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### Message from the President

As I close out my term as your President, I want to reflect on some of the events of the past two years and thank those that have made my presidency a success. I was fortunate to have been surrounded by a lot of wonderful people that helped make things run smoothly.

Sandie Morrison, Sue Plummer and Bruce Ramsey volunteered as co-chairmen of the Ways and

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### Memories of Bremerton Christmases Past

by Joan Esther [Van Houten] Gathings

Christmas in the 1940's and 1950's at our big white stucco home on Phinney Bay Drive was always a fun family time. On Christmas Eve we would open our gifts to each other and those under our tree. Myrna, my sister, and I would head up to bed about 8:00 p.m. after we all hung our stockings

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### Ahnentafel, Anyone?

by Wes Koentz

"What's that?" you ask. I used to think it was a Belgian concoction served on a plate and covered with butter and syrup. It has, I have learned, nothing to do with a Belgian Waffle. Thus dispensing with Freshman logic, we proceed to the more sublime. And that is farther than it should be proceeded to. I digress!

The thought recently occurred to me that my genealogy gig of some fifteen years, has produced a great amount of notes, names, dates, places, lists,

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### A Brief Encounter with the Horstman Family of Port Orchard

by Stephen M. Lawson

An off-hand comment by my brother's wife, Colette (Haller) Lawson, that her grandmother Bertha Haller was born in Port Orchard led to a search for available records concerning her origins. Colette had obtained a copy of her father's birth certificate, showing he was born in Seattle, King County, Washington on Aug. 7, 1927 when his father Walter Haller was age 24 and his mother Bertha Horstman was age 18. The initial information was that Bertha (Horstman) Haller was born about 1909 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington, and it was re-

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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 August and December. The December meeting date and time is announced each year at the October meeting. Times for meetings are 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. for April through September and 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. for October through March.

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 always welcome.

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### **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 our newsletter *The Backtracker* which is 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 in the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Suite 110, Port Orchard, Washington. The library is open Monday and Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Phone: (360) 874-8813.

### **Research Policy**

Prior to conducting research projects, Puget Sound Genealogical Society requires prepayment of a \$10.00 fee. This fee covers the cost of one research request, postage, envelope, and up to five (5) photocopied 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 requestor.

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## PSGS Program Schedules

### PSGS Program Topics and Speakers:

**January 22:** The program for this meeting will be a recitation of their trials and triumphs by those who made the annual trek to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

**February 26:** To be announced.

**March 26:** To be announced.

**April 23:** To be announced.

### Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are the lubricant that make the machinery of the Puget Sound Genealogy Society run smoothly.

### Video Schedule for 2002

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will show its educational film series from February through November (except August) on the Friday following the monthly meeting. The films are shown in the Research Library at the Givens Center at 1:00 P.M. Handouts recapping the covered material are available each session for 25 cents. Following is the schedule for the year 2002:

1. **March 1, 2002** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part I. Where do I begin? Home Sources, Family Search, Published Histories, Record Keeping.
2. **March 29, 2002** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part II. Census Records, Probate Records
3. **April 26, 2002** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part III. Land Records, Military Records, Vital Records.
4. **May 31, 2002** -- 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.
5. **June 28, 2002** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part V. Passenger Lists and Passports. The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part VI Naturalization Records.
6. **July 26, 2002** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part VII. Federal Land Records and National Archives Maps.
7. **Sept 27, 2002** -- Research in England and Wales Part I. Civil Registration.
8. **Oct 25, 2002** -- Research in England and Wales Part II. Parish Registers.
9. **Nov 29, 2002** -- Research in England and Wales Part III. Census and Probate Records.

### Notify Us Regarding Change of Your E-Mail Address

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### Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule

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

Time: 1:00 PM.

**January** — There will be no meeting.

**February 5** — Trip to Sweden by Estele Foster.

**March 5** — A Sweitzer Tape on New York by Jackie Horton will be shown.

**April 2** — Discussion of Maps by Jan Stevenson.

**May 7** — Guest speaker — to be announced.

**June 4** — Phyllis Brown will talk about her trip to Virginia.

### Belfair Chapter Web Site

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs>

A Message From Your Treasurer

### Its Time To Renew Your PSGS Membership

For 2002

Individual \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Thank You

### Moving?

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Thank you, The Editor.

### 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 a "condolence" card from PSGS can be sent.

## Message From Our President-Elect

I am looking forward to the New Year as the incoming President of the Puget Sound Genealogy Society. The incoming Board Members are a dedicated group of people who will work well together in leading us on as an ever-expanding Genealogical Society.

Larry Swan as 1st Vice President comes to the new Board with several years of experience with PSGS and a great enthusiasm for bringing to us interesting and exciting speakers for our programs. We will work to present programs for your enjoyment and continuing education in genealogy.

Lois Roark again will take on the position of 2nd Vice President and will continue to oversee our Membership. We will work to increase our membership this coming year and to involve more of our members in the activities of our society.

Our Treasurer, Cyril Taylor, will continue on in this capacity doing the great job for us that he has in the past. On the subject of money, we need someone to volunteer to be our Ways and Means Chairperson. A person with inspiration to think of ingenious and imaginative ways of raising money for our organization.

Our new Recording Secretary will be Paulette Waggoner. Paulette is another member of PSGS who has so much enthusiasm and will do a great job in recording our minutes.

Jean Grimaud will continue as our Corresponding Secretary. This position was divided at the October meeting to create a separate position of Research Corresponding Secretary. Kathy De Los Reyes will now have the job of responding to inquiries regarding genealogical research.

Our library is still in good hands with Marjorie Menees. Marjorie does wonders with keeping track of the


Sandie Morrison

inventory of our library. We are working to clean out the area of unsorted items in the library and to set up a library day once a month where one or two states will be highlighted and all information pertaining to those states will be set out for research. Members who have an interest in that state will be asked to bring their research notes that day to share.

The position of Newsletter Editor will continue in the hands of Cyril Taylor who has done a fantastic job in turning out a very professional newsletter. We are now accepting paid advertisements in our newsletter, which will help offset the cost of printing and mailing.

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with these dedicated members of PSGS in the coming year. I am confident that PSGS will have a new year filled with a sharing of our mutual enthusiasm for genealogy. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and functions throughout the year

Sandie



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## The Antique Appraisal Fair

The Antique Appraisal Fair was held on October 6th at the Givens Community Center. It was co-hosted by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and the Kitsap County Historical Society.

At noon, one hour before the event was to start, people were waiting in line down the hallway and out the front door of Givens!

Meanwhile, volunteer members from both societies were working to organize the room with areas for the appraisers, a refreshment table and display tables.

The antique appraisers all donated their time to this event. They were Ron Grunden from the Perry Mall Antique and Collectibles on guns, furniture and toys; Mary Cederlund from the Owl In The Attic on glassware, china, and household items; Mark and Karen Timken on American Pottery and Yvonne Jones on quilts.

Gail Campbell-Ferguson from the Historical Society talked with people on the care and preservation of their items and had handouts available.

As a person came into the room they were directed to the appraiser best able to assist them in identifying and pricing their items. There were volunteers assisting each appraiser and trying their best to keep the people

## Sandie Morrison, Ways and Means Chairperson

who were waiting in a numbered order. The stories people had to tell on the history of their items were fascinating. There was such an assortment of antiques and collectibles to see in that room and impossible to remember them all. Butter chums, dolls, silverware, pottery, quilts, pictures, tapestries, toys, furniture, glassware, musical instruments, jewelry, coffee grinders, and spinning wheels to name but a few.

Although people did have to wait one to two hours to have their items seen by an appraiser, they seemed very pleased when they learned what the appraiser had to say.

Delicious desserts were donated by both societies and hot coffee was served. Volunteers took trays of desserts out to the people waiting in the hall and through out the room.

I want to thank all of the volunteers from the Puget Sound Genealogical Society for donating their time and for all the hard work they did to make this event the success that it was. The two societies each made a profit of \$319.00. This was our first attempt at having this type of event and from the great response we had I hope that we will do it again.

## Backtracker Advertising Rates

PSGS is now offering advertising in the *Backtracker*. Do you have a business that you would like to advertise? Here is a way to advertise your product and/or services very economically. Do you know of friends in business here on the Kitsap Peninsula that may be interested in advertising in our newsletter? Inform them about our great newsletter rates. Our advertising rates are:

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## Membership Survey Statistical Analysis

It has been determined that as of September 1, 2001 the PSGS has 173 members. The forty-four survey respondents representing fifty genealogists comprise 28.9 percent of the total membership.

Geographically, the membership is distributed as follows:

Kitsap County	147	85 Percent
Northern Mason County	15	9 Percent
Other Localities	11	6 Percent

We must assume that the forty-four respondents to our survey represent fairly the membership of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society as a whole.

What does the survey tell us? It tells us that the educational level of our membership beyond high school is significant. Eighty-five percent have had some technical school or college education. The figures on age tell us that our avocation is one mostly pursued by the retired. Seventy-seven percent are over the age of sixty. Their income can best be categorized as comfortable. Sixty-six percent of us earn

### Statistic Analysis Continued:

\$30,000 or more while eleven percent have incomes greater than \$60,000. It is notable that ninety-eight percent of our membership owned their home. These numbers cause me to conclude that we are an educated group of seniors with adequate incomes to maintain a fairly high standard of living and the means to pursue personal interests.

Each member has been associated with the Puget Sound Genealogical Society on the average more than eight years with the majority (fifty-five percent) joining genealogical societies in the geographic regions in which they conduct research. Seventy-four percent have traveled for genealogical purposes while only thirty-four percent have hired professionals to conduct family history research.

Technologically our membership appear to be highly competent with ninety-three owning personal computers, sixty-four percent use computer scanners and sixty-eight percent subscribed to Internet services. Eighty-eight percent are keenly interested in learning about the latest technical innovations.

The membership of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society has sought to expand their genealogical knowledge through a wide array of educational programs. Most significant of these are PSGS training and local seminars, which were attended by sixty-four and seventy-seven percent of those completing the survey.

Almost a quarter of the membership (twenty-three percent) has written family histories or biographies with only a few being published (seven percent).

The conclusion is that the membership of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society probably has financial resources significantly greater than a corresponding cross section of citizens of our region with similar demographics. They have the means to generally pursue their genealogical interests whatever they may be. As genealogists, they willingly expend money in their pursuit of their heritage. Especially on such items research trips to Salt Lake City, travel to their areas of genealogical interest, educational programs and serious outlays for electronic apparatus.

## Colossal Online Database

Ancestry.com and RootsWeb have announced that they have combined family tree databases. They boast that they have created the largest family-tree database now available on the Internet with more than 150 million names. All the family trees now accessible in Ancestry World Tree and WorldConnect will be available to the researcher at both sites. Access to this gigantic resource is free.

## Ed Bremer

I first met Ed Bremer, youngest son of one of Bremerton's founders, in 1974, but then only after repeated phone calls to his office. I was working on the massive *Kitsap County: A History* and I had volunteered to write this first family's history. I'd seen Ed Bremer around town, usually alone, sometimes with his confidant and business manager Merlin Frohardt. Finally Mr. Bremer agreed to sit down for an interview. We would meet every couple of months for the next year or so.

My "bait" in getting together with him was to show him pictures from Puget Sound maritime books. He loved looking at the pictures and telling me about his experiences aboard these boats. He knew the skippers by name and told how he would estimate how far from the beach the craft was during heavy fogs. The captain would toot the boat's whistle and Ed would count the seconds it would take for the echo to return, then signal the captain. He also told me that those boats plying Rich Passage would stop at the Bremer's Enetai Beach dock to pick up the three children to take them back to Seattle for classes during those infrequent times the family vacationed there.

For several years after that, I'd see Mr. Bremer and he'd nod, politely, but never spoke a word. I always had a soft spot for him, alone during those years, having outlived his entire family and the woman he loved.

After the book was published in 1977, Adele Ferguson (then of the *Bremerton Sun*) reviewed it, commenting that she'd never known anyone to have the opportunity to sit with a Bremer for an interview.

Ron Judd, (*Bremerton Sun*), wrote a series of arti-

cles in 1987 detailing Ed's final years, alone except for caregivers. He was powerless, penniless, deprived of dignity and totally at the mercy of the then President of Olympic College, Henry Milander, and the Bremer Real Estate property manager. With passion Judd wrote about the \$360 expense allowance above and beyond housing and round-the-clock nursing care, a pittance for food and personal needs, but the amount determined by those in charge of Mr. Bremer's personal affairs. When I interviewed him he said that he subsided on his Social Security bene-

fit, so perhaps the amount referred to by Judd was his benefit. When Ed Bremer sought legal counsel over stipulations of his portion of the trust, his Seattle attorney was informed that the trust would pay no additional bills on Mr. Bremer's behalf, according to Judd. Once he negotiated an attorney fee that, out of necessity, came from his monthly allowance. His town was dying and he couldn't do anything about it.. His life and death paralleled Bremerton's history. The Bremerton City Council drafted resolutions honoring the man who had created the town, who sold lots on liberal terms, the man who donated land for the school and a church and often cut



*Ed Bremer had this photo enlarged and it hung in his office. Taken in early years of century.*

the price in half for lots where others wanted to construct churches. Michael F. McGowan was asked by the Council to prepare a memorial to Mr. Bremer using his beautiful calligraphy. It was prized by the family, and Ed Bremer, in his final years, returned the masterpiece to Frances and Betty McGowan as no one in his family was left to appreciate the workmanship.

When his father died (William Bremer 1863-1910), John Bremer dropped out of Broadway High School and took over property management of the estate, guided by those who had worked closely with his father, even though she was making the decisions through her son's observations. He was 17 years old. The three children were always part of their mother's business dealings, discussing problems, making decisions. The family traveled to Mt. Rainier and California, sailed to Colonel Whaley's at Waterman, motored east and hiked to Long Lake. John and Ed retraced the steps of William and Henry Hensel's Yukon gold prospecting days, hiking the same trails.

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## Bremerton

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

The *Bremerton Patriot* is running excerpts from *Bremerton* the last Saturday of every month leading up to publication.

(Continued from page 78) *Bremerton — The Bremer Family*

It may have been the only time they left the cloistered life on Harvard Avenue without their mother and sister.

The Hensel brothers (Henry and William) became surrogate fathers, often entertaining their nephews with stories of gold, how they'd watch Indians kill, dress and cook deer over an open fire pit. The Enetai Beach summer home was used until the early 1920s when, according to Ed, "Summer homes went out of vogue and touring came in."

While John and Ed were focused on the real estate controlled by the family in Bremerton and Seattle, Sophia and Matilda were inspired by Seattle's department stores and those where they shopped around the country. When local dry goods merchant, Harry R. Wood, moved out of the post office building (Second and Pacific), Sophia and Matilda walked around the vacated building and decided to open their own department store. They hired a fixture company to put in new fixtures and lights and ordered all new furnishings. On May 23, 1928, they opened Bremer's Department Store providing high quality merchandise to the store's patrons. The entire family took a personal interest in buying for the store and supervision of the employees. Vacations now revolved around buying trips twice annually. "We made fun out of business," Ed later said. "Those were the good days."

Whenever they could get away from their mother's control, John and Ed relaxed in a Bremerton home that they shared with Ed's long-time companion Catherine McGowan. Old-timers fondly recall the happy Ed Bremer driving Catherine through the streets of Bremerton. After her death and John's death in 1969, and now alone, he employed Alma Mattson as his live-in housekeeper and cook. He complained to me of the food she prepared: corn bread, canned corn, corn-on-the-cob, everything cooked in corn oil, corn fritters ... "Corn, corn, corn," he lamented.

John Bremer's portion of the Bremer estate (\$2,687,623.19) was bequeathed to Olympic College. At least by 1975 when I interviewed Ed Bremer, he was having doubts about leaving his estate to the College. "They think they're going to get it all, but I have a surprise for them." In the end, he decided to follow his brother's lead.

Alma earlier was part of Ed's interest in local boxing. Along with Frank Smithers, they promoted and supported local boxing between sailors and area pugilists. Alma cooked. Frank was the matchmaker and Ed advertised the events. Jimmy Rondeau said that this was in the late 1940s and early 1950s. The gym was located in the Olympic

Building basement (NW corner Fourth and Pacific) and the basement of the Elks Club was used for fights and wrestling matches. According to Rondeau up to 4,000 paid spectators could view the fights. Smithers, who owned a smoke shop and tavern on First Street, sold the operation to Rondeau and Whitey Domstad. They put on a couple of fights and even though they had a full house they lost money and discontinued the enterprise.

Alma Mattson died Jan. 6, 1975. Her terse obituary said: "At the request of her family, no information is available." It was Ed who made the final arrangements at Lewis Funeral Chapel. It was shortly after this that Ed began burning family mementoes including photos. One employee who helped him destroy the Bremer legacy gave me three photos and made me vow I'd never tell who the traitor was.

Ed Bremer denied any knowledge of the rumors that circulated Bremerton for years, that by decree of his mother's will, neither of the sons were allowed to marry or they'd be disinherited. He laughed at that and said he'd never heard that before. And it wasn't true. But as a cousin-in-law told me: Mrs. Bremer was a strong, dominating German woman. She didn't need to tell them that marriage was out of the question. She expected them to be with her for dinner and entertainment every Saturday night, and held frequent meetings with both to keep informed of every aspect of the family business.

Edward Bremer died on July 11, 1986, in his sparsely-furnished Seattle apartment, alone except for caregivers, confused, angry at not being in control of the family's fortune. He frustratingly watched as his family's town decayed and emptied, fighting back with a lawsuit that was costly to the Bremer Estate, and threatening another lawsuit against Safeco, builder of the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale.

Longtime employees of Ed Bremer lovingly remembered him for his generosity, kindness, compassion. His longtime private secretary Vae Finney summed up his life: "He didn't have very many other interests. All he ever did was work."

The trouble with Ed, according to associates, was that he was extremely shy. He just couldn't get himself loosened up. He didn't mix with people. "Always a serious person," Gene Lobe said, "he seemed to have a purpose in mind all the time. He never seemed to relax."

Not much is left of the Bremer family. In 1960 Harry H. Keith designed a two foot by three foot bronze plaque that was unveiled in the small park adjacent to city hall with tributes given to the family. The family is buried in Seattle, their properties controlled by the Bremer Trust.

## The Bessie [Whelan] Slinger Diary

### Preface by Daughter: Joyce Liston

Bessie Whelan who had married Joseph Gary Slinger on 25 February 1929 wrote this diary. She was born in Seattle, Washington on 6 December 1909 and died in Spokane, Washington on 3 November 1996. Joe Slinger was born 11-March 1906 in Great Falls, Montana and died in Helena, Montana 3 May 1987. Bessie had one half-brother and Joe came from a large family of seven children.

The diary was written in 1936. The family had lived at Fort Harrison about five miles west of Helena, Montana for most of their early-married life. In the fall of 1935 several earthquakes hit Helena and surrounding area. That caused a lot of damage to most of the buildings in the area. The duplex that the Slingers lived in was condemned and the family had to live in a large army tent furnished by the military at the Fort. They lived in the tent until they could find other accommodations.

They found a three-room log house in Broadwater, a suburb of Helena, not far from the Fort that had withstood the quakes. They moved in shortly after the quakes. The rent was eight dollars a month and it had no running water or inside plumbing. An old potbelly stove and wood cooking range heated it. All water had to be pumped from a well and hauled into the house for cooking, bathing and cleaning.

Joe had a job with the WPA (Works Project Administration) on a building project after the quakes and had fallen at the site and injured his knee. He had to spend a lot of time at home with the family at this time. The baby, Gary, a sickly little boy had many bouts of asthma and eczema.

#### Bessie's Diary

January 1 "Happy New Year." Had Waterlands, Marcella & George & little George and Charlie, Hoffmans & Wyatts didn't show up - Wyatts thought that Joe would still be in the Hospital - The Dr let him home for New Years. He still has to go to town for treatments every day.

Note: Marcella is Bessie's cousin and the Georges are her husband and baby. Charlie is Bessie's halfbrother. The Hoffmans are Bessie's aunt and uncle. The Waterlands and the Wyatts are close friends.

January 2 Washed and straightened house today.

Gary is doing fine. Joyce is all for going places

January 12 Today is my brothers Birthday - didn't get to remember him with a gift - but thought of him anyway - he is thirty years old today. Many years of happiness & contentment to you Dear brother.

January 15 Got up late as usual since Joe got hurt we have been getting up about 8:30. I washed clothes this morning - still have to pack water - and wash my dishes.

Nite: Miners pulled in about 2:30 this afternoon. -

Had supper and a nice visit - Kids had a great time - It's past midnight so go to bed - Good nite.

January 16 Well did we have company - Wyatts and children and Smithwicks - Another car drove up but when it saw the cars that was already here it went on - Well, I hope they come back. Joe hasn't heard a word about his compensation yet and is getting worried - things are falling due and can't pay up.

January 17 Looks like a bright day today. Got Joyce busy picking up her things from last night the kids must have had a swell time - Washed and mopped and now is for a quiet evening.

January 18 You should have seen Gary tonight - he received his first sucker - He grabbed Joyces too and we had to make him understand that he had his own and must leave Joyces have hers - it was laughable - Joe is going to repair my sewing machine. Thank goodness. Its been limping along for sometime.

January 19 Well Joe rocked & sang Gary to sleep. Now We have company - Mr. Buor is here - My clothes finally got dry so I folded my things and now must put them away I have about all my work to do will write more later - Cutting up with Joe and knocked him over backwards and bumped his back on the kids chair. Went to Waterlands had a swell time.

January 20 --- Kondicks were here for a minute or so. Ed Smith came and borrowed Joe's ice skates. Babys sick and Joyce has a bad cold - I'm aching all over and Joe went in for another treatment. Note: Te Klo-nicks (correct spelling of their name) were neighbors who lived just across the road from Bessie.

January 21 --- Joe is repairing the front room light - it's left us in the dark half the time. Nite: Joe also repaired two clocks.

January 22 --- Went to town tonight Gary is pretty good the heater in the car kept the air warm for him and he took a long nap while we were shopping.

January 23 --- Moved most of the wood in from outside - and put it in the back shed. Baked a pie tonight. Joe peeled the apples for me, his leg don't hold up so good yet. It was a day like spring.

January 25 Went to town today, had supper at Aunt Katherines - Cards and wine afterwards then came home - the house was cold as barn. Got to bed about 1:30.

January 26 --- Charlie came to unload a jag of coal for us - we had quite a visit.

January 27 --- Joyce went to call on Hazel Travis - when she goes there she has to leave Pal here as he fights with Hazel's dog and as he gets the well known "bull dog hold" it's too bad for the other dog - Pal happens to be a good blooded Boston bull.

January 28 --- tonight Joe went to the Fort after the mail - there was none I haven't heard from Mother for about 6 weeks - Joe is walking with a cane thank goodness. I was about nuts with those crutches way-

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ing in the air or tripping over them – now if I can keep from getting hooked around the neck with a con-founded cane, I'll think I'm pretty spry for getting around it.

January 29 --- Joe went to the Capital for some infor-mation about the compensation. We've got 26 cents in the old sock – Oh Well I've seen less then that in the sock –

January 30 Another day – but no dollar – Went to town got coal so will be warm at least. Lawrence & Katherine were out to supper – Had a nice visit – No mail except an advertisement – didn't get any sewing done – still have to bake bread.

January 31 The bread was a success – Joy-cee was playing she was in a hospital.

February 1 Sewed like everything today – lengthened a coat and washed another for Joyce – just about finished a dress for her – Joe cooked some pea soup today and it was good. Joyce got her semi-annual bath to-night and is sleeping hard – Peggy Jester came over for the evening – Joe took her home.

February 2 Sunday – Layed off and was very lazy – Wyatts were here for the eve-ning – Had a lunch. The two Joe's went to town and got a jug of beer – I set my yeast – to bake and wash tomorrow.

February 3 Washing done and hung out. Got Joyce a doll buggy at last. The Klondick girl didn't want hers any longer so Joyce benefits by it. I don't know when we'll get it paid for – as Joe hasn't received any compensation yet. And his leg is too sore to work with – I do hope something turns up soon.

February 4 Dashed into a show this after-noon. It was Eddie Cantor in "Strike me Pink." It was pretty good. We went and got some groceries. Then went to Aunt Catherines for supper and the evening. Joe and Lawrence played cribbage. Came home and fired up the heater. I used the flat iron in place of the hot water bottle for Gary's bed. It works pretty good.

February 5 Well, cleaned house and made a pad for Joyce's buggy – Joe got home late tonight so didn't cook supper "till I saw the whites of his eyes." So was late dirty dishes and all over the kitchen as we went to Tennysons for the rest of the evening. Had a good time and chili and coffee for the climax. So that made cheese and beans my diet for today. Well maybe the beans will neutralize the cheese.

February 6 Tried to keep warm. My it is an "old fashioned winter" snow and cold.

February 7 Well cleaned up the house – and trying to get some clothes dry. I have this weeks ironing to do yet – the mangle will soon fix that. Joe went into the Dr today and got an elastic support for his knee. When he got home he brought an old newspaper with

a column about his uncle John dying – Poor old fel-low I do feel sorry about him – he was so alone – I had a quilt all ready to quilt so Joe sewed it on the machine. I finished the edges. I still have two more to quilt.

February 8

Well a good days work – cleaned up the front room – baked a cake & buns & bread – Joe peeled apples for me so I made applesauce. Kids all in snug now for a nights rest. Its been cold – oh so cold – radio telling of people freezing to death or else being burnt in fires caused from over headed stoves.

February 9 Sunday – Cleaned the kitchen, finished the board ironing, got dinner for the family. Joyce wiped the dishes – called on Wyatts – she was so tired I could see – she in-sisted on serving pie & coffee. It was mince pie. She makes excellent pie – but mince meat is so rich and she surely serves ample wedges – I'm feeling next to a stuffed turkey.

February 10 Washed and went to town – got me a complexion brush and Joyce a "Shirley Temple Book" called "the littlest Rebel" – Joyce seems to enjoy it very much – stopped at Smithwicks for supper & Whist. Home again.

February 11 Joe emptied the washer for me also the rinse water which was a big lift, then went out of doors and got in the clothes which was still fro-zen and cracked all to H. I don't give a hang really about my old things but three of my good sheets are goners. – I'm disgusted. Joe hung clothes all over the parlor and took them down when they got dry -- thank goodness no one came. I cooked scrubbed folded clothes and took care of the kids all in all Joe and I had a day – (Used my complexion brush and is "my face red")

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## 'DIARY OF DEATH' TELLS GRIM VIGIL OF PIONEER MINER

LEWISTOWN, Feb. 3.—(P)—A "diary of death" describing the grim vigil he kept for eight days revealed to discoverers of the frozen body of John Slinger how the pioneer Virginia City miner waited to die in a mountain cabin where he lived alone near Gilt Edge.

William Dunn, a neighbor, found the body and notified Dr. C. W. Wilder, county coroner, and Deputy Sheriff Ross Brown.

In the isolated dwelling at the foot of the Judith mountains, they found a series of notes Slinger had written in the eight days follow-ing Jan. 15. Some were addressed to George Slinger, of Great Falls, a brother of the dead man.

One note, dated Jan. 22, and be-lieved by the coroner to have been written the day before Slinger died, was addressed "Dear Brother George" and said:

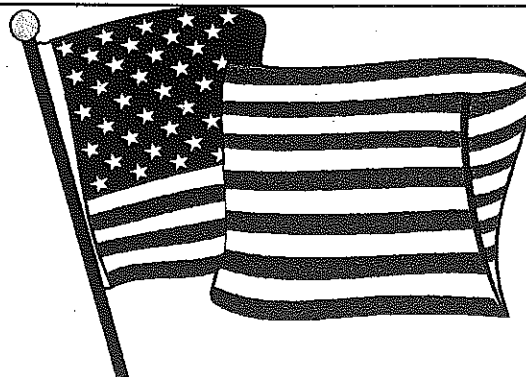
"There is \$43.08 under the mat-tress, besides checks for money in each bank. There will be wolves here and more before I pass away."

The officers found checks for \$400 and \$500 in the cabin, they said.

Slinger was about 70 years old. He had been a resident of Fergus county for 10 years. No relatives are known besides the brother at Great Falls, who was notified.

Funeral arrangements were be-ing completed today.

Remember 9-11



Remember 9-11

United We Stand

(Continued from page 73) *Memories of Bremerton Christmases Past* on the mantel for Mother, Daddy, me, Myrna, Blackie, cat, other animals. We would listen and soon we'd hear bells jangling at the front door. She'd greet "Santa" and we'd hear the packages rustling. Soon she'd say "Bye Santa", bells would jangle and the door would close and he'd say, in a deep, loud, low voice, **Merry Christmas!** Myrna and I would then rush from the hall landing into our bedroom and look out the window -- just in case! (We were still doing this when I was 16 or 17.) Next morning we'd get up, go downstairs and had to wait in the kitchen -- without peeking -- until Mother and Daddy arrived and we'd all go in to the tree together. There would be our Santa presents and the filled stockings. The stocking fillings consisted of an orange, an apple, a tangerine, a "raw" hotdog, candy and a small gift. Each of us would get our own sock. Blackie's had the wiener, a rubber dog bone, and some Yum Yums (a dog candy). Rings (or the cat of the time) got wiener, catnip and a ball. One year we came down to find all the toes chewed out of the sox and the hotdogs gone. We hadn't shut the basement door tight the night before and Blackie had a feast! After breakfast, we'd pack the car and head for Seattle and Nana and Grandpa's house. The whole family would gather there (Nana, Grandpa, Aunt Ann, Uncle Willard and Melvin, "Uncle" Walt and Betty Jane [friends of Nana and Grandpa's], and Uncle Owen and Aunt Bette, "Uncle" Mac and "Aunt" Rena. In earliest years there was also Auntie Ruth's and Uncle Paul's families. We'd put the tables end to end in the dining and living room and all eat together. You spent more time "passing" than "eating". After dinner and dishes, came gifts. Grandpa was always last. As we were finishing, he'd be starting his first package. (Daddy later took over his "procrastinating"/tease job.) I remember the year I turned 13, I only got clothes -- no toys. I was sure disappointed. For some reason I remember a scarf from "Uncle" Walt and Betty Jane. Sometimes we'd stay over night, but usually we drove back home. (We always accused them of thinking it was a longer trip from Seattle to Bremerton than it was from Bremerton to Seattle.) One such drive -- not necessarily Christmas -- we listened to the radio all the way home about a little girl trapped in a well. Seems like she was dead when they got her out, but I'm not certain. I remember it being very dramatic and it's my first remembrance of severe "outside" concern or realization on my part. Prior to that was "Our little world" and now there were "others" not known.)

At Christmas season, Callow Ave (West Bremerton or the old "Charleston") would go all out. There were contests and drawings announced on KBRO, the local radio station. (I once won a model

ship (aircraft carrier) through one of their (other than Christmas) contests. The question was, "Name the man who invented the steamboat and the steamboat's name" or something like that. I called in and said it was "*Fulton's Folly*". I won! First time I ever won anything in my life. I remember Daddy sitting at the kitchen table and I was so proud because he was so proud of me!) The streets were all decorated, each store had specials and with your purchases you'd get "tokens" to be used for more specials. All the while, Christmas Carols were playing over the street speakers. It was fun just to stand and listen even if you didn't shop. We got most of Daddy's Shoptsmith tools there. The year he got the Shoptsmith (a Wood-working machine) was a big help for Myrna and me. Solved our shopping problems for him for years to come! The neighbors all got together for a Christmas gift exchange, also. We usually met next door at Bea and Art Anderson's. One year we made a Christmas record. We'd all gather for snacks and a Dance around the Tree (Norwegian and Scottish) and a good time. When Mother got our gifts, she'd hide them in the downstairs bedroom closet and it was **understood** that we were **not** to go in there. For years, Myrna and I had wanted "grown up" dolls. One year, while Mother had gone to get Daddy at work, we sneaked into the closet and peeked! There were the black and red haired "grown up" dolls -- "boobs" and all. We were ecstatic. Hid them back like they were and went about our business till Christmas morning. When we went into the front room and saw the dolls, we did our "expected" Oohs and Ahhs! Mother looked at Daddy and said "They Snooped!" Still don't know how she knew. I thought we'd put on a pretty good performance. "Carsi" and "Ilene" (named after the neighboring Anderson girls, red haired Ilene and her sister) mostly sat on a shelf. Never could really enjoy them. Guilty Conscience, I guess.

#### The Cast

Mother and Daddy --- Ernest Eli and Esther Eugenia [Marsh] Van Houten.

Myrna (Sister) --- Myrna Ernestine [Van Houten] Campbell  
Nana and Grandpa --- Warren Jerome and Georgia Paulina [Adkisson] Marsh.

Aunt Ann and Uncle Willard --- Willard Henry and Anna Lena [Adkisson] Marsh.

Melvin (Cousin) --- Melvin Leroy Marsh.

Uncle Walt and Betty Jane --- Walter S. and Betty Jane Asay.

Uncle Owen and Aunt Bette --- Owen Rolla and Bette [Judy] Adkisson --- Nana's Brother and Aunt Ann and Aunt Rena's parents.

Uncle Mac and Aunt Rena --- Frank "Mac" and Rena [Adkisson] McMullen --- Aunt Rena is sister to Aunt Ann.

Auntie Ruth and family --- Vincent and Ruth [Marsh] Buck and Patricia and Roger. --- She is my mother's sister.

Uncle Paul and family --- Paul, Vivian and Ella Marsh and Wilma, Larry, Mikey. --- Paul is my mother's brother by Nana's first marriage to John Bittick.

## Ahnentafel, Anyone?

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files, shelves, cabinets, stacks and boxes – not necessarily in that order. My “genealogy office” resembles something related to my garage or workshop (also not necessarily in that order). The accumulation of PC’s, scanners, printers, miscellaneous furniture, shelves of maps, old *Backtrackers*, references and 1934 comic books, all blend equally well with walls, covered with family portraits and groups, family trees, family coats of arms, and other memorabilia, ad nauseam. It almost overwhelms me. Almost! By now you will have deduced that your correspondent has graduated into the sophomore years. It ain’t easy, believe me. And you should see my wife’s collection.

With these thoughts behind us (I wish!), we move onward – or backward – to this Ahnentafel object, word, thingie! First, what does it mean? It’s a German or Swiss (or Dutch? Nahhh!) word consisting of *Ahnen* + *Tafel*. “Ahn” means ancestor or predecessor and “Ahn-EN” forms the plural. And my Langenscheidt’s handy-dandy German-American dictionary informs me that *Tafel* is translated to “table”, “tablet”, “plate”, “slate” and a variety of similar items. Thus we have Ahnentafel= **Table of Ancestors**. Now, doesn’t reading this far really make it worth while after all? Well, if you are bored, you may be excused from the *tafel* while we go “ahn” with the Ahnen, Bitte. (Must have lost a lot of my German clientele on that one!)

So, sitting quietly back and calmly gazing at the cluttered “office” walls, the word really strikes me at last – somewhere between my right elbow and the left ear. “Hey, man, you ain’t GOT any AHNENTAFEL!” Shucks, no, man, I just learned what it means. So, describe it, already!

An Ahnentafel is, simply, a written graduation from yourself to all your ancestors, placed in such order as to proceed logically within any lineage throughout all the generations presented therein. We now know all about it, don’t we? Wrong! The words, “logical” and “procession” put a kink in our

discussion and they must be defined. We start with you (you’re still there, aren’t you?). This makes YOU Number One. You needn’t thank me – not yet.

It’s as simple as One, Two, Three, you being Number One, your father is Number Two and mother is Number Three. And each generation from each of these is TWICE those numbers. What does that mean? Your father’s number is twice yours, so his father is twice his ( $2 \times 2$ ). So your paternal grandfather becomes No. 4 and his spouse becomes No. 5. Would it surprise you, then to learn that your grandfather’s father (your paternal great-grandfather) again doubles and becomes  $4 \times 2 =$  No. 8.

The number of your mother’s father is her number  $3 \times 2 =$  No. 6 with his spouse assigned No. 7. So now, the first generation (you) contains the number “1” through One! The next generation shows two numbers, 2 and 3, respectively. And the next generation shows four numbers as your grandparents become 4, 5, 6 and 7. And, if you have been doing your genealogical best, you might show eight great grandparents with numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. You might note that the numbers eight through eleven are great-grandparents on your father’s side while twelve through fifteen are on the maternal side of the house.

Now if your Ahnentafel just happens to contain an ancestor with 256 and you want to know whose ancestor that is, what would you do? Right! All that is necessary is to divide this and succeeding numbers by two until we can go no farther. In this case, it comes all the way back to 1, which just happens to be you. So, 256 identifies your 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, with 257 being his spouse. It works both ways in this process, but remember, if you get to a number that is not divisible by 2, then that is a spouse of the next lower number (e.g., 305 is spouse of 304, etc.). It comes to you with practice. If this discussion has not confused you as much as it has me, be grateful.

Yesterday I couldn’t even SPELL AHNENTAFEL and now I has GOTS one!

### Bernard W. Koentz Ahnentafel

#### First Generation

- 1 Koentz, Bernard Wesley b. 29 Dec 1922 Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon.

#### Second Generation

- 2 Koentz, Charles Edward b. 3 Oct 1872 Onaga, Pottawotamie County, Kansas d. 30 Jul 1965 Yuma, Yuma County, Arizona
- 3 Brown, Mary Lida b. 5 May 1893 Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado d. 1 Mar 1955 Seattle, King County, Washington

#### Third Generation

4. Koentz, Jan Petrus [M.D., Civil War] b. 27 Jan 1823 Wijchen, Gelderland, Netherlands d. 16 Apr 1911 Onaga, Kansas
5. White, Sarah Melmoth b. 16 Jan 1846 Coatesburg, Adams County, Illinois d. 11 Feb 1912 Onaga, Kansas.
6. Brown, Eugene Lewis [Carpenter] b. 15 May 1847 Washington (?) County, New York d. 17 Aug 1924 Duvall, King County, Washington

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Since I started finding my extended family I have become obsessed with cousins. My first cousins I knew in person. It's the seconds, thirds and the ones removed who turn out to be the most intriguing.

The story of this cousin started from a couple of pictures included in a genealogical treasure trove recovered from the daughter of one of my first cousins who, until she went to the great beyond, insisted that these things did not exist. I didn't know the extent of this treasure but I had some idea of it because I had seen some items when I visited my aunt. She had shown me a hand-written pedigree chart and some letters from her cousins in Scandinavia. I have been what I would consider one of the blessed genealogists. From my aunt, her mother, and her grandmother I have at least thirty, turn-of-the-century, portraits. My Swedish and Norwegian great grandparents, the Sven Erickson Knapps and the Sivert Olsons, my Swan grandparents, my father's younger years and several photo albums of family and friends.

The pictures which sent me off on this particular cousin hunt were a couple labeled (yes grandma labeled them) "John Swan's cousin". John Swan's cousin turned out to be John Nelson of Big Rapids, Michigan. Another picture was labeled "John Nelson's children" which identified seven of eleven children born before 1910.

I speculated as to how John Nelson could be a Swan cousin. It had to be through a female line though I didn't think it was one of my grandfather Swan's sisters. I was sure I had them all accounted for. After a chance discovery in a book of Michigan Surnames in the PSGS Library and a couple of trips to Salt Lake City, I had my answer. My Swedish great-grandfather's sister, Johanna, was John's mother.

Also among the treasures were several letters to my aunt from John Nelson's brother, Ole. He talked about his father, Peter, how he got to America and how proud he was of John's son, Russell, a graduate of West Point who was lost in WWII. Little did I know that this "Cousin Hunt would lead me to the second one lost in WWII and a genuine hero.

Now that I had collected a sizable folder of Michigan census reports and Swedish records that established these Nelson's as relatives I decided to find what I could about Russell's military career. I had one first cousin, James Hartsoch, who died from wounds received when his ship was blown apart by Japanese cruisers during the battle of The Leyte Gulf, 23-26 October 1944. He was in the engine room of an escort carrier, *The Gambier Bay*, that was part of a task force trying to stop a Japanese fleet

from interfering with the Army's landings on Leyte Island which started on 20 October.

What about Russell? Where to start? I knew about retrieving military records but that required letters. While procrastinating and perusing the used book shelves in a local antique store, what to my wondering eyes should appear? Not reindeer, but a book titled "1972 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets of the United States Military Academy" published by the Association of Graduates U.S.M.A. Exhaling slowly I turned to the index and there he was, Russell John Nelson, #6457, class of 1919 and a note referring to an obit of April 1948. I arrived home with my treasure and accessed the internet hoping that the Association had a web site. It came up and informed me that for a nominal fee they would send me a copy of the April 1948 newsletter containing Russell's obit. Upon receipt of the material, I entered the Army's version of his capture and death in the Philippines and went on to other things.

The obit stated that, as a Lt. Colonel, Russell was in command of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 101<sup>st</sup> Philippine Division. His regiment was attempting to hold off the Japanese in the Cotabato Sub-sector of Mindanao when ordered to surrender. He was American Officer in Charge of one of the prison camps in the Philippines and was killed in December of 1944 while aboard a Japanese ship which was bombed by American planes during the retaking of the islands. Hey! Here was another hero on my family tree.

I didn't think too much about it until the other day, on television, they were talking about the former prisoners who are trying to sue Japanese companies for being used as slave labor in Japan. I decided it was time for me to visit the library and see what I could find about the plight of the Americans captured when the Philippines surrendered. What I've found so far are two accounts which illustrate the strength of will which allows some people to overcome the most disheartening and primitive conditions. One of the gentlemen was involved in the Bataan Death March<sup>1</sup> while the other was stationed on Corregidor<sup>2</sup> and spent the first year of captivity cleaning up and refurbishing the artillery pieces for the Japanese. They both, however, ended up on a ship in Manila Bay with Russell Nelson. Since the Army claimed Russell was in charge of one of the camps mentioned by these survivors, I hoped one of them would give him some ink. There was only one mention of a Col. Olsen in ref (1) in relation to an escape. This corresponds to Russell's obit. It was probably Nelson but who knows.

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Cousin Huntin'

These three men were part of 1,617 prisoners loaded on the *Oryuko Maru* on 13 December 1944, as human cargo. The *Oryuko Maru* was built as a passenger liner, had little cargo space and the passenger accommodations were occupied by some 2,000 Japanese civilians. 611 men were assigned to #1 hold, a box about thirty feet wide, fifty feet long, and eight feet high. Except for an area about fifteen feet wide running the width of the ship there was a shelf four feet from the floor which assured that most of the men were sitting. This description and most of the following narrative is from reference (2).

Major Wright doesn't describe #3 hold where Russell was assigned but 819 men prepared to ride in this hell hole to where ever the ship took them. They started loading about 4:00 P.M. and were provided with twenty tubs of rice and some seaweed soup. By the time the five four-gallon cans of water arrived it was dark and with no lights it was impossible to assure that everyone got some. Major Wright relates, "Only a few men got any sleep through that night. We had no sanitation facilities in the hold, and waste disposal was another perplexing problem. Bottles were passed through the crowd to men who had to urinate, and three of the wooden rice tubs were converted to use as latrine buckets. In the darkness and confusion, the bottles and tubs were occasionally spilled. There were so few bottles that a man might continue yelling for an hour to have one passed to him. This problem of waste disposal haunted us to the end of the trip, and was one of the worst obstacles we had to overcome in order to survive."

Major Wright says that, "The morning of 14 December about 9:00 A.M. all hell broke loose. As men were milling indifferently through the hold, crowding especially under the open hatch in an effort to get a little fresh air, all the anti-aircraft guns on the ship blasted into action, and before we fully realized what was happening, the *Oryuko Maru* shuddered as she took a bomb amidships". This was not the bomb that killed Russell but was the first of nine attacks with bombs and machine-guns that day. Many prisoners were killed by ricocheting 50 cal. bullets. Major Wright goes on, "The forecast for the next day was certain destruction, as the ship had been so badly damaged that she was run aground, and we know that the American planes would be back at daylight to finish their job."

About 9:00 p.m., the tension proved too great to be controlled any longer. A blood curdling scream pierced the blackness and confusion. The first man to commit suicide had slashed his wrists with a razor, driven through desperation to seek re-

lease from worldly torture. Soon there were more screams, with shouted threats and violent swearing. Then came a shout that hit and stunned us like a bomb, "Murder!"

Major Wright managed, by staying against the hull perched on some piping, to avoid getting killed by crazed men swinging canteens and knives in pitch blackness against whoever they came in contact with. As they had had nothing to drink for over 24 hours in that oven some started drinking from the urine bottles. This didn't assuage their thirst but drove them further into insanity.

At dawn of 15 December 1944 the prisoners were ordered to abandon ship and swim the half mile to the beach. As this evacuation was taking place, the planes returned to finish the job. The first stick of bombs landed in the #3 hold and killed over two hundred of the prisoners including my cousin, Russell. This was according to Major Wright and Captain Lawton (ref. 2).

According to refsn (1,2) the two authors were finally shipped to Japan where they were rescued some months later. I find it ironic that my cousins were taken so close to the end of the war.

I had never known where my cousin, Jim, was buried. I remembered my aunt trying to find out from the Navy but didn't know the outcome. I saw an article about the American Battle Monuments Commission and that they had a web site. Thinking I might find out something about cemeteries I accessed the web site and found that they are both buried in the Manila American Cemetery located about six miles SE of the city center in the former Fort William McKinley now Fort Bonifacio.

There they reside, two cousins, who I know never met on this earth, now united in a monument to the continuing idiocy of groups of men trying to prove their superiority over other groups.

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## Tale of Two Cemeteries

Sharon Newell

Finally, my husband, Clint, and I had reached retirement and our dream trip around the United States in our RV was about to become reality. We planned to see the sights, friends and relatives along the way, and the gorgeous fall foliage in New England. More importantly, I was on a mission to learn and document what I could about my lineage. There were courthouses, archives, historical societies, libraries, churches, and cemeteries to visit. I was eager to see what I could glean, but as it turned out, that wasn't all that happened. We found a way to give back as well as receive.

My grandmother often told me the story of Sophronia Howlett (1800-1880) and Oliver Colby (1793-1850), who moved from New Hampshire to Illinois in 1834 by horse and wagon, with their five small children. They left behind their families and all they knew to buy rich farmland on the Illinois plains. There they prospered, and bore three more children, raising all eight to adulthood before their deaths. This story was what inspired me to begin the search for my family's history. Illinois was our first major stop. One important item on my list was finding Oliver and Sophronia's burial site. It was located in Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Macoupin County southeast of Springfield. It was easy to locate the cemetery, a peaceful place, very well maintained. I danced the happy genealogy dance, and directed my husband to snap photos. It was an emotional experience for me to stand where once my great, great, great grandparents were laid to rest.

Sophronia and Oliver had married, however, in New Hampshire, and their parents are buried there. On we traveled to New Hampshire, arriving at the peak of the fall season. The hills were aflame with glorious color. The days were sunny and warm, just right for cemetery tramping, but the nights were cold and crisp. One morning we awoke to find the water line to our RV frozen! In fact, most of the campgrounds were already closed for the winter, and the one we found still open was soon to close their gates. We needed to find the Colby Yard and Bear Hill Cemeteries in haste. These cemeteries were located in the town Henniker, Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

Fortunately, I knew the names of the cemeteries, but unfortunately neither are active. Both are family burial plots and are on private properties with no marking signs. The local historical society turned up notes and a hand-drawn map of the Colby Yard Cemetery. With this aid and a county map we found our way near to where the cemetery should be. We couldn't see anything from the road, and began walking, trying to find an old oxen road that lead to the cemetery. The whole area was severely overgrown, but we did spot a faint track. As we followed

the trail through the thick brush and saplings, we stumbled over a tombstone before realizing we were there. How sad, to see the neglect and damage that had occurred. The still standing stones were almost obliterated. Luckily, we located the stones of Oliver's parents Nicolas Colby [1754 - 1836] and Lois [Martin] Colby (1757 - 1837) and once again the photographer was put to work. It bothered me though, that the next visitor might not be able to find this place, and the stones could be covered completely.

Back at the historical society we met a woman who had walked all the cemeteries and had published a transcription of the tombstones. We mentioned to her the condition of the Colby Yard Cemetery. She told us the town provided some moneys for cemetery upkeep, and she'd see what she could do. We crossed our fingers for a favorable response.

Next we turned our attention to the Bear Hill Cemetery, where Thomas Howlett (1774 - 1859) and Mary [Newton] Howlett (1778 - 1860) are buried. This



*The Howlett obelisk is in the foreground outside the chain fence enclosing the Howlett plot in the Bear Hill Cemetery.*

took longer, as no one seemed to know its exact location. We knew it had to be somewhere on the Bear Creek Road, but where? We drove up and down, with no luck. Finally we stopped to ask a resident. He was a recent import and didn't know, but directed us to some old timers who had lived in the area their whole lives. They weren't quite sure, but kindly made a couple of phone calls for specific di-

rections. This small family cemetery sits quietly atop a hill above the road, overlooking the Contoocook River. It has a lovely view and large sheltering trees. It is free of brush, but we found a problem here also. The Howlett family stone, a six-foot obelisk, had fallen from its foundation sometime in the past. It had been raised to stand erect on the ground, but we worried this insecure footing might result in another fall that could damage or break it apart. Before we left the area we contacted a monument company asking for a bid on costs for replacing the obelisk on its base. As a result, we hired them to do the job, and now the Howlett monument is standing tall and proud again.

Two months later when we arrived back home, we received a letter from the historical society. The Lions Club had gone into the Colby Yard and cleared out the underbrush and saplings, and in 2002 the town would allocate money to repair the damaged tombstones. Sometimes "a word in the right place" yields positive results. Cemeteries are, for the genealogist, a place of powerful connection to those who have gone before. Now the next searchers will be able to find these stones and pay their respects to their ancestors. I am very thankful we found a way to honor mine.

Our editor asked me to write a couple of book reviews for this, our December issue. Well, books and December go together. At least they always did in my family. You see, the members of my family have all been addicted readers, the printed page their fix. From Great-Grandmother Emily Melissa Ferris, who often lost herself in a book while her bread dough ran down the sides of the bowl, to her great-grandson, Donald. When he was sent to the basement to build a fire in the furnace would be lost reading the newspapers in the fire starting pile while from the cold upstairs his mother would finally call to ask what was he doing, for goodness sake; it was ever thus.

Christmas was always one of our book giving times; even in the depths of the Depression when poor was a way of life. Beneath the Christmas tree there would be wrapped treasured already-read books or hand printed and illustrated original stories and always a new one or even two from Grandmother Lucia (daughter of Great-grandmother Emily). I have in my hand "Little Men and Women Stories," copyright 1924, inscribed "Marjorie from Grandmother Dec 25 1925" with exciting chapters such as *When Dobbin Ran Away* and *The Cat Who Talked*. And then there is *Beloved Belindy* by Johnny Gruelle "to Marjorie Dean Williams Merry Christmas from Bompie and Balmy Dec 25 1929."

Looking back to Great-Grandmother Emily I have also among my souvenirs a little old book, its front cover and outer spine missing tied together with a gold thread. Between pages 172 and 173 there is a scrap of paper with almost completely faded penciled inscription:

"A Merry Christmas  
to My Wife

W.C. Lyman  
Decem (sic) 25 1872"

(W.C. is Emily's husband, William) Between pages 104 and 105 lies a small piece of black silk with a gray line through it and between pages 52 and 53 is another small piece of heavy cream silk. Were they mark-

ing special pages? What were they scraps of, a vest, a dress?

The book is the *Poetical Works of William Cowper*, b. 1731, Hertfordshire. On the fly leaf is written: "Dean from mother 4 July 1946." Mother is Emily's daughter Lucia giving the book to her daughter Dean, keeping up the family tradition of book giving

Beyond the love of reading and of books, there is one more very special gift I received from my great grandmother Emily. I too have in my soul an innate desire to tie together the chords of my existence for in that small collection of souvenirs are three little lined notebook pages of family ancestry written in Emily's fine script; and the note written by her niece that Emily not only let the bread run over but spent hours tracing her family ties. These are the tangible beginning of my first family research and the core of it still.

So when I stopped in at our PSGS library for a "minute" to check out the authors of a couple of books I would like to recommend for your reading, it should be obvious that I stepped away from the new books shelves with a bundle of books in hand and another from the map shelves all of which took me past authors and on into their pages. I wasn't really looking for my family names, but I can tell you I did catch a glimpse of a familiar one.

Now these books are all gifts to our library from a number of people and sources. We are so very fortunate to have received them. I suggest that you step in and check out the new book section and even the old. Just how long has it been since you were in taking time to browse?

We have *To Our Children's Children Preserving Our Family Histories* by Bob Greene, a gift from Madge Norton. It is a "How To" book for all of us who should be writing something about ourselves that needs to be left beyond a scrap of silk from wherever and why-ever. This little book is good reading even if you don't have any writing on your agenda. The chapters are sequential beginning with your childhood on to

your present status. And each chapter holds a list of questions or suggestions. For example, from the childhood chapter: do you remember the first house you lived in or what was the view out any window? Do you remember what you daydreamed while looking out your bedroom window? Was the door to the house left open or was it locked? (I remember that when our door was locked the key was always kept outside over the top of the door jam). Were there books to be seen? And in the chapter about grandchildren do you trust the world will be a decent place for grand kids to grow up?

From the large gift given to us by the public library, *The French Blood in America* by Lucian Fosdick, 1973, is the story of the Huguenots, the French Protestants, and their role in shaping our country. In the list of passengers of the Mayflower the name of Guillaume Molines was not written. Rather it was anglicized to read William Mullins with wife, son, and daughter Priscilla. During the first winter, all of the family died except Priscilla who married John Alden and is an ancestress of John Adams, our second president. This is a good read for names and history.

Along with the above, is one from the collection of Dr. F. E. Drew. *Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and the Settlement at Manakin-Town*. It has genealogies and history for those with French ancestry and for those who may have had ancestors who lived in the same neighborhood.

Try our new-book cupboard for a December treat of pre-Christmas gift books.

## News Release

## Make Money for PSGS

PSGS has joined the Legacy Affiliate Program.

Just go to our web site:  
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Click on: "Important Links"

Click on: Legacy

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## Nine Months From Home The 14<sup>th</sup> Vermont in the Civil War Home

*In Part Ten of his series Mr. Peter Laramie follows the 14<sup>th</sup> Vermont Regiment sits out the battle of Fredericksburg. A special thanks to PSGS member Violet Peterson for sharing this material with the readers of the Backtracker.*

Having completed the march from Camp Vermont to Fairfax Court House (for the second time in less than a month), a distance of over twenty miles, in twelve hours Company F 14<sup>th</sup> Vermont Volunteers passed yet another cold night huddled around fires. On December 13 John H. Williams, a private in Company F from Fairhaven, Vermont and native of Wales, wrote in his diary, "We rested in the morning. In the afternoon, battalion drill, after the drill we moved camp a mile to the west of Fairfax Court House. Three brigades passed through from Harper's Ferry. They were going to Fredericksburg. They rested in the woods about us. We heard today that (Union General) Burnside had taken Fredericksburg and had set it on fire so that it was burned to ashes.

John C. Williams, a Corporal in Company B who enlisted from Danby, Vermont, in his book "Life in Camp" taken from his own Civil War diary wrote of the movement. "We arrived at Fairfax Court House about four o'clock in the afternoon and camped half a mile north where we remained that night and till four o'clock the next day, when we moved to our present camp, which is half a mile south of the Court House. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Cavalry was at Anandale as we passed by. It was a very fatiguing march fifteen miles being the average distance that an army moves in a day. Gen. Sigel left here last week with fifty thousand men and also Gen. Banks' old corps of forty thousand men is passing through here, en route to Fredericksburg from Harper's Ferry. A part of his corp camped here last night.

"I know not exactly the object for which we were sent here, but suppose it is to guard this section in place of Sigel's army."

John Rowland, another private in Company F from Fairhaven and originally from Wales, disagreed with Williams' assessment. Surveying the scene around the Court House he noted, "Soldiers and guns everywhere and they are moving to General Burnside and am sure that we will be moving after them."

Even as Private Rowland wrote those words the bloody battle of Fredericksburg was fairly over. Confederate losses were over five thousand while Union losses numbered between twelve and thirteen

thousand. Another cold night in Virginia was beginning. On the barren plain between Marye's Heights and the Rappahannock River the frost began to settle on the still forms of the living and the dead alike.

In the following days the Union army continued to pass on toward Fredericksburg, but the men of the Second Vermont Brigade were not ordered to follow. Instead, much time was spent in drilling and, in their free time, the men did what they could to make themselves comfortable.

On December 18, the day after General Edwin Stoughton took command of the Brigade; John H. Williams just about says it all. "Brigade drill under the command of General Stoughton the other side of Fairfax Court House which continued for four hours. Dress parade in the evening, the brigade band came to play for us. The boys carried benches and pew from the old Church at Fairfax Court House for use in our tents."

The following day Private Williams noted, "Davey Humphrey and Ellis Williams from Fairfax Station came to see us. (Note: These two were members of Company K, 123<sup>rd</sup> New York State Volunteers, which was raised in Hampton and Granville, Washington County, New York which rests against Vermont's western flank.)

Rumors abounded at this time. The brigade was moving back to Washington. No, it was not. McClellan, already twice removed from command of the Union Army, was back in charge. No, he was not. Corporal Williams noted on December 21, "There is great rejoicing in camp at reports contradicting the one that McClellan had been appointed to the command of the army." Personally, he shared with thousands of other federal troops the "hope the Government has got through with appointing commanders and sacrificing the lives of our brave men to test their ability."

At this time the regiment was sent to Centreville, seven miles distant, on picket duty. Corporal Williams, left behind because of illness reported a sad loss to his company on December 24, "I learn today that a member of Co. B, by name of Fish, who was left at the Alexandria Hospital sick, died on Saturday. The first that has died out of the company, and the third out of the regiment up to this date. But there are a greater number sick than at any previous time."

On the same day Private John H. Williams wrote, "Wednesday - December 24, 1862 -- Sent a letter to Jane. Went out as regiment on picket duty

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today. Received two days rations and reached Centreville at Mid-day. Companies A and B (Note: the Bennington and Wallingford companies) were detailed on picket duty and the rest of the regiment went here and there in search of a place to stay. We as company went to the old Episcopal Church in the village; there was a place to build a fire inside. We prepared a bit of dinner very easily -- then John Rowlands (sic) and I fixed a place to sleep on the floor. In the evening we had a pleasant time. It was Christmas Eve. Ben Lee, the orderly, went into the little gallery in the Church and we had some good speeches by several. We passed the evening very pleasantly."

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called that Bertha Haller died about 1960.

A visit to the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library was in order. Since the Washington State Death Index is listed in Soundex order with a number of years on each microfilm roll, viewing only a couple rolls was required to locate the death of Bertha Haller on 3-27-60 at Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington, although her normal place of residence was Snohomish County, Washington. Her age at death in 1960 was given as 53, which conflicted with her being age 18 in 1927 -- not an unusual situation. In such cases, the information provided closest to the date of the event is often more reliable. Sure enough, the Washington State Birth Index microfilm revealed that Bertha Myrnietta Horstman was born Mar. 24, 1909 at Port Orchard to William Horstman and Carrie L. Moore.

Having the names of Bertha's parents provided the key needed for a review of the PSGS library's film of the 1910 Census of Port Orchard. The family was found on Roll T624-1662, Sheet 13B, District 232, Dwelling and Family number 81, with William Horstman age 39, wife Carrie age 31, and five children, the youngest being Bertha age 1. Additional family details came from the Census listing. The names of Bertha's parents gave cause for re-visiting the Washington State Death Index, providing the

death dates and ages for both William and Carrie Horstman. Death certificates were ordered through the VitalCheck service at <http://www.vitalcheck.com/>.

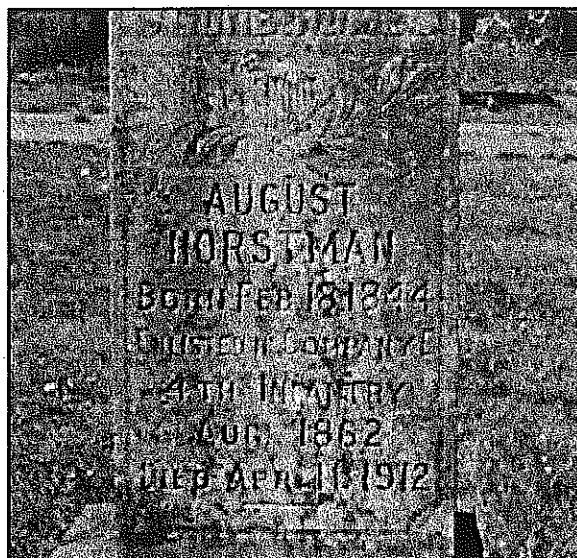
Bertha's mother Carrie (Moore) Horstman died at Port Orchard in 1911. The wait for the Death Certificates to arrive (less than a week) provided time to check the PSGS published Cemetery Records books for Kitsap County. The listing for Port Orchard Cemetery included Carrie Horstman and August Horstman in the same plot. A visit to the Pendleton-Gilcrest Funeral Home revealed that records for that early date had been destroyed by fire, so the cemetery was walked and the August Horstman plot was located -- but with no marker for Carrie Horstman. The Death Certificates arrived confirming the suspicion that August Horstman was the father-in-law of Carrie, and providing much additional information.

The death date and place for August Horstman was confirmed by the Washington State Death Index, and VitalCheck received another order. His parents were given as F. Horstman and Lucy by the informant, Mrs. August Horstman. From their son William's Death Certificate, Mrs. August

Horstman was identified as Mary Rossiter. No death record could be found for Mary Horstman -- an apparent impasse. But a PSGS publication provided the needed information. On page 92 of the 1994 volume of the PSGS journal was a July 24, 1913 marriage record for Joe Baker, 68, of Port Orchard, a native of Germany. Joe's bride was identified as Mary Horstman (formerly Rossiter), 63, daughter of Samuel Rossiter and Mary Bly, resident of Port Orchard and native of Indiana. The Washington State Death Index revealed

that a Mary Baker, age 77, died at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington on September 7, 1927. (The Death Certificate has not yet been ordered). The 1850 Census Index for Indiana includes only one Rossiter or variant: Samuel Rositer Harrison County page 304 45th District. Household 311 includes, among others, Samuel Rositer age 42, Mary Rositer age 24, and Mary A. Rositer age 4/12. Thus

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*August  
Horstman  
Born Feb 18 1844  
Enlisted in Company E  
4th Infantry  
Aug. 1862  
Died Apr 11 1912  
Knights of Pythias Cemetery  
Port Orchard, Washington*

(Continued from page 89) *Horstman Family of Port Orchard*  
the Rossiter ancestry saga begins -- but that's a different story.

Beginning with minimal information about Bertha (Horstman) Haller, the resources of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library permitted the identification of three generations of her ancestors, as briefly summarized in the following Ahnentafel. For a very detailed presentation of the Bertha's ancestry, see [http://kinnexions.com/reunion/haller/ps\\_toc.htm](http://kinnexions.com/reunion/haller/ps_toc.htm).

Further information is always welcome. Nothing is known about F. Horstman and Lucy, parents of August Horstman. Company E, 4th Infantry, the unit August Horstman enlisted in during the Civil War, has not been identified. The location of the August Horstman property in Port Orchard has not been determined. For whom is Horstman Road named?  
Second Generation

### Horstman Ahnentafel

#### First Generation

1 Bertha Myrnietta Horstman. Born on Mar 24, 1909 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. Died on Mar 27, 1960 in Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington. She married Walter Ervin Haller, about 1924 in Seattle, King County, Washington. Children: Walter; William Douling; Earl; Lawrence 'Larry'; Edward 'Eddie'.

#### Second Generation

2 William Horstman. Born on Jan 29, 1869 in Kansas. Died on Aug 11, 1950 in Renton, King County, Washington. Buried on Aug 14, 1950 in Evergreen Cemetery, Seattle, Washington. He married Carrie L. Moore, about 1895 in Kansas. Children: Nellie; Waunita; William E.; Myrtle; \*Bertha Myrnietta.

3 Carrie L. Moore. Born on Nov 22, 1879 in Kansas. Died on Feb 17, 1911 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. Buried on Feb 21, 1911 in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Port Orchard, Washington.

#### Third Generation

4 August Horstman. Born on Feb 18, 1844 in Kentucky. Died on Apr 11, 1912 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. Buried in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Port Orchard, Washington. He married Mary A. Rossiter, estimated 1869 in Kentucky. Child: \*William.

5 Mary A. Rossiter. Born about Jan 1850 in Indiana. Possibly died Sep 7, 1927 in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

6 Henry Clay Moore. Born in Kentucky. He married Emlie Grigsby. Child: \*Carrie L.

7 Emlie Grigsby. Born in Oct 1853 in Washington County, Kentucky.

#### Fourth Generation

8 F. Horstman. Born in Germany. He married Lucy. Child: \*August

9 Lucy. Born in Germany.

10 Samuel Frederick Rossiter. Born on May 13, 1814 in

Chester County, Pennsylvania. Died after 1860. He married Mary (Bly) Miller, on Jul 11, 1848 in Harrison County, Indiana. Children: \*Mary A.; Samuel; Elizabeth; Stephen; Eliza.

11 Mary Bly. Born in 1826 in Indiana. Died after 1860.

12 ? Henry Moore. He married Jane. Child: \*Henry Clay.

13 ? Jane.

14 ? James Grigsby. Born abt 1830 in Kentucky. He married Mary J. Graham, on Apr 8, 1852 in Washington County, Kentucky. Children: \*Emlie; Charlotte; Sallie M.; James F. M.

15 ? Mary J. Graham.

(Continued from page 83) *Bernard W. Koentz Ahnentafel*

7. Knapp, Emily Chase b. 9 Sep 1857 Richland, Richland County, Wisconsin d. 2 Oct 1903 Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado

#### Fourth Generation

8. Koentz, Mattheus (Mattijs) [Burgermeester] b. 23 Aug 1778 Wijchen, Gelderland, Netherlands d. 12 May 1805 Wijchen, Gelderland

9. Van Dieren, Johanna Louisa Theodora b. 31 Jul 1784 Grave, Nord Brabant, Netherlands d. 11 Nov 1842 Wijchen, Gelderland

10. White, Benjamin [Farmer, Merchant] b. 19 Dec 1814 Tennessee d. 20 Sep 1889 LaCygne, Linn County, Kansas.

11. Howell, Mary E. b. 24 Apr 1821 Polk County, 1809 Westmoreland, Cheshire County, New Hampshire Tennessee d. 26 Dec 1891 LaCygne, Linn County, Kansas.

12. Brown, George Washington [Farmer, Stonemason] b. 6 Sepire d. 10 Apr 1902 Harvard, Clay County, Nebraska

13. Giddings, Alice E. b. 19 Oct 1814 Walpole (?), Cheshire County, New Hampshire d. 7 May 187 Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

Knapp, William M. [Clergyman, M.E., Civil War] b. 1 Nov 1803 Peekskill, Dutchess County, New York d. 22 Nov 1886 Bogus Bluffs (near Orion), Richland County, Wisconsin.

14. Chase, Harriett (his 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage - divorced 1887) b. 18 Dec 1820 Orangeville, New York d. 22 Aug 1911 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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## Genealogy and DNA (Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid) The Molecular Genealogy Project

Cyril Taylor

Will we be doing Molecular Genealogy in the future? If researchers at Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah accomplish their objective, it is very possible that the science of DNA and family history research will be combined in a cooperative body of research. The primary focus of the BYU Molecular Genealogy Research Group is genealogical.

It is the plan of researchers to collect from at least 100,000 individuals located around the world blood samples as well as a four-generation pedigree charts. That is, a blood sample and pedigree chart from each participant in the study.

The study is based on the knowledge that each person's DNA inherited from his or her biological parents is unique. Because of this uniqueness it can be used "to identify members of the same family, the same clan or tribal group, or the same population." Those related by blood share similar DNA patterns thus enabling the tracing of ancestral lines. The Molecular Genealogy Research Group plans to construct worldwide family trees using the genetic information contained in DNA.

A group of fifty-four genetic markers will be determined for each individual. They along with that

person's four-generation lineage will be entered into a database. This database will be used to trace genetic markers through both geographic area and a period of time. The ultimate result is a "family tree" based on the selected genetic markers.

Pedigrees constructed using genetic markers can disclose relationships that are impossible to discover using the traditional genealogies based on individual names constructed from written records or oral traditions.

To be honest with you, I find it difficult to understand the technological aspect of this project. It is too scientific for me. The important thing is regardless of our ignorance of the field of molecular research, if it is successful, it will provide the family researcher with one additional tool for the resolving difficult research problems.

For those of you that would like to learn more about this intriguing genealogy related research, please visit this web site:

<http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu/>

If you would like to participate in this project, the web site gives full particulars on how to do so.

### Genealogy — DNA Project

For those who may be interested in participating in this program, please plan to visit the LDS church at 9256 Nels Nelson Road N W, Silverdale on February 2, 2002 at 10:00 AM. The only requirement is that you submit a four-generation pedigree chart. There is no cost.

At press time it has been learned that a large group is expected to be participating in this event. There are tentative plans to serve food and to hold several rotating half-hour genealogical workshops. Marlys Marrs, Jackie Horton and Larry Harden will be speaking on census reports, military records and land records respectively. Speakers will be on hand to address other family history topics. Everyone is invited whether or not they participate in the DNA project.

Remember, the only requirement to participate in the Genealogy-DNA project is to submit a four generation pedigree chart.

### Back Issues of the *Backtracker* And *Family Backtracking* For Sale

Cost Per Issue — \$5.00 US Postage Paid.

When back issues are not available, photocopies of original will be substituted.

### Washington State Genealogical Society Conference

June 21 - 22, 2002

Hosted by the

Clallam County Genealogical Society  
Location: Peninsula College campus.

Port Angeles, Washington  
June Robinson, Local Arrangements Chairman, is asking those who would like to participate in the Conference to contact her. She would like volunteers "to host each session, as well as to help with vendors, registration table, door prizes" and other tasks. Here is your chance to get in on the ground floor during the early planning period. Contact June Robinson at (360) 417-5000.

See [www.olympen.com/ccgs](http://www.olympen.com/ccgs) for Conference information updates.

PSGS Web Page — [www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/)

## Tips on Traveling Light

Kathy De Los Reyes

With the heightened security at airports and public buildings, it is becoming imperative that we travel light. As a genealogist, we tend to try and take everything with us, all those files and binders for every family or person in our trees. We don't want to miss any one while researching! Recent developments in the computer world are making this task easier. It is now possible to carry every bit of information you have gathered plus photos right in the palm of your hand. I would like to share a couple of ways I have found to make that trip lighter without leaving anything behind.

More and more genealogists are buying laptops computers because of their portability. Costs will depend on your personal computing requirements. A portable scanner, CD writer and a digital camera can be easily added to the laptop.

We can condense all of this equipment into an even smaller system by going to a personal digital assistant or PDA. There are two types of PDA. The first is the pocket PC. It uses the Windows CE operating system. The second is the Palm which uses a palm operating system. There are several brands for each of these systems. Genealogical software is being developed for them.

One of the main considerations is the screen. Do you want a monochrome (B&W) or color? Color is easier to see. The Handspring Prism and the Sony Clie offer a great color screen. They are clear and easy to read. The new Palm 505 series color is not as bright as the Prism or Clie, but it is smaller. For Pocket PC's, the Compaq IPAQ and the new HP Journda offer a great screen for clarity and brightness. It was a difficult choice for me. I narrowed the

choice between either the Sony or the IPAQ. I decided upon the latter primarily because of the Pocket Genealogist software. HP has since come out with the same screen as the IPAQ.

For the Palm Operating System, there are several genealogy programs. One of the top rated and most popular is the GEDSTAR. With the Pocket PCs being relatively new (as compared to the Palms), there are currently only two genealogy programs. Pocket Genealogist is the most popular and easiest to use. If you use Legacy on your desktop, the Pocket Genealogist allows you to directly import all of your data without having to use a GEDCOM. The developer is working on making that feature available for other desktop programs. In the current version of Pocket Genealogist you can enter data directly only into the research notes area. However they are working on an upgrade which will allow you to input directly into the database.

The PDA's can also handle photos, music files and many more features. Currently the Palms are the only ones to have a digital camera attachment permitting you to use your camera or scanner.

If you want to travel light, whether it is to the local library, National Archives or to Family History Library at Salt Lake City, consider a PDA. Carrying all of your files in the palm of your hand makes traveling a delight. On a security note, when you leave your table to go to the stacks of books, it is easy to carry your PDA with you. You don't have to worry about whether or not your laptop and the table it was chained to will be there when you get back!

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Means Committee and came up with several new ideas and innovative ways to make money for the society. The proof of their success is that there is now a \$2000 increase in our treasury. Phyllis Wahlquist coordinated several interesting and beneficial field trips over the past two years. Our newsletter editor Michele Brittany did an excellent job until her resignation last year. Fortunately Cyril Taylor took over the editorship and is doing a great job with the *Backtracker* in addition to his duties as Treasurer. Sandie Morris has done a fine job of redesigning the PSGS Web Page. Look it up at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/>.

Paulette Waggoner, our 1st VP, has provided us with many excellent speakers and programs over the last two years. She is to be commended for the difficult task of finding speakers on topics that interest the membership. And of course all of the old faithful.

Cindy Spore as Recording Secretary. She did her usual great job and provided us with a little humor, whether intended or not. Lois Roark the 2nd VP who keeps tract of the membership and willingly volunteers for odd jobs. Bill Richardson who diligently conducts the monthly video education program.

Larry Swan who has coordinated our annual Salt Lake City trips, headed the nomination committee and participated in the annual financial audits.

Our librarian Marjorie Menees who has spent an immense amount of her time to ensure that our genealogical research library functions smoothly. It is through her efforts that our library has become a success. Jean Grimaud our Corresponding Secretary who avidly researches our queries and Lorraine Kniert who manages the phone tree reminding the membership of meeting dates, times and programs besides coordinating refreshments and goodies at our events. Pat Eder for publicizing all our events in the local newspapers and for perusing a multitude of genealogical newsletters and reporting her gleanings in the *Backtracker*.

A big thank you for all those named above for making my position as president easier. Also to all the numerous unnamed volunteers who have kept the library open, have helped with our seminar, helped with our displays at the County Fair and have been involved with our ongoing obituary and other projects during my term of office. It takes many volunteers to keep the society running smoothly, besides volunteering is a great way to become acquainted with some of your genealogical colleagues.

I want to wish Sandie Morrison and all of the officers for the coming year good luck and hope their experience is as pleasant as mine has been. Again a big thank you to all of our membership for the support you have given me these past two years. Everyone have a good holiday season and a Happy New Year. Larry

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<b>Bean (Biehn)</b>	<b>Ferretti</b>	<b>Hubner</b>
<b>Beahm (Boehm)</b>	<b>Bucci</b>	<b>Herr</b>
<b>Del Rossi</b>	<b>Ciocia</b>	<b>Hartley</b>
<b>Serio</b>	<b>Groff</b>	<b>Schall</b>

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**Stephenson**, Cattaraugus County, NY 1828—1845

**Daniel**, GA and AL 1842—1908

**McClure**, AL Before 1859

**Short**, AL Before 1832

**Kilgore**, AL Before 1852

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**Sprague**, New York Late 1700's to Early 1800's.

**Corwin**, New York Late 1700's to Early 1800's.

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**Rockwood**, NY 1820 **Barron**, IL, MI 1850

**Clark**, NY 1820 **Keating**, IL, CAN 1830-1850

**Smith**, MI-IRL 1850 **Goff**, W.VA 1850

**Goodrich**, NY 1820 **Whitney**, 1750

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**Hutar**, Chicago 1880, Bohemia

**Jarolim**, Chicago 1875, Bohemia

**Grice**, 1800's NC, GA

**Malone**, Early 19000's GA.

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Cindy Shaley Spore, 3621 S E Salmonberry, Port Orchard, WA 98366, cindys@oz.net:

**Langrick**, Germany, NE, WI 1700's-1900's.

**Uhlér**, PA, MD 1700's.

**Shawley**, MD, MO, ID 1700's-2000's

**Kathert**, Germany, 1700, 1800.

**Fantz**, Germany, PA, IL 1800 —

**Lundrigan**, IRL, IL, KS, WA 1800's, 1900's

**Mould**, ENG, WI 1800's

**Bowen**, VA, KY 1700—Now

Pat Stone, 191 Lakeland Way, Allyn, WA 98324, patrab-bit@msn.com:

**Kelly**, CAN, Kamploops

**Scott**, CAN, Port Moody

**Powell**, MT

**Culbertson**, MT, Scotland

**Jessup**, Bremerton

Paul P. Walker, 1229 S W Station Circle, Port Orchard, WA 98367:

**Walker** **Samples** **Ashley**

**Alford** **Burdett** **Smith**

**Young** (All above WV, KY, Ohio, PA 1730 — )

**Reeves** **Crouch** **Shepherd**

**Johnson** (IND, Ohio, KY 1730 — )

## Irene [Roulot] Davis

October 13, 1919—November 8, 2001

### Belfair Historian

We are saddened by the death of former PSGS member Irene Davis. Her most recent accomplishment after twenty years of research was the writing and publishing *The History of Belfair and the Tahuya Peninsula — 1880 — 1940*.

Mrs. Davis was a longtime Mason County civic leader and activist.

### PSGS Notes

**Irene Davis'** book *The History of Belfair and the Tahuya Peninsula* has been acquired by the PSGS Research Library.

Co-Presidents **Linnie Griffin** and **Jan Stevenson** of the Belfair Chapter have been reelected for 2002.

It is planned to dedicate the June 2002 issue of the *Back-tracker* as the "Special Belfair and North Mason County Edition." If you wish to participate, contact **Madi Cataldo**, special edition co-editor.

PSGS Officers Elect for 2002 are: **Sandie Morrison**, President; **Larry Swan**, 1st Vice President; **Lois Roark**, 2nd Vice President; **Paulette Waggoner**, Recording Secretary; **Jean Grimaud**, Corresponding Secretary; **Cyril Taylor**, Treasurer.

**David Rugh** has completed and delivered to our library the second mobile bookcase.

Wanted for the *Backtracker*, short essays on "Why and how I became a genealogist." A hundred words more or less.

**Kathy De Los Reyes** has volunteered to become our PSGS Query Research Chairperson.

**Larry Harden** announced that a group of twenty PSGS members are planning to visit the Family History Center in Salt Lake City in January.

**Bill Richardson** has made arrangements with author **Fredi Perry** to obtain a copy for the PSGS Research Library of her book *Bremerton*.

Good news! Our librarian **Marjorie Menees** has had successful cataract surgery.

Winners! **Doris Watson**, **Sue Plummer** and **Sandie Morrison** won the raffle drawing at the October 23rd meeting. The prize was a free trip to either the Tacoma Library or National Archives donated by **Bruce Ramsey**.

The raffle winner at the September 25th meeting was **Joan Conwright**. The prize was genealogy software. Our librarian **Marj Menees** could use help on Tuesdays. Contact her to see what you can do help.

**Larry Swan** is our new program chairperson. Talk to him about program ideas.

**Jerry Daily** has been hospitalized at Harrison with a broken hip. Our best wishes go out to her for a rapid recuperation.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Cindy [Shawley] Spore  
On The Death of Her Husband on November 17th.  
**Garry Spore (1936-2001)**

# Pat Eder's Exchange Notes

Amer Ancestry 19:5 (Sep/Oct 2001): easy online research; serendipitous events at a cemetery; what will become of your genealogy after you are gone; Sanborn insurance maps online; volunteerism-best ways to share your time; how to do advanced queries in 1880 census CD's; HELM family.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 11:4 (Aug/Sep 2001): archival and genealogical repository of Scottish clan information; news of events, educational opportunities, and festivals.

*Ibid.* 11:5 (Oct/Nov 2001): Scottish news, classes; Melungeon beginnings.

Amer Everton's Genealogical Helper 55:4 (Jul/Aug 2001): organizing your correspondence; records from Germany by mail; Irish records; scanning microfilm; Woonsocket, RI memoirs from the early 1800's; Hungarian research; homestead records; 2001 listing of genealogical societies worldwide.

Amer Family Chronicle 6:1 (Sep/Oct 2001): Melungeon beginnings; DAR profile; family reunion tips; DNA potential in genealogy; twenty top genealogy web sites, software program reviews.

*Ibid.* 6:2 (Nov/Dec 2001): special issue on Internet research: understanding Gedcom files; top fifteen databases online; locality-specific resources online; using newsgroups, boards and lists on the Internet.

Amer Heritage Quest 17:4 Issue 94 (Jul/Aug 2001): armchair research (home-based); Ellis Island websites.

*Ibid.* 17:5 Issue 95 (Sep/Oct 2001): using antiques and artifacts to breathe vitality into your genealogy; family bible-locating it and evaluating the records in it; preserving your photographs; software programs...Palm (hand-held computer); Ellis Island history and records; British, Jewish, German, Scandinavian research; Welsh collections at the family history library in Salt Lake.

Amer History Magazine 2:6 (Aug/Sep 2001): life in the 700's; colonial midwives; history of the modern magazine; Korean War; growth of American tobacco industry.

*Ibid.* 2:7 (Oct/Nov 2001): the 1580's - a volatile decade; history of bicycles; wallpaper and decorating; early navigation; history of the circus; Domesday book, England's greatest medieval public record; London's The Spectator newspaper and it's editor Joseph Addison; world's deadly volcanoes.

Amer New England Historic GS "New England Ancestors" 2:3 (Sum 2001): genealogy and genetics: linking past and future; ancient lineage's-some of them are plausible.

*Ibid.* 2:4 (Fall 2001): study project of the great migration to New England between 1620 and 1643; JOHNSON family of Boston.

Amer New England Historical and GS "New England H and G Register" Vol 155 No 619 (Jul 2001): applications and admissions to Home for Aged Colored Women in Boston 1860-1887; Abigail Dibble accused of being a witch; marriages from First Congregational church, Thompson, CT 1796-1850.

CA Orange Co GS "Journal" 38:1 (Apr 2001): Orange Co cemetery records surname "M"; biographical sketches of early settlers; family name index of Salinas Valley written in 1940's; MEAD family; CA strays (taken from town histories) - people who left their areas and went to CA mid 1800's.

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 28:7 (Sep 2001): Tulare Great Register 1888, ongoing.

*Ibid.* 28:8 (Oct 2001): Tulare Great Register 1888, ongoing.

*Ibid.* 28:9 (Nov 2001): Tulare Great Register 1888, ongoing.

FL Okaloosa Co GS "Journal of NW Florida" Vol 24 Issue 80 (Sum 2001): Moore funeral home records, Crestview, FL; Santa

Rosa Co marriages 1913; Gum Creek cemetery, Walton Co.

FL So Lake Co GS "The Pastfinder" 13:3 (Sum 2001): 20th birthday of personal computers: their history and genealogy application.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots: 13:3 (Fall 2001): Wm Harrison LEWIS family; Clay Co cemeteries; PIERSON, BURTON and HARNED family; journal of Della DOWNARD, listing many names of 1864 onward; John LEE of IN; COBEE family.

IL Sangamon Co GS "Circuit Rider" 33:2 (Apr 2001): Oak Ridge cemetery burials 1879, part 2; Calvary cemetery burials 1879; ancestor charts for KERVIN, WILSON-DOOLEY, McGRATH and CRAWFORD; IL resources; Sangamon locality names, some local cemeteries; IL web resources.

IL Schuyler Co Historical Museum "The Schuylerite" 30:3 (Fall 2001): news items from Rushville Times; news events for the year 1950; sheriffs of Schuyler Co 1825-2001; early pioneers in Schuyler 1825-45; listing of county pensioners 1883; county school reports-students present each day.

*Ibid.* 30:4 (Win 2001): news events from 1950, ongoing; excerpts from Rushville Times 1875; election poll list 1858; deaths at soldier's home Quincy, IL, 1907; LORING family; names of students who attended school in 1838 in Ridgeville, IL.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 25:1 (Sep 2001): 25th anniversary issue: genealogy resources in Lake Co, IL; Vanderburgh Co, IN census index 1900; 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates Webster Co, KY, Apr 1939; abstracts from Affidavit book #3, Abstract and Title Guarantee Co, ongoing.

IA Boone Co GS 19:2 (June 2001): Boone Co map and cemeteries.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 31:3 (Jul/Aug/Sep 2001): Crawford Co marriage book "N", 1899-1900; naturalization records KLO-KRE; birth records 1902; KS coal mining accidents 1886-1950, ongoing.

KS Jefferson Co Historical and GS "Yesteryear" (Oct 2001): marriage licenses 1926; Delaware Twp, Jefferson Co taxpayers and voters 1899; directory of Nortonville telephone exchange 1902; deaths reported in Jefferson Co but buried in unknown locations; history of McLouth, Jefferson Co and early settlers with their former states listed.

KS Topeka GS "Quarterly" 30:1 (Jan 2000): Oakland grade school, Shawnee Co, 1916; marriage licenses of non-residents in Wabaunsee Co 1911-65; extracts from KS newspapers, various years; out of state obituaries with Kansas connections, 1999.

*Ibid.* 30:2 (Apr 2000): Bedwell Insane asylum, Shawnee Co, staff and inmates 1900; Westminster Church, Topeka, 1907 member info; marriage licenses Wabaunsee Co by nonresidents 1911-65, ongoing; extracts from KS newspapers various years.

*Ibid.* 30:3 (Jul 2000): marriage licenses in Wabaunsee Co by nonresidents, ongoing; extracts from early KS newspapers.

*Ibid.* 30:4 (Oct 2000): gravestone inscriptions, Uniontown cemetery, Willard, KS; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Topeka, 1907; abstracts KS newspapers.

*Ibid.* 31:1 (Jan 2001): Westminster Church, ongoing; extracts from KS newspapers.

*Ibid.* 31:2 (Apr 2001): Westminster Church, ongoing; Memorial Day schedule May 23, 1907, Osage Co; extracts from KS newspapers.

*Ibid.* 31:3 (Jul 2001): county by county directory of KS vital records; extracts from KS newspaper.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 22:3 (Sum 2001): JONES, ARNOLD and TAYLOR families; Pittsfield bible class 1823; members of Congregational church, Lee, MA

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1854; East Lee, MA map with residents named; graduates of Great Barrington and Searles high schools 1876-1925; graves of Revolutionary soldiers in Berkshire cemeteries; ancestry tables of COWAN, SANBURY; South Egremont Congregational church 1876-83; cumulative index of Peru, MA 1790-1920, ongoing; St Marks church, Adams, MA 1906; Lee, MA marble works employees 1913; state census 1855 of Lee Co- Richmond, conclusion and Great Barrington-beginning.

MA Falmouth Co GS "Newsletter" 13:5 (Sep/Oct 2001): how to use PERSI; Internet sites.

Ibid. 13:6 (Nov/Dec 2001): Internet sites.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 28:3 (Sep 2001): baptisms, First Reformed Church, 1916-present; Muskegon pioneers.

MN Crow Wing Co GS "Heir Mail" 23:3 (Fall 2001): 1883 marriages; MN death index is online 1908-46; Civil War veterans of area buried outside city of Brainerd.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 19:3 (Sep 2001): Erhards Grove Twp 1800 census surname heads of families, earliest settlers and cemetery records; Otter Tail Co naturalization index 1922.

MT Dawson Co GS "Tree Branch" 10:3 (Nov 2001): HUFF pedigree; Dawson Co death notices Apr-Aug 2001.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 15:4 (Oct 2001): WWII servicemen from Scotland Co; articles from Memphis Revelle various years; Scotland Co road supervisors 1866 and school records 1917; obits from Memphis Democrat 1998.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 40:3 (Sep 2001): San Miguel De Laredo-Carnue Land Grant of 1763, ongoing; descendants of Claudio BLEA, part 2; vital statistics from Albuquerque Daily Citizen 1891; selected Santa Cruz marriages 1750-1799, ongoing.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" 29:3 (Aug 2001): Marriage licenses 1856-1863; burials in Dover cemeteries 1886-87.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 51:1 (Sep 2001): Portland letter list from 6 June 1892; Masonic WWII casualties from the grand lodge of ancient free and accepted Masons of Oregon, 1946; Civil war veterans who were residents of OR.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 21:5 (Sep 2001): donation land, Coolspring Twp, ongoing; news items from 125 years ago; selected marriages Sept. 1876; JONES pedigree.

Ibid. 21:6 (Oct 2001): donation land, Sandy Lake Twp, 1812; news items from 125 years ago.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 15:3 (Oct 2001): news items from various years.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 27:4 (Oct 2001): surname index 2001; current obits of local folks one hundred years old or older.

WA Chelan Valley GS "Apple Orchard" 11:5 (Sep/Oct 2001): WWII veterans oral history project and web sites; early residents of Chelan Co 1888-97.

Ibid. 11:6 (Nov 2001): early residents of Chelan Co, conclusion; Library of Congress has acquired the first map using the term "America", the 1507 Waldseemuller map. Website is <<http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/01078/discovering.html>>

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 21:3 (Fall 2001): celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Port Angeles townsites sales, series 1, 1864.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 22:3 (Sep 2001): 1920 census Grant Co, ongoing; creating a timeline.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" 17:4 (Oct 2001): McNULTY-OTOOLE family; MANIER family; naturalization index Thurston Co 1850-1974, ongoing; Pacific Coast business directory for 1867 including Kitsap Co.

WA Washington State GS "Newsletter" 17:5 (Sep/Oct 2001): Volunteers to the WA State GS are requested; state calendar of coming events; WA State library is moving to Tumwater, WA, Point Plaza East, Bldg 1, 6880 Capitol Blvd So.

WA So King Co GS "So King Co News" 17:2 (Sep/Oct 2001): Japanese-American relocation camps, conclusion.

Ibid. 17:3 (Nov/Dec 2001): research tips on using the 1880 census on CD.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 33:1 (Fall 2001): Logan school, Tacoma, 1909 census; WA pioneer necrologies CAHILL through Curtis; sharing computer files, part 2; news items from Daily Ledger 1887; probates of Pierce Co, ongoing; good tips in the genic grab bag.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 29:3 (Sep 2001): North Cascades Highway beginnings; St Paul's Lutheran cemetery, Douglas Co; Peshastin Friends church, Entiat, in 1912.

WA Yakima Valley GS 33:3 (Sep 2001): request for pardon of Charles McGONIGLE; YVGS surname list; news items from Kittitas Localizer 1890; St Elizabeth School of Nursing alumni 1910-71, ongoing.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 25:3 (Fall 2001): Walnut Grove cemetery, Clay Co; Kanawha Co death records 1854.

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