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Are You a Letter Writer?

**A Genealogical Letter Writing Primer
by Cyril Taylor**

If you aren't, you should be.

I overheard a family history researcher state that he didn't write letters of inquiry, but expended all his effort doing his genealogical research over the Internet. I too am familiar with the remarkable possibilities of the Internet, but in my mind it is not a panacea for the serious researcher. It is just one of the many tools available to the genealogist.

There is entirely too much fabulous genealogical resource material buried in some out-of-the-way and some not so obscure archives, churches, courthouses, historical societies, libraries, and a large number of institutions of every type. These organizations are custodians of file cabinets, shelves and boxes laden with immense array of material with genealogical potential. If the run-of-the-mill genealogical researcher really knew what resources lurk in these institutions, they would be overwhelmed with eagerness to get their hands on it.

Now it is impractical for one to visit all these genealogical gold mines. The time and costs would make it prohibitive. There is only one method of contact left to you since a personal visit is out of the question. The answer is to write a concise letter of inquiry to the institution you surmise has the family history material you must have.

Now you will ask, "How do I locate the name and address of the institution that can potentially provide assistance to me with regard to my family history research project?"

Depending on the document types like adoptions, baptismal records, biographies, deed copies, divorces, marriage records, naturalization documents,

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WA Stillaguamish Valley GS
"Stillaguamish Star" 13:2 (Nov/Dec '99): Gregorian, Julian Quaker calendar changes; funeral index Stillaguamish Valley, ongoing.

Ibid. 13:3 (Jan/Feb 2000): Funeral index Stillaguamish Valley, ongoing.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 31:2 (Win 2000): Hawthorne school census, Tacoma 1909; WA Pioneer Assn members listed at time of statehood, ongoing; Civil War union soldier research-new arrival at the National Archives in Seattle; English marriage records; news items from Tacoma newspapers 1887; Pierce Co probates, WA territory, ongoing.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 27:4 (Dec '99): Valley View Cemetery, East Wenatchee—list of burials; local

news articles 1910; Chelan Co school warrant register 1913; Dyer, WA history with map and residents names, 1915; McCOY pedigree (from Peshastin).

WA Yakima Valley GS 31:4 (Dec '99): Some WA state marriage records 1939-42; YVGS surnames being research; Janeck drug store accounts, ongoing; news from Kittitas newspapers; news from Yakima Republican newspaper 1899.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 23:4 (Win '99): Ancestor charts for BROWN, CHAPMAN; abstracts from Christian Observer 1867-75 (deaths and marriages); Hudson-Gillespie Cemetery inscriptions; marriages from local newspapers 1866-79; John FRANKLIN will.

"Census Taker"

*It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready...a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.*

*A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.*

*She gave him some water...as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions...the best she was able.
He asked of her children...Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.*

*She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.*

*He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.*

*The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon....or not?*

*They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.*

*They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
The could read some...and write some...though
really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."*

*Now picture a time warp....its' now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.*

*We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this
way?*

*If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we
feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly
real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in
our heart.*

- Author Unknown

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.

Queries

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Psychic Genealogy?

by Judy Day

Do you believe in telepathy, sixth sense or such a thing as psychic genealogy? Or like me a healthy doubt; or a sneaking suspicion that there might be something to it? Anyhow, life has a way of throwing up surprises when we least expect them; we may call it coincidence, fate or whatever, sometimes it seems we take no hand in it. What follows is a good demonstration of this.

For some years a cousin of mine, who lives in the U.S.A., Cyril Taylor, and I have been cooperating in reciprocal research. Cyril has found a great deal of information about my WRIGHT family in the U.S., and I have tried, with varying degrees of success, to find out the origins of his TAYLOR family here in Dorset. For the most part they seem to have inhabited the area in the North of the country such as Gillingham, Fontmell Magna, Woolland and other places close to the Somerset border. Indeed it is quite possible that they did originate from there.

Recently I have been trying to find the whereabouts of the birth and death of Cyril's great-great-grandfather Richard TAYLOR. Thanks to wills and other information we do know that Richard's parents were John and Ann, and we have details of his brothers, but little more about him. In the 1851 census it said he had been born in Gillingham and was living in Woolland, though, unlike his wife and other family members, he was not buried there. I had searched many of the surrounding parishes for his death, and Cyril has had someone search in Somerset all to no avail. However, at that time families moved about a lot, and most of Richard's children left the area for pastures new.

I suggested to Cyril that, in his later years, Richard had perhaps gone to live with one of these children, but neither of us had any idea just where to look, though with family in Wimborne

and Parkstone both those places seemed likely.

I was just about to start a three-week stint of full-time work (normally I work part-time only) and, it being a lovely morning at the end of September, I decided to make the most of it and call my sister to see if she would like to accompany me on a walk. We both enjoy the fresh air and if we can visit an old church or cemetery on the way then that makes our day!

For some reason I felt that I would like to go to West Parley and discover the church there. Although we only lived a short distance away it was somewhere neither of us had ever been. We boarded the bus, then forty minutes later, got off at the Parley cross-roads and started down the lane toward the church; a walk of about a mile and a half which eventually leads to Riddles ford on the River Stour. We intended to return by a different route and end up at the local nursery where we knew we could get a good cup of coffee and spend a pleasant hour at our other hobby — looking at plants!

After the first few yards the track led us through rural farmland, though so close to town, and, being a metalled road for all of its length, very easy going. Since it was such a pleasant, warm morning, we ambled along enjoying ourselves. About halfway along is an ancient, red-brick farmhouse, Bramble's Farm being the legend on the gate, with an even older fragment of cob walling to the side; examining it we could see the old straw sticking out and the holes in it made by a myriad of insects throughout its life. A number of other dwellings line the lane at intervals, and at the end, one half mile from the ford, we came upon the Old Rectory, a delightful 18th century building set in sweeping lawns, Church Farm, another aged, red-brick building and finally the church itself, tucked into one corner, and only visible on turning the corner.

Built from local red heath stone, added to over the centuries, and with a little white wooden bell-tower it seemed so peaceful there sat in the autumn morning — not another soul was about. We tried the handle on the elderly door, but a note stated that owing to vandalism the key was not available. Undaunted, we decided to have a look at the memorials in the churchyard before sitting on one of the benches to eat our picnic lunch. I had only looked at a few headstones when one caught my eye. I had nothing with me to clean it up, but the grass was quite wet and a handful of it soon revealed the text:

Sacred to the memory of
Richard Taylor
Who departed this life
May 10 1869 aged 85 yrs.

I could not quite believe what I was reading, but doing a quick sum to ascertain his approximate date of birth I said to my sister that I felt my search was over. Fortunately, I did have my camera in my bag to record my finding and, as we finished our walk that day, I felt a mounting sense of excitement. I could not wait for my

next trip to the record office to check out the details, but owing to my work commitment this meant a wait of a whole month!

As you might imagine when I finally made it to Dorchester my trip proved very worthwhile. The 1851 census showed that one of Richard's sons, George, had been resident at West Parley with his family, but it was the 1861 census that confirmed my discovery in the churchyard, showing that Richard TAYLOR was living with his daughter Christiana REEKS, her husband John and his mother Letitia. I was able to obtain photocopies of all the relevant documents and finally the death certificate of Richard to send to Cyril.

He was quite amazed by my findings and is totally convinced that I have a sixth sense when it comes to his ancestors. Of course, he is now anticipating further exciting revelations about his TAYLOR family!

Please note that Judy Day resides at Broadstone, Dorset, England. The Editor wishes to thank Judy and Cyril for sharing this story with the readers of Family Backtracking.

Belfair Chapter Meetings

Please confirm with Madelyn "Madi" Cataldo at the following e-mail address the exact dates as there were a few still up in the air at the time of printing, <madi@budsters.com>.

April 4 or 5

Trip to Seattle Genealogical Library

May 9

"Trouble Shooting"

June 2 or 9

Trip to Fisk Library

July 11

At Timberland Library—Jacquelyn Williams at

1PM "Foods Our Pioneers Had Available"

August 1

Trip to the University of Washington

September 5

"Dear Myrtle" @ Belfair Comm. Church 7 PM

October 3

"Publishing Your Book"

November 7

Annual Christmas Party @ 11 AM—Potluck, elections and meeting planning for 2001

Please note the Belfair Chapter now meets at the Belfair Community Baptist Church.

obituaries, plat maps, probates, wills, etc., you will have to consider the kind of institution that would be the likely depository. You will have to use your ingenuity in determining the correct organization to address your query. This cannot be taught. I suggest that you refer to those publications devoted to providing genealogists with the names and addresses of sources. Through experience you will learn to know intuitively which organization will have the material you want searched.

Public libraries, genealogical libraries and the Internet teem with references and information that will provide you with the names and addresses of likely sources. Two excellent examples of this type of resource are *The Handbook for Genealogists of America*¹ and *Genealogist's Address Book*². There are numerous books of similar nature. The Internet can be browsed using locality and institution type to determine if they have a web presence. Their web page will very likely provide you with their mailing address as well as an e-mail address.

Now that you have obtained an address for the source that hopefully will have the documentation you are seeking, you will want to draft a letter that will succinctly explain your objective. The letter you are going to write is in actuality a sales letter. The letter has to be persuasive with regard to obtaining the recipient's cooperation in fulfilling your request.

It is recommended that you use a typewriter or word processor for producing your letter of inquiry. Format it with a letterhead that includes your address, telephone number and if you have one, your e-mail address. The letter must be businesslike in appearance. A neatly handwritten or printed letter is acceptable. Legibility is the rule here.

You are trying to capture the attention of the recipient. Just place yourself in this person's shoes and imagine being extremely busy with many tasks to accomplish. Remember yours is not the only research request on their desk. You don't want to increase their frustration by drafting your inquiry in such a way that confuses

them. An important rule to remember is to limit your inquiry to one page and one request only. Brevity is the chief virtue of composing a genealogical inquiry letter.

I favor the following letter format because of its simplicity:

Street Address. Town, City, Zip. Telephone Number. E-mail Address. Date of Letter.
Addressee's Address
RE: (Subject)
Dear Sir or Madam,
Introduction.
Request.
Cost.
Envelope.
Sincerely yours.
Your Name.

I have divided the body of my inquiry letter into four major segments. Their nature is described below with an example:

Introduction: This section can vary in scope, but generally it is to establish the letter's theme. It should describe briefly the nature of your research:

While researching my ancestry, I have learned that my great-grandparents, John Henry Smith and Martha Jane [Doe] Smith were married in your county just following the Civil War.

Request: Here in definite terms explain what you

want the recipient to do for you:

Please search your resources for a record of the marriage license application of John Henry Smith and Martha Jane Doe. I would like to obtain a photocopy of their marriage record.

Cost: In most situations payment must be received prior to delivery of the requested document. All that is needed here is a simple statement:

Please advise the cost of this service.

Envelope: We are all familiar with the necessity of the stamped and addressed return envelope. I do suggest that you use a nine-inch return envelope. It fits nicely into the business size envelope without folding. Whenever possible use a printed return address label. The last section of your letter could read something like this:

Enclosed please find a stamped and addressed envelope provided for your convenience in responding to this inquiry.

Miscellaneous remarks:

Salutation: Because you don't know who will be the recipient of your letter, I suggest you use the salutation "Dear Sir or Madam."

Subject: Keep it brief and simple. In our sample letter it could read: "**RE: Smith-Doe Marriage Record.**"

While the majority of your inquiries will be dispatched using the service of the postal service, there is an alternative method of delivery that in some cases will be more convenient and efficient. That is to send your genealogical research letter by e-mail. I recommend you draft your letter using your word processor. Once you have composed your letter you can use the "copy and paste" function to transfer it to the body of your e-mail message format. Then it is a simple matter of *clicking* on the send button³.

Did I hear someone say they didn't like writing inquiry letters and that they didn't

have the talent for it? Like all skills, you gain proficiency by doing something repetitiously. Yes, the first couple of letters you will draft will be arduous in their composition, but gradually you find that you have abilities heretofore unknown.

Just keep in mind these simple rules when drafting your genealogical letter of inquiry:

- ▶ One page only.
- ▶ One request only.
- ▶ Simplicity is the key word.
- ▶ Avoid ambiguous statements.

I believe the best argument in favor of a vigorous letter writing campaign as opposed to a meticulous exploration of the World Wide Web can be likened to an iceberg. For the typical family historian the amount of useful data they can glean from the Internet is in near proportion to the visible tip of the iceberg while that part below the surface can be compared to the vast amount of available genealogical data stored away in innumerable archives worldwide. There are too many of your family history research problems that can only be solved by an aggressive letter writing campaign.

Start your word processors ladies and gentlemen and begin the process of tearing down those genealogical roadblocks that have been obstructing your progress too long.

Cyril Taylor
Driftwood Cove
January 2000

¹ The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.

² Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.

³ Do not send your inquiry as an e-mail attachment. It is the policy of most institutions not to open attachments out of a fear that it harbors a computer virus.

The Importance of Family History *by Pat Dodd Greathouse*

Today I want to describe for you what finding our ancestors in terms of being one of the major reasons why I do what I do these days on the Internet, for myself, for my children and grandchildren and for others.... and I have an idea, that similar circumstances are the reasons many researchers are involved as well. I think more than a few of you will identify with my thoughts and motivations here.

I loved that old homeplace dearly, as many of you loved a similar place that now exists only in your minds and hearts. I frequently "walk" through it, escaping todays to yesterdays and memories, willing myself to remember the touch of fabric, the coolness of hardwood floors on my bare feet, the weight of a fat white china cup in my hands, the way the afternoon sun slanted and cast shadows on the floor of a long front porch. Those memories are a comfort to me, because beyond the "things" I have that were there, they are all I have left of the place I knew. I know that many of you feel the same, and have another place you "walk" for comfort at times.

But those memories I have, and you have, will be gone all too soon, leaving this world at the same time that we do...just as the memories of our grandfathers and great-grandmothers left with them, and unless they are given and passed on, it is as if those things have never been other than what "facts" are left behind on scraps of paper.

This came to me in a very real way recently when the daughter of my first cousin (who is now gone to the next world) contacted me. A young mother, the family's heritage is beginning to be of importance to her. And she asked for my memories, the memories her mother had died before she could pass them on...and so I have begun to write them for her and to give her what I cannot leave in any tangible form other than description. I have walked her through the family homplace willing her to see through my eyes, and I have introduced her to the great-grandfather she never knew, trying to give her a balanced picture of him, the good and the bad, making him human and of breathing, living flesh for her.

For the same reason, documenting the family line in that country is also important. I want to know who the grandparents of grandfather were, because I have no memories of him telling me about them. I know he must have treasured memories of those who lived in his time, and I know he must have treasured the stories that he heard of those who did not. Because it was important to him, and knowing him, I know it is important to me. My grandfather was of another world and time, as many of yours were. And in that day and time, the passing on of roots came through the oral tradition. They little understood that the coming ways of this world would leave little inclination or time for oral passing of roots...and that unless a generation

following them had the wisdom to record it, all was lost.

I rue that I was young when he sat so long talking his long tales of "who beget who" and of things that had happened, where they happened and those who peopled those stories. I am frustrated that I, as did his children, "tuned" much of this out. It is not just a matter of "proving" a lineage....much, much more, it is a matter of salvaging that which was important to one I loved...and giving it to those like my cousin's children and my own children...passing on the things that were of importance in an endless chain of loving memories. I cannot turn back the clock, and I cannot make my grandfather be here again with me at a time in which I am ready and mature enough now to listen to his endless stories that wound on hour after hour, but I still draw breath, and I can piece together what I can find, add to that what I do remember and give the next generation something far more precious than the money.

We no longer have our Murphy or Howard or Dodd or Greathouse homes in Alabama, and even some of the family burial grounds where my great grandfather, great-great-grandfather and possibly before that are buried, have been taken from us. All we have is our history and so you see why it is important beyond description that we preserve our history. It is all we have left of our roots. And I suspect that many of you, if for whatever reason, your ancestral lands and homeplace are gone, feel the same.

Please remember this when others contact you. Their reasons

may have nothing to do with wanting to join an elite organization, may have nothing to do with idle curiosity, may have nothing to do with simple scholarship and an abiding love of research....more often, I am finding, it is a situation in which family history is an anchor to hold to in this fast-paced and all too impersonal world. It is a situation in which all the heritage or "home" a family has left is its history. It is a situation in which a person regrets not finding important those things elders talked of at the time they talked of them, and with maturity wants salvage what they can of the memories of elders who went on before them. Your words and help are often far more important than you can possibly realize, and will cause a heart to leap, bring tears to an eye in gratitude.

In other words, it is often a matter of the "heart" and any small tidbit or fact, any direction you can find time to give, is more meaningful than gold to that person who longs so desperately to find his or her humble link in a long chain and pass it on, giving the generation to come roots and a sense of belonging in a world that is uncertain. "...and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time.

The editor wishes to thank Sandie Morrison for the submission of this article from a distant cousin. The author wrote this for her children and grandchildren "so that they would understand why I do research." Ms. Dodd Greathouse also wrote, "since I have cancer again, I did not want my research to be in vane."

Titanic: Ship`s Compliment, Passengers, and Crew

"I enjoyed myself as if I were in a summer palace" - Col. Archibald Gracie, Titanic Survivor ... and so starts the list of passengers and crew members who were aboard the most famous luxury ship of the White Star Line. You can find this list online at <http://members.aol.com/Mnichol/frame3.htm> or if you do not access to the Internet, please check back to future issues of Family Backtracking as the complete list will be published over several issues.

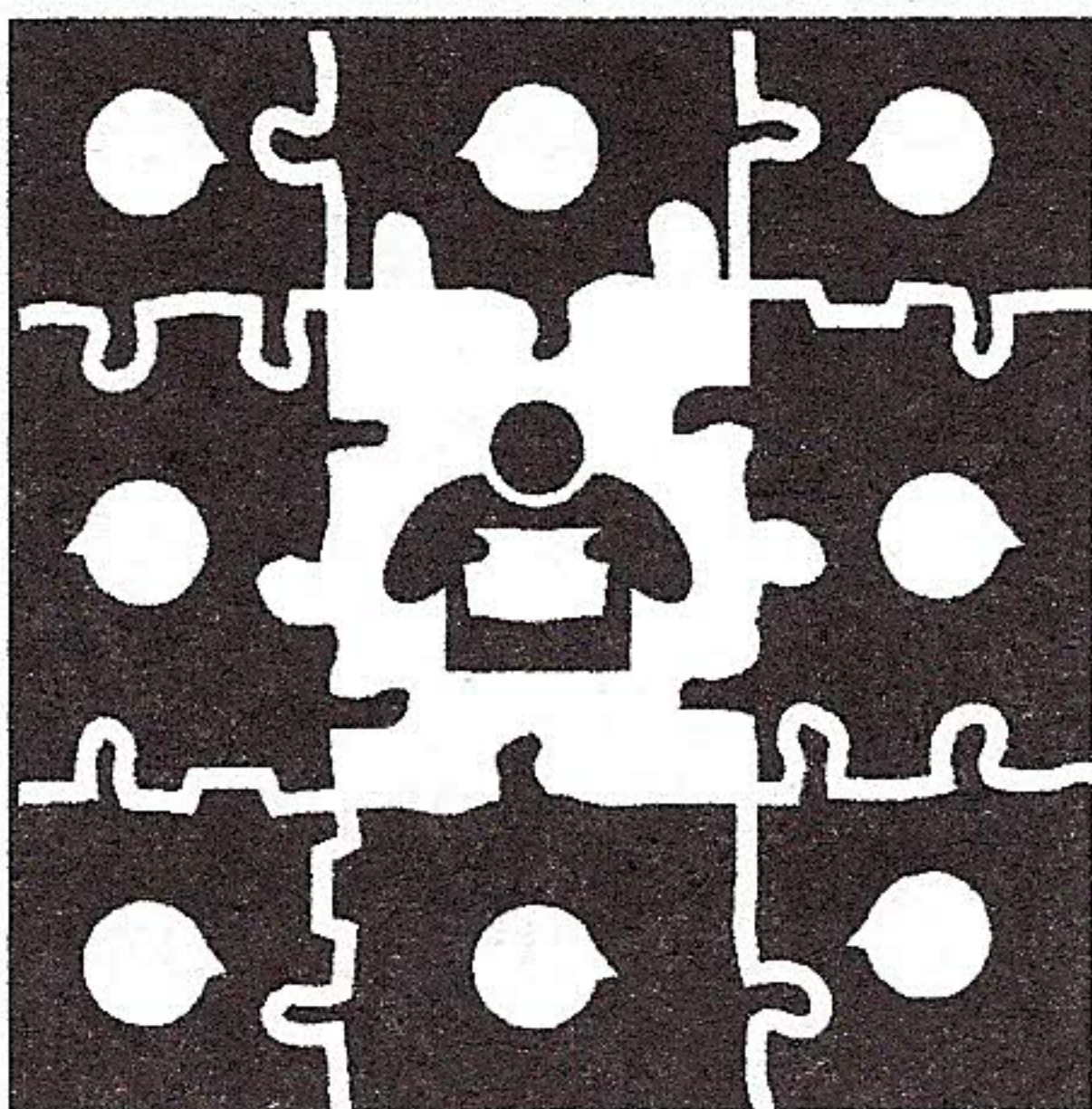
A very special thank you goes to Mr. Mark Nichol who put so much effort in researching and accumulating the information and for granting FB permission to reprint his lists.

FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS (survivors are shown in bold italic)

Allen, Miss Elizabeth Walton
Allison, Mr. H.J.
Allison, Mrs. H.J. and Maid (*Sarah Daniels*)
Allison, Miss L.
Allison, Master T. and Nurse (Alice Cleaver)
Anderson, Mr. Harry
Andrews, Miss Cornelia I.
Andrews, Mr. Thomas
Appleton, Mrs. E.D.
Artagaveytia, Mr. Ramon
Astor, Colonel J.J. and Manservant (Victor Robbins)
Astor, Mrs. J.J. and Maid (Rosalie Bidois)
Aubert, Mrs. N. and Maid (Emma Segesser)
Barkworth, Mr. A.H.
Baumann, Mr. J.
Baxter, Mrs. James
Baxter, Mr. Quigg
Beattie, Mr. T.
Beckwith, Mr. R.L.
Beckwith, Mrs. R.L.
Behr, Mr. K.H.
Bishop, Mr. D.H.

Bishop, Mrs. D.H.
Bjornstrom, Mr. H.
Blackwell, Mr. Stephen Weart
Blank, Mr. Henry
Bonnell, Miss Caroline
Bonnell, Miss Lily
Borebank, Mr. J.J.
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Bowerman, Miss Elsie
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Brewer, Dr. Arthur Jackson
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Brown, Mrs. J.M.
Bucknell, Mrs. W. & Maid (Albina Bazzani)
Butt, Major Archibald W.
Calderhead, Mr. E.P.
Candee, Mrs. Churchill
Cardoza, Mrs. J.W.M. & Maid (Anna Ward)
Cardoza, Mr. T.D.M. & Manservant (Gustave Lesneur)
Carlson, Mr. Frank
Carran, Mr. F.M.
Carran, Mr. J.P.
Carter, Mr. William E. & Manservant (Charles Aldworth)
Carter, Mrs. William E. & Maid (Ms. ? Ser-deca)
Carter, Miss Lucile
Carter, Master William T. and Manservant
Case, Mr. Howard B.
Cassebeer, Mrs. H.A.
Cavendish, Mr. T.W.
Cavendish, Mrs. T.W. & Maid (Ms. ? Barber)
Chaffee, Mr. Herbert F.
Chaffee, Mrs. Herbert F.
Chambers, Mr. N.C.
Chambers, Mrs. N.C.

The First Class Passenger List will be continued in the June issue of Family Backtracking.



Club News

Welcome New Members! Sheila and Triste Covert, Robert and Laura Genoe, Frank James Hazard, Linda Hickey, Janice

Ives, Timothy B. Kane, Sandra J. Morris, Louise Reh, Jan Stockton, and Robert E. Strain.

Video Series Back By Popular Demand: Bill Richardson started showing the Genealogist's Video Research series on the fourth Friday of each month at the library. Tape #3, from the "Where Do I Begin" Video Series will be shown on April 28th at 1 PM. The video will cover Census and Probate Records and, Susan Evans, from Kitsap Computing Seniors, will discuss and give a demonstration on exploring the internet resources.

South Kitsap Legacy User Group: This group is meeting on the last Monday of each month at 1 PM in the library. The purpose of the group is to assist those people using the "Legacy Family Tree" program.

Ways & Means Committee Needs Your Ideas! Please be thinking of ways to bring funds into our treasury. The committee welcomes all ideas and your support this year. The committee, led by Sandie Morrison, plan to have some great ideas and projects which they hope will excite all members.

New Web Mistress: Lisa Wischhoefer has become the new Web Mistress for the PSGS web site. Please direct suggestions to her at the following email address <travelnurselisa@yahoo.com>.

P.S. Don't forget to pay your dues!

I Want!

I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizenick Von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetznatz Giafortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbot.

I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children baptized in recognized houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left detailed wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees) had their photographs taken once a year—subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate isinglass frames annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved voluble and informative inscriptions in their headstones.

I want relatives who managed to bury their predecessors in established, still-extant (and indexed) cemeteries.

I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the military as officers and who served in strategically important (and well documented) skirmishes.

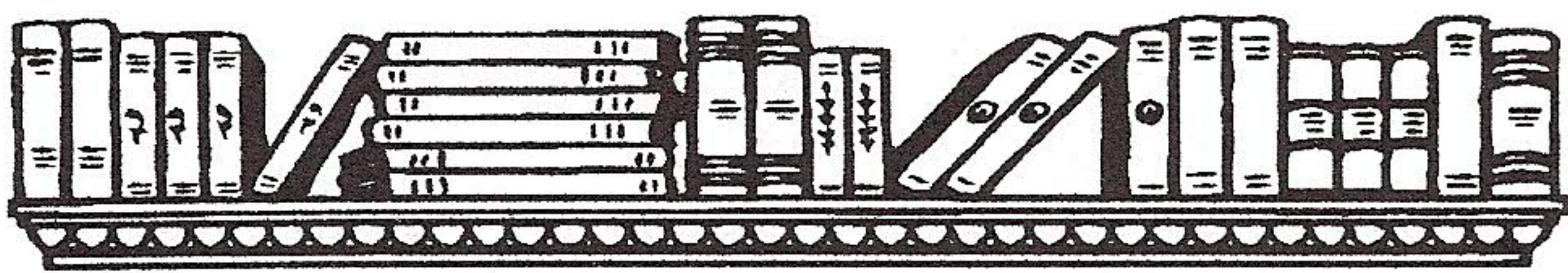
I want relatives who served as councilmen, schoolteachers, county clerks and town historians.

I want relatives who 'religiously' wrote in the family Bible, journaling every little event and detailing the familial relationship of every visitor.

In the case of immigrant progenitors, I want them to have arrived only in those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship, and to have done so only in those jurisdictions which have since established indices.

I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, and listed all their addresses, who had paintings made of their houses, and who dated every piece of paper they touched.

I want forebears who were wealthy enough to afford, and to keep for generations, the tribal homestead, and who left all the aforementioned pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library. But most of all, I want relatives I can FIND!!!!



Notes from the Library by Marjorie Menees

Books on the New Book shelf include the following all of which were gifts: THE ALSACE EMIGRATION BOOK, VOL. II; THE HERITAGE OF THE SWISS VOLHYNIAN MENNONITES, WORMS BERESAN DISTRICT ODESSA CENSUS 1858; AMRIENTAL LIEBENTAL DISTRICT ODESSA 1858 CENSUS; POPE & TALBOT MILL RECORDS; JANUARY 1945.

One of the enticements to tempt volunteers to work as duty librarians used to be the dangling of a day in which one could spend the six hours from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM just lollygagging around doing personal research and having fun finding and adding more ancestors and exciting discoveries to one's own files. However, things have changed! No longer do duty librarians have a whole library to themselves. During the past year from January through December, we had 644 signed in patrons.

Some of these patrons are familiar with what we have in the way of materials and equipment. But we often have people who are non-members needing to know what is available and we have those who are new at finding their family roots. And so the duty librarian can be busy with them. Meantime, those librarians who are members of our "Weeders" use in between time to carry on with our program of thinning out the excess.

The weeding program is resulting in more than just giving us more needed space. For example, we had many books of Whatcom County's bulletins for several years. Lorraine Kniert worked on these and as a result we now have sets of Whatcom County Family charts and Bible Records; Whatcom County Gravestone Inscriptions and Cemetery Records; Whatcom

County Federal and State Censuses: 1800's; Whatcom County Marriages 1880-1890—1909 plus a volume of Whatcom County Genealogical Society Periodical Excepts which include items from newspapers, events, school notes etc.. These are compiled into compact containers.

I am really excited about this because it will make using these genealogy society bulletins so much easier and more practical. When Washington is finished, we will tackle that long low cupboard full of bulletins from Genealogical Societies around the United States. This will give us room to dig into those interesting cartons full of other stuff beneath the work cupboards. It is a huge undertaking because there are so many pages to turn and cut out but it is not difficult—we could use more volunteers for this! What you do doesn't have to be done on any specific day—just come in at your own convenience and work because weeding each society's book is a solo job. Remember that the success of our library depends on volunteers and donations—and those donations could be your time!!!!

We will be ordering more library catalogs as we now have another waiting listed started. Two of our members told me the other day that they had not punched three holes notebook style in their pages but had taken it in to be spiral bound and the cover laminated. They said it looked really good. It is not as easy to add the new sections that will be available from time to time but it is another idea for you if you are contemplating buying a catalog.

Looking in the file boxes sitting on top of the metal file cabinets you will find current bulletins and newspapers that come to us in the mail. After Pat Eder reads them, I file the new returned ones there and pull the old ones to be filed. One of the papers we get is THE FAMILY TREE from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, Georgia. If you have Scots or Scots-Irish ancestors it deals with them predominately but includes others also. The following is an article from this February/March issue:

There is a project to publish a book listing all US

residents living at the time of the 1890 census. We all know that 99% of this precious document was destroyed, and this is a great effort to replace the information.

The information for the project will be furnished by descendants of those people. There is no charge for listing your ancestors and when permission is granted, contributions will be listed with the proper reference to their ancestor's entries.

Submission deadline is April 2000. The data will be published and sold at cost with copies going to the Library of Congress, Maine State Library, Maine State Historical Society and Church of Latter Day Saints Library.

For submitting your ancestors' vital statistics please use the following format: Head of Household—full name, age, date of birth (including town, county, state), sex, race (W = White, C = Colored, I = Indian, A = Asian), spouse—full name (maiden surname in ())'s, age date of birth, sex race. Children, list each child separately including full name, date, age, date of birth, place of birth, sex, race.

Be sure and include an information source list: family Bible, family genealogy book, etc. Notes are optional. Some notes will be added, e.g. 1st or 2nd wife, children by which wife, if they died or got married in 1890 or additional surname spellings. Note person who died before 1890 will be omitted from the book.

Send submissions to Angela M. Foster, P.O. Box 2551, Waterville, ME 04903. You may also wish to email: <chinaDoll2@netscape.net>.

Contributions are most welcome.

We are lucky here if our ancestors were in the state in 1890. But we also have experienced the frustration of wishing (oh how we have wished) for the 1890 census to have made it through to our searching eyes. So the above project seems like something we should all contribute to if we have any valid information—on account of we may be using that book ourselves!

Besides new books, the library is

sponsoring a Legacy Users Group. Our first meeting was held on Monday the 31st of January. Those present were Jean Grimaud, Dee Ramsey, Lynn Ransey, Phyllis Brown, Sue Plummer, David Edwards, Paulette Waggoner, and Marjorie Menees. Dee consented to be the leader of our group. If you have any questions, you may email Dee at <DFRAMEY@IX.NETcom.com>.

Last but no way least, I want to thank the volunteer duty librarians without whom this library would not be open as it is. I would especially like to thank Ida Mae Swedberg who fills in whenever someone cannot be here. She does this often and well and not only that but at a moment's notice. She certainly deserves a special thank you. And another special thanks goes to Cindy Spore who as Library Coordinator sets up and acquires the schedules. Another special thanks goes to Larry Swan who kept the library open on Monday nights during the summer months.

Volunteer Librarians (number in parentheses indicates days worked) for 1999 were: JANUARY: Madge Norton (3), Lois Roark, Marjorie Menees, Ed Miller, Deb Redfern (2); FEBRUARY: Sue Plummer (2), West Koentz, Cyril Taylor (4); MARCH: June Smith (2), Larry Swan (3), Nancy Carter (3), Wes Koentz; APRIL: Larry Harden (4), Wes Koentz, Jerry Daily (2), Don Nees; MAY: Don Nees (2), Susan Evans, Larry Swan (2), Ed Miller, Wes Koentz, Dominique Delphine; JUNE: no name (2), Marjorie Menees, Susan Evans, Louise Cothary, Lorraine Kniert (2), Dominique Delphine; JULY: Marjorie Menees (5), Jean Grimaud, Sandy Morrison, Lorraine Kniert; AUGUST: Lorraine Kniert (4), Susan Evans (2), Ida Mae Swedberg, Jonelle Cartwright, Joyce Lands; SEPTEMBER: Jonell Cartwright, Larry Swan (3), Jean Grimaud (2), Bruce Ramsey; OCTOBER: Ida Mae Swedberg, Larry Harden (4), Lorraine Kniert (4); NOVEMBER: Paulette Waggoner, Susan Evans

(2), Jan Geir, Bruce Ramsey, Marjorie Menees (2), Owen Nichols; DECEMBER: Bruce Ramsey, Larry Swan (3), Susan Evans (2), Marjorie Menees.

And thanks to those of you who have sent in the added \$5.00 to your membership, we are now looking at a true life expansion of new book shelves. Another exciting improvement to our library.

Excerpt from a recent Dear Abby:

"Harriet From Tampa's" advice about having elderly relatives record their memories for future generations is wonderful. As the family historian and genealogist, I know how valuable these personal histories can be.

However, I'm asking you to remind your readers that magnetic media are surprisingly fragile. Recording artists and engineers have gone back to the studio only to discover that tapes made as recently as 30 years ago are flaking away and worthless. Cassette tapes that sit on a shelf untouched for decades develop "dropouts" for no reason. Media preferences change, too — many children growing up today have no idea what to do with a vinyl phonograph record, and the same fate could befall today's audio— and videocassettes.

By all means, have Aunt Edna record her history. But if she gives you an audio recording, make sure you transcribe it right away as a backup. And if you use a word processor, print the file. A computer file will last only as long as today's word processor, and the hard drive is a magnetic medium as well, making it as vulnerable as audiotape. The paper might yellow, but it stands a better chance of surviving the centuries than tapes and computer disks.

And while you're printing the file, make several copies and send them to various relatives who might also be interested in saving them for posterity. Some will inevitable be destroyed, but the more copies that are made, the more likely one will be preserved. — Charles O'Reilly, Rutherford, NJ

Calendar Of Events

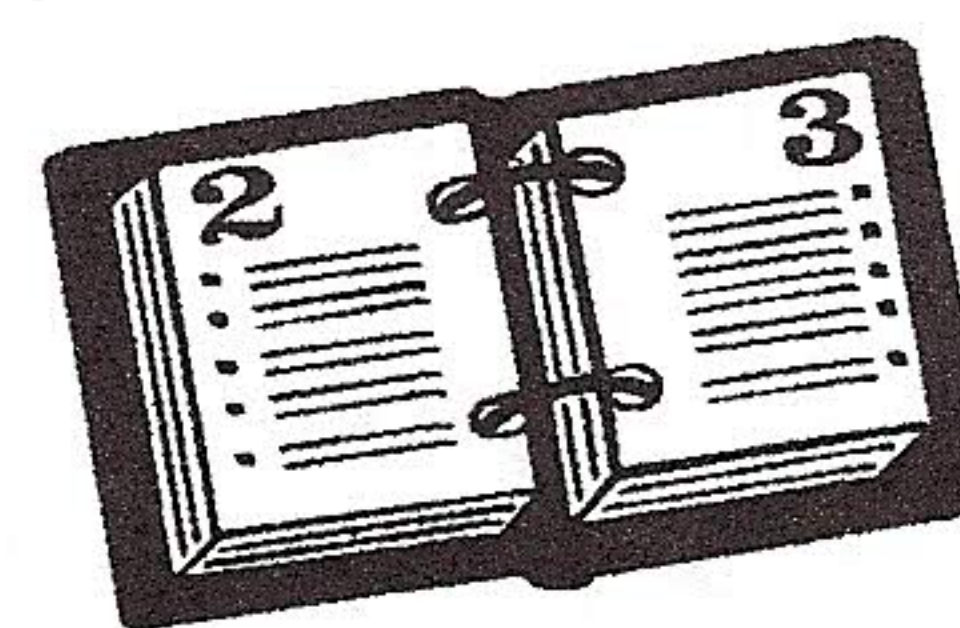
Early April, 2000—Public Broadcasting System (PBS) should be broadcasting "Ancestors: The Family Search." The staff evaluated over 5,000 family stories sent by genealogists. The companion book will feature 101 of those stories sent in for submission.

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.



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

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.

Seth Ross	James Rounds
William Rowe	George Rush
James Rusk	Philip Moses Russell
William Russell	James Russey
John Rust	Julius Rutherford
Daniel Sallady	John Sanborn
Jessie Sanders	John Sappington
Ephraim Sargent	David Saunders
Gideon Savage	Robert Sayres
John Scalf	Charles Scott
John Scruggs	John Sexton
William Sexton	William Seymour
Edward Shacklett	Timothy Shane
Job Sheldon	William Shell
James Shepard	William Shepard
Patrick Shockney	John Shreve
Israel Shreve	John Shumway
Joseph Simons	Daniel Singleton
Peter Slater	John Slavin
William Slye	Johann Philip Smell
John Smith (4th NC)	John Kirby Smith (13th MA)
Philip Snead	Jacob Snyder
Joseph Southworth	Jacob Sowder
James Spann	Amos Spencer
John Spicer	Daniel Spicket
Thomas Splane	John Stahl
Asa Sterns	Aaron Stevens
Bartholomew Stevens	Jonathan Stevens
Richard Stevens	Elias Stewart
Thomas Stewart	James Stiff
Reuben Stivers	Sylvanus Stokes
John strong	Benamin Sublet
Francis Sumner	Andrew Susong, Sr.

Luke Swetland	Rbt Syress (Cypert, Socapert)
Rescom Tallman	Roger Tandy
David Taylor	Jeremiah B. Taylor
Peter Taylor	Joseph Terrell
Nathaniel Terry	Robert Thomas
Thomas Thomas	William Thomas
John Thrailkill	John Tillery
Joseph Timberlake	John Tinney
William Traylor	Thomas Trent
Henry True	Henry Crawford Tucker
Joshua Tuggle	Michael Ezra Tullis
Stephen Turner	Azariah Tuthill
Isaac Van Buskirk	David Vance
Myndert Van De Bogart	Peter Van Etten
Ferdinand Van Sickle	Thomas Vaughn
Thomas Vernon	John Vinton
Frederick Von Wissenfels	David Wade
Henry Wagner	John Wait
William Walcutt	George Walker
John Walker	Joseph Walker
Timothy Walker	William Waller
John Walton	Peter Waltz (Woltz)
John Wann	Thadus Hardwidge Wamoth
William Warner	William Warrington
Peter Warterfield	George Augustine Washington
John Waterman	William Watkins
David Watts	John Watts
Joshua Wayman	Henry Weiss
George P. Weissenfels	Daniel Welker
John Wellman	James Wells
George West	Nathan West
Cornelius Westfall	Ezekiel Whaley
William Whaley	Nathan Wheeler
Solomon Whidden	Phillip White
Samuel White	Hezekiah Whitney
Isaac Whitney	Daniel Wigner
George Wilhelm	Asa Wilkins
Elijah Williams	Jabez Williams
John Williams (4th CT)	John Williams (9th NC)
Thomas Williams	James Wilson

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 Three of this series, Mr. Laramie brings the 14th to Brattleboro and sees them through to their mustering in. 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. This series was originally published by Rooted in the Green Mountains.

On October 6, 1862 the train carrying the ten companies of the 14th Vermont regiment, together for the first time, arrived at the station in Brattleboro, Vermont, in the southeastern part of the state. Its arrival coming before nightfall, was the first such at that place and it occasioned quite a reception by the townspeople and by the 13th Vermont regiment which had been in camp there since September 29th. Ralph Orson Sturtevant, historian of the 13th Vermont recounted "Our regiment met the Fourteenth at the depot and escorted them over to camp with drum and fife, to the music of the 'Girl I Left Behind Me,' which brought tears to the eyes not yet dry from the home parting of the morning."

There was great activity in the camp at this time. On October 7th, the 12th Vermont left for Washington. The following day the 15th Vermont arrived. The 16th Vermont arrived on the next. Two days later, on October 11th, the 13th departed, following the path of the 12th regiment to the nation's capitol.

During the three weeks that the 14th regiment remained at Camp Lincoln the boys were uni-

formed, equipped, drilled, inspected and otherwise instructed in the duties of soldiering. Throughout their stay each company was housed in a barracks seventy-four feet long by twenty-two feet wide capable of holding one hundred men. Beds were made of rough-cut planking and were six feet long by four feet wide holding two men each. The beds were arranged bunk-fashioned so that the soldiers on the bottom could not sit up without knocking their heads on the bed above. And because of the low roofs, those on the top fared no better. It was October in Vermont and the nights were cool. Some barracks were heated by stoves which the men had purchased at their own expense and had hauled back to camp. Others were just plain cold, made even worse by the winds which found every chink in the plank walls.

On October 8th, Dr. Phelps examined the men of the new regiment. The examination was performed in a large unheated building on twenty to thirty men at a time. The exam was rigorous, especially for its day when most exams consisted of asking the recruit whether or not he had any physical debilities. First, the men were ordered to strip naked. Then after being minutely examined, each was made to jump about, flail and kick about arms and legs, run and jump over a flour barrel, all of which would point out any failing which might disqualify him for the travails of active service.

Along with the other transitions to army life, the boys here began their customization to army food. At Camp Lincoln meals were simple and meager. Breakfast consisted a piece of bread and meat and a cup of coffee. Lunch was the same except there was no coffee. On occasion a little rice supplemented their meals. Private John Rowland of Company F from Fairhaven, noted in his diary on October 10th that "... lunch today was a cup of soup or something of that name, but I got it down,

but suffered greatly.”

The men received their uniforms and equipment as the articles arrived. One pair of trousers, one dress coat, one fatigue coat (called a blouse), an overcoat, cap, a pair of shoes, socks, woolen shirts and cotton drawers was the standard uniform issue. A gun strap, knapsack, haversack, tin cup, canteen, waist belt, shoulder belt and straps made up a soldier's "traps". Each recruit was also issued one woolen blanket (for warmth) and a gum rubber or tarred canvas blanket (to keep the rain or dew off).

Drills were interspersed with other duties. Fatigues duty consisted of sweeping the barracks and the grounds and generally improving the appearance of the camp. Guard duty was generally fine during the day as it provided relief from the constant drilling but standing guard at night was cold—sometimes wet—work and deprived the soldier of his sleep.

During their free time the boys occupied themselves in various pursuits. They sang songs, danced, told stories, played cards, wrote letters, or did nothing at all, as each was inclined or disinclined. When allowed some went into town or traveled to nearby towns. Friends and relatives would visit the boys in camp on occasion and these were joyous occasions indeed.

Colonel Edwin Stoughton, late of the 4th Vermont regiment and now commandant of Camp

Lincoln was a hard taskmaster, fond of pomp and perfection, and not much loved by his subordinates. Private Rowland noted on October 20th, "We have been drilled very hard today. The three regiments under Colonel (Stoughton). He was in a very bad temper and therefore he kept us for five hours at the drill..." Stoughton's temper became legendary, so that when his military career later came to a bad end it was little lamented by his men.

Finally, however, the time for drilling was at an end. The raw recruits, under the steady gaze and helping hands of their officers, had become soldiers. On Tuesday, October 21st, citizens by the thousands came pouring into Camp Lincoln from all across the state to witness one of the great spectacles of their day. Governor Holbrook was present along with many other dignitaries, to witness the martial splendor of the parading of the 14th, 15th, and 16th Vermont regiments, nearly three thousand strong, flags waving, polished brass and steel glittering, the fife and drum, the sharp commands from the handsome officers on horseback, the quick and precise execution by the rank and file. Magnificent!

That afternoon the 14th Vermont Volunteers was mustered into the service of the United States, 952 officers and men present for duty.

This series continues in the June 2000 issue of Family Backtracking.

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

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>
La Plante, Joe	4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 17	Mills, William W.	17
Lairemore, Charles	4, 12, 15, 17	Mills, William, Jr.	10, 17
Lambert, Henry, Jr.	15	Mitchell, W. J.	19
Lawrence, Frank	1, 4	Montgomery, Arthur	4, 15
Lawrence, Leo L.	15	Nelson, Albert	6, 9
Laws, Luchen	15, 17	Nelson, Henry	1, 12
Lehrman, H.P.	6	Nickum, William	13
Lesser, Alfred	8	Nordberg, Einar	17
Libby, Arthur	18	Norheim, Chris	8
Lines, Fred C.	15	Nyhus, Ed	6
Lund, Gust	3, 6, 11, 15	Nystrom, Vernon	3
Lund, Melvin C.	10	Olsen, Edward	8, 10, 14, 17
Lund, P.A.	11	Olson, Elmer	9
Lyle, Charles	2, 3	Olson, Emery J.	11
Maki, Herbert	15	Olson, Karl S.	18
Martin, Fred	12	Olson, Mat	19
Martin, William D.	1	Owen, Llewelyn	15
Martinez, Carlos	4, 15	Perry, Kenneth W.	10, 12
Mattson, Victor	5	Powell, Edward	2
Melseth, Edwin	12	Prigmore Arthur	3, 4, 15, 17
Melseth, Philip	12	Pulcifer, William	15
Menary, Lland	15	Purser, Edward	15
Menzel, Albert	10	Purser, Jelmar	4, 15
Miller, George	16	Reed, Charles	16
Miller, Otis	9	Reed, Joe	4

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>
Roberts, George C.	19	Taylor, Leonard	10
Rogers, William	6	Thomas, Charles	3
Rova, John E.	15	Thompson, Thomas	10
Runneburg, Ervin P.	7, 12	Thompson, William, Sr	5
Russell, Warren	5	Todd, Roscoe E.	15
Rylander, N.A.	11	Tweeten, Andrew M.	4, 8, 14, 15, 17
Sandin, Vic	3	Van Kuren, Louis L.	6, 8, 10
Schoenhard, George	13	Ward, Ray	6
Sindars, Harry	15	Watson, Jay R.	18
Sipe, Richard	8, 9	Watson, Walt	9
Slyter, Ray	12	Webster, Cy	3, 10, 17
Slyter, Steven A.	15	Webster, Timothy E.	7
Smaye, Lawrence	11, 17	Wellman, Fred	2
Smith, Andrew J.	15	Whisnant, Ed	2
Smith, William Harry	8	White, Noble	6
Steenbock, Hans	11	Whitney, James	11
Stevens, Valley	7	Whitney, Norman C.	17
Stone, Perry	3	Wilcox, Howard	6, 8, 9, 10, 12
Stoneburg, Edward	8	Willis, Frederick James	3, 4
Storms, Clancy	10	Wistrand, Oscar	15
Stout, L.C.	12, 15	Young, O.B.	3, 10, 14, 17
Striegall, George	7, 12	Zehner, Virgil E	1, 3, 4, 15
<u>Key to Employee Job Classification</u>			
1 Boom	6 Fire Room	11 Millwright	16 Shop
2 Carrier	7 Gang Mill	12 Night Shift Gang Mill	17 Sizer
3 Crane	8 Green Chain	13 P.S.T.B.	18 Watchman
4 Extra	9 Hogs	14 Planer	19 See Note
5 Filer	10 Matcher	15 Saw Mill	

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 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

July, 1913—Here are some news items regarding feminine apparel and the control of how women dressed!

HORRORS!

SPLIT SKIRT HAS NOW STUCK THE TOWN....

Much Mooted Article of Feminine Apparel Makes Its Appearance on the Quiet Streets of this city (Moultrie, GA)Whence It Came or Wither It was Going or Whom Adorned is Hidden.

Merciful goodness! Would you believe it? It's here! No! Yes, 'tis. It has surely come to town. The fact of the matter it is very much here, and it is slit up one side almost to the knee. Can you believe it? It is hard to realized, but, nevertheless, it's true.

Tripping daintily down a certain street yesterday, presumable enroute from one depot to the other, there was one lady who had a good part of the masculine population at her heels. She certainly drew the crowd. Floating along on feet that tripped like they were spring cushioned, this lady, no one seems to know her name, created a stir in the city almost equal to the excitement of Ringling's circus. For she wore the newest of the new styles, direct from Paris they do say. And the hosiery—Ah, some hosiery that!

She should worry, though for she had things all her way. Not another woman in Moultrie could put over a stunt like that, and this lady, the few minutes she sojourned here, had her sisters faced six ways from phoebe.

Where she came from, or where bound to, no one seems to know. But she wore, that same being the skin tight, slit up the side, hosiery display, latest creation of a sun crazed woman's tailor who probably writes verses between times.

But the split skirt has come to town anyhow, whence it came, wither it is bound is of little importance. It is not here stay. We should wonder.

And From Atlanta, GA. July 31...

SLIT SKIRT CREATES BIG SENSATION ON PEACHTREE...

A handsome young woman created considerable sensation this morning by strolling down Peachtree Street with a skirt slit not only to her knee, but fully ten inches higher. In fact it was slit about as high as the one Gertrude Hoffman wore in the Salome dance, and the effect from a distance was something startling.

However, the costume wasn't quite as scandalous as it sounded, for beneath the slit skirt was another skirt-like garment of pale, diaphanous silk, thin to a degree, but not transparent.

Daring as the costume was, the young woman was subjected to no worse attention than many stares and some occasional smiles.

But the must incredible note came from Peoria, Ill., August 27th...

THINK SLIT SKIRT IS INSANITY SIGN...

Miss Edna Kay, 22 years old, who created great excitement as she promenaded the city dressed in clothes of the latest cut and design, including a slit skirt, through the thoroughfares of the extreme variety was sent to an asylum.

Crowds of old and young men followed and looked as she made her way down Adams street until she was arrested by a policeman. She was put in jail and later turned over the Judge Stone for a hearing. After hearing the evidence the judge decided to send the woman to the Bartonville Insane asylum for treatment.

-From The Family Tree Ellen Payne Odem Genealogical Library Paper, submitted by Marjorie Menees.

Exchange Notes by Pat Eder

Amer Ancestry 17:6 (Nov/Dec '99): Life as a child in 1899 and child labor; post-cards illuminate the past; genealogical research in a kindergarten class—a six year project; secondary source research, ongoing; British research; how technology is changing genealogical research.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library "Family Tree" 9:6 (Dec '99/Jan 2000): Hopi and other Pueblo people info; GARZA hispanic surname history; ethical, legal and social implications of genetic testing; DNA and genealogy, ongoing.

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 53:6 (Nov/Dec '99): Five steps to successful internet genealogy; 1999 directory of Websites; researching the Confederate Navy; accessing Scottish church records; Arkansas research; German research without leaving the U.S.; regular features of missing folks, book reviews, genealogy software reviews and tips.

Ibid. 54:1 (Jan/Feb 2000): Focus is on African-American research: Web sites; Freedmen's Bureau established after the Civil War; utilizing the records of slave traders; extracts from "Life of a Slave Girl" published in 1861; locality periodical index for 2000.

Amer Genealogy Bulletin 15:6 Issue 54 (Nov/Dec '99): Importance of death records: funeral, cemetery, obituaries and S.S. records; birth certificates.

Amer Heritage Quest 15:6 Issue 84 (Nov/Dec '99): Focus is on organizing your research: solving the paper-collecting problem; internet sites; new software releases; Irish immigrants.

Ibid. 16:1 Issue 85 (Jan/Feb 2000): Focus is on vital records: using death records;

family sources for vital records; vital records on the WEB; finding a person's age, birth or birth place; hunting for Eastern European vital records; how true are our vital records.

Amer The Irish at Home and Abroad 6:3 (3rd quarter '99): Irish militia and yeomanry resources; confederate civil war pension records as a source for tracing immigrant origins; Scots-Irish-Cherokee-Catawba intermarriage links; South African church records; Australian research; Belfast, Ireland research.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" (Win '99): Hemphill Sunday school class 1971; list of board of supervisors of Clay Co 1895-97; local news items 1924; SHROYER descendants; Harter-Stanford Twp high school students, Flora, IL 1913-21; Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, France (WWI cem); McPEAK military history; local historical news articles written in 1970s.

Ibid. "Newsletter" 12:1 (Jan 2000): Sheriffs of Clay Co; notes on Julian and Gregorian calendars.

IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 27:2 (Fall '99): Gregorian calendar; local news items 1868; BITTNER pedigree; CRAMER pedigree.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 23:2 (Dec '99): Place names listed in 1897 Evansville, IN directory; list of voters in Vanderburgh Co, IN in Feb 1818; abstracts from Affidavit Book I in Vanderburgh Co, IN.

IA Jackson Co GS "Genie Gems" 20:4 (Dec '99): Obituaries from 1950; deaths 1939.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 29:3 (Fall '99): 1888 mine explosion, Pittsburg, KS; marriages 1896-97; births 1898; naturalizations index; coal mining accidents 1886-1950 with list of victims.

Ibid. 29:4 (Win '99): Crawford Co marriages and bride's index ongoing; newspaper acct of mine explosion 1888 in Frontenac and Pittsburg; Crawford Co births 1899 ADAMS to HOPKINS; naturalizations BOZ to CAL; 1886-1950 coal mining accidents with list of victims, ongoing.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Feb 2000): HARSHMAN/WELLER bible; MUS-

SETTER descendants; BEALL group sheet.

Ibid. 1999 Newsletter index.

MN Crow Wing Co GS "Heir Mail" 21:4 (Win '99): Civil War veteran John ROBERTS and Anna HALGREN family; obituaries index that appeared in local newspapers 1907-1931.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" (Dec '99): 1880 census, heads of families surnames and landowners in Oak Valley, MN; cemetery records, Oak Valley Twp; Trinity Lutheran cemetery; Otter Tail Co naturalizations index 1915; writing a letter to SS administration for copy of original application.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 14:1 (Jan 2000): Web sites; school census 1915; recent obits from Memphis Democrat; news items from 1899.

MA Berkshire Family History Assn "Berkshire Genealogist" 20:4 (Fall '99): Inscriptions from Pittsfield cemeteries; Peru, MA census 1790-1920; CRIPPEN, CAUDILL, BEUTLER, SHEFFIELD, NORTON, DOS-TURKO ancestor charts; state census 1855 Lee, MA; map of Lee, MA 1876; town records of Pittsfield, MA 1768.

MT Dawson Co GS "The Tree Branch" 21:3 (Nov '99): Recent obituaries 1999; KORDAL pedigree charts.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 26:4 (Dec '99): Historical events 1650-1945; local news articles 1888; CHRISTIE obituary; 1999 surname index.

NM New Mexico GS "New Mexico Genealogist" 38:4 (Dec '99): San Miguel de Loreda-Carnue land grant of 1763; Basque surnames in NM; San Patricio Cemetery, Lincoln Co, NM; Los Alamos Santa Nino Cemetery, San Miguel Co, NM.

OH Brown Co GS "On the Trail" 22:4 (Win '99-2000): Brown Co townships; James Bryson PORTER 1888 eulogy.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" 27:4 (Nov '99): Marriage licenses 1851-53; probate petitions Vol I, 1856; death roll of early settlers, farmers, mechanics from Ohio annals 1876.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR

"Bulletin" 49:2 (Dec '99): Early OR schools; U. S. Marshalls of OR 1848-1953; Lone Fir Cemetery records 1846-1880, ongoing; 1928 circuit court case: Portland Banks vs County Tax collector; Civil War veterans who were residents of OR, ongoing.

Ibid. "Forum Insider" 11:5 (Jan 2000): OR homestead records (ongoing from Oct).

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 31:4 (Fall '99): Marian Co mortality schedules 1850-1880; OR death index, Marian Co 1903-20, part 7 GOSS to HOLT.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 13:7 (Nov '99): News items from 1899; Civil War soldiers death records, ongoing; FINDLEY pedigree.

Ibid. 13:8 (Dec '99): News items 1899.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Tracks in Time" 13:3 (Jan 2000): Obituary surname index, Lyman Co, ongoing.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 26:1 (Jan 2000): WELLMAN ancestor table; St Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery burials, Minnehaha Co, SD; recent obits of people aged 100 and over.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 19:4 (Win '99): News items from 1875 and 1893.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 26:2 (Win '99-2000): HUFFMAN family; Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, ongoing; SALLEE ancestor chart; Clark Co Civil War soldiers, ongoing.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 19:4 (Dec '99): 1900 census—parts of Douglas Co making up Grant Co; WA Education directory 1849-50 listing teachers, ongoing.

WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree-Searcher" 10:6 (Nov/Dec '99): MOUNCER/ALFORD history; residents of Canto and Markhan 1892; using PERSI.

Ibid. 11:1 (Jan/Feb 2000): Local news 1900; local obits from early 1900's.

WA So King Co GS "So King News" 15:3 (Jan/Feb 2000): Bibliography of heraldry; register of voters, Kent, WA 1892; are you ready to go?

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS
"Stillaguamish Star" 13:2 (Nov/Dec '99): Gregorian, Julian Quaker calendar changes; funeral index Stillaguamish Valley, ongoing.

Ibid. 13:3 (Jan/Feb 2000): Funeral index Stillaguamish Valley, ongoing.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 31:2 (Win 2000): Hawthorne school census, Tacoma 1909; WA Pioneer Assn members listed at time of statehood, ongoing; Civil War union soldier research-new arrival at the National Archives in Seattle; English marriage records; news items from Tacoma newspapers 1887; Pierce Co probates, WA territory, ongoing.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 27:4 (Dec '99): Valley View Cemetery, East Wenatchee—list of burials; local

news articles 1910; Chelan Co school warrant register 1913; Dyer, WA history with map and residents names, 1915; McCOY pedigree (from Peshastin).

WA Yakima Valley GS 31:4 (Dec '99): Some WA state marriage records 1939-42; YVGS surnames being research; Janeck drug store accounts, ongoing; news from Kittitas newspapers; news from Yakima Republican newspaper 1899.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 23:4 (Win '99): Ancestor charts for BROWN, CHAPMAN; abstracts from Christian Observer 1867-75 (deaths and marriages); Hudson-Gillespie Cemetery inscriptions; marriages from local newspapers 1866-79; John FRANKLIN will.

"Census Taker"

*It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready...a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.*

*A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.*

*She gave him some water...as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions...the best she was able.
He asked of her children...Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.*

*She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.*

*He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.*

*The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon....or not?*

*They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.*

*They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
The could read some...and write some...though
really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."*

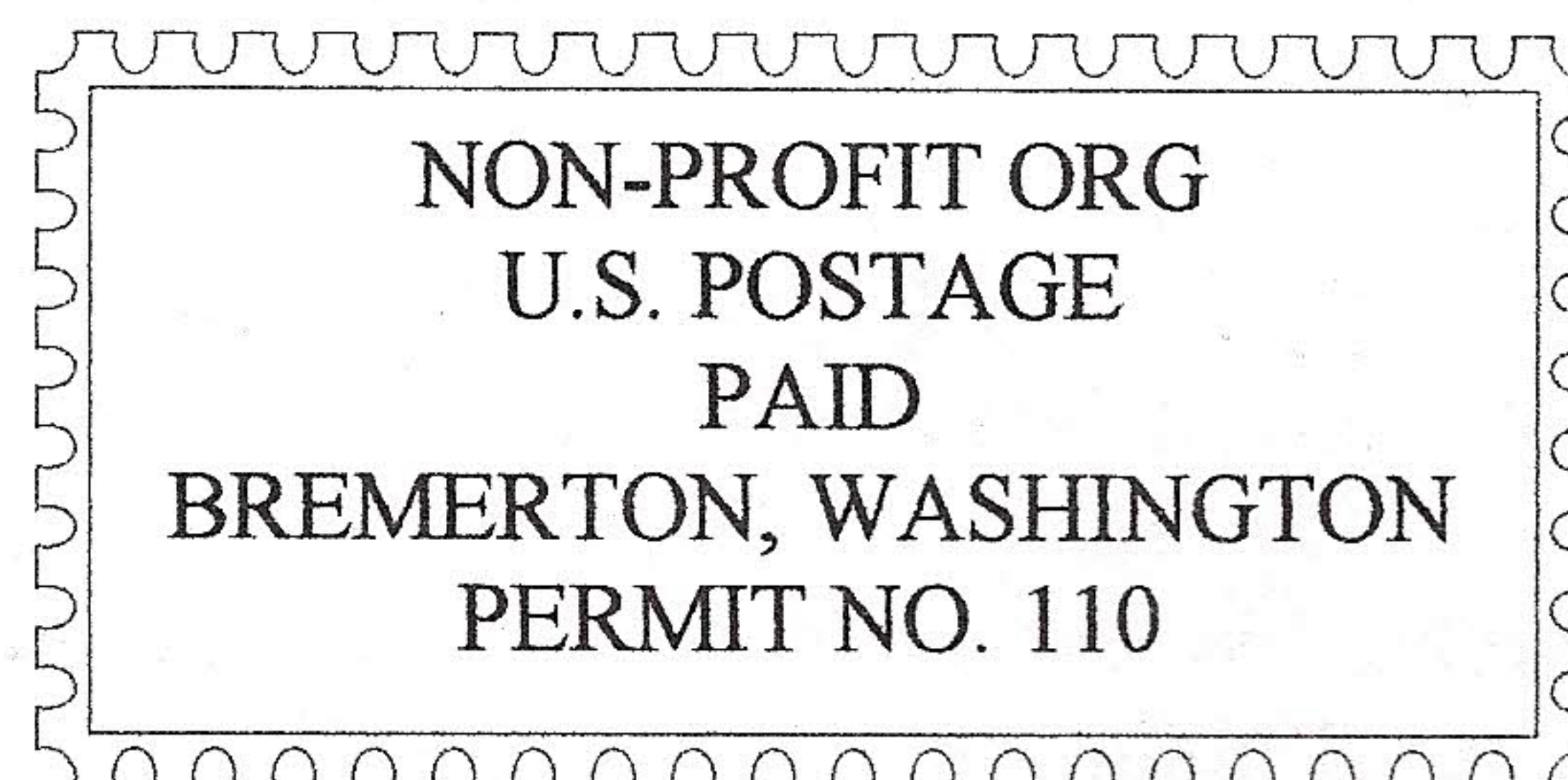
*Now picture a time warp....its' now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.*

*We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this
way?*

*If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we
feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly
real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in
our heart.*

- Author Unknown

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