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MEET YOUR Y2K OFFICERS!

Lawrence "Larry" Harden, President

Larry has been with PSGS four years and has spent two of those years serving as First Vice President. In those two years, he had the opportunity to attend the Executive Board meetings and learn some of the issues the society faces. Armed with this knowledge, Larry would like to continue the education for beginning family researchers as well as help those who have been conducting research for a long time. Larry would also like to "come up with ideas on fund raisers to increase our revenues to accomplish improvement and expansion to our library and purchase additional books." He sees the library as a valuable resource center for the members.

Larry was born and raised in Bremerton and graduated from West Bremerton High School and had a long and successful career with Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. He retired 1995 and has been living in Port Orchard since 1992.

Larry did not take much of an interest in family history and knew very little about his family until his sister made a trip through Oklahoma in 1985. She mailed Larry copies of their g-grandparents death certificates, and Larry noticed the last name was spelled "in" instead of "en" as they had always spelled it. This discrepancy caught Larry's attention and has kept his interest. Unfortunately, Larry said that like many researchers, almost everyone that he could have asked questions to have passed away.

Not all research has been discouraging for Larry as he has been able to trace his mother's mother's family back to 1600s England and fortunately, "one line has records to the mid 1400's.... they were from Quaker lines who have lots of records."

Larry asked that if anyone has ideas for fund raisers or would like to volunteer, please contact him.

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Paulette Waggoner, First Vice President

Paulette has been with PSGS since 1996 and this is her first year in office. Paulette sees many of our members as very knowledgeable and would like to see them volunteer as mentors to the newer members. She would like to see monthly hints for successful research become a part of the monthly agenda at the meetings. Also, Paulette "would like to have our society continue to present programs that will be of interest to all levels of genealogists."

Paulette's interest in genealogy stems from one of her children needing to conduct research on his ancestors for school, and a visit to her aunt in 1985. Her aunt entrusted her with papers and family photographs and that began Paulette's journey in genealogy. Paulette said "how I wish I had had Marlys Marrs class then and not 10 years later!"

Paulette has been retired for 1 1/2 years but is an active substitute teacher for primary grades. She loves traveling and would like to go to New England and Pennsylvania for bird watching and genealogical research.

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Prez Says!!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members who contributed their time and effort into another successful year of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. Especially:

Larry Harden, who provided us with some very nice programs

Lois Roark, who kept good track of the members and was always available for odd jobs

Jean Grimaud, who took on the job of Corresponding Secretary and did an outstanding job

Cindy Spore, an excellent Recording Secretary who got drafted again and did her usual great job

Cyril Taylor, who did his usual outstanding job of minding the purse-strings

Marjorie Menees, our long-time and much

appreciated librarian

Michele Brittany, who kept this newsletter going and contributed much to its content and its quality

Bill Richardson, the jack-of-all-trades who runs videos, rounds up nominees and tries to keep me out of trouble

Lorraine Kniert, the boss of the phone tree that makes sure we all know there's meeting a-commin'

Pat Eder, who reads all those other newsletters, which probably bore her stiff, so we can reap the benefits. This when she isn't putting out publicity and doing odd jobs

And a special thank you to the folks at Michele's place of employment who graciously printed our newsletter for the past year. We are losing our printer and will need to find another which is going to cost \$\$\$'s. I hope Larry Harden has a good a year as I have these past two. Thanks to everyone who helped me keep things going.

Larry S.

From The Editor -

Well, I can hardly believe that it has been a year since taking on the "reins" of Family Backtracking. I've had a good time putting each issue together, and from the comments I have received, you seem to be enjoying the results.

A big thank you to all those people who have taken the time

to submit tidbits and stories to FB! Please keep your submissions coming.

Have a truly wonderful holiday with your family and friends. Treasure them close to your heart as the new year begins. And remember, get those precious family stories down in writing!

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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

Our library is located at the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard, Washington in Room 110. Hours are Monday and Friday 10:00 – 4:00. Phone: (360)874-8813.

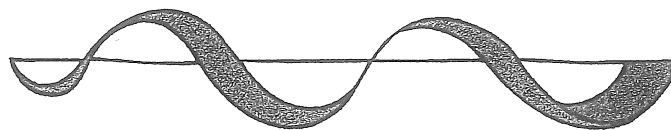
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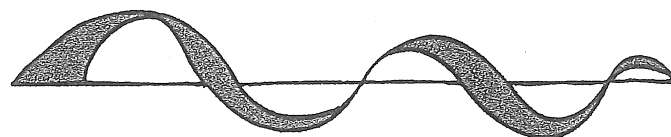
Newsletter

Family Backtracking is published four times per year: March, June, September, and December. Due dates for material submitted are the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Materials must be camera ready and of high moral standards. Manuscripts, announcements, and items for review should be mailed to: The Editor, *Family Backtracking*, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. *Family Backtracking* will announce genealogical events and publications from genealogical societies, archives, or libraries at no charge as room permits.

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Christmas Traditions and Memories

A Collection from FB Readers

From the time I was a baby until I was in my twenties, I spent every summer (and parts of the winters) in Paradise, known to the illiterate and uninitiated as Fragaria.

In 1932, we moved from the north end of Seattle to the south end into the house of my grandparents who had retired to their summer beach house by the side of the road in Fragaria. The one thing lost in the move was our box of Christmas tree decorations. That box held Treasurers—all our ornaments and lights. It was very tall and skinny (probably about 3 feet tall and 2 foot square) of very heavy material. I can just see those lights—Japanese lanterns (I loved them), Santas (I loved them), the big silver and red pointed top (I loved it), the horns that would whistle (I loved them), and the birds with their feathered tails (I loved them—well, I loved them all of course).

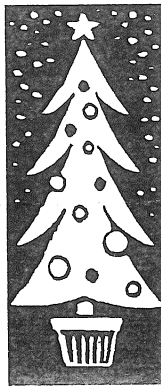
I was devastated. There was no money to buy more for we were well into the Depression Days. “No use to have a tree now,” I thought and complained loudly and bitterly although my mother said we could make decorations. That would not do. I wanted those beautiful lights and the horns and shiny colored birds with tails—not paper chains and things like that! I was not nice at all. My father said not to feel bad as we would have Bomy’s (my grandmother) decorated and lighted tree at Fragaria where we would be spending our Christmas.... And we did. (But the trouble with Bomy’s tree was the fact that it was never a big one reaching to the ceiling, like ours.)

In fact, I went early, (before brother and parents) on the Virginia V the day school was out for vacation. I loved to be with my grandparents and I loved Fragaria and I visited there as often as they would have me. This time I was welcomed as a Christmas preparation helper and glory, a Christmas tree gatherer.

I will never ever forget going out for the tree with my grandfather Bomp. We hiked up the hill to the crossroads of what is now Banner and Fragaria Road

where Bomp said he’d been checking out trees. It was all forest then from the beach on up the long steep hill except for the Urquarharts and Mr. Johnson’s, and the Reverend Anderson’s across the road from them. We climbed up the bank—and looked at trees until Bomp showed me the beautiful little pine tree he had chosen. I didn’t think it was big enough. But he assured me that it was the only size Bomy would allow us to bring in the house.

Such a fragrance it bestowed to the living room. I can smell it yet mixed with spice cooking aroma from the kitchen. Best of all, I was designated as The Decorator—allowed to place each ornament and light wherever I wished. But of course, first, I just had to complain that the tree was too small. Bomy said I must realize that she could not have a bigger tree—there was not room. And that was that, Marjorie.



Then there were not enough hooks for the ornaments to hang on the tree. Bomy said we would use thread. Thread! Nope, that would not do. I flung myself down in the green velvet upholstered Morris chair. I didn’t think I could go on. So she brought out a spool of red Christmas ribbon. We would use that. My stomach just ached. But there was nothing else. In Fragaria you made do. No stores except Mr. Fountain’s Grocery at the end of the dock and he didn’t carry a wide variety of other things. And then, there just were not going to be enough ornaments because some of them were missing the little metal holders for attaching to the hocks. I sought the Morris chair again, but was no match for Bomy—she just produced some little hairpins, bent them and inserted them into the necks of the ornaments and, Volia, we were in business. We were not only in business but when the lights were turned on, we were back in Paradise. That tree was perfection!

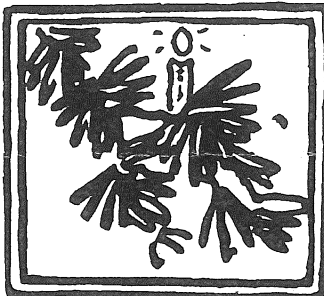
That year instead of the ticking watch I had put on my want list ever since I used to believe in and talk with Santa Claus, I received a pair of black ghillie tie oxfords that I could not have lived without. It was

really a bonanza year for good times.

I still have a gold walnut and a red one and a little gold hexagon with frayed red ribbon tied to their hairpin loops. They are the Treasurers now, along with the few others I have gathered through the years, with which I will be decorating our tree this year. I no longer crave a big one. I go up nearby Lidstrom hill to Mr. Stock's small tree farm where I look for a little open branched sort of skinny tree that I think no one else would want. That is the one I choose to become resplendent with the honor of holding years of Christmas memories carefully unwrapped one more time.

Marjorie Menees

Sbelieve that this tradition originated with my maternal grandmother but could have been from further back. In our Christmas stocking each year we received (in the correct order) an apple, orange, tangerine, raw hot dog, candy, nuts and a small gift. Even our dog and cat of the time got a raw hot dog in their stocking. The bird got something else. (We use to put the hot dog in the bottom until Blackie, our dog, got into the front room during the night and ate the toes out of all the hanging stockings. After that, they were moved further up in the sock.) This tradition progressed down from Nana, to my Mother, to my sister and I, to our children, and is now being resurrected among our grandchildren by our adult kids. (The "soy-bean" type weiner—horrible taste—stopped it for a few years.) Now even our GREAT grandchildren are receiving a hot dog in their Christmas stocking once again. (I still love the taste of a good old raw hot dog.) - Once at a friend's house when asked what I would like to eat, I replied "raw baloney". She had to call mother to see what "raw baloney" was. Mother explained that she often fried the baloney for meals and so uncooked was considered "raw".

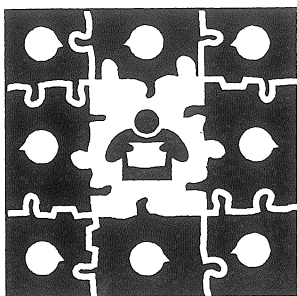


A tradition that my husband and I started after moving to Florida in 1984 (and away from all the family) was to get a "year dated" Christmas ball each year. We have 1984 through 1998 (have to look for 1999 AFTER Thanksgiving! - will not do Christmas-type shopping before then). We also have two "memory" balls in honor of my mother and dad. Mother's has a nice "Memories" poem already on it and I added her name and birth—death dates (Esther Eugenia (Marsh) Van Houten 15 Dec 1909-18 May 1986) with a gold glitter pen. Daddy's is a "1906 Saint Nicholas Replica" ball and again I've written his name and birth-death dates (Ernest Eli Van Houten 13 May 1906-11 Jul 1993) with the same type of pen. There are 1986 and 1993 "regular" balls also. (If I can't find a new design "year dated" ball I write the date on it myself with that gold glitter pen.)

A few years after we got here and settled, I started buying figure ornaments, taking them to a local trophy shop and having a blue or pink/red engraved metal plate stuck on the front and back of each. Front is the name of the grandchild or great grandchild and the back has their birth date (and death date for one grandson). The one for a granddaughter (already married at that time) is a "2 person" ornament with both their names, birth dates, and marriage date on it. During the holidays, I hang them from a long rod placed over the curtain rod in the front room (the rest of the year they are over the curtain rod in the "spare" bedroom). When we are "gone", each child will receive their own ornament. And for now, when they come to visit, they can see them anytime of the year.

Joan Gathings

Thank you to Marjorie and Joan for sharing their Christmas traditions and memories. - Editor



Club News

New Members: We have the following people who have signed up as members since September: Janelle Peterson, Barbara Chesley, and Lynn and De Ramey. Welcome to PSGS!

Publications Committee: The publications committee has started indexing the records of the Big Miller Woodlawn Cemetery in Bremerton. Marjorie Menees and Larry Harden are to start copying obits at the Historical Society in Bremerton than Cindy Shawley Spore will be putting them on index cards to match the ones that have already been accumulated in boxes in the library.

Washington State Death Index Grows: The library ordered and has received the WA State Death Index up to 1988. Marjorie Menees has them in the pages for their notebook holder. For more details, stop by the library and speak with the volunteer on duty.

Assessment Set: The Executive Board has passed a decision to collect \$5.00 from individual membership and \$10.00 for family membership. More details to the right of this column.

Membership Dues: It's that time again to submit your dues for the coming. It's \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. Also, please don't forget the assessment amount, \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. Drop your check in the mail to the attention of Cyril Taylor, Treasurer, or bring it to the next meeting. A membership form as been included with this issue.

Library Capital Improvement Fund Established by Executive Board How It Affects You

Those of you who have been using the library or have been to the monthly meetings are aware that our library is in desperate need of more space. We have many books, periodicals, and such and we cannot keep up. It is not for lack of trying by the superb efforts of all those who have worked in the library.

In November, the Executive Board met to discuss options to create more space for the library and what costs would be involved. The most viable option is to build three bookcases which will be on wheels so that they can be moved out of the way when the full room is needed for some activity. They will normally be arranged across the center of the room where the partitions are now located. The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Givens Senior Center has approved the placement of the bookcases on wheels between the senior center and the genealogical research library.

The cost for these three bookcases are figured at about \$1000.00. Various methods were discussed of how to raise the money, such as raising the membership dues, and the decision was made to place a one time only assessment on all members, \$5.00 for individual membership and \$10.00 for family membership. The money would be placed in a fund that would used for the construction of the bookcases. Any monies left over after construction and installation of the bookcases would be placed in the Microfilm Reader Printer Fund, which has been renamed the Library Capital Improvement Fund.

It's important to the Executive Board and the society at large to build a better genealogical research library. Please extend your support.

Ancestral Hide-N-Seek
by Cyril Taylor

They are there somewhere,
In that time of yore,
That elusive forebear,
Or are they just folklore?

I searched where they should dwell
But alas their not to be found,
The pursuit, hither and thither, goes on pell-mell
But it is only lineal merry-go-round?

Maps unfolded and spread upon the table wide,
To inspire my latent imagination,
The place from whence my ancestor did stride,
That obscure sleepy bucolic habitation.

Searched I did many an antique record book,
For traces of my ancestors concealed,
For clues to that ancient nook,
From which so long ago he strayed.

Next I turn to hoary history topics,
To learn the circumstances of that antiquated genera-
tion,
To know of warfare and politics and economics,
That would affect my ancestor's motivation.

Events that would cause them to migrate,
In flight from situations intolerable,
Or seeking for themselves a kinder fate,
Or displaced by warfare's march inexorable.

Or was it the beckoning of free land,
That eternal and irresistible enticement,
And source of dreams grand,
That cause them to forsake their native land ancient.

From that unknown place,
Where your forefathers' roots are deeply buried,
Your ancestor set forth with a quick pace,
With his heart full and adventures anticipated.

But alas as fate will have it,
The traces of their journey,
In record and memory where it was write,
The ages have made murky.

When the enumerator,
Came with census forms to compile,

Where was your ancestor?
Why was he behind the woodpile?

Or it could be that the census taker,
Seeing that the trek was long,
And being a total slacker,
Guessed and got it wrong.

Did your forefathers live,
Where the courthouse burned in a flash,
The destruction being extensive,
And the document you must have is ash!

Did rodent and vermin,
And fungus and dankness,
Abound the chamber the records were in
Rendering them in time almost useless.

And how about that record,
Written in ink of inferior quality,
Which as the years went by the board,
Fades to writings ghostly.

You spend long tedious hours perusing,
Documents vital to your research, microfilmed.
What can be more frustrating,
Than finding the image pertinent, shrouded?

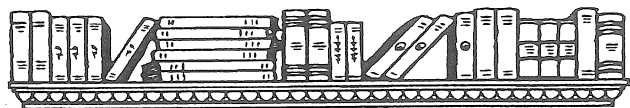
Multitudinous are the reasons acute,
For the thorny barriers,
Thrown up to thwart your pursuit,
Of your unknown predecessors.

But keep up your courage,
For there are resources numerous,
To go over and around each stoppage,
That seemingly block your progress.

As you burrow with discipline,
Through time's stratums,
For your evasive kin,
Shrouded in their inner sanctums.

Never, never give up in failure,
Regardless of obstacles that surround,
For your hide-n-seek ancestor,
Is anxious to be found.

Author's Note: Originally I was going to title this poem The Elusive Ancestor. Upon discussing this project with Cindy Spore, she suggested the title I have used. There was the feeling it more aptly described the poem's theme.



Notes from the Library by Marjorie Menees

The "Weeders" are making inroads in our project to eliminate unnecessary materials from periodicals, starting with the Washington section. Each person takes a set of periodicals and at his or her own speed goes through each edition pulling excess pages and saving pertinent ones. These will be put into individual containers to return to the shelves. We still need more volunteers—it is so easy!! And you can work at your own speed and own time. How about volunteering?

We continue to have our regularly scheduled Friday video lessons. They have been so successful that we will be continuing them in the coming year thanks to Bill Richardson who is the sponsor and moderator for them. New members and new genealogists find them to be very helpful and those who have been working at family researching find that they either remind them of something they have forgotten or didn't know.

In November we had a class on using a library, both ours and others. This proved to be a help for new researchers as well as experienced. After the class, as with the above televised lessons, the members had time to put to use some of the newly acquired ideas.

Several people have signed up for a "Legacy Users' Group" - If you would like to be a member leave your name and phone number in the library or contact Marjorie at mmenees@net-nw.com. I will let you know when we will meet the first time — it may be after Christmas — not sure.

Some of our latest acquisitions include the following sampling of books: "A Genealogical

Glimpse of Historic Port Gamble," "Cyndi's List," "Elk City Kansas, Then and Now," "Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Denmark," "Researching in Salt Lake City," "Virginia Colonial Militia," "Seattle Social Blue Book, 1931-1932," "Arkansas Gazette, The Early Years 1819-1866," and "Scottish Roots: A Step-by-Step Guide for Ancestor Hunters." A few of our new CD's include: "Ancestry Reference Library '98ed," "World Atlas," "World Family Tree, vol. 1-15," "Tennessee Census Index, 1870," "Periodical Source Index, version 2.0," and "Arkansas Marriage Records." We have also updated our Washington Death Records to include 1965 through 1998 in microfiche. A few counties of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Ohio censuses are additions to our microfilm collection.

The library catalog is in its third printing—10 copies of which 2 have been sold and 3 ordered. Included in this new printing is a third section with current new materials up to September. If you would like a copy of the third section to bring your catalog up to date, they are for sale in the library at \$1.50. As we acquire new materials, we make rough draft copies of our acquisition records that are for sale at 10 cents a copy. They are available in the library. If you have a new catalog on order be sure to stop by and pick it up.

In fact when you come in to use the library, notice that materials for sale may be found on a table in front of the desk. You might browse further and find some small informative booklets and leaflets that are of interest.

I would like to thank all those who so faithfully volunteer their services as librarians or library helpers and all those who so generously donated materials to us. Our new acquisitions were not only purchased by PSGS funding but also were gifts from members. And so it seems a good time to remind you all that our library functions through volunteers and donations.

The other day as I looked around the library, I thought what a lot of work had been done by a number of the members to make it a vibrant and living commitment and what a lot of changes had been made since last December. I think it is a Merry Christmas for the Puget Sound Genealogical Research Library and I hope it will be Merry Christmas for each of you.

Queries

Looking for birth and death dates for William WATERS who married Elizabeth WELCH on 4 Nov 1762 recorded in Trinity Parish Vestry Proceedings, Charles Co., MD. Children: Edward, Susannah, Jonathan, Josias, Sarah and Hanson (my ancestor who was born 1 Feb 1771). All were born in Charles Co., MD. Contact Pat Eder, 2324 E. 17th Street, Bremerton, WA 98310. E-mail: <peder@krl.org>.

KANE/O'KANE—Port Orchard ca. 1902. My aunt, Mary KANE (CAINE on birth record), was born in Port Orchard 20 Nov 1902, father Dominick, mother Elizabeth CONNOLY, doctor J. SPONOGLE. Dominick was machinist at Naval Shipyard; found of Boilermakers' Union Local 290. Any info please call Tim Kane, (360) 871-0858; or e-mail <TIMOKA@visnetinc.com>.

Calendar Of Events

March 11, 2000—The Clark County GS spring seminar to feature Cyndi Howells as speaker and one potluck social meeting.

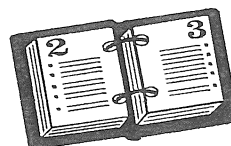
Early April, 2000—Public Broadcasting System (PBS) should be broadcasting "Ancestors: The Family Search." The staff evaluated over 5,000 family stories sent by genealogists. The companion book will feature 101 of those stories sent in for submission.

April 1, 2000—The Yakima Valley GS spring seminar will host Patty McGinty. Topics will be Texas Research, Southern Military Records, Researching South Carolina and Sources When the Courthouse Burned. The fee will be \$20 and includes lunch. Contact Sue Ericksen for details: ericksen@nwinfo.net; 3673 Lombard Loop Rd, Zillah, WA 98953; 509-865-3572.

May 31-June 3, 2000—National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States will be held in Providence, Rhode Island. The local host will be New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

September 6-9, 2000—Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. For details, please check their web site: www.fgs.org.

Sept 12-15, 2001—Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in Quad Cities, Iowa. Check their web site (mentioned above) for more details.



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Lois Roark, Second Vice President

Lois has focused on bringing in more members to PSGS, which will compliment Larry Harden's focus on volunteerism.

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Cyril Taylor, Treasurer

Cyril has been with PSGS for about six years and has been holding the office of Treasurer since 1996. As in the past, Cyril plans to "account for the receipts and expenses and report this information to the president and membership in a financial report formatted to be easily understood.

Cyril's interest in genealogy stems from history being his favorite subject in school. He was "fascinated in my youth with the stories told about my g-grandfather, Captain Henry R. Taylor, a Master Mariner in the British Merchant Service." That fascination began Cyril to research his ancestor, back in the early 1970s. In 1992, Cyril came across the Family Tree software and that sparked him to resume his genealogical research.

Cyril's associations includes Haskell Family Society, LaSalle County (Illinois) Genealogical Guild and Dorset Family History Society.

Cyril believes that although the Internet is good way of researching your ancestry, letter writing is the only way to obtain the documentation for genealogical research. By obtaining those documents, you give your ancestor more than just dates of events of their lives.

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Cindy Shawley Spore, Recording Secretary

Cindy has been very involved with PSGS over the years, holding several offices in the past. This happens to be her second year in this office.

Cindy has computer savvy and if you have been attending the monthly meetings, you might find yourself looking for pen and paper to write down some web site that Cindy has come across.

Cindy's association branches out to the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society and closer to home, the Givens Community Center.

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Jean Grimaud, Corresponding Secretary

Jean has been with PSGS for 2 1/2 years and is holding this office for a second term. She would like to continue to find "as much as I can for people searching for information about their ancestors in Kitsap County. It gives me great pleasure to find information for others because I know what it feels like to find some for myself."

Jean's interest in genealogy stems from her friendship with Marj Menees (our Librarian). From her research endeavors, she finds that patience to do this sort of hobby is necessary. Also, the genealogists she has met are "very generous, helpful people, willingly sharing what information and knowledge they have." Jean said that keeping good records is "everything... you may find that something thought unimportant does become important later."

Jean's associations extends to Membership Chairman of the Port Orchard Friends of the Library and a volunteer with the Sidney Art Gallery in Port Orchard.

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Larry Swan, Past President

Larry's spent two consecutive terms in the office of President as allowed by the society's By-Laws. Larry will now become an "advisor" to the Executive Board for the coming year.

Larry has been involved in genealogy for approximately four years. He has been associated with a number of associations, including a local Barbershop Quartet.

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**Congratulations
and good luck next in year 2000!**

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

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.

John McCollam	Robert McCorkle(el)
George McCormick	Daniel McCoy
James McCrory	John McDaniel
Andrew McGaffey	David McGee
John McKissick	Charles McKnight
John McMellon	Thomas McReynolds
Peter Malick, Sr.	James Maloy
Andrew Mann	Thomas Marshall
Thomas Newbold Martin	Benjamin Marvin
Matthew Marvin	John Massey
Thomas Massie	William Matthews
William Mead	Richard Kidder Meade
Adam Mealman	Baltzer Meese
Charles Melson	Jesse Meridith
Daniel Mickey	John Milam, Jr.
Abraham Miller	Martin Luther Miller
Robert Miller, Jr.	William Millner
Charles Mills	Cornelius Mills
Charles Milton	James Mitchell (8th PA)
James Mitchell (14th PA)	Thomas Mitchell
Andrew Monroe	Josiah Monroe
Josiah Monroe, Sr.	Daniel Moore
James Henry Moore	Jonathan Moore
William Moore	Turner Moorhead
John Morrison	John Mott
Ichabod Munger	Josiah Munroe
Wilmont Munson	Nicholas Murray
Richard Muse	Jacob Myers
Caleb Nash	Henry Nelson
James Nelson	Samuel Nettleton
Abraham Newman	Reuben Newman
Samuel Nightlinger	William Nixon
George North	Seth Oak

Miles Oakley	Nathaniel Ogden
Paul Otis	Dr. Boto Otto
Adam Oury	John Overstreet
William Pace	Williamson Pace
Ellis Palmer	William Parish
Jacob Parkerson	Adoniram Parrot(t)
John Patterson	John Patton
Stephen Peary	Zebulon Peck, Jr.
Robert Peeling	William Pemberton
Stephen Penn	Daniel Buck Perkins
Micajah Pettanway	David Pettingell
Moses Phelps	Daniel Philbrick
David Phillips (3rd NC)	David Phillips (11th VA)
Job Phillips	John Phillips
Samuel Pickerill	John Pierson
Mathuas Pierson	Shadrack Pinkston(e)
Samuel Pierson (Spencer's Regt & 5th NJ)	
John Polhemus	William Polk
Thomas Pope	William Pope
James Porter	David Potts
Jonathan Potts	Thomas Posey
Levin Powell	Nathan Preston
George Price	Rubin Pue
William Pulley	William Purvis
John Rains	Nathaniel Ralls
Andrew Ralston	John Ralston
Joel Ramsey	Thomas Ramsey
Walter Rand	Samuel Ransom
Robert Raper	Shadrack Reedy
Aaron Redman	Aaron Reynolds
Thomas Reynolds	Peter Rhem (Rhine, Rhyne)
William Rhodes	Benjamin Rider
William Rigby	Abraham Riker
Edward Rinker	William Rippeto
James Rising, Jr.	James Ritchey
William Roach	Cyrus Roberts
Richard Roberts	William Robinson
Joseph Rogers	William Rogers
Isaac Rose	Russell Rose
Stephen Rose	John Ross

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

In Part Two of this series, Mr. Laramie discusses the organization of the 14th Vermont from the call for volunteers through the election of its officers. 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.

On August 12, 1862 Vermont's Adjutant General Peter T. Washburn issued General Order No. 12 calling into active service all the militia companies of the State. This was in response to a directive from Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, ordering a new enrollment of all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 into the State's militia for a term of nine months and setting as its quota of 4,898 men.

On the following day Washburn issued General Order No. 13 which called upon the patriotic spirit of the men to compel their enlistment, without resulting to the usual recruiting practices—of the stigmatizing program of conscription. The order read in part, "The commander-in-chief confidently expects that before the time for a legal draft shall arrive, every man necessary to complete the requisition upon the State will be furnished, and he trusts to the people of the State to carry out his wishes, in their own way, without the intervention of recruiting officers or other official agencies."

As it turned out, Governor Frederick Holbrook's confidence was not, in the main, misplaced. It is true that in a few towns drafts were ordered and

that by these means perhaps as many as fifty men were drawn, but each of these men immediately enlisted and were thereby enrolled not as conscripts, but as volunteers.

It was a general practice that commanders of regiments throughout this period were appointed by the governors of their respective states. In this way many heads of state government were able to repay old political debts or reward influential friends and allies. And in this way many incompetent men were given the power of life and death over thousands of good and brave men who would be needlessly slaughtered from Bull Run to Appomattox. Vermont's appointed regimental commanders have never been lumped with these and it is unlikely that its next would be. But even the possibility that the State's newest five thousand soldiers could be commanded by such men was turned away by force of law.

Because these new regiments were raised as a State militia, they would be officered in accordance with Vermont's Constitution. Therefore, the men of each company would elect the field officers—the colonel, lieutenant colonel and major—who would then be given their commissions by the governor. The field officers would then select the regimental staff.

The fifty companies raised under the government's call were organized into five regiments of ten companies each. These became companies A through K (excluding J which was not used) of the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th Regiments of Vermont Volunteers.

The companies were headquartered in the various towns throughout the State and contained in their ranks citizens of those and surrounding towns. Thus, for example, company F of the 14th Vermont a "Castleton Company", included men from Castleton, Fairhaven, Hubbardton, Poultney, and

West Haven. Probably not unique was the case of William Hamilton, a sergeant in that company, credited to Fairhaven, a New Yorker who enlisted during that summer of 1862 while in Fairhaven visiting friends.

The ten companies of the 14th Regiment were raised in Addison, Bennington and Rutland Counties, the southernmost counties bordering the State of New York. Company A, from Bennington, was captained by Ransom O. Gore; Company B, from Wallingford, by John C. Thompson; Company C, from Manchester, by Josiah B. Munson; Company D, from Shoreham, by Charles E. Abell; Company E, from Middlebury, by Edwin Rich; Company F, from Castleton, by Joseph Jennings; Company G, from Bristol, by Noble F. Dunshee; Company H, from Rutland, by Walter C. Dunton; Company I, from Vergennes, by Solomon T. Allen; and Company K, from Danby, by Alonzo N. Colvin.

Company commanders met on September 25, 1862 and elected the regiment's field officers who selected the regimental staff. At this meeting William T. Nichols was elected colonel. Nichols, an attorney and representative to the State Legislature from Rutland had recently been elected to his second term. Nichols had served as a private in the 1st Vermont Regiments, having been its first volunteer, and had fought at Big Bethel in the War's first infantry engagement. He was now 33 years of age.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rose of Middlebury had also served in the 1st Vermont, then as captain of Company B, 5th Vermont and was wounded at Savages Station. He was now 24. Major Nathan B. Hall of Bennington, with no prior military experience, and at that time serving as State's Attorney of Bennington County, was the son of ex-governor Hilard Hall. Neither Adjutant Harrison Prindle of Manchester nor Quarter-master Charles Field of Dorset had seen previous military service, but both had the confidence of their superiors. Edwin Sprague of Middlebury and Lucretius D. Ross of Poultney were appointed as Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon respectively. William S. Smart D.D. of Benson was chosen to serve as Chaplain. Rev. Smart was pastor at Benson's Congregational Church, which gave him a nine months leave of absence and continued his pay while he served.

The organization of the regiment was now complete. In Castleton, Company F was billeted in the old Mansion House, while in the local camps and houses throughout the State, the new recruits, their friends and families waited anxiously while the government completed the barracks in Brattleboro which would house the nine month men during their first weeks of military life.

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Pope and Talbot
Port Gamble Mill
Port Gamble, Washington
 Index of Employees, January and February 1945

Pope and Talbot's Port Gamble Mill began operation in 1853 and continued manufacturing lumber until late 1995. It was known as probably the longest operating sawmill in the nation.

The index of the employees of the Port Gamble Mill was extracted from photocopies of the *Monthly Time Book* for January and February, 1945. The time book was among the effects of Mabel Adams who was for many years the mill's bookkeeper. Her granddaughter, Marcy Hoover of Olympia, has very graciously permitted the compilation of this employee index so that it can be shared with Kitsap County family historians.

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>
Abrahamson, Bellest	9, 11, 15	Brenner, Chester	6
Abrahamson, Earl K.	15	Brock, Eugene	3, 6, 8, 15, 17
Adams, Donald	2	Brown, Joseph	10
Adams, Williams	2	Brown, Walter D.	11
Ahlquist, Ed	15	Buchan, O.	13
Albert, Perry	19	Burrows, George	6
Alexander, Frank	15	Card, Ben	3
Alexis, Charles	19	Charles, Milton E.	12
Amos, Fred	11	Chopp, Tony J.	19
Anderson, Allen	10, 17	Church, R. W.	19
Anderson, David	1, 12	Cockrell, Benny E.	7, 12
Anderson, Herman	3	Cooper, Andrew	3, 7, 8, 11, 15
Anderson, John H.	2, 3	Cursey, Joseph	15
Anderson, Julius	4, 8, 15, 17	Crouse, Estes	16
Anderson, Otis, B.	17	Crowe, Fred	11
Anton, Frank	6	Culbertson, Clifford	11
Anton, Joe	15	Danielson, H.	2, 3
Asher, Robert	2	Davis, Perry	13
Behre, Lawrence	15	DeFord, Ray	10
Bennett, Fred	6	Delmendo, Dan P.	17
Benson, Ole	4, 8, 11	Dixon, Kent	11
Bergman, Roy W.	7	Dodson, Jack	17
Bonner, George R.	3	Elkins, Harold	15
Boynton, Ashley	6	Elkins, Otto F.	7
Brazeau, George	13	English, W.O.	12

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>
Enos, Anthony	7	Heino, Wyno	2, 3
Espelund, Maynard	10, 17	Hersch, Charles	12
Faler, Otto	11	Hersch, Fred	10
Feel(e)y, Jack	1, 3, 4, 11, 15, 17	Hersch, Walter	15
Feely, Ernest E.	15	Hesseltine, Nathan	12
Feltner, Albert	15	Hesseltine, Q.	11
Fiest, Virgil	16	Hilton, Olaf B.	10, 17
Fox, Joseph V.	9, 15	Hokanson, Chell	10, 17
Frederickson, Mel	2	Holm, Anton	8
Fullerton, Dale	10	Holm, John	3
Fulton, Harry, Jr.	7, 15	Houghtaling, Rex E.	4
Fulton, Kenneth	4, 15	Hulse, Edward	6, 8
Fulton, Russell	15	Hursley, Richard	16
Gadawa, Mose	10, 15	Ingala, Herman	15
Garrison, Ray	12	Ingues, Axel	8
Garten, Joe	15	Jackson, James A.	8
Gast, Harry W.	19	James, Edward C.	8
Gatke, Sewall C.	5	Jodsey, Alfred	16
Geyer, Albert	8	Johanson, Emil	8, 14
Gibbons, Victor	7, 12	Johanson, Oscar A.	1, 12
Gjersvold, Julius M.	15	Johnson, Clarence M.	17
Goldsbury, Turna	11, 15	Johnson, Dee	11
Grafton, Christ	15	Johnson, Edwin	6
Haagenson, Anton O.	15	Johnson, Francis	6
Halvorson, Knute	8	Johnson, Frank V.	3, 17
Hamers, John	6	Johnson, J. Victor	11, 17
Hamilton, Phillip	19	Johnson, Lloyd r.	10
Hansberry, Herman L.	9	Johnson, Ole	8
Hanson, Henry	6	Joyce, K.O.	13
Harrison, Theo R.	4, 15, 17	Keegan, Aaron A.	9
Hayden, Orville B.	19	Kehele, Edwin	1
Hayes, Guy A.	17	Kelley, Charles	15
Hayes, Mary B.	10, 14	Kesler, Sam	12
Heathman, Edwin B.	12, 17	Kilmer, Asa	17

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>
Kilmer, Bill	12	Knapp, A.T.	15
Kilmer, Eugene	12, 15	Knoll, Robert	4, 8, 12
Kilmer, Ezra	15	Koppo, Otto	3, 10, 14, 17
Kilmer, Marion	6, 12, 15	Kramson, George	2, 17
Kilmer, Richard C.	4, 8, 15, 17	Krittler, Willam	15
Klockers, Helmer	10		
Key to Employee Job Classification			
<u>Job Category</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Job Category</u>	<u>Key</u>
Boom	1	Millwright	11
Carrier	2	Night Shift Gang Mill	12
Crane	3	P.S.T.B.	13
Extra	4	Planer	14
Filer	5	Saw Mill	15
Fire Room	6	Shop	16
Gang Mill	7	Sizer	17
Green Chain	8	Watchman	18
Hogs	9	See Note	19
Matcher	10		


Note: The names with Job Classification Key No. 19 appeared on the time sheets, but had been crossed off.

The time book photocopies have been presented to the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library.

If any of the above names should prompt your memory of times past in connection with the Pope and Talbot Port Gamble Mill, I would like to talk to you about your reminiscences. Please contact me at (360) 769-8131.

Cyril Taylor
Driftwood Cove
November 1999

Please note that surnames L through Z will be presented in the March 2000 issue of Family Backtracking.—Editor



Exchange Notes by Pat Eder

Amer Ancestry 17:5 (Sept/Oct '99): Victorian death rituals' death and funeral record clues' LDS Web site; library research; Y2K concerns' legends in your family histories.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 9:4 (Aug/Sept '99): DNA and genealogy; family reunion info; news from historical and genealogical societies; info repository for 111 Scottish clans.

Ibid. 9:5 (Oct/Nov '99): DNA and genealogy, ongoing; KARLINER legacy; reunions and news of clans; queries; a problem in the 1881 British Census CDs which relates to individuals born in Sunderland Co, Scotland—These people were recorded in error, on the CDs as being born in Sutherland, Durham, England. (Read this article if you have this CD—page 23.)

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 53:4 (Jul/Aug '99): addresses of fraternal organizations; social security will forward mail to missing persons; women's material culture—quilting and other handicrafts with bibliography; 1999 listing of genealogical societies.

Ibid. 53:5 (Sept/Oct '99): Scottish research; American church records; Russian research; accessing WWI draft cards; getting copies of social security applications; 1999 list of professional researchers; genealogy software tips; church Web pages.

Amer Heritage Quest 15:5 Issue 83 (Sept/Oct '99): Irish research focus; computers in genealogy; new software releases; Scandinavian, British and German Q and A.

Amer Heritage Quest Research Library and Bookstore "News" 3:6 (Sept/Oct '99): this library is in Sumner, WA. WHITNEY letter, 1844.

Amer Heritage Quest Newsletter "Genealogy Update" Issue #1 (Oct '99): Havas Interactive acquires Heritage Quest; new book review; "Genealogy Bulletin" goes online: <www.GenealogyBulletin.com>.

Amer The Irish at Home and Abroad 6:1 (1st Quarter '99): New Zealand's Maori people and their intermarriages with the Irish; Irish estate papers; Irish in Alberta, Canada; Irish girls in Great Famine workhouses who were given passage to Australia 1848-50; Irish famine bibliography; internet resources for Irish research.

Ibid. 6:2 (2nd Quarter '99): Church of Ireland records housed in Dublin; American Lineage Society records for Irish research; internet resources.

Amer Genealogy Bulletin 15:5 Issue 53 (Sept/Oct '99): Decendancy and collateral numbering systems; WORK-WOOD descendants (Princess of Wales ancestors); saving a sample of your DNA; IOOF (Odd Fellows) sources.

Amer National GS "Newsletter" 25:4 (Jul/Aug '99): Mexican border crossing records, part 2; genealogy software reviews; review of Clooz 1.2 (a computer filing system).

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 26:7 (Sept '99): Great Register Tulare Co 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 26:8 (Oct '99): Great Register Tulare Co 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 26:9 (Nov '99): Great Register tulare Co 1888, ongoing.

FL Okaloosa Co GS "Journal of NW Florida" 23 Issue 76 (Spr '99): Walton Co, FL cemeteries; Childrens Home Cemetery and Black Oak Cemetery; marriages Santa Rosa Co, FL 1909; men of the 6th Alabama Cavalry, Co K, 1863.

IL Clay Co GS Index 1989-1999, "The First Ten Years."

IL Clay co GS "Clay Roots" (Fall '99): stockholders of Clay Co State bank, Louisville, IL 1905; news items Clay Co 1933-34; some obits from Flora Journal Records 1928-35;

Zenia High School students 1924; Norris PICKEL WWI diary.

IL Schuyler Co Historical Museum 28:3 (Fall '99): history of La Harpe, IL 1830-1930; local obits various years; Camden Twp school students 1873-1899; some Schuyler Co divorces 1856-1890; Poor Farm Census Buenavista Twp.

Ibid. 28:4 (Win '99): Huntsville Twp school students 1877-1883; names in tax book 1833 Schuyler Co; many family group sheets from the museum files; partial list of Brown Co young men in US service Nov 1917.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 23:1 (Sept '99): Spencer Co, IN historical sketch; Posey Co, IN spotlight; Vandenburg Co, IN affidavit abstracts; Hobgood school in Webster KY.

IA Jackson Co GS "Genie Gems" 20:3 (Sept '99): obits from various years.

KS Kansas Council GS "Kansas Review" 25:1 (Aug '99): Public health nurses of KS Aug 1941; alien registration in Republic and Rice counties; Farmers Loan and Trust, Clark Co, tax register 1886-89; marriage licenses, various counties and marriages solemnized in Russell Co, KS; US district court records for Leavenworth, KS territory 1859-60; list of county histories at KS State Historical Society in Topeka.

MA Falmouth GS "Newsletter" 11:6 (Nov/Dec '99): Lecture notes on Italian and Irish research.

MA Berkshire Family Assn "Berkshire Genealogist" 20:3 (Sum '99): Patents 1790-1829 in Berkshire Co and nearby towns including NY, CT and VT; ancestor tables of GOODALE, BARBER, FANFILL, EDMUNDS, GALLUP, and WHITNEY; map of Windsor, MA 1876 with names of landowners; cumulative census index of Peru, MA 1790-1920; state census of Lee, MA 1855, ongoing; awards from Berkshire Agricultural Society 1859, ongoing; Richmond, MA records.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Oct '99): OSTIRTAG descendants; BEALL-TAYLOR ancestors; abstracts from MD and VA Elderships—History of the Churches of God; MARK descendants.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 11:35 (Sept/Oct '99): Scotland Co school records 1915; Memphis Democrat obits.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 26:3 (Sept '99): descendants of CLARK-BUCK, BRINE-CAVANUGH and CLINK-BROWN-HAAN; marriages 1870-1900 at St. Paul's Church Muskegon; list of letters at Muskegon post office Mar 31, 1863 and Nov 12, 1887; CROSSETTE-REED and BARNEY-CROWTHER descendants.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 17:3 (Sept '99): Blowers Twp settlers, cemeteries and 1880 census heads of families; Otter Tail Co naturalizations index 1915-16.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 38:3 (Sept '99): vital statistics from Albuquerque Daily Citizen 1890, conclusion; probates 1882-99 Valencia Co, conclusion; tips for beginners; La Concepcion and Variadero Cemeteries, San Miguel Co; Ancho Cemetery, Lincoln Co.

OH Brown Co GS "On the Trail" 22:3 (Fall '99): McCORD-FOSTER descendants; cemetery interments from Thompson-Stevens Funeral home, Brown Co; news items 1898.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Pioneer Footprints" 27:3 (Aug '99): probate petitions Vol I, 1855, ongoing; marriage licenses 1851.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 49:1 (Sept '99): list of firemen in Portland 1900; census for Bridal Veil and Brower districts of Multnomah Co 1900; Lone Fir Cem 1846-80, ongoing; Florence American Cemetery in Florence, Italy—list of Oregonian WWII casualties buried there; Civil War veter-

ans who were residents of OR, ongoing; FEELY bible.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Forum Insider" 11:4 (Nov '99): addresses and e-mail addresses of WA State Regional Archives System.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 31:3 (Sum '99): using search engines; OR death index, Marion Co, 1903-20, Part 6.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 13:5 (Sept '99): local news items from 1899.

Ibid. 13:6 (Oct '99): News items from 1899; some Civil War soldier deaths; DAVIS ancestor chart.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Tracks in Time" 13:2 (Oct '99): news items various years; indexed list of obituaries, Part I, Lyman Co.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 25:4 (Oct '99): Russell and Laura FIELDS history; 1999 surname index.

WA Chelan Valley GS "Apple Orchard" 9:5 (Sept/Oct '99): local news items 1913-1938.

Ibid. 9:6 (Nov/Dec '99): WWI draft registrations; local obits various years; Y2K compliant tests.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 19:3 (Fall '99): 1887 residents of a cooperative colony in Port Angeles listed with their former residences.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 26:1 (Fall '99): HUFFMAN history; Southwest WA Regional Archives in Olympia; Old City Cem, Vancouver, ongoing; Clark Co men in Civil War; MOFFETT, WOLSKE ancestor charts; 1999 surname file.

WA Clark Co GS 1999-2000 Directory
WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree-Searcher" 10:4 (Jul/Aug '99): news items from local papers and other states.

Ibid. 10:5 (Sept/Oct '99): Calvin SWINDLE letters 1854; list of people in Grays Harbor and Chehalis Co directories 1903-4.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 19:3 (Sept '99): census 1885 Douglas Co (later became Grant Co).

WA So King Co GS "So King News" 15:1 (Sept '99): Zion Lutheran Church, Kent, WA death records, ongoing; scholarly abbreviations and terms used in genealogy.

Ibid. 15:2 (Nov/Dec '99): register of voters, Kent, WA 1892.

WA Stillaguamish Star Valley GS "Stillaguamish Star" 13:1 (Sept/Oct '99): WWI draft registrations; Stillaguamish Valley funeral index up to 1940, ongoing; locations where old records are housed.

WA Tri-City GS (Benton and Franklin Cos) "Bulletin" 39:2 (Nov '99): 50th anniversary of St James CME Church of Pasco, WA-history and members; index to WWI draft registrations, Benton Co; GAVAN history of his service to CCC 1934-45; JANSEN, CARPENTER, KRISMEYER, LEITZ and ST JOHN ahnentafels; Benton Co recent obits; Odd Fellows Cem, Prosser, Benton Co.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 31:1 (Fall '99): Emerson school in Tacoma 1909 students; National Archives Records; news items Tacoma 1887; WA Pioneer Assn members listed at time of statehood, Nov 1889; probates, Pierce Co, WA territory, ongoing.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 27:3 (Sept '99): cemeteries in Jameson and St. Andrews, WA with some tombstone listings; early newspapers in Chelan and Douglas Cos; news items Wenatchee 1913; memories of Leavenworth, WA 1907.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 23:3 (Fall '99): BAUMGARDNER, FRAKER, COX and VANDALE ancestor charts; abstracts from the Christian Observer 1871-72; Beane Cemetery, Sissonville, WV ongoing; Kanawha Co wills, Vol A; abstracts.

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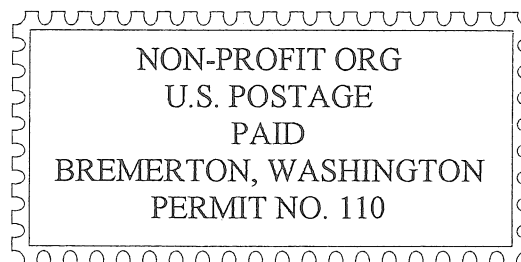
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