mar '99): death records of grand army of Republic 1898, Carlton Post, NM; probate journal 1882-1888 Valencia Co; vital statistics from Albuquerque, NM Daily Citizen 1890; Ima cemetery, Quay Co.

OH Brown Co GS "On The Trail" 21:4 (Win '98): EMMONS - THOMPSON bible; SHANE papers.

OH Brown Co GS "On The Trail" 22:1 (Spr '99): EARLY bible; burial additions Ash Ridge Cem (Jackson Twp).

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Pioneer Footprints" Vol 26, 1998 Index.

Ibid 27:1 (Feb '99): probate records 1852-54; marriages 1848-49.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 48:3 (Mar '99): a 1913 look forward to Portland in 1999; COGGESHALL bible; McFALL family; Civil War veterans who were OR residents, ongoing.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" (Mar '99): news items 1899; marriages by John Keck, JP 1825; Mercer Co post offices 1868.

Ibid. (Apr '99): marriages performed by J. Keck, JP 1825-31, ongoing; news articles of 100 years ago; LEE ancestor chart.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 10:4 (Apr '99): 1998 index of obits listed in Chamberlain-Oacoma Register; LBGS quarterlies index July 1998 to Apr 1999; STONE pedigree.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinders" 26:2 (Apr '99): JOHNSON ancestor chart; list of state's WWII casualties, ongoing; local obits of people over a hundred years old.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 19:1 (Spr '99): 1901-02 business directory of Clallam Co with names of owners.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 25:2 (Win 98-99): list of men subject to military duty in Clark Co 1888; Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, WA; news items 1874; Clark Co Spanish-American soldiers 1899.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 19:1 (Mar '99): 1910 census Grant Co; school directories Grant Co 1913-1943.

WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree Searcher" 9:6 (Nov/Dec '98): news items from Aberdeen World 1918.

Ibid. 10:2 (Mar/Apr '99): news items and obits 1929; journal of a journey to America, ongoing.

WA Olympia GS 23:3 (July '97): pedigree charts of NEFF, KERR, HUBBARD and

HABEL; early divorces in WA state 1853-1887; index to naturalizations of Thurston Co 1850-1974, ongoing.

WA South King Co GS "So King Co News" 14:4 (Mar/Apr '99): Zion Lutheran church, Kent, WA death records; what happened to the 1890 census.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS "The Star" 12:4 (Mar/Apr '99): our old cemeteries are being abandoned; some funerals in Arlington, WA are, O'BRIAN - OLSON.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 30:3 (Spr '99): 1909 school census, Central school' probates of Pierce Co, ongoing; list of photographers working in Tacoma and Pierce Co between 1870-1910.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 26:4 (Mar '99): Peshastin, WA cemetery update, ongoing; Blewitt school records 1894; Leavenworth news 1896; Brief school district census of 1914 (is near the Entiat Valley); Ellensburg Normal school graduates 1896.

WA Yakima Valley GS 31:1 (Mar '99): some WA state marriage records 1937; Janeck drug store accounts 1897; Ellensburg news items 1890; Kittitas Co school records 1901, ongoing; surnames being researched by the society.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 23:1 (Spr '99): ancestor charts of WENTZ, FOLMAR; Beane cemetery, Sissonville, WV ongoing.



From the Editor.....

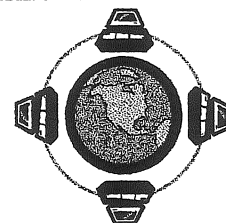
Well, a bit of a disappointment with the public transportation situation this quarter. Trying to get home to Seattle after the monthly evening meetings has been quite difficult and I had to come to the decision that I will have to miss the rest of the summer meetings. Once the day meetings begin again, you will me standing up at some point to ask for submissions to FB.

Have a good summer and see you in the fall. Happy researching and may it lead to that longtime elusive ancestor!

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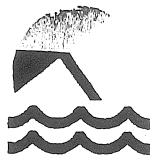


Australia: Graeme J. Haigh of Grajohn Genealogical Services. Web site: <<http://genealogypro.com/hgaighz.html>> or e-mail <gjhaigh@zeta.org.au>.

England: John and Elaine Hitchcock. Web site: <www.gendocs.demon.co.uk> or e-mail <enquiry@gendocs.demon.co.uk>.

Both were recommended by Deb Redfearn and would happily provide PSGS members with specific information as to the type of research done. You can e-mail Deb at <redfearn@oz.net>.

Submit your list to the editor for September's issue!

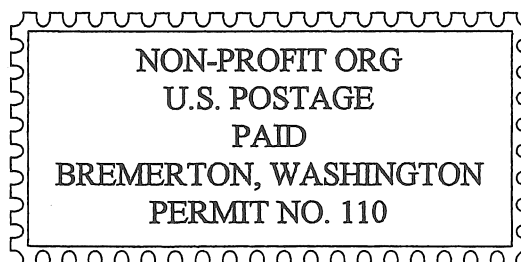


"Backcover reminders"

- * **Deadline for submissions to Family Backtracking's September 1999 issue is August 15th, 1999.**
- * **Got a query, missing person, family reunion - mail in the query form included with this newsletter. It will only cost you a stamp (free by email).**
- * **Don't forget that Family Backtracking offers low cost advertising. Pick the size of your ad and pay as little as \$2.00/issue. Please e-mail the Editor at <mcbrittany@yahoo.com> for details.**
- * **Time to start thinking about a career in politics and taking a trip to Salt Lake City. Look for articles coming up in September.**



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