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## From the President

Dear Members,

As I am writing this for our March 2001 issue of the *Backtracker* it is hard to believe that I have been President for fourteen months. I wonder where the time has gone? As I am limited for space I cannot mention and thank by name all of those who deserve my gratitude for their time and talents that were contributed over this time to keep our Society functioning. I would like though to thank a few individuals by

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## Bremerton

By Fredi Perry  
In The Beginning

As the great glacial ices melted and receded, Bremerton's elevations gradually rose and rebounded from the weight of the ice, exposing hills and valleys, creating glacial lakes and creeks. In the past 3,000 years, two massive earthquakes along the Seattle fault further changed the terrain, thrusting and uplifting underwater areas creating low bank waterfront properties, turning lakes into saltwater bays. This geography shaped the economic future of the Bremerton area.

### Earthquakes

Stored up energy is squeezing the Olympic Mountains closer together, creating a potential disaster that has worried scientists for years. Granted it's a small movement, reported as one inch over an eight-year period by the United States Geological Survey. The USGS office in Menlo Park, California, installed eight surveying stations above the timberline in the Olympics and began measuring distances between the peaks with a laser device in 1982. They concluded that the squeezing they detected "will eventually rupture in a great thrust earthquake."

The "squeezing" detected by the USGS study results from an undersea collision about 60 miles off the Washington-Oregon-British Columbia coast, a section of ocean bottom pushing against the continent. As the bottom segment (known as the Juan de Fuca Plate) encounters the continental shelf, it dives or subducts beneath the lighter rock of the continent.

The subducting Juan de Fuca Plate moves steadily at a rate of almost two inches a year. Scientists believe the upper edge of the diving plate is

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## Puget Sound Genealogical Society

### **Meetings**

Meetings are held at the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 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 Belfair Community Baptist Church - Library, 23300 N. E. State 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 *Backtracker* published four times per year. Send membership application and fee to PSGS Membership, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298.

### **Genealogical Research Library**

Our library is located at the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 110, Port Orchard, Washington. Hours are Monday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone: (360) 874-8813.

### **Queries**

Queries for the newsletter may be sent to Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard, WA 98366-4298. Queries will be placed as space permits.

### **Newsletter**

*The Backtracker* is published four times per year in March, June, September, and December. Due dates for material submitted are the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Materials must be camera ready and of high ethical standards. Manuscripts, announcements, and items for review should be mailed to same address as queries. *Backtracker* will announce genealogical events and publications from genealogical societies, archives, or libraries at no charge as room permits.

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## **Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule**

Meeting Place: Belfair Community Baptist Church Library, 23300 NE State Highway 3, Belfair.

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Funeral Homes – Ramon Wright.
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Probates – Jewel Dunn.
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Newspapers work party.
July	Unannounced.
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bring your own old photos. Guessing game.
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Using research libraries. Nancy Carter.
October	Unannounced.
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party – Potluck, planning session for 2002 meetings,

From the desk of Marjorie Menees, PSGS Librarian  
***EVERY DAY LIFE IN THE CIVIL WAR***

*A Guide for Writers, Students, and Historians.*

By Michael J. Varhola - Published 1999, Writers Digest Books

Michael Varhola edits and writes various publications including some for the University of Maryland University College and is one of the founders of *Living History* magazine. He is an editor and writer who is a lover of history and who has chosen the Civil War times for this look at history.

Included are over 40 illustrations ranging from sketches to photographs. There are four appendices: Civil War Time Line, Recommended Books/Bibliography, Resources, and Songs and Poetry.

His chapters contain discussions of the North and the South - its states and their people; wages, currency, clothing, and dry goods; life in the cities, towns, and country and the food and diet thereof. He touches on fun and games and how people entertained themselves. He also talks about the war as viewed from the home front - both north and south and details all of the armed services involved and their uniforms, arms and equipment which discussion covers technology of the times also.

One of his interesting chapters begins with a quotation from Mark Twain, "A national language is a very large matter. It reflects everything that happens to a people, the cultural forces that create ideas and words, the content and form of regional and social expression." With this he delves into our being a nation of many tongues from the colonial times when the American language began to slip away from the language of England and acquire Americanisms. He includes the dialects and the difference of language in the North and in the South. He also notes the influences of other cultures such as African, German, Irish, Spanish, and Mexican.

He speaks of how all this affects the written word and then expands to a list of words that were spawned during or before these times many of which are commonplace today. Some of these:

**hold on!** -- wait or stop from the German *halt am*.

**shoddy** -- word for a cheap type of cloth came to mean anything of low quality.

**unconditional surrender** -- Ulysses S. Grant to Simon Bolivar Buckner, "No terms unless unconditional surrender."

Because this matched Grant's initials it became his wartime nickname.

If you have ancestors who lived just prior, during, or just after the Civil War years this book is well worth reading to increase your family feeling of the times. Not all families had members who were in the military nor who were close to the battle grounds or troop movements but just about everyone was affected in some way in work, business, health, dress, food, transportation and knowing about "doing without" even those who were pioneering in the far west and would seem to be too remote to be touched by the fray.

*Everyday Life During The Civil War* is a new one for our library and will be on the new bookshelf soon.

**Patronize Your  
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After all it is yours!**

## Video Schedule for 2001

All dates are for Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

March 30, 2001 -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part II -- Census and Probate Records.

May 25, 2001 -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part III -- Land, military, and vital records.

June 29, 2001 -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part IV -- Compiled sources -- city directories, newspapers, cemetery and sexton records, lineage society records, tax lists, genealogical and biographical indexes.

July 27, 2001 -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part V -- Passenger lists and passports and Part VI -- naturalization records.

September 28, 2001 -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part VII -- Federal land records and national Archive maps.

October 26, 2001 -- Research in England and Wales Part I -- Civil registration. and Part II -- Parish registers.

November 30, 2001 -- Research in England and Wales Part III -- Census and probate records.

Handouts recapping the covered material are available each session for twenty-five (25) cents.

## Ways and Means Committee Report

Sandie Morrison, Chairperson

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Your Ways & Means Committee has been busy this past year. We have raised over \$1,000.00 for the PSGS Treasury.

Our fund-raiser for December was the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Social & Auction. When the committee first came up with the idea of an auction, we wanted a professional auctioneer to auction off the great handmade items that were to be donated by the membership. But, alas, none came forward. I came to the realization that I would have to 'fake it' and be the auctioneer for the day. So donning my cowboy hat grabbing a gavel and with the encouragement from my husband, Jim, of "Have fun with this auction", I started the auction rolling.

We had a variety of handmade items including a lamp, crocheted vests, afghans, pottery, Rosmaling, doll clothes, ceramics, teddy bear, note cards, yam tissue covers, Christmas centerpiece, and driftwood arrangements to name a few.

There were breaks for homemade holiday cookies, hot coffee and socializing.

The bidding moved along rapidly and it was fun! One member kept raising her bid by 50 cents and some of the items really climbed in price quickly. One couple ended up with most of their Christmas shopping list filled. We had a lot of laughs as some outbid themselves!

When all bids were in, we had taken in the grand total of \$492.50! Your Ways & Means Committee wants to thank all members who donated their handmade items to the auction and also a big thank you to those who bid so generously.

As we start the New Year, the Ways & Means Committee needs your ideas for fund-raising. Please contact us and share your thoughts on what we can do at future meetings.

We will have the Myra Gormley Seminar on April 28, h in the spring, which will be a lot of fun and a great fund-raiser. Be sure you are signed up for one of the committees to work at this seminar. It will require all PSGS members participating to make it a success.

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stuck against overlying rock. As the rest of the plate moves, pressure builds up on the stuck edge. The resulting compression tilts up the outer coast and squeezes the ground surface.

The dire prediction of an earthquake of 9 or greater (Richter scale) in the Puget Sound area does not go unheeded. One Northwest quake opened up the Port Washington Narrows and turned a glacial lake into what we now know as Dyes Inlet.

A study in 1990 by John Adams of the Geological Survey of Canada found evidence of 13 devastating earthquakes in the Northwest during the past 6,900 years.

These earthquakes occurred an average of every 590 years, give or take 170 years, he said.

The most recent big jolt happened 300 years ago, on Jan. 26, 1700. The exact date was determined by a Japanese scientist, Kenji Satakie, who examined tax records for the Emperor of Japan. Satakie learned the exact date and time that a tsunami struck Japan, destroying homes and flooding a rice warehouse. The 1700 earthquake was a subduction quake.

An historical quake in 1872 with an estimated magnitude of 7.1 was felt into British Columbia, west to Montana, and south through Oregon. That quake was reported to Seattle newspapers by all of Kitsap's mill towns, including the one at Enetai Beach.

#### **Large earthquakes that have been Felt in Kitsap County**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Magnitude</b>	<b>Epicenter</b>
1872	7.4	Probably Lake Chelan
1909	6	San Juan Islands
1932	7	Tolt River Fault
1939	5.8	Seattle
1945	5.5	Seattle
1946	7	Seattle and Olympia
1946	5.1	Vancouver, BC to Olympia
1949	7.1	Olympia
1965	6.5	East of Seattle
1995	5.0	Maury Island
1996	5.3	Seattle

#### **Local newspapers report 1871 quake**

The following story was carried in many newspapers in the territory concerning the 1871

earthquake, one comparable to the 1949 quake.

"Up to the present time, it has been ascertained that the shock was felt simultaneously as far south as Eugene City, in Oregon, north to British Columbia, and east to Lewiston, Umatilla and Walla Walla, the intermediate region, of course being affected at every place from which reports have been received. At Victoria, Port Townsend, Seattle, Steilacoom, on the Puyallup, at Kalama, Vancouver, and many other points the description of time and manner is identical with that of this place. A gentleman living on the Puyallup informs us that the effect upon the tall fir trees was startling and grand. They were swayed to and fro by the irresistible force, their intertwining branches rustling with the agitation as if shaken by some giant hand, while the earth appeared to be moved by the passage of an elastic wave of motion, resembling billows of the ocean. The area affected by the shocks is probably much greater than the limits described, and on some portion of the coast it may have been attended by the usual horrors, but we have yet to learn of a casualty or loss of any importance from the dread phenomena. The approach of an earthquake is said to be heralded by several premonitory symptoms. People are sometimes affected with dizziness, the sun appears red and fiery, and dumb animals frequently utter cries of distress. This is attributed to an electric change in the atmosphere, which produces a feeling of uneasiness. The wind lulls, and rains pour down in torrents at times. The atmosphere is generally very still, while the surface of the ocean or lakes is usually disturbed. A sound as of distant thunder or the firing of artillery sometimes accompanies or precedes the movements."

The April 13, 1949, tremor was the strongest ever recorded by modern devices in the Northwest. The quake struck at 11:57 a.m. when Bremerton's downtown streets were crowded with shoppers and those out for lunch. Ten people died in Western Washington, including a Bremerton woman whose death was one of two considered an indirect result of the quake.

The violent upheaval along a fault line deep beneath the earth's crust near Olympia made the earth shudder and pitch, rippling like ocean

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waves.

There were scattered reports in the Bremerton area of damage including a large plate glass window at Olberg Drug; the Elks' Club fireplace cracked; a display board shook loose off the 245 Fourth Street Building; homes' chimneys and brick toppled. Other local businesses and many homes suffered broken glass, toppled canned goods, and tilted pictures. No serious damage was reported to public utilities, except for the phone company which was swamped with between 12-15,000 calls. Local phone company manager, George Lord, told a local newspaper: "It was the heaviest influx of calls in the local company's history." Glass broke in both the high school's chemistry classrooms and at Olympic (junior) College. An old crack in a corner of the high school building opened slightly and tile fell from a cornice at Naval Avenue School. Frank Schricker's greenhouses on Naval Avenue, with thousands of panes of glass, suffered no damage.

University of Washington seismographs recorded one major shock followed by 50 minutes of "waves". The strongest "wave" swung the needle on the graph 18 seconds after the initial shock. A 23-ton saddle fell from a tower of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, then under construction after the collapse of the first bridge in 1940. The saddle hurtled through a barge below injuring two workmen.

Initial estimates were that \$20,000,000 in damage was sustained.

Another powerful earthquake hit the Northwest on April 29, 1965. The *USS Constellation's* weatherman said that it felt like the 'Connie', then docked in Bremerton, was plowing through big seas at 35 knots. On hearing the roar that precedes most big earthquakes, a Farragut Avenue woman thought the furnace was exploding, and when the shaking started envisioned the house at the bottom of the hill in shambles, she in her *au natural* night-ware.

Most serious damage occurred to Port Orchard buildings located on the fill behind Bay Street.

Warmer days, after the ice receded, brought hunter-fisher-gatherers who scattered along Bremerton's shorelines, mostly on a seasonal basis. These indigenous peoples, who we now la-

bel Suquamish, utilized the natural resources and lived in harmony with the land. Marauding bands of Northern peoples made frequent visitations in their great war canoes, leaving as rapidly as they had arrived but taking their bounty, whether it be slaves or food or prized treasures received at the great potlatches of Puget Sound.

One legend interpreted by Thomas T. Waterman described a rock outcropping along the Tracyton Road as in the form of a woman with her hand shading her eyes. A myth detailed that this woman was watching an advancing war party across the inlet when she was turned to stone.

The survivors of these raids gathered during the winters in their communal dwellings, called longhouses, feasting on dried berries, roots, venison, a variety of clams, and their staple, salmon. The women wove clothing from shredded cedar bark, fashioned apparel from the furs of elk and deer, sheared dogs and wove that fuzz into clothing. Cedar and root baskets for gathering clams and berries were woven. The men gambled, hewed new cedar canoes and repaired old ones, repaired fishing gear for the next seasons, while spear points were polished, new ones hammered. Fires burned around the sides of the long house as children listened intently to elders telling stories of their elders, of the creation of the heavens and earth, the transformation of animals to humans. These were also times to rest.

Leonard Forsman, Suquamish tribal member and an archaeologist, indicates that there is evidence of two permanent Suquamish villages on dyes Inlet. There were nearly 60 temporary or seasonal locations in Kitsap County.

Fredi Perry, Kitsap historian, has written or co-authored several books on Northwest history. She has granted permission to the Puget Sound Genealogical Society to use excerpts in the *Backtracker* from her forthcoming book, *Bremerton*, due for publication in December 2001.

PSGS will focus in the next several issues on the early history of Kitsap County and the Bremerton area

#### Press Release

Fredi Perry, who is writing the history of Bremerton for release this year, and the Kitsap

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County Historical Society are cooperating in identifying the earliest Bremerton families.

Perry is concentrating on the history prior to 1920 and is seeking biographical information on those families who can prove residency before 1921. That information may be sent to her at 1824 S. Marine Drive, Bremerton 98312. For her purposes, residency must be within the limits of Washington Avenue to High Avenue and those areas of Madrona Point, Marine Drive, Rocky Point and Phinney Bay.

The Kitsap County Historical Society is seeking biographical information ending at 1930 and includes all of Bremerton: Charleston, Manette and present limits. A "First Families" form is available by calling them at 360 479-6226. "First Families" will be presented with a certificate plus special recognition at a reception in the fall. First family applications will be forwarded to Perry for possible inclusion in the

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name. When I became President we did not have a Ways & Means Committee and couldn't find a person to chair the committee. We have been fortunate to have Sandie Morrison, Bruce Ramsey and Sue Plummer step forward to act as co-chairpersons. They have done an outstanding job from increasing our meeting raffle proceeds to expanding our visibility in the community. They are now involved in planning for our Seminar in April and could use all the help they can get. Thank you Sandie, Bruce and Sue for stepping forward.

Phyllis Wahlquist coordinated field trips for us to the Seattle Public Library, State Archives in Olympia and the Tacoma City Library. Thank you Phyllis. And I also would like to thank Sandie Morris who has been able to finally get our Web Page up and running and updated. Thank you Sandie.

Although because of the number of people involved I cannot at this time thank everyone individually by name, I would like to take this time to thank all those that volunteered for library duty, thus enabling us to keep our library open.

In conjunction with the Kitsap County Historical Society we had an area at the Kitsap County Fair last year and I would like to thank all

those individuals that volunteered to help at our booth.

We have an ongoing obituary project that is more time consuming than I originally envisioned and I want to thank all those who have donated their time to this project from copying the obits, to providing data input for an index and now cutting, assembling and putting into index file drawers. And lastly I would like to thank the group that has been working at the funeral home; it is another time consuming project. If you have a Lap Top computer and could donate any time at all to this project it would be greatly appreciated. It is my hope I haven't slighted anyone and if I have failed to thank any individual for volunteering their services for a specific project, please accept my apology.

We lost our outstanding *Backtracker* editor Michele Brittany due to time constraints on her part and I want to thank Michele for the outstanding job she has done with that publication. I want to thank Cyril Taylor for stepping forward and volunteering to take Michele's place, which won't be easy to do. This issue is his first attempt and I'm sure it will be a good one.

I encourage each of you to become more involved in some phase of our Society's activities, even if it can only be for an hour or so every once in awhile. It can serve as a social function for you as well as benefit the Society. Experience is not required, remember we are all here to help each other. Please volunteer by contacting any of the officers or any of the committee chairmen.

Sincerely,

Larry

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## A Word from the Editor

I want express my appreciation to Fredi Perry for graciously allowing us to include an excerpts from her forthcoming history of Bremerton. In the light of the Ash Wednesday earthquake (February 28th) I thought it was apropos to use that portion of Chapter One of *Bremerton* that dealt with the history of earth tremors in our region. You, like myself, will find it a fascinating story.

My English cousin, Judy Day of Broadstone, Dorset, has written a tale of genealogical research in the New Forest of Hampshire titled *More Adventures of An English Family Historian*. Through her we can experience vicariously the thrill of doing genealogical research in the "old country."

I want to thank Lois Roark for designing the *Backtracker's* new masthead. With the alpine, marine and forest motif inspired by our West Sound setting we are emulating PSGS' letterhead, calling card and publication covers previously created by Lois. This provides an across-the-board and consistent appearance to all forms of PSGS media.

To those of you who have contributed articles and other items for inclusion of this edition of the *Backtracker*, I owe you a vote of appreciation.

I want to commend Michele Brittany for the efficient and stress less passing of the editorial torch to this novice editor.

This is the first edition of the *Backtracker* under my editorship and you will note that my vision for your Society's publication reflects a new direction. I envision a newsletter that reflects the interests of our membership as well as having articles relative to our near-insular world of the Kitsap Peninsula.

Remember, the quality of the content of the *Backtracker* depends on your wholehearted participation.

You will note that several of your co-members have submitted material to this edition of the *Backtracker*. Everyone of you have had genealogical adventures that have merit in the telling. It is these stories that I want you to share with us. I want this publication to be liter-

ally your newsletter with stories "in your own words."

I am especially seeking articles about our West Sound region. If your ancestors were pioneers of the Kitsap Peninsula, I would like you to write about them using names and dates and places of life's principal event; births, marriages and burials.

Send me your queries as they will always be welcome. Please make your queries as brief and concise as possible.

I know many of you have old family photos from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century that you prize highly. It would be of interest to our reader's if you would either mail or send as an e-mail attachment your favorite antique photo with an appropriate caption. Don't send the original photographs, just your duplicate copies.

I have included a new feature in this edition of the *Backtracker*. It is Members' Surname Interests. These were taken from the application form you filled on renewing or joining PSGS. Because when many of you pay your membership dues no application is submitted, you have been omitted from this new feature. I urge you send me your surname interests (please limit them to six surnames for any one edition) and they will be included in the June issue.

You might say I am learning the functions of an editor literally *on-the-job*. Your constructive criticism is welcome with regard all aspects of the *Backtracker* from editorial content to appearance. Your story ideas will be appreciated too.

Please submit your articles and other material for the *Backtracker* to me via e-mail: [ctaylor@krl.org](mailto:ctaylor@krl.org) or through the services of the US Postal Service:

Cyril Taylor  
9877 S E Cove Way  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Or leave them in the *Backtracker* Folder in the file cabinet at the PSGS Research Library.

Best wishes, Cyril

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society  
Presents a Seminar by  
**Myra Gormley**

Certified Genealogist — Genealogy Columnist

The following topics will be the subject of Mrs. Gormley's presentation:

**The Farmer's Daughter.**

A case study using American land records to work around a twice-burnt courthouse.

**Potholes & Quagmires on the Genealogy Trail.**

Identifying and avoiding them.

**Finding Immigrant Ancestors.**

**Beyond the Web.**

**When:** Saturday, April 28th, 2001  
**Where:** Givens Community Center  
1026 Sidney Avenue  
Port Orchard

**Registration:** 8:00 A.M.  
**Program Hours:** 9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.  
**Member's Cost:** \$20.00  
**Non member's Cost:** \$25.00  
**Late Registration Fee:** \$ 5.00 (after April 20th)

Make checks payable to PSGS and mail to Puget Sound Genealogy Society, Attn: Gormley Seminar, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Suite 110, Port Orchard, Washington 98366-4298.

Need additional information: Please contact Sandie Morrison at [morrison@nwinet.com](mailto:morrison@nwinet.com).

Seminar amenities: Free parking, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available, fresh pastries in the morning, vendor tables, a multitude of door prizes and a special raffle drawing. Bring a sack lunch or order your lunch from the sandwich lady. There are many excellent restaurants within a short distance of the Givens Community Center and fast-food too.



Myra Vanderpool Gormely is a syndicated columnist and feature writer for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. Additionally, she writes articles on the subject of genealogy for *Colonial Homes* magazine. She is the co-editor of *Missing Links* and *Roots-Web Review*, two weekly e-zine genealogy newsletters. A certified genealogist, she has written three books: *Prima's Official Companion to Family Tree Maker*, *Family Diseases: Are You at Risk?* and *Cherokee Connections*. In her spare time she searches for her own elusive

## Take Off Those Blinders!

by Sandie Morrison

In June of 1951 my husband, Jim, needed a copy of his birth certificate for his recent employment at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA.

Jim's father, Winfred Morrison, told Jim that when they had tried to obtain a copy of his birth record for school enrollment, they were told they could not find such record at the courthouse. Winfred told Jim that the reason there was no record of his birth was probably because the doctor who delivered him was very elderly and died shortly after his birth. A Delayed Record of Birth would have to be obtained.

Winfred had to compete an affidavit certifying Jim's birth which included Jim's parents names, color or race, birth year and birthplace, sex, marital status as married, Jim's full name, date of birth, county and city of birth. He also had to obtain a certified copy of the newspaper item of the birth as supporting evidence.

Shortly after submitting these papers to the Office of the Division of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, Bismarck, North Dakota, Jim received a copy of his Delayed Record of Birth.

In September of 2000 my husband, Jim, and myself made a genealogical trip to Raleigh, North Dakota where Jim was born. We paid a visit to the courthouse in Carson, Grant County, searching for records on his family. While Jim was looking through the land records, I found a stack of old birth ledgers. The births for the county were recorded by the year. As I read down the list for 1932, I spotted Jim's father's name, Winfred Morrison and his mother's name, Alma Mary Christensen. But the child's name was James Carl Christensen, not Morrison. The birth was registered under Jim's mother's name, not his father's name. No wonder a birth record could not be found for my husband. They were looking for a child with the last name of Morrison, not Christensen.

The moral of this story is don't put on blinders when doing your research! Check dates on both sides and all the surnames in your notes. Mistakes are made on entries into records all the time. Don't rely entirely on courthouse staff to do your research for you. And don't give up!

## More Adventures of an English Family Historian

by Judy Day

At the end of my previous article I mentioned my fruitless search for my Great-Grandmother Adelaide Adey, who, it was alleged "ran off with the local schoolmaster" sometime before 1881. She was from a very respectable and influential family, here in Poole, Dorset, and this caused some scandal as she left behind a husband and children. Indeed no mention is made of her in her Mother's, nor any other wills that I have found. My Father, her grandson, did not know if the story was true, but he did say that she had told his Dad, that someday she would return. She never did. I still do not know what became of her.

Adelaide was not the only elusive member of this particular family. For many years I had searched for the origins of her great-grandfather Stephen Adey, for, though I had learned a great deal about his life, I had no idea where he had come from or who were his parents.

The earliest mention I have of Stephen is his marriage in 1744 at the parish church in Poole, and subsequently the baptisms there of his four children William, Thomas, Stephen and Mary. In 1758, on the quay in Poole, he built himself an alehouse known as the Blue Boar. It still stands today, but in the 19th century the name was changed to honour that great man Lord Nelson, and is affectionately called just "the Nelson". It is a very popular place to have a drink, and has a delightful view of the boats along the quay and the harbour -- the second largest harbour in the World. Stephen also involved himself in local politics as did his children later on. Brewing was the family's main income, but William his son, also took to the sea and became a coal merchant, exporting to the Americas as well as other places. Poole has a very proud connection to Newfoundland played a major role in the flourishing cod industry there in the 17th and 18th centuries.

I had absolutely no idea where to look

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for his birth around 1715, and I had scoured all the surrounding parishes with no success. However, both Stephen and his wife Mary were buried in 1783 and 1786 in Christchurch, the neighbouring ancient town to the east, along the coast. I thought this rather odd as I could find no connection with them to the town, certainly no birth record, but I did note there were others with the same surname who were born there and in Ringwood, another local town and I kept a record of them all in hope that in the future I might be able to put the pieces together.

I also made sure that I collected all the wills relevant to the name Adey and variations, of which there are many including Addey, Ady, and Eddy.

Throughout my years of research I have found that wills are a most useful resource, confirming family relationships as only they can, and bringing to life, in their bequests, people who were previously only just a collection of dates.

Stephen's will was very detailed showing how he left the alehouse to his son William and of his friendship with one Thomas Dean. This gentleman I knew had a connection with Christchurch, but there was no mention of any connection there to Stephen. Time passed and I went on to research another family; I put all thought of the Adey's to the back of my mind. Then one day whilst in the reference library in Bournemouth I came across an interesting book -- Index to Hampshire wills in the Record Office at Winchester. Being close to the Hampshire/Dorset border here it is always worthwhile checking records of the neighbouring county. Upon opening the book the first thing I noticed was that there were quite a number of Adey wills listed, in particular the one that caught my eye was for one William Adey, Innholder of Burley, Hants (Hampshire) who died in 1720. I really cannot explain why I felt so drawn to this entry, but I decided at once to send a cheque to the Hampshire record office for a copy.

When the will arrived it exceeded all my expectations. William described his property in Burley, a tenement called Black Bush with

twelve acres of land, the fact that he wished to be buried in the church at Ringwood "nigh the Chancel door, by my father" and named all his eight children the youngest of whom was-- yes you've guessed -- Stephen! Looking back through the records, which I had collected, I was able to piece together the family tree and a trip to the Hampshire record office filled in details back to 1611.

Having been baptised in 1666 William was only about 54 years old at death, with his children then ranging in age from his eldest son William at 21, to his youngest Stephen who would have only been about five. Shortly after William's death it seems that the family spread out into the surrounding area, several making their homes in Christchurch, and completely disappearing from the records at Burley. Frustratingly, despite much searching, I have still not found the record of Stephen's birth nor that of his elder sister Ursly, but I am quite convinced that William and Ursula Adey were his parents.

Following this discovery I set out to find out as much as I could about the property in Burley, tracing it through maps and deeds to the present day. Modern evidence showed that it seemed to have changed little in the intervening years and so an excursion was planned to visit the place to see what might remain.

Thus it was that one February day my sister and I set out to travel to Burley, in the New Forest, some twenty-five miles from Poole. On the tourist route the little village of quaint cottages once known for its witches and smugglers, is very busy in the summer months, the shops designed to appeal to the holiday-maker, and there are hotels and teashops for the thirsty traveler.

Though called the New Forest the place is not at all new, being developed by William the Conqueror from a wild tract of heath and gorse, and re-afforested to form a hunting ground. Much of it is still high, wild ground,

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though its woodland is a very important feature, and ponies, cattle and deer run free -- they have right of way, and there are strict speed limits enforced. Animals roam everywhere and it is not unusual to see them standing in the middle of the road quite unconcerned at the traffic, or the people.

The day was mild and sunny, one of those days when spring seems just around the corner and daffodils and catkins are in abundance. We alighted the 'bus just outside the village, crossed the road and headed uphill through the trees along a gravel track. We were heading for Burley castle, not a castle of legend, but an old, Iron Age hill fort once probably inhabited by the original villagers, but deserted for hundreds of years. From the top is an amazing view over the surrounding heathland, which gives you the feeling of having stepped back in time, as there is not a house or a road in sight, and the only sound that of birds and the wind in the trees.

We pressed on, despite the mud underfoot, and around a bend in the track came our first view of the property once owned by William Adey -- Black Bush was the legend on the gate. We soon realized that this somewhat modern house with its stunning view over the valley, could not have been his 18<sup>th</sup> Century dwelling, but a short distance away was a ruin -- a tumble of old bricks and mortar covered in moss and lichen; a place which was clearly old enough and most likely to have been the original Black Bush. We sat on the old wall in the sun and ate our lunch. Right above us was the most beautiful sight -- a cherry tree in full bloom, and covered in bees and butterflies -- almost unbelievable in the month of February. The magic of that time and place is hard to describe, but somehow it seemed to be welcoming us, confirming to me that we had found the original home of Stephen Adey.

## Fractured History of the Penlands

It has been proven from ancient manuscripts and archeological research that the Romans built Hadrian's Wall principally to keep the Penlands out.

In fact, the lowland Scots couldn't stand them either. They tried to keep them contained in the Penland Hills outside Edinburgh. This plan never worked satisfactorily as the Penlands would sneak down in the dead of night. Finally some Scot devised a scheme of trapping Penlands individually and transporting them to northern Ireland.

In Ireland the Penlands continued to raise Cain until the beleaguered Ulstermen thought of using psychology on them. "Let's tell them how great things are in America. Gold in the streets, full dinner pails, welfare for everybody -- all those old (and new) ploys were used. And it worked!!

Pennsylvania was the lucky colony to get most of the Penlands. When we find Pennsylvania overseer James Logan writing to the Penns in England calling the Scots and Ulstermen "bold and indigent strangers, saying as their excuse when challenged for (land) titles, that we had solicited for colonists, and they had come accordingly." It is generally accepted he was speaking mainly of the Penlands.

The authorities in Pennsylvania told the Penlands, "We have land available. Just go where we tell you" Directing them to the areas where the Indians were most troublesome, or to the sloughs and bogs of the Pennsylvania barrens, the powers-that-be thought the problem was solved -- once again.

We don't know how the Indians reacted, but we do know the land was so poor it produced only one or two crops and then wore out.

Don't think it was by accident that the roads to the South such as the Cumberland Trail were widely advertised in that particular area of Pennsylvania. Once again the family

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took the bait.

Off they went again, settling mostly in western North Carolina. It is generally believed that the mountain people of western North Carolina developed an unfriendly attitude toward the lowlanders because they wanted to keep lowland noses out of their business. Not so! After running into a few Penlands the mountain people hustled up into the hills, hoping never to see another Penland again. Historians claim that the Cherokee Indians were driven out of North Carolina along the Trail of Tears by white authorities. Here again it has been discovered that the Cherokees, after meeting the Penlands, said, "Oh Lord, any place but there." Even Oklahoma looked pretty good after they got far enough away from the Penlands.

And now we come to modern day Penlands who have had to marry with other families and many have migrated to other parts of the country. Some of the old hell-raising fighting blood has been diluted. But enough of it is left to recall the old days in Scotland (as many who are married to Penlands can tell you).

(NOTE This bit of history was compiled by someone married to a Penland.)

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Farrow, Rioux, Sharrard, Badgerow

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Fuller, MA, CT Mayflower Descendants

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By Cindy Shawley Spore

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**[www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml)** -- The Olive Tree. Covers Huguenots and Walloons, Mohawk Nation, Mennonites, Dutch in New York and the Palatines. Also contains links to ship lists, FTP (file transfer protocol) sites, tools and tips.

**[www.fred.net/jefalvey/execute.html](http://www.fred.net/jefalvey/execute.html)** -- Executions in England from 1606.

**[www.islandnet.com/ocfa/](http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/)** -- Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid. A pointer database consisting of surnames, cemetery name and location of over 1.1 million interments from approximately 2,000 district cemeteries, cairns and memorials in Ontario.

### Phone Books:

**[www.worldpages.com](http://www.worldpages.com)** (does maps of block where person lives)

**[www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com)**

**[www.Canada411.com](http://www.Canada411.com)**

**[www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html](http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html)** --

National Archives. This site can be very useful to family historians. History -- listen to an audio excerpt of an interview with the last surviving Civil War veteran and a former slave. Over 52,000 case files of applications for enrollment to the Five Civilized Tribes between 1898 and 1914. This will help genealogists trace their Cherokee, Creek or Seminole roots.

**[www.nordicnotes.com](http://www.nordicnotes.com)** --

Nordic Notes on the Net.

Covers history and genealogy of Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. Each nation has it's own index.

**[www.dejanews.com](http://www.dejanews.com)** -- This search engine concentrates on Usenet Newsgroups.

**[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)** -- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System. Over 235 thousand names of African-American Union Soldiers plus more and expanding all the time.

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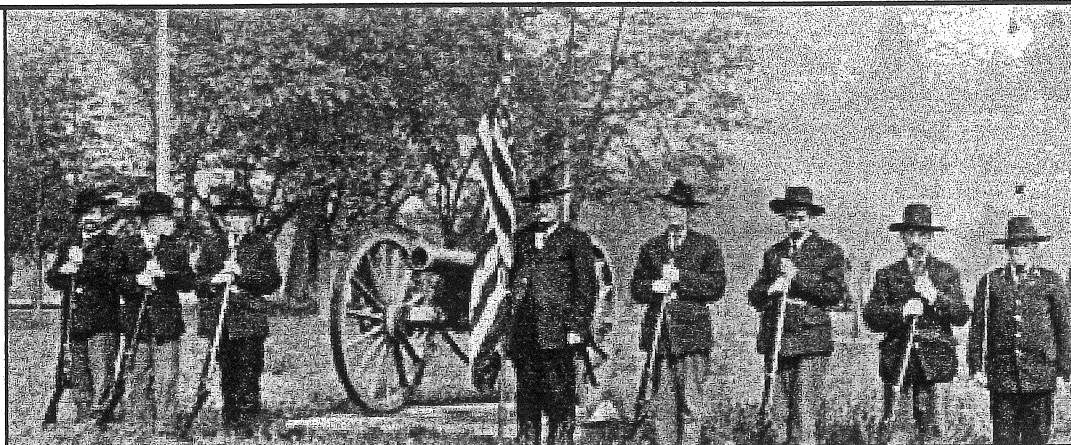
**MOCHEL**, Charles (b abt 1822 Alase, Germany) m Rosina ----- (b abt 1827 Wurtenburg, Germany). children born in Western New York State: Louisa 1845, Henry 1846, Andrew 1847, Lucinda 1849, Kate 1852, Charles 1855, Lena 1859.

**MARSHALL**, James b early 1800's Ireland - children Hugh (b 1853 Ireland, m 1882 Ontario, Canada to Margaret **CARGILL RILEY**, d 1907 67127 Lockport, NY), Lizzie, Richard, Gertrude, Lawlis, Alex, Edith, George.

**WILLOUGHBY**, William (b 1840 Paris, TN, d 1906 Bonesteele, SD) m **MARY FINLEY** (b 1841 Buchanan, TN, d 1918 SD) children born in either Neb or SD, Lucy 1862, William 1863, Andrew 1866, Leonard 1867, Joseph 1867, Emily 1870, Mary 1871, Sarah 1872, Francis 1872, John 1874, Ella 1875, Rosa 1876.

Oscar Hoffmeyer, Jr., 200 Broughton Dr., Waco, TX 76712, coglass1@juno.com.

John Wesley **Rickart** married to Florence. Children: Albert G. living in Bremerton, and daughter whose married name and residence is: Mrs. Emma **Rochester** formerly of Nootsack, Whatcom County.) of St. Petersburg, FL (obtained from obituary). The obituary is that of John W. **Rickart** and it appeared in the Bremerton *Sun* February 26, 1929 captioned: "Former Merchant, Called by Death, On Christmas Day." He was 88 years of age and identified as a well-known citizen and former pioneer resident and merchant residing at 602 Ninth Street. Mr. Rickart was born February 25, 1842 at Barry, Illinois and came from Vashon Island fifteen years before his death. He was a Civil War veteran who had previously resided in Illinois and Missouri. Mr. Hoffmeyer is very much interested in Mr. **Rickart's** life and activities in Bremerton and before that on Vashon Island. This request for information extends to John **Rickart's** family.



Frank **Butler** (at right of photo with marked by an "X"); brother of Mary Anne **Butler**. Mary Anne was born 11 Dec 1859 in Iowa, married John **Gabelhei** on 16 May 1876 in Carroll City, Carroll County, Iowa, and died in Bremerton, WA, 30 Aug 1934. Mary Anne and John **Gabelhei's** first three children were born in Iowa. John, born 16 May 1878, Carroll County, Dora born 6 Mar 1880, Grant City, and Emma born 14 Mar 1882 in Kingsley, Plymouth County, Iowa. Any information on the **Butler** family of Iowa or what the uniform is or anything on this military group, please contact: Jim Merriman, 5425 E. Hillcrest Drive, Port Orchard, WA 98366, jimbarb@ix.netcom.com.

### PSGS Notes:

- **John Rose** won the February 27th raffle — A supertufa in a planter donated by **Sue Plummer**.
- Volunteers are needed for the Myra Gormley Seminar — Contact **Sandie Morrison**.
- Raffle tickets will be sold in May, June and July for scanner. Ticket to be drawn at July Meeting.

### PSGS Notes:

- Library Volunteers wanted — Contact **Cindy Spore**.
- March raffle prize — A web page design by **Sandie Morris**.
- April raffle prize — A bonsai plant donated by **Larry Swan**.

## Nine Months From Home The 14th Vermont in the Civil War

*In Part Seven of this series, Mr. Laramie follows the 14<sup>th</sup> on its journey from the Green Mountains of Vermont to the Nation's capital. A special thanks to PSGS member Violet Peterson for sharing this material with the readers of the Backtracker.*

In early November the 14<sup>th</sup> Vermont Regiment in Virginia, reached "Camp Vermont". Almost immediately the weather there began to reflect that found in its northern namesake and on November 7 a heavy fall of snow arrived just in time to play havoc with the roads over which the men must march to receive their new muskets at Alexandria -- several miles distant. Such weather could not long last in that region and by the following day, a "Pleasant day with the snow melting rapidly," as noted by Private John H. Williams in his diary, dress parade was held in the afternoon.

Notwithstanding the quick return to autumn weather the order was at this time issued for the building of winter barracks. Private Williams of Fairhaven, and a member of Company F noted that Lt. Bosworth (of the same town and company) and a carpenter by trade, "was chosen engineer on the work," Corporal John C. Williams of Co. K in his book "Life in Camp" based on his own war-time diary wrote for November 11, "Orders issued this morning specify that each company is to have separate barracks of its own, which are to be one hundred feet in length and twenty feet in width. The men are busily engaged in constructing them." It may have been with equal parts pessimism and insight that Corp Williams wrote on the following day, "The labor which is being expanded in constructing barracks may not attend as much benefit, for the fortunes of war are so changeable that marching orders may be received at any time."

John Rowland, also a private in Company F from Fairhaven, and native of Wales as well, wasted few words on the building of

the barracks, but recorded much of his day to day activities. On November 9<sup>th</sup> he noted that Company F had suffered a cold night on picket duty - guard duty performed at a considerable distance from the camp, but had finally been paid -- for the first time. "The boys received it with joy as you do on getting money."

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, "a lovely day," he carried wood and water for the cooks and "washed a few of my clothes because I wasn't on duty." On the 11<sup>th</sup> he cut wood. On the 12<sup>th</sup> a Regimental drill was held. He wrote, "I received a letter from my wife last night and also one from my Father in the old country and I was overjoyed to hear from him." On the 13<sup>th</sup> he would again carry wood for the cooks but paused long enough to witness the following, "I saw the man that stole money from someone in camp. He was going between two rows of soldiers and they with their ----- on him and two more on each side of him and a big paper on his back and there was big lettering on it. This was his punishment. The men were dressed as we are when on Dress Parade and the band was playing (the) "Rogue's March" behind him and there was such a down hearted look on him."

On the 15<sup>th</sup> news was received of the firing of General McClellan from command of the army and his replacement by General Burnside. One living in our times cannot help but read with suspicion of Rowland's religious convictions in regards to his November 16 entry. "Well here we are having a Sunday again -- I and some others had to go and cut wood. I don't feel myself free to work on the Sabbath, but we have to go because we are at war, but I don't work very hard --." On the 17<sup>th</sup> he wrote, "My work today is for me to work on the fort." On the 18<sup>th</sup>, "My work today is helping them build the barracks." On the 19<sup>th</sup>, "Here we are starting picket duty." And so it went. As Corp. Williams put in on November 18, "I cannot say we complain at a lack of work, for, to say nothing about our drilling, we have plenty of fatigue

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duty to perform. A part of the men are detailed to work on the forts, another part to work on the barracks in camp and remainder are put upon drill six hours each day..."

In a lengthy but telling entry Corp. Williams wrote on November 22. "Our regiment returned from picket duty yesterday, after being relieved by the 15<sup>th</sup> Vermont. We did not have a very agreeable time of it, in consequence of the heavy rain which continued the whole time we were gone. The picket line is about four miles from our camp. There are cavalry pickets beyond this line.

"Our regiment guarded the extreme left of the line, which extends down to the river. We were exposed all the time to the drenching storm, without any shelter other than bough tents, through which the rain would pour about as badly as it did in the open field. It was not a very comfortable time for us, being exposed for

three days to the rain and mud. We arrived in camp all right however, save an accident which happened to one of Company C by a comrade in arms whose gun was accidentally discharged, the contents entering the shoulder in front and coming out at the back."

"I think that Elias Baker of Company B, will make the best shot of any man in the regiment. A wild duck came along and alighted in the stream near by where the reserve was stationed. Two of the boys fired their pieces at it, scaring it up without hurting it. But Baker, drawing his "Manhattan" revolver from his pocket, shot the duck through the breast while at a considerable height in the air."

"A member of Company H died this morning, I learned it is intended to send him home. His name is Nash."

*This series will continue in the June 2001 issue.*

## PSGS Miscellany

### PSGS monthly meeting program:

The programs are varied and include workshops, question/answer sessions and talks, both by outside speakers and by our own members. Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.

### PSGS research charging policy:

The policy of Puget Sound Genealogical Society regarding charges for research is, "A minimum charge of \$10.00 per research will be imposed which will include postage, envelope and up to five (5) copied pages. There will be an additional charge of fifty (50) cents for each additional page over five (5) pages." Additional charges may be incurred for intensive research. All additional charges must be authorized in advance by the requester.

### PSGS Sunshine Committee.

If any member knows of another member who is in the hospital or ill at home, please notify Jean Grimaud or any officer so that a "get well" card from PSGS can be sent. Common colds don't count. Also please notify Jean or any officer if you know of a member or former member who has died recently so that "condolence" card from PSGS can be sent.

## Query

Barbara Merriman, 5425 E. Hillcrest Drive, Port Orchard, WA 98366, jimbarb@ix.netcom.com.

My husband's family was recipients in the distribution of funds in 1902 resulting from a claim against the French government for the illegal seizure of the family owned schooner *Esther*. This ship was sized on the high seas on February 13, 1798 by the French privateer *LeVenguf*. The amount of \$6,022.14 was received by the U. S. for a "French Spoliation Claim" prosecuted before the U. S. Court of Claims by the administrator for the estate of Daniel Rogers (1734-1800). An Act of the U. S. Congress awarding that amount was passed on May 27, 1902. Daniel Rogers was born in Kittery, ME, Oct 25, 1734. Died in Gloucester, Mass, January 4, 1800. Married in Gloucester, 1st, Elizabeth Gorham, Nov 6, 1759, by whom he had six children. Married in Gloucester, 2nd, Rachel Ellery, May 20, 1770, by whom he had fifteen children. Barbara Merriman would like to learn more about the seizure of the schooner *Esther* and all aspects of this affair. She will appreciate whatever ideas that may come to mind that will help her discover relevant information concerning this incident.

## Pat Eder's Exchange Notes

Amer Ancestry 19:1 (Jan-Feb 2001): famous people in the census; using military pension files to round out your ancestor's life; wills and probate records; finding additional records for your ancestors; an internet case study – finding your ancestors with internet sites; citing the internet as a source; researching Welsh ancestors.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 10:6 (Dec/Jan 2001): this publication is going on the Internet in March 2001; news of reunions, seminars; repository for Scottish clans; a reunion of Jewish people to the Hessen, Germany area, part 3.

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 54:6 (Nov/Dec 2000): US county research; 1790-2000 US census, part 2; genealogy inexpensively done; 2000 directory of genealogical databases on the internet; software tips and reviews; how to conduct an area search.

Amer Family Chronicle 5:2 (Nov/Dec 2000): a key to genealogical breakthroughs; state census; how to use footnotes to break through brick walls; railroad records; Generations software reviewed.

Amer Heritage Quest 16:6 Issue 90 (Nov/Dec 2000): researching Danish church records; finding your ancestor's place of origin in Scandinavia; how to conduct an area search; US county research, ongoing; VALLANDINGHAM – Abe LINCOLN dispute during the Civil War; adoption search etiquette; use of death certificates in research; Scandinavian immigration sources; Jewish cemetery research.

Amer History Magazine 2:1 (Oct/Nov 2000): highlights of the 1800's; history of bloodletting in medicine; Poor Richard's Almanac; Panama Canal; working women in 1880 New York; privateers of the Caribbean; Knights Templar research.

CA Orange Co GS "Journal" 37:2 (Oct 2000): Orange Co cemetery records, surnames J thru K; Orange Co pioneers; roster of county and district officers 1921; SPAULDING family.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" (Win 2000): supervisors of Louisville, IL 1892; minutes from Barnhill GAR Post, 1906; COX, HACKNEY family; PRIDE-MORE ancestors; slavery in IL.

IL Logan Co GS "Logan Roots and Branches" 22:4 (Fall 2000): Lincoln Herald, Dec 1879-article on where former residents have moved to.

IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 28:1 (Fall 2000): Trinity Lutheran Church baptism records 1861-64; news items from 1868; EAGON, McKINNY, STROESSER pedigrees.

Ibid. 28:2 (Win 2000): Trinity Lutheran Church baptism records, ongoing; local news items 1868; HINES family; memories of the Hines grade school; WILTZ family.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 24:2 (Dec 2000): an account of how a bureaucracy can be hazardous to the health of county genealogy records: abstracts from Affidavit Book #3; Emmanuel Lutheran Church birth records 1921-1940.

IA Boone Co GS 18:3 (Sept 2000): Linwood cemetery burials 1989-1997.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 30:4 (Win 2000): index to Crawford Co births 1901; Marriages book M, 1898-99; naturalizations GOBL-GMEINER, ongoing; coal mining accidents in Kansas 1886-1950, ongoing.

KS Jefferson Co Hist and GS "Yesteryear" (Oct 2000): Jefferson Co school districts with location maps; listing of schools and annexation history of each; Valley Grove school district students with their ages and/or dates of births and parents names 1907 and 1917; Wellman school district teachers 1881-1938; Hickory Point teachers and school board members 1871-1947; Jefferson Co marriages 1935; Okaloosa Twp maps 1916; Union Twp historical directory.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Dec 2000): descendants of John and Christopher MUSSETTER, concluded; LEHMAN family.

Ibid. (Feb 2001): NARA fee schedules revised; WILSON, KISER group sheets; local newspaper abstracts; orphan's court appeals.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 21:4 (Fall 2000): births and marriages in Amenia, NY; military service records, Savoy, MA; ancestor tables for FRANK, THOMAS, SPENCER, STEWART, MASON; map of Sheffield, MA 1876 with list of homeowners; cumulative index of Peru, MA 1790-1920 ongoing; Savoy, MA families; state census of Richmond, MA, 1855, ongoing.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 27:4 (Nov 2000): Civil War letters; RYERSON obit; Ottawa Indians of Michigan; descendants of HOYT-SMITH.

MN Crow Wing Co GS "Heir Mail" 22:4 (Win 2000): why research the brothers and sisters of our ancestors?

MN Ottertail Co GS "Newsletter" 18:4 (Dec 2000): Ottertail Co naturalizations index 1919; Woodside Twp Civil War veterans, heads of family in 1880, landowners in 1884 and cemetery records.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 15:1 (Jan 2001): chronology of Civil War; understanding Quaker records; 1997 obits from Memphis Democ-

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rat; chronological history of the US; school records Scotland Co 1916.

MT Dawson Co GS "Tree Branch" 9:3 (Nov 2000): BRASWELL pedigree; death notices Apr-Sept 2000.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 39:4 (Dec 2000): San Miguel de Laredo~Carnue' Land Grant of 1763, part 2; probates 1870-74 Socorro Co, ongoing; some Santa Cruz de la Canada deaths 1726-1859.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Pioneer Footprints" 28:4 (Nov 2000): Court records of petitions, Vol 2, 1859-61, ongoing; marriage licenses 1856, conclusion.

Ibid. "Pioneer Footprints" 2000 index to volume 28.

OR Genealogical Forum of Oregon "Bulletin" 50:2 (Dec 2000): 1869 description of Oregon; lost pioneers of 1845; OR newspaper index in Multnomah Co library; Zion Congregational Church of Portland; Lone Fir Cemetery records 1846-1880, ongoing; Civil War veterans who were residents of OR, ongoing; Cayuse War 1847-1848 expense claims.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 32:3 (Nov 2000): Eliza BELLINGER story; Marion Co death index 1903-20. part 10.

Ibid. 32:4 (Dec 2000): Marion Co death index, 1903-20, ongoing.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 20:7 (Nov 2000): news items from 125 years ago; BENSON pedigree.

Ibid. 20:8 (Dec 2000): news items from 125 years ago.

Ibid. 21:1 (Feb 2001): news items from 125 years ago; new NARA fees; Mercer Co marriages.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Tracks in Time" 14:4 (Jan 2001): surname index to "History of Pukwana, Brule Co" (originally called Carlton); United Church of Christ marriage records 1881-1902; news items various years.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 27:1 (Jan 2001): recent obits of people 100 years of age and older.

WA Chelan Valley GS "Apple Orchard" 10:6 (Nov/Dec 2000): resources for orphan train riders.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 20:4 (Win 2000): Port Angeles news from 1893; Forks, WA postmasters 1884-1958; early postal records of Neah Bay, New Dungeness and Port Angeles.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 27:2 (Win 2000-2001): Vancouver post office newsletters to their employees serving in military 1944-46; news items Vancouver Independent 1876; Vietnam servicemen listed on Vancouver war memorial; Old City cemetery, ongoing.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 20:4 (Dec 2000): early history of Grant Co; WA educational directories of 1913-1978; Ephrata High School year book 1939.

WA Grays Harbor GS "Family Tree Searcher" 11:6 (Nov/Dec 2000): news items from various years.

Ibid. 12:1 (Jan/Feb 2001): Cosmopolis lumber mill; obits from various years; Rev. War facts.

WA Mason Co GS "Mason Co Log" (Dec 2000): many interesting tidbits.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" Vol 25, 2000: index of genealogical books in Olympia Timberland Library, ongoing; Thurston Co naturalizations index 1850-1974, ongoing; pedigrees for DANUBIO, FERRERO and LONGCRIER

WA So King Co GS "So King News" 16:3 (Jan/Feb 2000 but is supposed to be 2001): funerals from Methodist Church 1914-20.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 28:4 (Dec 2000): Mansfield, WA cemetery; Civil War letters; WA towns that changed names.

WA Yakima Valley GS 32:4 (Dec 2000): news items from Kittitas Localizer 1890 04 (Win 2000): CLARK, WARREN, GROVE ancestor charts; Walnut Grove cemetery, Clay Co; PAXTON, Aultz, TOMPKINS, COLQUITT wills; Riffle Chapel cemetery, Leon, WV.

### Kitsap County Cemetery Web Page:

This page contains the most comprehensive list known of Kitsap County cemeteries, including all known names and locations, as well as links to online burial lists in the Washington Cemetery Project. The new page is at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/wa/cemetery/kitspcem.htm>

Kevin Fraley, Director, Washington Cemetery Project

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/wa/wacem.htm>

## Memories from My Sea Travels 1874-1886

By Axel Wahlquist

I could condemn the Hollander terribly if it were not for my good memories of Holland. When I was with the ship *Framot* as they went out from Antwerp, we stayed in Flushing for a while waiting for a wind and often went ashore. One night the captain lingered so long on shore while we were waiting to return to our ship. It was toward the last of January and extremely cold. Kalle and I and several other men from our ship ran back and forth on the street trying to warm up. A young lady about 16 or 17 came by and tried to talk to us but we couldn't communicate or understand one another. Finally she said "coffee" and we understood that. We were eager to have some. So she ran inside and brought us each a cup of hot coffee much to our delight and I always remember this kind deed with great gratitude though it was so many years ago.

We called at Singapore and were quartered at the Singapore Hotel several days and then seven of us joined up with a German Bark *Centour* of Apenra. It was almost loaded with cargo for Boston. What happened to our mates and the 2 Chinese, I have no idea. The carpenter joined the German Navy and I think the Captain went home. I heard there was a hearing concerning him and they were going to take his license from him.

We left Singapore and anchored at Arjer in the Sunda Strait (between Java and Sumatra) and took on provisions and then continued our trip. It felt so good to get out on the open sea after spending around 3 months almost under the equator. I remember one night we were ordered to take in the topsails. The weather was clear, moonlight and a good wind but it was stormy. This was the only time I was along that it was a joy to take down the sail.

When we came close to Cape Good Hope, we saw land. They said it was Port Elizabeth. Then there was a tremendous storm with high waves. We took in the sails and I stood at the helm. The First Mate came back and asked the Captain to take the rudder along with a Chi-

nese Boy so that I and the First Mate could fasten the jib. The other boys were up in the mast. We fastened the jib but we needed more rope to tie it fast with. Someone then shortened the outer halyard for the outer jib, it flew up on the stay and I had to climb way out on the jib boom and try to fasten the outer jib fast. That was my worst experience with the jib boom. It seemed to me that the ship stood right up on its end and then plunged down into a deep chasm but all went well and we rode out the storm as they say and went around South Africa and had wonderful weather after the storm.

When we reached the latitude of the East Indies the barometer showed a hurricane approaching. We took in the sails and put up a 6x6 tarpaulin in the mizzen shroud and waited but no hurricane came which was a good thing and we made it to Boston safely. I think it was the 21st of September 1881 the day after President Garfield died (President Garfield was assassinated September 19, 1881), so as soon as we had gotten tied up to the dock we hauled the flag to half mast. We loaded cargo in Boston for Sydney, Australia and left Boston the 2nd of December and arrived safely in Sydney 124 days later.

While we were in Sydney, 4 men jumped ship -- 2 Swede, 1 Danish and 1 Norwegian. We left Sydney for Brisbane, we had some cargo to take there. From Brisbane we went to New Castle and loaded coal for Hong Kong, China.

When we came to a latitude even with New Guinea, we were waiting for a typhoon. We got orders to take down the royal on both masts. I took down the main royal -- it was not so pleasant to do because it was high seas and huge waves but no typhoon after all and in the evening put up the sails again. I saw a portion of land toward the west.

We had off duty watch about 9:30 p.m. And right away after they set the main, the topgallant yard broke and the whole top came

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down dragging along the mizzen yard. It was a high sea -- huge waves and the rigging that came down on the deck rolled from one side of the deck to the other so we had a terrible time but it ended well. Night was moonlight and we had extra spars on board so within a couple of days we had a new mizzen yard up and arrived happily to Hong Kong.

Went from Hong Kong to Newchwang (now Yingkou) in Northern China to load beans and then back to Hong Kong. From there to Ta-cao in Formosa (Taiwan) to load sugar for Yokohama, Japan. Then we made several trips between Yokohama and Nagasaki with coal. Was signed off in Yokohama after 5 months duty on the *Centour*. In Yokohama was a Swedish boarding house owner named Charles Lundberg, and we stayed there a couple weeks

Later I signed on to a German Bark, *Galveston* of Bremen. I made a few trips between Yokohama and Nagasaki. We had to battle with a typhoon on the coast of Japan. Later I went to Shanghai, and from there to Newchwang and Chefoo to load beans to Amoy where we were discharged.

Then made some trips as a passenger with a Spanish steam boat to Hong Kong. I came into a German boarding house owner with the ringing Swedish name "Charley Petterson". We signed on with an American full rigger, named *Dakota*, with Captain Gylki. I saw in the Tacoma Times that the *Dakota* was the first ship to load wheat in Tacoma for England in 1881. We were 24 men on board, representing twelve nations. *These memories are to continued in the June 2001 edition of the Backtracker.*

### Scam Alert

One of our members sent Family Discovery of Des Moines, Iowa a check for \$59.95 for a lifetime membership to their genealogy service. The PSGS member had received an e-mail advertisement (spam) from FamilyDiscovery.Com describing in glowing terms "the Web's most versatile award winning collection of genealogical databases." They cashed the check, but no access number or password was provided.

Our victim contacted the Better Business Bureau of Des Moines and they wrote a letter to the offending firm. No one will be surprised to learn that they did not respond. The BBB suggested that our member take the case to the State Attorney General's office.

The "Award Winning" databases on the FamilyDiscovery.Com web site according to one source is just a group of links to web sites that are generally free if contacted directly.

The advice here is *caveat emptor* or let the buyer beware. Make it a policy never, never to purchase anything from any solicitation from either e-mail, telephone, mailed advertisements or the salesman at the door. After all you didn't need these products or services before being presented with a sales pitch.

### Upcoming Genealogical Conferences

**The National Genealogical Society  
and the Genealogical Forum of Oregon  
will be**

**"Exploring New Frontiers"  
at Portland on May 16-19, 2001.**

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**Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society  
Spring Conference**

Sherry Irvine, BA, CGRS, FSA (Scot)  
Research in the U.K.  
Saturday, May 12, 2001  
9 am to 3:15 pm  
Methodist Church  
Washington and Miller Street  
Wenatchee

## Cindy's Genealogical Journal

### The Annual Trek To Salt Lake City

Regardless of the number of times I have flown to Salt Lake City, all during our one and half hour flight I thought of the great adventures that awaited us at the Family History Library. Our cab from the airport to the strategically located Travel Lodge was driven by a gentleman from Somalia in Africa. He flat out told us our effort at the LDS library was "no good." That he could trace his ancestry orally back approximately four hundred and fifty years. Boy! Did that fellow deflate our enthusiasm for family history research?

The Travel Lodge must have been dubious about our tenancy throughout our stay as Pat and I had difficulty getting the keys to work that allowed us access to our room. Finally the desk clerks must have been very tired of us complaining, because they sent Todd, the young clerk and jack-of-all-trades to disassemble and rebuild the locking mechanism and finally we had free access to our refuge from long days of searching for our ancestors. The two Larrys (Harden and Swan) must have had some influence with hotel management. Their room that was next to ours was the Sleepy Bear's Den suite where the décor was Teddy Bears. That is, every thing, lampshades, pictures and shower curtains, were decorated with Teddy Bears. They also had amenities like a microwave and small refrigerator.

Hey! The great new thing at the Family History is something that Bill Richardson has been suggesting they do for years. (We will give him credit for this vast improvement, but the library probably gives someone else credit for the idea) Like the National Archives in Washington,

D.C. and the Seattle Public Library, they have "copy cards." No more change jingling in your pocket or purse. Just buy the copy card, insert it



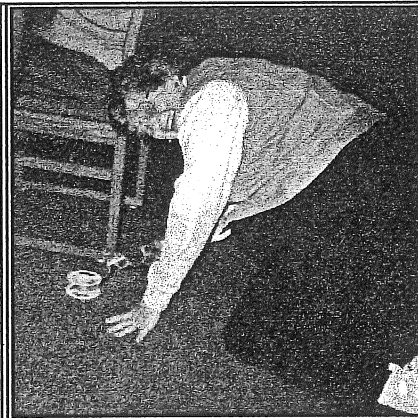
Where did everyone go Larry?

in the microfilm printer or photocopier and punch the button to copy and remove it when finished. It tells you on the screen how much money you have left. The key to this is to remember to take the card **OUT** of the machine. Larry Harden forgot to take both his out of the slot the first day. They eventually were returned.

As the week progressed our group of energetic researchers grew larger as others arrived. Mary Yoke of Corvallis, Oregon and then Marjie Schultz from PO. Lois Roark who had been off gallivanting in Denmark materialized several days later.

As in all cases when you are having fun, the time just flew speedily by. One thing we had to cope with was a couple of days of smog that caused some of us to have difficulty breathing. Then the rains came and dispersed the smog and it even snowed one day and the sidewalks were icy and dangerous.

Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January was our lazy day. It was a day to relax and not think about genealogical research problems. Pat Eder, Paulette Waggoner and I went to the Tabernacle for the recording of the broadcast. Next



Paulette Waggoner chasing after an escaping roll of microfilm or not the way to rewind your microfilm.

we took the fast train on a jaunt to Sandy. We had nothing to do and we didn't know where the train would take us. The roundtrip took two hours at the immense cost of thirty-five cents. Meanwhile the boys from the Sleepy Bear's Den bundled up their dirty laundry and rode the train

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until they spotted a Laundromat.

Our favorite dining place was the cafeteria at the located at the LDS World Headquarters Building. They really spoiled us there and you should have heard us whine on the days it was closed. And their prices were moderate. For example, the prime rib with all the fixings set us back only \$4.25. We made it our habit to eat our main meal at noon and bring a salad or sandwich back to library with us and that was our supper around 5:00 p.m.

Larry Harden suffered miserably from a terrific cold for a few days.

With regard to the other members of the PSGS contingent, it wasn't often that our paths crossed. We did congregate for a dinner at the Market Street Bar and Grill and on another occasion we went to the Squatter's Brewing Company. For the most part everyone worked like crazy on our various research goals and the only ones we fraternized with were our own room-mates.



Paulette Waggoner, Larry Swan, Larry Harden and Cindy Shawley Spore with new Mormon Conference Center in the background.

### Program Speakers Wanted

Our Program Chairperson, Paulette Waggoner, is searching for individuals who would be interested in speaking at a membership meeting about any topic of general interest. Enthusiasm for your subject is the only prerequisite. Please contact Paulette at [waggoner@web-o.net](mailto:waggoner@web-o.net).

### PSGS Notes

- On the road to full recovery. **Jean Grimaud** and **Lois Roark** have recently had hospital stays. Both are now recuperating rapidly.
- January 23rd Meeting Raffle Winner: **Shirley Southwell** was the lucky winner of the Valentine Basket that included wine glasses and a certificate for a massage (the handiwork of our Ways and Means Chairperson, **Sandie Morrison**).
- PSGS has been invited to present a genealogical exhibit at the Port Orchard Public Library. Our PSGS Research Library librarian, **Marjorie Menees**, is looking for items to place in the locked glass display cabinet. She is interested in obtaining representative examples of genealogical documents and ancestral artifacts that are acquired during research. Copies of antique photographs are needed. Marjorie would appreciate your suggestions and help in the organizing and setting up of this display.
- **Phyllis Brown** (of our Belfair Chapter) along with her husband have ventured out on a genealogical research expedition to Texas, Virginia and other eastern points. Phyllis will be meeting for the first time cousins she found through searching the Internet.

### Program Topics and Speakers:

March 27th — Russell Warren to speak on history of Charleston.

April 24th — Final preparations for our upcoming seminar. Collecting, pricing, and organizing donated magazines and books.

May 22nd — "The Isle of Tears — Ellis Island" presented by Lois Parker from the Tri-Cities area.

June 26th — (Tenative) Betty K. Anderson will give a presentation regarding the Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library of Seattle.

July 24th — Joan Gathings will speak about growing up in Bremerton in the 1940's and 1950's utilizing a journaling and scrap-booking format..

August — No meeting. — We are all invited to attend the Belfair Chapter meeting on September 4th.— See Belfair Meeting Schedule on Page Two.

September 25th — To be announced.

October 23rd — Louise Rhe will tell the story of the Bremerton Naval Shipyard's history.

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### **"Backcover Reminders"**

- 6 *Backtracker* Deadline for the June edition is May 15th, 2001.
- 6 Myra Gormley Seminar, Saturday, April 28th.
- 6 Membership Renewals due by May 31st.
- 6 Video Friday on the fourth Friday at 1:00 PM at the PSGS Research Library.
- 6 The Ways and Means Committee needs your money raising ideas.
- 6 Meetings begin at 7:00 PM beginning April 24th.