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Club News!

New Name—New Editor: Family Backtracking has now become Backtracker. It seems that we were always calling it the "Backtracker", so it made sense to change the name formally. Also, Michele Brittany has resigned as editor of the publication. Cyril Taylor, our very own Treasurer, has stepped up to take over the newsletter with the March issue. He's sure to do a bang up job!

Myra Gormley: Certified genealogist and genealogy columnist will be leading an all-day genealogy workshop on Saturday, April 28th, 2001. Doors open and registration begins at 8 AM with the program from 9 AM to 4 PM at Givens Community Center. Cost is \$20 PSGS member or \$25 non-member (\$5 additional for after April 20th). Topics include: "The Farmer's Daughter", "Potholes & Quagmires on the Genealogy Trail", "Finding Immigrant Ancestors", and "Beyond the Web."

Corrections: Please note that on page 49 of the September issue of Family Backtracking in the article "Psychic Genealogy Part II", the baptismal date printed as April 17, 1875, should have read as April 17, 1785.

Free Membership Drawing: If you have paid your dues for 2001 by February 28th, 2001, you will be eligible to enter a special drawing for a year's free membership (2002) to PSGS! If you have already paid, you're entered, if you haven't, take a minute and fill out the enclosed membership form and return to Cyril Taylor no later than February 28th, 2001. Good luck!

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.

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Memories From My Sea Travels 1874-1886
by Axel Wahlquist

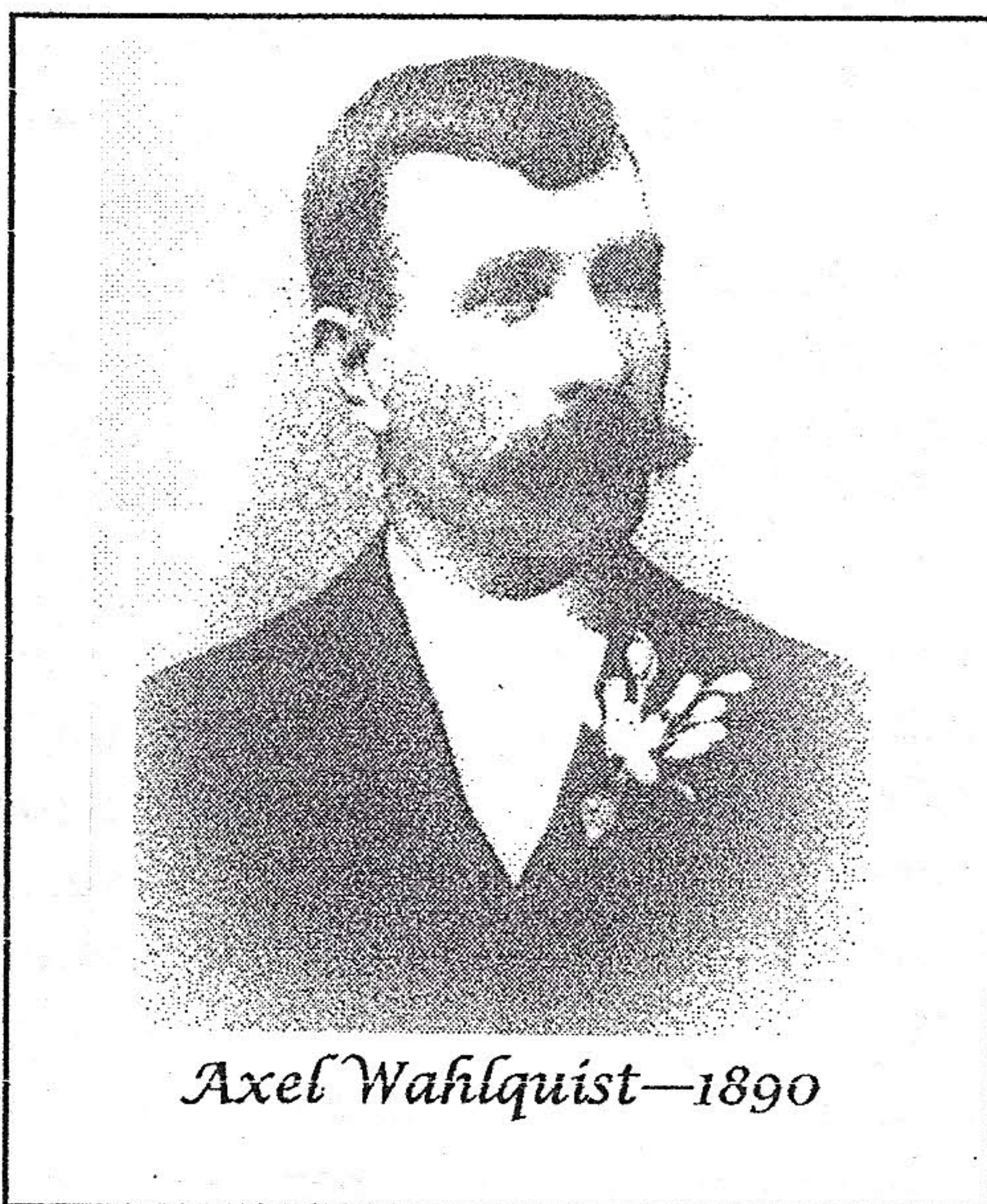
The ship began to list out at the sea, so it wasn't very pleasant to climb up the mast, but it turned out all right. Then we took care of the boats, took most necessary things with us, also a keg of water and some provisions. The Captain was the to leave the ship. It was listing badly and he didn't look happy, but we didn't sympathize with him very much. He took along all his belongings, but we were only allowed to take the most necessary articles even so I lost the Swedish sea voyage book. I don't know what he did with it.

We found ourselves on Gilole Island below the equator. We rowed our two boats around to the Southern end of the island so that we could get to a place called Garney. We rowed all day Sunday. It was very hot and we saw one or two canoes, but they stayed far from us. At night we was a light ahead. We lit both lanterns we had with us and steered up on the shoe. There was a shout and yelling like a bunch of wild animals around us. The First Mate went alone to shore. He could speak Malay. They were all too afraid to come down to the boat, but he learned there was no white person on the island. There was a bridge where we could tie up our boats and a bamboo house where we could stay or take shelter. It was some kind of government house. There were no walls but a palm rooftop. When we reached the bridge a whole flock of naked men had gathered there with torches and they helped us

carry all our belongings to the bamboo house. In the house burned a light, a beacon shining out toward the sea for guidance to shipwrecked men such as us.

We met the dignified Malay whom they called Lieutenant. He was the leader and all looked up to him. They gave us some mats to sleep on so we made ourselves home. Our first mate left in a canoe with several Malays to see if anything could be salvaged from our ship.

The next morning, a couple of the boys and I started out to see if there was anything more to salvage, but we met the first mate coming back and he informed us that the ship had capsized and there was nothing to salvage except the wind gage on the mizzen mast top which the had with them. So there lies Peter even yet, I suppose.



Axel Wahlquist—1890

The next day we returned to Garney. The Malays gave us the boat they had. There was much fish. They had eggs, coffee, bananas and we got many coconuts that were good and fresh and filled with nutmeat. We stayed until Thursday, till we had both boats in good shape for our journey to Ternate. The captain got the bigger canoe with a cabin and 15 man crew besides the lieutenant and the Chinese cook who was to serve as interpreter. The first day we had company. At night we lay and drifted and in the morning we didn't see the other boat. In the afternoon we landed at a place and asked if they had seen the other boat. They showed us where the sun was when

the boat passed by. It was eleven o'clock.

When we landed any place we gave one of the natives our water jug and he disappeared up in the woods and returned immediately with fresh water. Another native came with a large bunch of bananas so they were real obliging and were so thankful if they received an empty sardine can or anything similar.

After a couple days when we rowed around a point we saw the other boys from our ship. They were swimming in the ocean and they and we rejoiced to find one another. Then we had company to Ternate. The big boat wasn't seen by us on the whole trip.

At night we landed on shore, pulled up our boats on the beach, made a big fire, appointed one man to watch, found a sleeping place the best we could and laid down to rest.

At one of the villages we came to, the natives all ran to the woods where saw them standing behind the bushes and trees in the distance, watching us. One morning an old man came to us to tell us they had all run away and hidden themselves. At one place, fifteen or twenty men came to us and took hold of our boats and dragged them way up on the shore.

Finally we came to Ternate. We dragged our boats up on the beach and then made tents and shelter from our sails as we were having heavy rain. The First Mate went up to the town to see if anyone would take us in, but there was no place available for us poor shipwrecked sailors. Toward evening we were permitted to go to a missionary, but there was no food to be had that night. He had a large house with many servants.

The captain came later in the evening and ordered us to carry up his chest. When we got there the captain was invited immediately to come in and was treated to a glass of wine so the missionary made a difference between us and the captain. A glass

of wine or a little food would have been so greatly appreciated by us. The next day we got good food and as long as we were there, we fared well.

Now we were put on board a Hollan-dish steam boat as passengers. We were fed nothing different than the native Malays, and it was not fit for man or beast. I don't remember just what it was, but it was some kind of beans two times a day. We complained to the captain but he had gotten back his snobbish nature and drove us out without listening.

We went from island to island. I had the names written in my book that had been lost. We came to the island of Celebes and city of Makasser [On southern tip of the Island of Celebes—Makasser in the 1943 Atlas. In 1987 name changed to Ujung Pandang.], where the German counsel gave us Sea Clearance. We were there a couple of days, then continued our trip and at last came to Surabaya on Java. We had then been on board the starvation boat for sixteen days, but we were in port every day so we could buy food, so we fared well anyway.

We were quartered in a boarding house in Surabaya ten days all at the expense of the ship owners. We were even invited to the German consul where we were very comfortable, and it probably cost the ship owners a pretty penny.

Next we were put on board another starvation boat on our way to Singapore. When we were with the wild people we were well provided for and we were to have the best they had, but when we came among so called Christians, we were treated as dogs. We were in sight of Semarang [On the Island of Java] but were anchored so couldn't go to land so were compelled to live on the boats, miserable board the whole trip—5 days.

These memories are continued in the March 2001 issue of Family Backtracking.

Early British & American Colonial
Occupations and Their Current
Day Equivalents

By Mr. Dan Burrow

Submitted by PSGS Member Joan Gathings

Pattern Maker — a maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end.

Peregrinator — itinerant wanderer

Peruker — a wig maker

Pettifogger — a shyster lawyer

Pigman — crockery dealer

Plumber — one who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows

Porter — door keeper

Puddler — wrought iron worker

Quarrier — quarry worker

Rigger — hoist tackle worker

Ripper — seller of fish

Roper — maker of rope or nets

Saddler — one who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses

Sawbones — physician

Sawyer — one who saws; carpenter

Schumaker — shoemaker

Scribler — a minor or worthless author

Scrivener — professional or public copyist or writer; notary public

Scrutiner — election judge

Shrieve — sheriff

Slater — roofer

Slopseller — seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop

Snobscat/Snob — one who repaired shoes

Sorter — tailor

Spinster — a woman who spins or an unmarried woman

Spurrer — maker of spurs

Squire — country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace

Stuff gownsman — junior barrister

Supercargo — officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship

Tanner — one who tans (cures) animal hides into leather

Tapley — one who puts the tap in an ale cask

Tasker — reaper

Teamster — one who drives a team for hauling

Thatcher — roofer

Tide waiter — customs inspector

Tinker — an itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman

Tipstaff — policeman

Travers — toll bridge collection

Tucker — cleaner of cloth goods

Turner — a person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles

Victualer — a tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food

Vulcan — blacksmith

Wagoner — teamster not for hire

Wainwright — wagon maker

Waiter — customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in

Waterman — boatman who plies for hire

Webster — operator of looms

Wharfinger — owner of a wharf

Wheelwright — one who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.

Whitesmith — Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work

Whitewing — street sweeper

Whitster — bleach of cloth

Wright — workman, especially a construction worker

Yeoman — farmer who owns his own land

Nine Months From Home

The 14th Vermont In The Civil War

In Part Six of this series, Mr. Laramie follows the 14th on its journey from the Green Mountains of Vermont to the nation's capital. 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.

It was not yet November, 1862 and the 14th Vermont, along with the rest of the 2nd Vermont brigade, was now on Virginia's "sacred soil." The single bloodiest day of the Civil War, the battle of Antietam—Sharpsburg, as it is known in the South—was a month and half in the past. The battle of Fredericksburg, with its incredible Union slaughter, lay a month and half in the future.

The northern Army of the Potomac was busy reorganizing its commands and finding spots in inset its portion of the 600,000 new troops called into service since July 1st. The 14th Vermont, as a very small cog in a very large machine, was given no more consideration than any other regiment. Its summons to glory was a long, long way off.

"The first thing after eating and washing was to clean our guns," wrote Private John H. Williams on October 31st. Williams, a member of Company F, was a native of Wales who enlisted in Fairhaven. "We marched a short distance from our tents so that the Inspector General could inspect our guns. In the afternoon, we Welshmen looked for a place to wash our clothes, and I washed my stockings for the very first time. An old farmer told me that the name of the place was Alexandria Co, Virginia and the place where we were camped was Camp Seward."

The next day, the 1st of November, provided some excitement to the Vermont boys. John Rowland, also a private in the Company F from Fairhaven, and Welsh native, described the scene. "There has been great trouble because some peddlers came here to sell gingerbread and pies and they had just poison in them...I had bought some of them, but through waiting I saw the others in great pain and I never saw so much turmoil that this raised in our midst when the Dr. (and) J.H. Williams came to our tent and ordered us to stop eating it and to stop buying from them." As John H. Williams tell it, "Three of the me (soldiers) were poisoned from eating gingerbread. They look very disconsolate, groaning as if they were in the jaws of death. One of the peddlers was arrested and several cavalrymen pursued another but did not catch him. The men got better and the prisoner was released after inquiring minutely about his wares..."

The following day was Sunday, the Sabbath day. On the seventh day the Lord rested, but He was not in the arm. "This is the day we have to look to our things," wrote John Rowland. "We have been showing our clothes to the officer. He looks over everything we own to see that they are whole and clean." "This morning our knapsacks were inspected to see if our clothes were clean and in order," wrote John H. Williams. One wonders how well he fared in this inspection. He continued, "Washed my shirt in the afternoon."

The Civil War soldier was, in general, a god-fearing man. Williams mentioned in his diary a "Preaching service in the evening and a very good Prayer meeting following it." Rowland was a bit more specific, noting, "The sermon was on Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 11."

The 12th and 13th Vermont regiments had already been dispatched to Hunting Creek, south of Alexandria on the road to Mount Vernon. The 14th, 15th and 16th regiments stayed behind waiting to exchange their weapons—which had been inspected and condemned. Before the exchange

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could be made, however, these regiments, too, were ordered forward and on November 3rd, after a march of ten miles, joined the 12th and 13th regiments at the camp they christened "Camp Vermont."

Private Rowland described the change of base this way, "We have come to the end of our travels, after an extremely hard travel for some hours and we got our tents up and after awhile we got a fire to warm us, but the night was so cold so I couldn't sleep and after awhile I got up from the tent and went to the fire. It is about three o'clock in the morning...I only got a little rest after this terrible trip. Our supper was a piece of bread and clean water with it, but we get coffee this morning."

On November 6th the brigade began its work helping to construct Fort Lyon, a large earthen fort in the outer defenses of Washington. Fifteen hundred men from the brigade were detailed each day for this arduous duty. The brigade was also assigned to guard a picket line about six miles in length beginning at a point on the Potomac River about two miles north of Mount Vernon and extending to the north.

At length, the day for the exchange of their weapons arrived. So did the first snowstorm of the year. As Vermont Historian G.G.

Benedict wrote in his "Vermont in the Civil War," "Five inches of snow lay on the ground on the night of November 7th, a month earlier than any such snowfall occurred in Vermont that year." The 14th, 15th and 16th regiments made the march—it would have been useless to refuse to go because of the snow—to Alexandria to turn in their old muskets of French and Belgian manufacture and receive new ones. The 15th and 16th regiments were given English-made Enfield rifles—rifled muskets of exceptional quality, accuracy and reputation. The 14th Vermont, as Corporal J.C. Williams of Company K noted in the book he based on his wartime diary, "Life in Camp", was not. He wrote on November 8th, 1862, "The order to exchange our guns at Alexandria was completed with yesterday, during as severe a snowstorm as I ever witnessed, and taking the state of the weather and condition of the roads into consideration—the mud being four or five inches deep—it was the most unpleasant march we have had. We received in exchange for our old guns the Austrian musket, which will kill at both ends, and endangering alike both the person in front and rear."

This series continues in the March 2001 issue.

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Titanic: Ship's Compliment, Passengers, and Crew

FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

(survivors are shown in bold italic)

Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. John
Soloman, Mr. A.L.
Spedden, Mr. Frederick O.
Spedden, Mrs. Frederick O. & Maid (Helen Wilson)
Spedden, Master R. Douglas & Nurse (Elizabeth Burns)
 Spencer, Mr. W.A.
Spencer, Mrs. W.A. and Maid (Ms ?)
Stahelin, Dr. Max
 Stead, Mr. W.T.
Steffanson, B.B.
Steffanon, H.B.
Stehli, Mr. Max Frolicher
Stehli, Mrs. Max Frolicher
Stengel, Mr. C.E.H.
Stengel, Mrs. C.E.H.
 Stewart, Mr. A.A.
Stone, Mrs. George M. and Maid (Ms ? Icabod)
 Straus, Mr. Isidor & Manservant (John Farthing)
 Straus, Mrs. Isidor & *Maid (Ellen Bird)*
 Sutton, Mr. Frederick
Swift, Mrs. Frederick Joel
 Taussig, Mr. Emil
Taussig, Mrs. Emil
Taussig, Miss Ruth
Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E.Z.
 Thayer, Mr. J.B.
Thayer, Mrs. J.B. and Maid (Ms. ?)
Thayer, Mr. J.B., Jr.
 Thorne, Mr. G.
Thorne, Mrs. G.
Tucker, Mr. G.M., Jr.
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Warren, Mrs. F.M.
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 White, Mr. Percival W.
 White, Mr. Richard F.
White, Mrs. J. Stuart and Maid (Amelia Sessetti)
and Manservant (Sante Ringhini)
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Wick, Mrs. George D.

Wick, Miss Mary

Widener, Mr. George D. and Manservant (Edwin Keating)

Widener, Mrs. George D. and Maid (Emily Geiger)

Widener, Mr. Harry

Willard, Miss Constance

Williams, Mr. Duane

Williams, Mr. R.N., Jr.

Woolner, Mr. Hugh

Wright, Mr. George

Young, Miss Marie

SECOND CLASS PASSENGERS

(survivors are shown in bold italic)

Abelson, Mr. Samson

Abelson, Mrs. Hanna

Aldworth, Mr. C.

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Andrew, Mr. Frank

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Angle, Mrs. W.

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Beauchamp, Mr. H.J.

Becker, Mrs. Allen O.

Becker, Master Marion

Becker, Master Richard

Becker, Miss Ruth

Beesley, Mr. Lawrence

Bentham, Miss Lilian W.

The First Class Passenger List will continue in the December issue of FB. You can find the complete list online at <<http://members.aol.com/Mnichol/frame3.htm>>. A special thank you to Mr. Mark Nichol who granted permission to FB to reprint his lists.

Exchange Notes by Pat Eder

Amer Ancestry 18:5 (Sept/Oct 2000): clues in the graveyard; primary records online; establishing ties with distant cousins for research purposes; using house histories to reconstruct your ancestor's lives; military research; DNA tests in research; searching databases using the internet; truth, reliability and the error factor in internet research.

Ibid. 18:6 (Nov/Dec 2000): research royal lines; creating an effective newsletter; the 1752 calendar change; Danish research; land records research; using manuscript collections; protecting your data in the information age; internet safeguards.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 10:4 (Aug/Sep 2000): African-American research sources; Ulster roots; Scots-Irish heritage; Scottish Clans and family reunion info.

Ibid. 10:5 (Oct/Nov 2000): Clan Blair to store ancient documents (1100-1850) at the library; did some Scottish ancestors come from western Asia; Jewish research, part 2; fate of the ship Faithful Steward 1785 left Londonderry, Ireland bound for Phila. PA; Irish databases.

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 54:4 (Jul/Aug 2000): photography: a history of and various types from 1839 forward and sources of where to find photos; how to document your photos; Canadians and the California Gold rush of 1849; US county research, part I; a comparison of living standards in 1861 in Newark, NJ and Oldham, Lancashire, England; British memorials in churches in India; genealogical societies 2000 directory; websites on photos, albums, scrapbooks.

Ibid. 54:4 (Sep/Oct 2000): boundary

changes in Eastern Europe 1776-1912; preparing for a trip to Eastern Europe; Finnish communion books; US County research, part 2; census records; a library for genealogists traveling in RV's; church records research.

Amer Heritage Quest 16:5 Issue 89 (Sep/Oct 2000): focus on research for beginners: an internet primer, 10 commandments for genealogists; adoption research; Dudleytown, CT legends; census records; identifying the immigrant ancestor; researching fraternal and guild records; Sephardic research.

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 27:6 (Aug 2000): Great Tulare Register 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 27:7 (Sep 2000): Great Tulare Register 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 27:8 (Oct 2000): Great Tulare Register 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 27:9 (Nov 2000): great Tulare Register 1888, ongoing.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" (Fall 2000): history of Louisville, IL and some prominent citizens in 1901; military pension records; BARNHILL bio; Clay City info; CASH/JAMES family; Flora Journal items 1926 and 1937.

IL Logan Co GS "Logan Co Roots and Branches" 22:2 (Spr 2000): Lincoln Herald news 1878-79.

Ibid. 22:3 (Sum 2000): family group sheets-steps to filling them out; Lincoln Herald news 1879.

IL Schuyler Co GS "The Schuylerite" 29:2 (Sum 2000): Rushville, IL merchants 1870; Rushville Times news 1925; many obits from 1920's and other articles naming local residents.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 24:1 (Sep 2000): Vanderburgh Co, IN flood of 1927; abstracts from Affidavit Book 1, Vanderburgh Co; GILBRETH/HAWS family 1848.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 30:3 (Fall 2000): Birth records index 1900; mar-

riages 1898; naturalizations, ongoing; Kansas coal mining accidents 1886-1950, ongoing.

LA Louisiana Roots 6:3 (Jul/Aug 2000): articles for history lovers with LA roots; LA research; LA genealogical and historical societies; NORMAND family.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Oct 2000): MUSSETTER descendants; LEHMAN family; MACKLE FREIESE/THOMPSON descendants.

MA Berkshire Family History Assn "Berkshire Genealogist" 21:3 (Sum 2000): ancestor tables for LAST, McNIECE, MARSHALL, NORTON, DAVENPORT, SWIFT; Williamstown MA births and marriages 1728-1829, ongoing; Sheffield, MA map 1876; cumulative census of Peru MA 1790-1920, ongoing; store accounts of Cyrus and Daniel WILLIAMS and their customers 1808-1847; Plainfield, MA militia list 1840; Middlefield, MA maiden names from vital records; state census of Lee, MA 1855, ongoing.

MA Falmouth GS "Newsletter" 12:5 (Sep/Oct 2000): index of internet sites various subjects.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 27:3 (Sep 2000): descendants of HOLBROOK, FLEMING and POPPLE; descendants of HOFSTRA and ZAGEWEG; descendants of HOWDEN and WALKER; history of Muskegon's Indian Cemetery.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 18:3 (Sep 2000): Nidaros Twp history and listing of landowners 1884; naturalization index 1928.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 14:4 (Oct 2000): chronological history of the US; recent obits from Memphis, MO Democrat; Scotland Co rural schools and school censuses 1926.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 39:3 (Sep 2000): San Miguel de

Laredo-Carnue' Land Grant of 1763, ongoing; expedition against smallpox 1803; vaccination lists; wills of Cristobal and Antonio MADRID; probates of 1870-74 Socorro Co, NM.

OH Brown Co GS "On the Trail" 23:3 (Fall 2000): bible records of CHAPMAN/MANKER; NAYLOR/HECKATHORN pedigree; New Harmony cemetery.

OH Tuscarawas GS "Pioneer Footprints" 28:3 (Aug 2000): marriage licenses 1855; court record of petitions 1856-59.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 50:1 (Sep 2000): emigrants from Kristainsun, Norway to OR 1882-1930; Multnomah Co tax records; land entry records; early emigrants to OR; Lone Fir Cemetery records 1846-1800, ongoing; Civil War veterans who were residents of OR, ongoing.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 32:2 (Sep 2000): news items from 125 years ago; Mercer Co tavern licenses 1845; Mercer Co marriages from Western Press; SMITH, GERWIG ancestor charts.

Ibid. 20:6 (Oct 2000): brief guide to PA State Archives; RECE pedigree; news items from 125 years ago.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Tracks in Lyman Co" 14:2 (Oct 2000): Vivian school alumni 1920-73; Lyman Co obituary index; genealogy websites; news items various years.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder and Index" 26:4 (Oct 2000): a genealogist's post-vacation checklist, 2000 index.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 27:1 (Fall 2000): Vancouver post office newsletters 1944-46; internet genealogy classes; 1880 Clark Co federal census supplemental schedule; Old City Cem, Vancouver, ongoing; ancestor charts for WILLIAMS and VAREKAMP; Clark Co WWI casualties; news items 1876; history of Hartline, Douglas Co; Ephrata yearbook 1939; WA Education directories, Grant Co 1923-1978.

WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree-Searcher" 11:4 (Jul/Aug 2000): Satsop directory 1903-04; Satsop news from Elma Chronicle, various years.

Ibid. 11:5 (Sep/Oct 2000): Pioneer Grays Harbor women, from the Grays Harbor Washingtonian Aug 1937.

WA Jefferson Co GS "Newsletter" 17:4 (Fall 2000): James WOODMAN diary 1888.

WA Mason Co GS "Mason Co Log" (Nov 2000): genealogical internet sites and Web pages.

WA Olympia GS "25th Anniversary Issue" 1999 Vol 25 #1-4 (Jan-Oct 1999): synopsis of past 25 years; STANDISH, JACKSON pedigree; SMART<BALL, MITCHELL pedigrees; index of genealogy books in Olympia Timberland Library; index to naturalizations Thurston Co 1850-1974, ongoing.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" (Jul/Aug 2000): index to naturalizations, Thurston Co 1850-1974, ongoing; Thurston Co historical markers and sites.

WA South King Co GS "So King News" 15:6 (Jul/Aug 2000): Muckleshoot 1930 Indian census roll.

Ibid. 16:1 (Sep/Oct 2000): Muckleshoot 1930 Indian census roll, ongoing.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS

"Stillaguamish Star" 14:1 (Sep/Oct 2000): area funeral index, ongoing; ROOSE-SATHER family.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 32:1 (Fall 2000): 1909 Longfellow school census; members of WA Pioneer Assn at time of statehood, ongoing; records of the US Marines, the US Coast Guard and their predecessors; news items from Daily Ledger 1887; probates of Pierce Co WA territory 1877, ongoing; genealogical holdings at WA State Archives and regional branches.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 28:3 (Sep 2000): maps of Kittitas and Douglas Cos 1895; Mansfield Cem, Mansfield, WA; plat map Douglas Co 1912.

WA Yakima Valley GS 32:3 (Sep 2000): marriage licenses 1945; WENTWORTH ahnentafel; 1890 letters left at Ellensburg post office; St Elizabeth School of Nursing alumni 1925-31, ongoing; school records Kittitas Co 1901; teachers of East Selah schools 1902.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 24:3 (Fall 2000): Walnut Grove cemetery, Clay Co; SUPPLE, McFARLAND and FIFE wills; NEWTON, GERJETS and LANHAM pedigrees.

From The Editor -

As you have read on the front cover under "Club News!", I have made the difficult decision to resign my post as editor of this fine newsletter. It's hard to let go, but I have found that I just do not have as much time as I would to have to put out the kind of publication that I can be proud of and you, the reader will be proud of.

I leave you in very capable hands though. Cyril Taylor, our esteemed Treasurer, has stepped up to take the reins of the Backtracker. He's very involved in genealogy and has given assistance through his previous primers and has shared stories of his ancestors. He has some excellent ideas for the direction of Backtracker and I hope that you will support him with materials that you have shared with me over the past two years.

The various series that are currently running in Backtracker will continue until their end, so look for those in the March issue.

Thank you to everyone who made me feel welcome as your editor, who provided the wonderful stories, and who took a minute to tell me how much you enjoyed the issue. Thank you.....

Your humble editor,
Michele

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- ▶ The Ways & Means Committee needs your ideas and suggestions to raise funds for PSGS.
- ▶ Don't forget to get your membership paid by February 28th in order to be eligible for the special drawing!
- ▶ Don't forget Video Friday, each month on the fourth Friday at 1 PM in the library.

