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## Who Will Be The Officers For Y2K?

The Nominations Committee, led by Bill Richardson, is presenting the following nominations at the September meeting:

President: Larry Harden  
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Following the Bylaws set forth in 1998, the office of President is limited to two consecutive terms (please note that the other offices are for unlimited re-election). Larry Swan is completing his second consecutive term so will not be running. Larry Harden has agreed to run for President and Paulette Waggoner has agreed to run for the 1st Vice President position.

Here is a brief synopsis of what each position entails:

- ▶ President runs each monthly meeting as well as the monthly Board meeting.
- ▶ 1st Vice President is responsible for the program of each monthly meeting (ie securing a speaker) as well as substituting in for the President if s/he is unavailable for the monthly meeting.
- ▶ 2nd Vice President is responsible for a variety of membership aspects including keeping a record of the membership, giving membership cards, on the list to receive *Family Backtracking*, and works with the Treasurer to as-

certain the current status for each member.

- ▶ Treasurer is responsible for the society's record keeping and presents an accounting of finances each month at the monthly meeting.
- ▶ Recording Secretary keeps accurate notes from the monthly meetings and reports on those notes at the following meeting. The secretary also keeps the Board meeting notes.
- ▶ Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the society's correspondence by reporting to the society at each monthly meeting the incoming mail. The secretary responds to letters and researches incoming queries.

If you are thinking of running, please either contact Bill Richardson, or come to the September meeting for more details. Voting will be held at the October meeting. And of course, nominations from the floor at the time of the election are welcome as well.

Look for results of this election in the December issue of *Family Backtracking*.

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## Prez Says!!

It's time!!!! Time for what, you ask? Time to plan your trip to Salt Lake City. I have agreed with the manager of the Plaza, our usual place of residence, to be there between the 2nd and 15th of January, 2000 and I have tentatively agreed to ten rooms. The cost will be \$75.00 per night and if you pay for five nights, you get a sixth night **FREE**. Those who stay for twelve days only pay for ten. If I ever get in touch with the Utah Tax office and they agree to some relief because of our non-profit status, it may be even a little cheaper. Don't hold your breath!!! Please contact me about your plans and your payments. The reservation is in the name of PSGS and all moneys go into our PSGS account so I can pay the bill in one chunk. If you can't pony up all the cash at once, I would like a deposit of at least \$75.00 to hold your space. We also include a \$10.00 baggage handling fee to make sure our stuff gets to the proper room

and gets back to the airport. You may, if you wish, sweeten that pot for any outstanding service but that is up to you individually. All monies must be in by our December meeting. We can't afford to come up short on the 15th of January. I was assured by the Plaza manager that it will be okay to check out on the 16th for those diehards who need that last Saturday to complete some obscure project. **YES, I KNOW**, there are those who are going to worry about the sky falling on the 1st of January and taking with it the airplane in which you are riding. To them, I can only say, **It's up to you**. It may take longer than usual to get to SLC but we'll make it.

**P.S.** For your information, that \$75.00 is double occupancy and if you arrive on the 4th, you can depart on the 16th for \$750.00. Rollaways for three to a room are extra. I need to check on that. Hope to see you in the coming months,

Larry S.

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### 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 April through September and 1:00 p.m. for October through March. 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 \$15 and family membership is \$20 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

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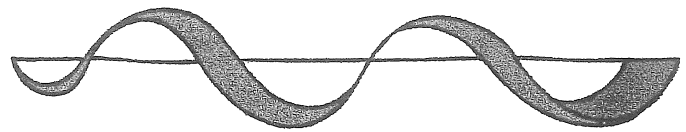
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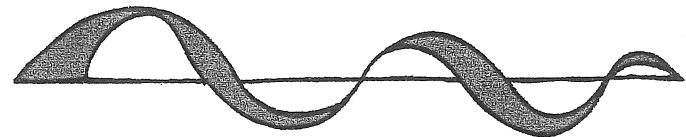
### Newsletter

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## Our Belden Family Line

By Laura Floeter Young, July 1993

Richard Belden was the first immigrant to come to America on our Belden family line. He was born in 1591 at Kippax, York, England. He married Margaret Ackrenden in about 1621. She was his second wife and the cousin of his first wife who had died. Margaret died in England and Richard sailed for America with his sons. I am not certain when they arrived in America but it was probably about 1635. His sons names were Samuel and John. It is possible that there was a third son named William. There is a discrepancy in the various books I have read about the number of sons that Richard had. Most of the books stated that he had two sons. All of the books I read sited Samuel as one of his sons and the other books said John was a son and others mentioned William<sup>1</sup> as his son. My best guess at this time is William was probably not a brother of Samuel and John, although most likely, he was related to them. Samuel is our ancestor and was born in 1628.

The Belden name had various spellings. This was very common in the early times because spelling wasn't important to them. Some of the various spellings you might see is Baildon, Belden and Belding.

The first English settlement in New England was at Jamestown in 1607. Plymouth was settled in 1620<sup>2</sup>. In 1630, the foundation for a settlement was laid in Watertown. In 1635, some of the Watertown people began a settlement at Wethersfield, Conn. Richard and his sons were among the early settlers in Wethersfield. It has been stated that Richard was there in 1640 although the first time Richard appears on the town record is in 7 Feb. 1641. He was appointed town herder in 1646<sup>3</sup>. Richard<sup>4</sup> died and was buried in Wethersfield on 22 August 1655. John and William settled in Norwalk, Conn. Samuel married Mary in 1654. Her maiden name is not known. They had eight children. Mary (1655), Samuel (1657), Stephen (1658), Sarah (1661), Elizabeth (1663), Ann (1665), Ebenezer (1667), and John (1669)<sup>5</sup>. There was split in the church at Wethersfield and some of the families left and started a settlement in Massachusetts which they called Hadley. This was in 1659.

Before March 25, 1661 Samuel Belding was one of 25 persons who signed an agreement to settle the west side of the Connecticut River across from

Hadley to be done before Sept. 29, 1661<sup>6</sup>. Only 16 of those who signed the agreement became permanent residents of the settlement that became Hatfield. In 1668 Samuel Belden is shown as owning a house lot of 8 acres. Daniel Belden, son of William, also was assigned a house lot. The precise date of the formation of the first church in Hatfield is unknown, but there is pretty clear evidence that it took place about 1 April 1671. There were only six male inhabitants who were church members, and Samuel Belding was one of the six<sup>7</sup>.

Living in these early settlements was very dangerous and difficult. The local Indians, as well as Indians coming down from Canada, were a constant threat, not only to the settlers themselves but to their crops and livestock. If they lost either their crops or livestock they would starve to death. In the summer and fall of 1675 the local Indians began to attack the settlements. Many lost their homes when the Indians burned them down and many lives were lost. As many as 64 people were killed in one attack.

On Oct. 19, 1675 seven or eight hundred Indians attacked Hatfield. Nine Englishmen were killed and three captured. One of the captives was tortured and killed. The other two captives were freed in order for them to report to the settlers what had happened and that the varying tribes had banded together to form a party of 2,100 men. Luckily for the settlers, this banding together was short lived and the different tribes went their own way, attacking the settlements in smaller groups. If they had stayed together, they probably would have wiped out all of the settlements.

On May 12, 1676 the Indians took 70 to 80 head of cattle from the fields around Hatfield. The settlers decided to go on the offensive and attacked a large Indian camp while the Indians slept in their wigwams. The settlers were outnumbered but they killed many of the Indians. After the initial shock of the surprise attack, the Indians banded together and attacked the settlers. In great disarray, the settlers scurried back to Hatfield. Nearly one-third of the 141 men who attacked the camp were killed in the battle and the flight back.

Samuel and Stephen Belden, sons of Samuel,



fought in the battle and were among the survivors. Stephen barely escaped from the Indians and was rescued when Jonathan Wells stopped and took him up on his horse just as the Indians were closing in on him. Jonathan was 16 and Stephen was 17. (This same Jonathan was later to become Stephen's step-brother when Stephen's father, Samuel, married Jonathan's mother.) Stephen later married Mary Wells, Jonathan's sister.

Nine veterans of this battle, called Falls Fight, were living in 1735. A grant of land to the survivors and their heirs, of 6 square miles was given to them near Deerfield, Mass. in appreciation for their bravery and dedication to saving the settlements.

On May 30, 700 warriors attacked Hatfield. They burned twelve houses and barns, destroyed much property, and killed five men. They took all the sheep and killed many of their cattle. A garrison of soldiers sent from Connecticut, along with some friendly Indians, drove off the attackers. This was followed by about two years of relative quiet.

On Sept. 19, 1677 at about 11:00 in the mid-morning, a group of 26 Indians from Canada attacked Hatfield. Twelve people were killed, one of which was Mary Belden, Samuel's wife and our grandmother 7 times removed. Twenty people were taken as captives to Canada. On the way three were killed. Killed was an eight year old boy, a three year old girl and a man who was burned at the stake. A little over eight months later the surviving captives were returned home due to the efforts of two of the women captives husband who went after them. There were fourteen children under the age of eight in this group of captives. They were ransomed for about 200 English Pounds.

On June 25, 1678 the widower Samuel married Mary Wells. It was her daughter Mary who married Stephen Belding and Mary's son who saved Stephen's life in the Falls Fight. She died in September of 1691 and Samuel then married Mary Allis widow of John Allis. She died and he then married for the fourth time to

Sarah Wells, widow of John Wells. Her two year old daughter Elizabeth had been killed in the same Indian attack that killed Samuel's first wife and she (Sarah Wells) and another daughter had been wounded.

John, the youngest child of Samuel and Mary (his first wife, maiden name unknown) is my grandfather 5 times removed. He was seven years old when his mother was killed by the Indians. John married Sarah Waite, daughter of Benjamin Waite. Sarah was one of the children that was taken as a captive to Canada by the same Indians that killed John's mother. Sarah was 2 years old at the time. Also taken captive at the time was Sarah's mother and her older sisters Mary 6 and Martha 4 years old. When captured, their mother was pregnant and bore another daughter named Canada while she was still in Canada. Sarah's father Benjamin Waite is my grandfather 6 times removed. He was one of the two men who in the midst of a northern winter and with great difficulty tracked the Indians up into Canada and helped bring the captives home.

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Immigrant Ancestors by Frederick Virkus, Volume VII page 295 located at Multnomah Co. Library, Portland, Oregon.

<sup>2</sup> The Oxford History of The American People by Samuel Eliot Morison, page 48, copy in author's possession.

<sup>3</sup> Immigrant Ancestors by Frederick Virkus, Volume VII page 832 located at Multnomah Co. Library, Portland, Oregon.

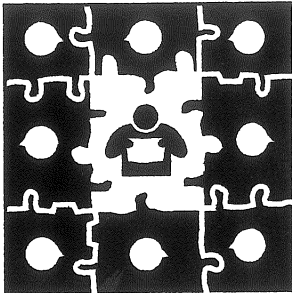
<sup>4</sup> History of Whately—Temple.

<sup>5</sup> History of Hadley—Sylvester Judd, Genealogies page 10, author has copy.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, page 15.

<sup>7</sup> Some Belding Genealogy by Chas. C. Whitney.

*A special thank you to PSGS member Phyllis Searls Wahlquist for this article researched and written by her cousin. Phyllis notes that since her cousin is her children's ages, the reference to generations would be one less for herself. She also noted that "I have seen references to this story in history books but it sure brings it home when one of my ancestors was killed and other were captured and still others were among the rescuers." - Editor*



## Club News

New Members: We have the following people who have signed up as members since June: Robert Martin, Anne P. Holland,

Robert B. & Kathy Monical, William Morgan, Robert D. Mueller, Donald Winter, Bill Snipes, Sharon Newell, Ron and Diana Gates, Richard and Lisa Wischhoefer, Rosemary Ressler, and Bill Smith. Welcome to PSGS!

Special Thank You: A special thank you goes to Lois Roark and Cindy Shawley Spore for their campaign to win back members whose memberships had lapsed this year. It was a great effort!

Membership Dues: We are through half the year already so that means that we are using the half year membership rates. For individuals, that would be \$10.00 and for families, that would be \$14.00. Drop your check in the mail to the attention of Cyril Taylor, Treasurer, or bring it to the next meeting.

What A Deal: If Death Records 1892 – 1907, Kitsap County, WA was on your must have list, now is the time. You cannot beat the price—just \$1.00. Get your copy at the library while supplies last! And while you are there, don't forget to purchase your own copy of PSGS Library Catalog 1999. This is an excellent resource made possible by Marjorie Menees, Cereice Cook, and Cindy Shawley Spore. Thanks!

SLC Or Bust: Yep, it's that time of year to gather up your family group sheets, steno pads, binders, tape recorders, etc. for the annual trip to Salt Lake City! See "Prez Says" on page 46 for more details.

## Complex Genealogical Tracking

Poem Submitted by Jean Grimaud

Many many years ago when I was twenty three  
I got married to a widow who was pretty  
as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter  
Who had hair of red.  
My father fell in love with her,  
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law  
And changed my very life.  
My daughter was my mother,  
For she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse,  
Although it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father  
of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became  
A brother-in-law to dad  
And so became my uncle,  
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,  
Then that also made him brother  
To the widow's grown-up daughter  
Who, of course, was my stepmother.

Father's wife then had a son,  
Who kept them on the run.  
And he became my grandson,  
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother  
And it makes me blue.  
Because although she is my wife,  
She's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother,  
Then I am her grandchild.  
And every time I think of it,  
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become  
The strangest case you ever saw.  
As the husband of my grandmother,  
I am my own grandpa!

## 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:

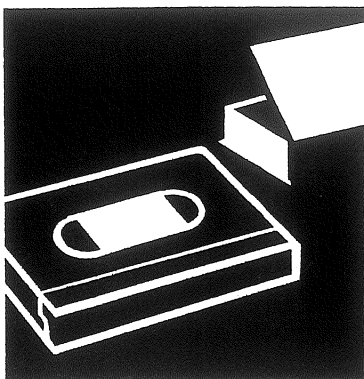
### Sept-Tape 5 of "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series

**Passenger Lists:** Passenger lists tell you exactly when your ancestors emigrated, where they emigrated from, and who they emigrated with! They may reveal the names of ancestors you never knew existed – siblings, parents, aunts and uncles – even family members who died aboard ship! Because most passenger lists are not indexed, locating your ancestors in them can be very difficult. But, there are tactics for getting the job done!

**Passports:** Find an ancestor's passport, and you'll likely find a vivid, written portrait of that ancestor. Passport applications are under utilized genealogical records that may provide exactly the information you need!

### Oct – Tape 6 "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series

**Naturalization Records:** Naturalization records can tell you anything – and sometimes everything – about your ancestors. They are notoriously difficult to search, however. There's no comprehensive index, and the record you need could be in one of 5,000 different places. But, don't despair! The right research strategies can make your search successful. With this video, you'll learn how to triumph in your naturalization record research. You'll learn strategies for deducing a re-



cord's location based on the activities of your ancestors. And, you'll learn which genealogical records provide the clues that led you to your ancestor's naturalization file.

### Nov – Tape 7 "Where Do I Begin?" Video Series:

**Federal Land Records:** If your ancestors lived in a public land state, they

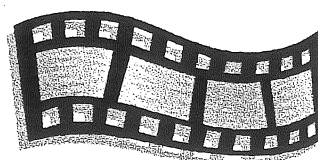
probably appear in federal land records. These records can tell you the names of ancestors you didn't know about, when and where they were naturalized, etc. They may help you find an ancestor who doesn't appear in any other record, or they may provide that one little nugget of information you need to restart a stalled line.

**National Archives Maps:** There are nearly two million maps in the National Archives, and you won't find most of them anywhere else! One map may be the earliest cartographic record of an ancestor's estate. Another may help you locate your ancestor in the census. Still others may show you exactly where your ancestor was deployed at Gettysburg!

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

This will conclude the series that started in February with the England & Wales Video Series. If you would like to see that both these series are run again, please express your interest to either Bill Richardson, or the library volunteer on duty.

A big thank you to all those who made the Friday Video series possible and to those who attended on Friday afternoon.





## Notes from the Library by Marjorie Menees

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to Lois and Randy ROARK, we now have a new computer with Windows 98 installed and a new printer. Along with it we are set up with several programs including Family Tree Maker and Legacy. We are hoping that our members will find this to be another useful research tool especially since our CD's have grown in number—the last gift being a 15 volume set of the Family Tree Maker Archives from Ed NEWMAN. If you are hesitant about using this facility, just sign at the desk for one to one tutoring.

Speaking of computers—AARP has 5 free online courses available. They are Web and browser basics; Introduction to e-mail, Finding information, Multimedia on the Web, and Personal Web page design. They are well presented and worth checking if you are feeling insecure about the internet. You can access AARP's Webplace at <[www.aarp.org/ei](http://www.aarp.org/ei)>.

Those of you who have been following our Friday sessions on England and Wales might check at <<http://FreeBMD.rootsweb.com/>> where there are free birth, marriage, death records transcriptions for England and Wales at least 100 years old. These are from Ben Lauire <[ben@algroup.co.uk](mailto:ben@algroup.co.uk)>.

Also, some of you have asked about translations for materials from other countries. I have thought it would be good to start another list of names in the library of those people who would be willing to do this. Meantime, I saw in the Bremerton Sun an article about software designed to translate English to foreign languages.

And then a follow up: "It turns out that you don't need to buy software to get the job done. Alta Vista, the Internet search engine, has a free online translation feature at [babelfish.altavista.com/egi-bin/translate?](http://babelfish.altavista.com/egi-bin/translate?) (be sure to include the question mark at the end). It lets you instantly translate English into French, Italian, German, Spanish or Portuguese as well as changing those languages into English. You just enter your text and hit the Translate key. When the translation pops up, you can copy and paste it into an e-mail message. Not too shabby."

And, according to The Family Tree of The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, if you need help in Norway, the University of North Dakota has copies of the parish records of Norway. These contain 700,750 volumes of names and information on Norway. For more information you can contact Ms. Sandra BEIDLER, Director, Chester Fritz Library Special Collections, UND, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

Another interesting bit from the same journal is an article on how to preserve old newspaper clippings. According to the author the process will extend the life expectancy of paper up to 200 years but that it, alas, cannot be done to handwritten articles, only matter or papers written in permanent ink. The suggestion is made that should you intend to use this method you probably should try testing a corner of the paper first. Here's the recipe:

1. Dissolve a Milk of Magnesia tablet in one quart of club soda overnight.
2. Pour into large tray or pan and soak the clippings for one hour.
3. Remove the clippings from the tray and pay dry.

Sounds easy and if successful would be great for all those special items we are caring for.

Our next big library project is to weed out surplus pages in our periodical files to make more shelf room. We need help for this. It will not be a difficult chore but is time consuming. If you

would be willing to help with this, please contact me, Marjorie, at 871-0342 or <mmenees@net-nw.com>. It is a task that needs no group time—can be done individually once you know what the procedure will be. So join the Excess Page Exterminators to cut a page instead of cut a rug. And if you are too young to have ever cut a rug, then ask your parents if they ever did.

We are delighted to tell you that in August we acquired some new books. PIONEERS ON MAINE RIVERS/ MAINE WILLS 1640-1760; a four volume set: MIGRATION FROM THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE; VERMONT 1790 CENSUS INDEX: HEADS OF FAMILY; FAMILY QUEST CENSUS INDEX; and from Ed NEWMAN the following books: EARLY VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS 1623-1666; VIRGINIA COLONIAL MILITIA; VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS; VIRGINIA NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS (volume II 1742-1747); and MARRIAGE BONDS OF BEDFORD CO., VIRGINIA 1755-1800.

Do join us on Monday or Friday for a good dig—Stay all day and get a lot done!



In case you missed the jackpot that has just been released recently, Cyndi's List is now in book form! Entitled *Cyndi's List: A Comprehensive List of 40,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, this 2-inch thick book (a whopping 880 pages! plus index) will be a gem in your genealogical book library. Why have a book form of Cyndi's website? It's more time efficient and cost effective to do your research offline and if you have been to Cyndi's website, you will see how great a tool this book is.

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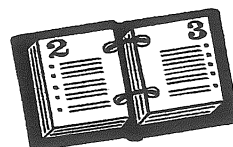
## Calendar Of Events

Sept 30th—Broderbund and Everton Publishers are offering "Super Bundle 6" of World Family Tree discs 28 through 32. Up to the 30th, you can buy this set for \$59.95, \$20.00 less than the suggested retail price. For more details, check out Everton's web site at <www.everton.com/specials/super6/> or call them at 1-800-443-6325.

Oct. 2nd—Yakima Valley GS has a fall workshop featuring Arlene Eakle. Topics to be covered include: Tracing A Southern Pedigree; How to Use American Court Records; New York Research; Researching Virginia Ancestors. The fee will be \$20.00.

Oct. 23rd—Chelan Valley GS presents their 1999 fall seminar with guest speaker, Donna Potter Phillips. She is the editor of the Eastern WA GS Newsletter, Genealogical columnist for the Spokesman Review and Tri City Herald as well as writing articles for Heritage Quest, Ancestry and Mayflower Quarterly. She will be presenting these topics: What's New in Genealogy Today; Getting Around Those Stonewalls; Newspaper Research; and Are You Ready For A Research Trip. Send your \$30.00 check to C.V.G.S., Helen James, Registrar, P.O. Box Y, Chelan, WA 98816 by October 1st. After that, it's \$35.00. Lunch is included with the fee. Send a SASE for confirmation.

Nov 13th—Tacoma Pierce County GS is having their Annual Fall Seminar. Lots to be covered. Register before Nov 5th and it's \$25.00 plus \$10.00 for lunch. After the 5th, it's \$30.00. Send your check, made out to TPCGS, to Marie Hayden, Registrar TPCGS, 4010 No. 36th St., Tacoma, WA 98407. Include your full name and mailing address and send a SASE for a confirmation.



## **Rocky**

By Larry Swan

I received a call a couple of weeks ago looking for "Rocky" Swan. The gentleman on the other end seemed quite upset when I informed him that there was no "Rocky" at this address. It seemed that he had been calling all the Swans' in the Bremerton area looking for "Rocky." As I was about to hang up he made one more attempt at recognition with the admonition that "maybe you knew him as Robert David." That rang a bell, as during my research I had run across a Robert David who is or was the son of one of my cousins. I informed the caller of that relationship and that I had never met "Rocky" and had no idea as to his whereabouts or if he was even alive. I do however know that his stepmother lives here in Bremerton and told my caller that I would check with her. She didn't know where "Rocky" was but she put me in touch with his sister. I relayed the information to my caller and considered the matter closed. It would be nice to add some info to my tree but nothing of great immediacy.

A few days later I answered the phone and strange voice informed me that "this is Rocky." It seems that Rocky's sister had given him the friend's phone number and mine and he was calling to thank me for putting him in touch with an old high school classmate who was orga-

nizing a reunion. He was overjoyed to be able to party with his friends of 35 years ago and to find that he and his sons were not the last of the Swans'.

Yes, he was convinced that he had no family outside of his siblings, his aunts, his father and his grandparents. I know I've told anyone who would listen how closed mouthed my parents were about their families. Well, this was a classic example of the Swan mentality. This first contact with my first cousin once removed lasted for a half hour and when it was over I had all the vital statistics on him and his siblings and his children which adds considerably to my tree.

The next day I put together a package of data on our family and sent it to Rocky. He called yesterday to thank me for giving him some roots and to give me some data on his mother which I was glad to receive.

It turns out that Rocky's reunion will be in Leavenworth, WA and he will be returning home via Bremerton. I will get to meet another of the elusive Swans' and stretch my cousin network again, all thanks to genealogy. If it were not for my interest in genealogical research I would be sitting here yet wondering about those shadowy individuals that my folks referred to when they hoped the little ears were not listening. Even if those little ears had been listening, they wouldn't have understood nor probably cared one iota.

## **The 1903 Project: Ship Passenger List Index**

Dennis Baer of New York is seeking 108 volunteers who will rent one microfilm from the National Archives Series T715, Films 316 to 423. This covers every ship that arrived in New York City in 1903. Dennis currently has 26 volunteers and needs 82 more.

Each volunteer will transcribe the names only of every passenger list on one microfilm into a text file on their computer and eventually e-mail the file to Dennis. The text file will also have the names of the ships before each group of names and the volume number of the microfilm at the very begin-

ning as "T715 Film 316" for example.

Dennis will begin this project only when he has found 108 volunteers who will commit to doing this project. He will let you know which film you would be responsible for transcribing. He plans to place the 108 text files on a CD and will either do the lookup himself or make copies of the CD for free if someone sends him a blank CD.

If this sounds like a project you would be interested in participating in, please e-mail Dennis at <[dbaer@netmonger.net](mailto:dbaer@netmonger.net)> and include "1903 PROJECT VOLUNTEER" in the subject line.

*Please note this was included among the RootsWeb Digest for 8/28/99. -Editor*



# **List of Officers & Men Of Documented Service at Camp Valley Forge** Part Three

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.

Caleb Hammett	Thomas Hampton
Benjamin Hamrick	John Hancher
Samuel Handy	Obadiah Hardesty
Henry Harding	Joseph Hardy
William Hardy	Thomas Harmon
James Harrell	John Harris
John Harding Harrison	John Peyton Harrison
Richard Harrison	Michael Hartman
Kimber Harvey	Richard Harvey
Johan Philip Haupt	John Havens
Joseph Havens	Joseph Hawley
Joshua Haycraft	William Hayden
Richard Haynes	Henry Hazel
James Healy	Matthew Hennen
George Hight	John Hill, Jr.
Jared Hickley, Jr.	Joseph Hite
James Hixon	James Hogan
Elijah Holcomb(e)	Thomas Holland
Christopher Horn	Henry Horn
Abraham Hornback	Thomas Hoskins
Nicholas Hougendobler, Jr.	Ludwig Houser
Samuel B. Howard	Samuel Howard, Sr.
John Hoover	Jacob Huber
Samuel Hudgins	Abraham Hudson
Robert Huey	Robert Humble
Henry Hyrne	Isham Inman
William Irby	Pendleton Isbell
John Israel	James Ivory
Andrew Jack	Edward Jackson
William Jacobs	Robert Jakways
David Jay	Seth Jewell
Henry Johns	George Johnson
Henry Johnson, Sr.	Joseph Johnson

William Johnson	William Johnston
Ambrose Jones	Daniel Jones
David Jones	Lewellyn Jones
William Jones	George Jordan
Robert A. Jordan	Ebenezer Keeler
Edward Keeler	Jacob Keen
George Keller	James Kelly
William Kelly	Samuel Kelsey
Andrew Kennedy	Richard Kennon
David Kerr	George Key
William Keyser	William Kindred
John King	Samuel King
William King	Richard Kinney
Peter Kip	John Kirk
Abraham Kirkpatrick	James Knapp
Ignatius Knott	Shepard Kollock
Conrad Kremer	Jacob Krider
Henry Labar	Marquis de Lafayette
Gideon Lamb	James Lamson
Lewis Land	Thomas Landrum
Samuel Latimer	Jacob Laudermilck
James Lawrence	William Lee
Benjamin Lemasters	William Lent
David Levy	Leonard Lewis
James Libby	John Lindenberger
Eleazer Lindsley	Adam Linn
Absalom Littell, Jr.	Robert Livingstone
John Lock	Thomas Lockhart
Samuel Lockwood	David Logan
Patrick O. Logan	James Logue
Gideon Long	Richard Long
Nathaniel Lombard	Samuel Lord
Jeremiah Lott	Amos Loveland
James Lowry	James Lucas
Abraham Lyon	Wm Lyons (4th PA)
Wm Lyons (7th VA)	Thomas McCarty
Matthew McCauley	John McCasland
Thos M. McClanahan	Cary McClelland

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.

## Nine Months From Home

### The 14th Vermont In The Civil War

*Please note that this series first began in the September 1998 issue of Family Backtracking, Parts 1 through 3. With the change of editors, the series was not continued in future issues at that time. The first part of this series is being started with this issue and will continue in each future Family Backtracking issue until its conclusion. A special thank you to PSGS member Violet Peterson for sharing this series.—Editor.*

This series is written by Peter Laramie, a native of Fair Haven, Vermont. Mr. Laramie is the founder and president of the Champlain Rifles, a Civil War re-enacting unit which portrays Company E of the 123rd New York State Volunteer Infantry and Company F of the 14th Vermont Volunteer Infantry.

**D**uring the American Civil War the tiny State of Vermont sent more than one-tenth of its entire population—over 34,000—to war to preserve the Union. In addition to those men who served in the Regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps, three Companies of U.S. Sharpshooters were raised in Vermont as well as three Companies of Light Artillery and Regiment of Cavalry. Still, many more Vermonters enlisted in, and are recorded on the Official Roster of other states. The vast majority of the Vermonters who served during the conflict, however, were officers and men of the seventeen Regiments of Vermont Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was the building block of the army. Each regiment of infantry was commanded by a colonel and consisted of ten companies, each made up of about one hundred officers and men and commanded by a captain. Each regiment, whether subdivided into battalions (groups of companies), companies, platoons or sections, or massed with other regiments to form brigades, divisions, corps of armies, retained its organization, fought—or ran—under its own ban-

ner and established its own reputation.

Regiments were raised as needed, whether of volunteers or by conscription. Most were named for the State in which each was raised, numbered in order each filled its quota, and further denoted by its branch of the army, artillery, cavalry or infantry. Normally, the regiment was raised in a specific area, a city or county perhaps, or two or more adjoining countries while each company was raised in a single town or group of neighboring towns. As such, the members of a company were likely to know one another well. They were brothers, cousins, fathers and sons, co-workers, employers and employees. Vermont regiments were likely to be made up of lawyers, businessmen, shopkeepers, clerks, farmers, laborers, teachers, and students. Eminent men of business from the best families served alongside mill workers newly immigrated from Europe or Canada. Elsewhere across the country whole regiments were made up entirely of German, Dutch, or Irish immigrants many of whom spoke little or no English.

Men and boys volunteered for any number of reasons. The chief among them at the outbreak of the war was certainly the idea of patriotism. In the north this meant fighting to preserve the Union and in doing so to preserve republican democracy, the very ideal of which was still considered unworkable by the nations of the world at large. Also, the lure of adventure drew many of the young from their homes and loved ones to a life of marching and fighting, bugle and drum, musket and cannon. But for those who rushed to enlist at the war's start, the idea of a long war was unthinkable. Few in the north believed that the war would be other than a short, sharp and nearly bloodless conflict after which the rebellious States chastened would return meekly to the fold. Later on, men enlisted more soberly. Although patriotism was still a reason for going to war other rea-

sons for enlisting continued to attract new citizen-soldiers. There was the bounty—a sum of money paid to new recruits for enlisting. There was the avoidance of the stigma attached to able bodied men who did not enlist, as well as the stigma attached to those who were drafted. After the announcement of Preliminary Emancipation in the autumn of 1862 there was the idea that this was a war to set men free—although not necessarily to assert the equality of the black race. And there was always the idea, although it was generally a wrong assumption, that if the would-be recruit didn't volunteer soon, he would miss the opportunity to take part in the great war of the age.

The Peninsula Campaign of 1862 ended on the first day of July with the last of the Seven Day's Battles. This series of running battles had seen the Union Army, poised at last to make the final push on the Confederate Capitol at Richmond, Virginia, burn it's provisions and baggage and fly before the smaller Rebel Army under its new commander, General Robert E. Lee. Although it had camped within hearing of Richmond's church bells, the northern army only narrowly escaped destruction when its commander, General George B. McClellan, lost confidence in himself and his men and ordered a withdrawal to the banks of the James River.

On July 3, the Congress of the United States passed an act authorizing the president to call up the entire militia of the various States and also authorizing the quotas to be filled by conscription if necessary. Then on August 4, President Lincoln, under this act, authorized the calling up of 300,000 militia to serve for a term of nine months. In the north, few could see a necessity for keeping men in uniform beyond that time as the war must, by then be over.

In Vermont, by August 1862, the militia had nearly ceased to Volunteer Infantry, and they were ordered to rendezvous at Brattleboro, Vermont as soon as the barracks which were needed to house them could be completed. Most of the members of the old militia units—men having a taste for the military life—had long since enlisted and gone off to war. Even with eager volunteers swelling their ranks, only thirteen established militia companies were able to respond to the call. But by mid-September 1862 another forty seven companies were raised, the quotas having been filled by volunteers, without having to resort to conscription. Those companies were organized into five regiments. These were the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th regiments of Vermont.

*This series continues in the December 1999 issue of Family Backtracking.*

### **Have You Visited The PSGS Web Site?**

Did you know that PSGS has their own web site through RootsWeb? You can either access PSGS through <[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)> or you can type in <[www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.html)>. Once the PSGS home page comes up, bookmark the site.

Here are the highlights of what you will find on the web site: a membership form that can be printed and mailed in; the library's holdings; recap of past Family Backtracking issues; list of PSGS officers with their e-mail ad-

resses; and a page dedicated to linking with other genealogical web sites.

A brand new feature is being added to the web site: the complete listing of the cemetery index for Kitsap county 1817 to 1988. Lois Roark compiled the list for the site and Jean Grimaud, Corresponding Secretary, will be handling the incoming enquiries.

Make a visit to the web site the next time you are surfing the web and remember to bookmark the site for easy repeat visits!

## Epidemics in U.S. 1657-1918

*A special thank to you PSGS member Joan Gathings for passing along this interesting list. It was published in the South Bend, IN Area Genealogical Society, April 1996 newsletter and was originally from a Sue in Arizona.—Editor*

Epidemics have always had a great influence on people and thus influencing, as well, the genealogist trying to trace them. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area. Some of the major epidemics in the United States are listed below:

**1657:** Boston, Measles  
**1687:** Boston, Measles  
**1690:** New York, Yellow Fever  
**1713:** Boston, Measles  
**1729:** Boston, Measles  
**1732-33:** Worldwide, Influenza  
**1738:** South Carolina, Smallpox  
**1739-40:** Boston, Measles  
**1747:** Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania & South Carolina, Measles  
**1759:** North America (areas inhabited by white people), Measles  
**1760-61:** North America & West Indies, Influenza  
**1772:** North America, Measles  
**1775:** North America (especially hard in New England), Epidemic (unknown)  
**1775-76:** Worldwide, Influenza  
**1781-82:** Worldwide, Influenza (one of worst flu epidemics)  
**1788:** Philadelphia & New York, Measles  
**1793:** Vermont, Influenza and a "putrid fever"  
**1793:** Virginia, Influenza (kills 500 people in 5 counties in 4 weeks)  
**1793:** Philadelphia, Yellow Fever (one of the worst)  
**1793:** Delaware (Dover), "extremely fatal" bilious disorder  
**1793:** Pennsylvania (Harrisburg & Middletown), many unexplained deaths  
**1794:** Philadelphia, Yellow Fever

**1796-97:** Philadelphia, Yellow Fever  
**1798:** Philadelphia, Yellow Fever (one of the worst)  
**1803:** New York, Yellow Fever  
**1820-23:** Nationwide, "fever" (started on Schuylkill River, PA and spreads)  
**1831-32:** Nationwide, Asiatic Cholera (brought by English emigrants)  
**1832:** New York & other major cities, Cholera  
**1833:** Columbus, OH, Cholera  
**1834:** New York City, Cholera  
**1837:** Philadelphia, Typhus  
**1841:** Nationwide, Yellow Fever (especially in the south)  
**1847:** New Orleans, Yellow Fever  
**1847-48:** Worldwide, Influenza  
**1848-49:** North America, Cholera  
**1849:** New York, Cholera



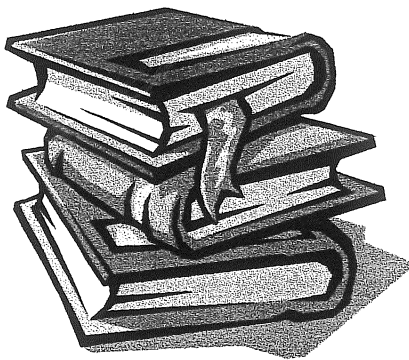
**1850:** Nationwide, Yellow Fever  
**1850-51:** North America, Influenza  
**1851:** Coles Co, IL, Cholera  
**1851:** The Great Plains, Cholera  
**1851:** Missouri, Cholera  
**1852:** Nationwide, Yellow Fever (New Orleans, 8,000 die in summer)  
**1855:** Nationwide (many parts), Yellow Fever  
**1857-59:** Worldwide, Influenza (one of the disease's greatest epidemics)  
**1860-61:** Pennsylvania, Smallpox  
**1865-73:** Philadelphia, New

York, Boston, New Orleans, Baltimore, Memphis, and Washington D.C., a series of recurring epidemics of Smallpox, Cholera, Typhus, Typhoid, Scarlet Fever, and Yellow Fever  
**1873-75:** North America & Europe, Influenza  
**1878:** New Orleans, Yellow Fever (last great epidemic of disease)  
**1885:** Plymouth, PA, Typhoid  
**1886:** Jacksonville, FL, Yellow Fever  
**1918:** Worldwide, Influenza (high point year) more people hospitalized in WWI from Influenza than wounds. US Army training camps became death camps with 80% death rate in some camps.

**Suggested Readings From Marjorie  
by Marjorie Menees**

Ashes of Glory – Richmond At War by  
Ernest B. FURGURSON, Alfred A. Knoff,  
NY, 1996

Ernest FURGURSON, who has written other books, including Chancellerville 1863: The Souls of the Brave, in this book, pictures Richmond residents and their lives from the morning of the 17th of October 1861 as an angry crowd mills around at the bulletin boards outside the offices of one of the newspapers reading the news of the Harper's Ferry insurrection to Saturday, the 15th of April 1865 to the day that General Lee dismounts outside 707 Franklin Street, shakes hands of the waiting people, bows politely, backs inside and closes the door.



The book combines the diaries, letters, reports, news items, orders, anecdotes, and daily activities of men and women southern patriots, union sympathizers, legislators, and military with a lacing of commentary that ties them all together in the story of Richmond at war. It is excellent reading.

One of the anecdotes that I enjoyed involved newly appointed Union Colonel Ulric Dahlgren, age 21, the son of Admiral John Adolphus Dahlgren, chief of the U.S. Navy's Ordnance Bureau. Ulric having lost a leg in the Gettysburg campaign nevertheless managed to have himself chosen to be a part of a raid to torch and

burn Richmond. He was to cross the James River above the city swinging downstream on the south side, free the Yankees at Belle Isle while Kilpatrick dashed in from the North freeing those at Libby and other prisons ultimately meeting and torching the city and capturing the Confederate leaders.

Guided by an ex-slave, they approached the Sabot Hill plantations of Confederate Secretary of War Seddon setting fire to outbuildings as they went. Arriving at the door of the houses, Colonel Dahlgren was met and greeted graciously by Mrs. Seddon who told him that his father had been a beau of hers in Philadelphia at which news, Dahlgren "doffed his hat" and ordered that further burning cease. After that, he and his

staff joined Mrs. Seddon inside to chat as they were served and drank old blackberry wine. It was told later, by Mrs. Seddon's kinfolk that this calculated delay on her part saved Richmond by allowing Gov. Wise, who had been visiting, to escape and get back to warn the city's defenders.

In fact, when Dahlgren did get back to his original line of business, he found that the ford he intended to cross had been made impassable by heavy rains. He thought that the ex-slave guide had deliberately misguided him and so ordered him hanged by the roadside. It is said that local Confederates left the body hanging as a warning to slaves how Yankees treated their kind. At any rate, indeed, by the

time his men reached Richmond, he found it adequately prepared to meet him. Thus another attempt to capture Richmond failed.

If you had ancestors in Richmond during the Civil War – or some who were in the military nearby, do read this book to experience what war time in that city was like. Look for it in your favorite bookstore or in the public library.

Forgotten Soldiers: History of the 4th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment (USA) 1863-1865 by Eddie M. NIGAZY; Heritage Books, Inc., PSGS Research Library Locator TN18

Chapter 1 begins with the background and covers "Tennessee Divided" and discusses how East Tennessee, with its small slave population had always felt "shortchanged" when dealing with the middle and western slave holding parts, consequently became the focal point of the unionist section of the state while Western and Middle Tennessee became the confederate part.

Because of the bitter feelings and dissension about the votes cast for its part in the civil war, Tennessee technically did not secede from the union although it declared independence and joined the Confederacy. Reading about this is like observing the nation in miniature at that time for we know that other border states and states settled by families from both the north and south also had terrible conflicts of loyalty.

Besides the slave ownership difference,

NIGAZY points out that people of East Tennessee were especially patriotic to the federal government many of them having ancestors of whom they were justly proud who had turned the tide in the battle of King's Mountain (Revolutionary War). Many of these men were among the 30,000 East Tennesseans who fought for the Union. As a result of the dissension between the two sections of the state, 10,000 Confederate soldiers had to be on hand to keep the people of East Tennessee in subjection and to guard the mountain passes.

In February of 1862, after General Grant had captured Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River, the Confederate government of Tennessee held its last session in Nashville having lasted 6 months. The legislature was then scheduled to reconvene in Knoxville. In March President Lincoln appointed Andrew Johnson as Military Governor followed by William G. Brownlow who wreaked vengeance on the west by issuing a reward for the capture of former Confederate Governor Harris, making it possible for discharged Union soldiers to carry firearms, and granting other privileges to northern sympathizers.

The next chapter of this book is "A Brief History of the Regiment." The 4th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment, USA, was recruited in the spring of 1863 with seven companies mustered in Nashville on 13 June 1863 with 505 men. On 20 August 1865, it was mustered out at Nashville.

To begin its action, the 4th Tennessee



commanded by Major Michael Patterson left Nashville on 9 September 1863, arrived at McMinnville on the 16th with 270 men plus 50 armed convalescents, and was captured by Confederate forces under Major Joseph Wheeler. The surrender papers were dated 4 October.

The detailed account of Major Patterson for this action is given including his protests for treatment of prisoners. The men were eventually paroled. Most of them concluding the war was over for them went back to their homes in East Tennessee. However, the role of the 4th Tennessee was not over and it went on to serve more years.

Chapter 3 continues with the "Organization of the Regiment" and lists the men who served in it.

Notes from Marjorie: My father's father, George WILLIAMS, was born in or near Knoxville, Tennessee. While still a small child he went with his family to Shelby County, Illinois. The older son of Isaac WILLIAMS and Elizabeth Ann MILLIKEN, he moved to MacDonald County, Missouri between 1865 and 1870 after he was married. Later he moved his family to Washington. George had four younger brothers and several MILLIKEN cousins. My brother and I recalled that our father had often told us that in his family there were those who fought in the Confederate Army and those who fought in the Union Army. Unfortunately, I do not know the names of these relatives but I do remember when we were small children my father singing songs from that era,

"Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" and "Just Before the Battle Mother," and "Dixie" among others always concluding with a statement indelibly printed on our minds, "It was a terrible time with families divided — sons and brothers fighting on different sides — that was so in our family —"

"Was that you?" I would ask.

"No, I wasn't born then," he would say.

Thankful for that, I can remember tearfully asking him to please sing another song, not a sad one. Changing to "The Preacher and the bear" could usually change my mood so perhaps that is why I did not ask who those family members were. I guess I will never know why I didn't but I still identify easily with the times of turmoil that enveloped the people of states like Tennessee and also Illinois.

And I know that I am not alone, for many of us have ancestors who made their way west, stopping along the way in Tennessee. Reading this book can touch us again as to how the civil war may have affected them. It is not a new one in the library — you can find it in the Book Section — States Category.



### Cindy Shawley Spore's Web Site Picks

It seems, that with so many members of PSGS acquiring computers and going on-line with e-mail and the web, that we are having to build new address books. Each meeting, I have been trying to give new addresses and brief synopsis of one or two web sites. It might be much easier to have them in writing. The ones you like, you can bookmark, or add to your favorite list. (All have <http://> prefacing the [www.](http://))

1. [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

This web site has a HUGE menu. Don't be afraid to poke around in it. The highlights are:

- Surname Search
- Free Genealogy classes on-line
- Scholarships are being offered
- The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is free and very up to date. Also, it will write the letter for you to send with your \$7 to acquire the copy of the original SS application. This takes about 6 weeks.

2. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

The Mormon site is easier now to get into than when first released. Evidently the newness is taking on a normalcy. The IGI and Ancestral file is here. Poke around. There is lots of information.

3. [www.nara.gov/genealogy/](http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/)

The National Archives in Washington, DC site. A great site. It also lists the publications for sale and has wonderful articles regarding the Civil War Records, Spanish-American War and other wars. On the Genealogy page, there is a very expansive menu. Here is another "poker" - there is so much information to be found.

4. [www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/index.html](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/index.html)

For those who are searching in Virginia in early times, this is the place. The Library of Virginia has a wealth of documents scanned. Land records date back to the 1600's. There is a Bible Card Index for marriages, wills, etc. All these can be printed out for your records. BE SURE and read "Information About."

5. <http://german.genealogy.net/gene>

This is the German Genealogy page. The menu is very large and has something for everyone. Not only for German research, the suggestions are good for US research also. This is the very same site as in 4 other locations.

6. [www.expediamaps.com](http://www.expediamaps.com)

A map site that I use often.

7. [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

The BIG one. this could be the grand daddy of all sites, I think. It goes on and on with so many choices. Each time I go into it, I find something new.

8. [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

At this time, Cyndi has 53,650 links. Maybe this is the grandma of all sites. Always updated and new things.

For the new on-line users—don't be afraid to get into these sites. If you get lost just click on "Back" at the top of your screen. Usually, at the bottom of the page it says "Home." Click on that if easier.

Well, I hope this will be helpful and as I find more, I will try and let you all know.



**Genealogical Web Sites You  
Should Investigate**  
by Cyril Taylor

RootsWeb GenSeeker  
<http://seeker.rootsweb.com/>

The RootsWeb Genealogical Cooperative has introduced another search engine that not only accesses RootsWeb databases, but genealogical databases outside their jurisdiction. Their policy is to add additional genealogical databases as they become known.

I was overwhelmed when researching this web site with the number of items that matched my search criteria. For example, I got 136 hits with the name *Kitsap*.

There is some measure of control over the search including Boolean search criteria and the ability to list the matched items in either a long or short format.

It will be worth your while to explore the possibilities of this site.

Genealogical Mailing Lists  
[http://users.aol.com/johnf14246/gen\\_mail.html](http://users.aol.com/johnf14246/gen_mail.html)

In the December 1998 edition of *Family Backtracking* I introduced you to the RootsWeb Genealogical Cooperative's Mailing List web site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~maillist/>. This web site provided an efficient method selecting and subscribing to mailing lists sponsored by RootsWeb.

As you know, not all genealogical mailing lists are associated with RootsWeb. I have now discovered a Mailing List Gateway which permits the family historian to subscribe to nearly all if not all genealogical oriented mailing lists.

A gentleman by the name of John Fuller has taken on the responsibility of maintaining this universal mailing list site. He has established links to over 6,000 genealogical mailing lists.

The mailing lists are organized into

the following categories:

General	Software
Wars/Military	Non-USA Geographic Areas
Jewish	Native American
Surnames	United States

If you are looking for a mailing list that will fit your particular family history research niche, I suggest you log onto this site at your earliest opportunity.

Bureau Of Land Management Home Page  
<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

The Bureau of Land Management office in Springfield, Virginia has established the above General Land Office Records Automation web site which permits the family historian to search the Federal land patent databases. The site is only for the public lands in these eastern states:

Alabama	Illinois	Mississippi
Arkansas	Louisiana	Missouri
Florida	Michigan	Ohio
Indiana	Minnesota	Wisconsin

Through this site you can search the more than two million Federal land title records in these states. You can search statewide for a record of your ancestor receiving title to Federal land. It is possible to narrow the search to the county level. You may actually view the document you may be interested in and then order a copy on-line.

If your ancestors were recipient of Federal lands in these states, you will find exploring this site an exciting genealogical adventure.



## Resource Information

### State Level

Iowa—Statewide indexes begin in 1880 for birth, 1896 for death, and 1916 for marriage.

Kansas—Death records after July 1911 can be found at the state level, but prior records need to be researched using old newspapers.

Rhode Island—To research vital records prior to 1851, refer to James N. Arnold's "Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850" (available on microfilm). From 1851-1853, refer to town records, and after 1853, refer to the state level.

Utah—The George Frederick T. Sherwood Manuscript Collection is housed at the Genealogical Institute Research Library. This collection of English records span the years of 1500 to 1850 with some items from the Medieval period. Included are photographs, correspondence, original documents, etc. There is a surname list online at <[www.xmission.com/~eakle](http://www.xmission.com/~eakle)> or call Arlene H. Eakle at 1-800-377-6058.

### Researchers

Domestic & Foreign—Arlene H.

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From the Editor...

This has probably been one of my most enjoyable issues to work on. I think there is something for each reader's interest. I hope you will agree.

This issue could not have happened without the submissions of many members. A BIG thank you to you! I apologize for not being able to fit in everything I received, but look to December's issue if you

didn't find it here.

Please keep your submissions coming. In fact, with Christmas approaching, I would love to receive short sharings of a Christmas tradition that has been passed down through your family, to be included in the December issue of FB.

Enjoy the issue, and as always, let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

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# Exchange Notes by Pat Eder

Amer Ancestry 17:4 (Jul/Aug '99): Civil War history, photos and research resources; African-American research; St. Louis, MO resources; 1881 British census clues; using internet search engines.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library "Family Tree" 9:3 (Jun/Jul '99): Scottish clan repository; news of meetings, family reunions, gatherings from all over world; internet classes on genealogy.

Amer Genealogy Bulletin 15:3 Issue 51 (May/Jun '99): Quebec census records 1666-1901; our own PSGS prez Larry SWAN's article about his ancestor's demise is noted in Donna Phillips column, many pages of queries and tips.

Ibid. 15:4 Issue 52 (Jul/Aug '99): New and different sources to use in filling out those group sheets; Donna Phillips good tidbits; many new books and CD's reviewed.

Amer Genealogical Helper 53:3 (May/Jun '99): Great Lakes history; using public library services; finding women in federal military records; genie software program tips; 1999 list of genealogical libraries.

Amer Heritage Quest 15:3 Issue 81 (May/Jun '99): Focus on Land Records: Federal military bounty lands; state Revolutionary War bounty land files; federal land records and how to get copies of the files; tracing British ancestry.

Ibid. 15:4 Issue 82 (Jul/Aug '99): Focus on brick walls: overcoming problems, going over the wall backwards, living with brick

walls, brick walls and the internet; Russian Revision lists—many have been filmed by LDS family history library; Scandinavian, Scottish and German research; Swiss Parish registers; many new CD's reviewed.

Amer National Genealogical Society "NGS Newsletter" 25:3 (May/Jun '99): LDS online—what's available; computer genie software updates; Mexico border crossing records.

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 26:3 (May '99): Great register of 1869 Tulare Co; great register of 1888 Tulare Co.

Ibid. 26:4 (Jun '99): Great register of 1869 and 1888 Tulare Co, ongoing.

Ibid. 26:5 (Jul '99): Great register of 1869 and 1888 Tulare Co, ongoing.

Ibid. 26:6 (Aug '99): Great register of 1869 and 1888 Tulare Co, ongoing.

FL Oskaloosa Co GS "Journal" Vol 23 Issue 75 (Win '98): Walton Co cemeteries: Crowder cem; news items from Pensacola Gazette 1837; ancestor chart WILLIAMS; WINTERS—HARRIS ahnentafel.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" (Sum '99): Clay Co civil war veterans in 1883; DETWEILER marriages; news items 1924; SONGER ancestors; 1934 quilt with many names of its contributors from Northern IL.

IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 26:3 (Spr '99): Focus on photography; history, types of, preservation of, dating of; Peoria photographers 1861-1910; COLE obit; news items 1868.

Ibid. 26:4 (Sum '99): Peoria stops on the Underground Railroad; Hallock and Medina Twps with maps and homeowners; news items 1868.

IL Schuyler Historical Museum "The Schuylerite" 28:1 (Spr '99): list of landowners with taxes due; Old Brethren Cemetery, Browning Twp 1890; public school reports 1914, 1918, 1921.

Ibid. 28:2 (Sum '99): veterans news from old newspaper articles; obits from various years; Mormons in Hancock Co, IL in 1902; news from Rushville Times; Schuyler Co marriages 1881-82.

IA Boone Co GS "Newsletter" 17:1 (Jan '99): BOLTON pedigree.

IA Jackson Co GS "Genie Gems" 20:2 (June '99): minutes of North Bend Baptist Church, Jackson Co 1859; obits WWII years; drawing plat maps.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 29:2 (Sum '99): Crawford Co birth record index 1898, naturalizations BAK to BLA and marriages Book L, MIC to ROB; Kansas coal mining accidents 1886-1950.

KS Jefferson Co Historical Society "Yesteryears" 20:1 and 2 (Apr '99): marriage licenses July 1, 1933—Dec 31, 1933; articles from Ozawkie Bugle 1887; events of interest during 1937 from the Mirror; names of those elected in Jefferson Co, Nov 5, 1878; Rock Creek happenings 1901 as reported in Ozawkie Chief.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Jun '99): MD pension roll 1835; OSTIRITAG descendants; BEALL-TAYLOR ancestors.

Ibid. (Aug '99): OSTIRITAGE descendants; BEALL-TAYLOR ancestors; abstracts from Maryland Eldership; BOWMAN ancestors.

MA Berkshire Family History Assn "Berkshire Genealogist" 20:2 (Spr '99): live-stock records of Lenox, MA; ancestor tables of WHITNEY, WEAVER, MARTINDALE, GUILFORD, and TOOLEY; map of Savoy, MA 1876 with names of landowners; voters of Pittsfield MA 1802, 1809, and 1810; cumulative census of Peru, MA 1790-1920; awards from Berkshire Agricultural Society 1859.

MA Falmouth GS "Newsletter" 11:34 (Jul/Aug '99): Barnstable, MA marriages of people not residents of Barnstable.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 26:2 (Jun '99): Muskegon Mason lodge members 1906; births 1920 Muskegon Co; BUNKER-HALL descendants.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 17:2 (Jun '99): Effington Twp focus: history, 1880 census heads of families with landowners listed and cemetery records; Otter Tail Co naturalizations index 1913 and 1914.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 13:3 (Jul '99): current obits from Memphis Democrat.

MT Dawson Co GS "The Tree Branch" 19:2 (May '99): current death notices in local papers; copyright rules.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 38:2 (Jun '99): Valencia Co probates 1882-88; vital statistics Albuquerque Daily Citizen 1890 part 3; Old Clayton Cemetery in Union Co, NM; 1999 members research list.

OH Brown Co GS "On the Trail" 22:2 (Sum '99): English passengers to VA 1635.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" 27:2 (May /99): marriage licenses 1850; probate petitions Vol I, 1854.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 48:4 (Jun '99): a 1913 look forward to Portland I 1999, ongoing; Lone Fir Cemetery 1846-1880, ongoing; Civil War veterans who were citizens of OR; VICKERS history.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 31:1 (Win '99): Marian Co death notices index 1903-1920, part 5.

Ibid. 31:2 (Spr '99): Marian Co poor house and some deaths that occurred there.



PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" (May '99): news items from 1899, DiPAULO pedigree.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Tracks in Time" Vol 13 (Jul '99): local news items from various years.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 25:3 (Jul '99): ancestor table OLSON—JOHNSON; Sanborn Co, SD cemeteries; news items 1956; HEDDEN obit; obits of locals close to 100 years old.

WA Chelan Valley GS "Apple Orchard" 9:3 (May/Jun '99): regional research libraries.

Ibid. 9:4 (Jul/Aug '99): review of "Legacy" software.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 25:3 (Spr '99): local pioneer Sam WEBB; wagon train to WA territory; list of men subject to military duty in Clark Co, WA Terr in 1888, part II; Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, WA update; news articles from Vancouver Register 1874; members surname file; many ancestor charts.

Ibid. 25:4 (Sum '99): DOUTHIT family; BURT family; medical register Clark Co 1881; Old City Cemetery Vancouver, ongoing; ancestor charts for VANN/ADLER, HOWELL/McCELLAN, GARD/KELLY, REICH/ANDERSON, VAN BREEMEN, McILWAIN, WESTBY, and WOLSKE.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 19:2 (Jun '99): 1910 census Grant Co; school directories Grant Co 1913-1978.

WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree Searcher" 10:3 (May/Jun '99): National Archives Civil War records; Grays Harbor men killed or missing in WWII; veterans obits; various years.

WA Mason Co GS "Mason Co Log" (May '99): Payne Co, OK research.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" 23"4 (Oct '97): National Archives Seattle branch spotlight; index to naturalizations Thurston Co 1850-1974.

WA So King Co GS "So King Co News" 14:5 (May/Jun '99): Legacy software review; Zion Lutheran Church, Kent WA death records.

Ibid. 14:6 (Jul/Aug '99): Zion Lutheran Church, Kent WA death records, ongoing.

WA Washington State GS "Newsletter" 15:3 (May/Jun '99): WA state vital statistics update; calendar of events.

Ibid. 15:4 (Jul/Aug '99): Society members list; calendar of WA events.

Ibid. 1999 Membership Directory.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS "The Star" 12:5 (May/Jun '99): privacy and the internet; deaths Arlington WA area, ongoing.

Ibid. 12:6 (Jul/Aug '99): deaths Arlington area, ongoing.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 30:4 (Sum '99): Emerson school records, Tacoma 1909; excerpts from Mabel ENGEBRETSEN BUNGE's story, ongoing; news items from Daily Ledger 1887; probates of Pierce Co, WA territory 1875; Vol 30 name index.

WA Tri City GS "Bulletin" 39:1 (May '99): covering Benton and Franklin Cos. Benton Co obits various years; index to WWI draft registration Benton Co; history of John BALL, school in Richland; I.O.O.F. cemetery (West Prosser Cem) Benton Co, tombstones.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 27:2 (Jun '99): Peshastin Cem, WA update; St. Andrews, WA history; Evangelischen Emanuel Church, Farmer, WA baptisms.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "The Journal" 23:2 (Sum '99): news items 1807-1875; Beane Cemetery, Sissonville, WV, ongoing.



*"Backcover reminders"*

- \* Deadline for submissions to Family Backtracking's December 1999 issue is November 15th, 1999.
- \* Remember to turn in your short stories about Christmas traditions passed down in your family. Deadline is November 15th. Leave them in the Backtracking folder at the library, mail them in or e-mail them to [mcbrit-tany@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbrit-tany@yahoo.com).
- \* Vote for Year 2000 Officers at the October meeting.
- \* Don't forget to save your pennies for the upcoming Salt Lake City trip.
- \* Check the PSGS web site for the complete listing of the Cemetery Index for Kitsap County, 1817-1988.



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