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A Message From Our President

Here we are going into spring already. Winter has flown by and I still have so much research from the Salt Lake City trip to go through and enter into my Legacy genealogy program. There never seems to be enough quiet time for genealogy!

I hope you attended the February Puget Sound Genealogical Society meeting and enjoyed our 'new format.' As people signed in they com-

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THE OÑATE TRAIL

by Emilie Garcia

I first became interested in tracing my roots in the 1980's, when my mother was a widow in her eighties and I would drive her to visit her siblings in New Mexico and Southern California. I would sit and listen to their "remember when" stories of their youth. Being middle aged by that time, I could sit

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The Bessie [Whelan] Slanger Diary

Notes by: Joyce [Slanger] Liston

Continued from December Edition of the Backtracker.

February 12, 1936. Well I cleaned up here & there. Joe went in for his treatment. Its still snowing—the car could hardly make it to the road—had to push snow with the radiator—set yeaste for bread—my but this family eats. I guess we're healthy enough when we eat. Still haven't heard from mother.

February 12 Nice sunny. Joycee has run away. Joe has gone to find her. The snow is so deep

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Cousins by the Dozens

by Larry Swan

Let me tell you about my first family reunion and my introduction to *Fifteen* second cousins.

Those of you who know me know about my late discovery that there are cousins out in the more civilized sections of our great country and the countries of our origins of which we are totally ignorant. Those who don't know me from "Adam's Off Ox" could maybe relate to believing that your whole family, except for an aunt and uncle a day's travel across the state, lived within a short bus ride or walking distance.

Discovering this extended family resulted in an invitation to the scheduled reunion of the Julius

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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.

The Belfair Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. in the Belfair Community Baptist Church - Library, 23300 N. E. State Highway 3, Belfair, Washington

Membership Fees

Single membership is \$15 and family membership is \$20 per year. Membership includes free use of the library and a yearly subscription to 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.

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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.

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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.

Newsletter

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PSGS Program Schedules and Notices

PSGS Program Topics and Speakers:

See letter from Larry Swan, Program Chairman on page fifteen. In his letter he describes in detail his philosophy as it regards to the meetings he plans for our membership meetings.

PSGS Meetings Dates:

March 26:	June 25
April 23:	July 23
May 28	August 27

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.

Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Belfair Community Baptist Church Library, 23300 N E State Highway 3, Belfair.
Time: 1:00 PM.

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

April 2 — Sandhill Cemetery field trip. If weather is inclement there will be a work party at the church as a substitution for the field trip.

May 7 — Guest speaker — Jewell Dunn will speak on German research. Everyone is welcome to come. Refreshments.

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

Belfair Chapter Web Site

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

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The Editor.

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A Message From Our President

Sandie Morrison

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pleted a nametag to wear. We had a coffee and cookie break before the program. This gave people a chance to mingle and share their genealogical interests.

Your PSGS Board is working to make this year's meetings a fun and learning experience for you. We encourage you to bring a friend with you to the meetings and to let them know about the different functions of PSGS.

There is our ever-expanding research library headed by Marjorie Manees, great field trips now that the weather is improving and special monthly workshops. At our research library, monthly research films presented by Bill Richardson on the Friday following the general meetings, the Legacy Users Group on the last Monday of the month with Lynn and Dee Ramey and the Obit Project with Larry Harden on Tuesdays.

We are working to set up a State Resource Day at our library. This will highlight one or two states. Members that are researching that state will be asked to bring their research and sources to share. Our librarian, Marjorie Manees, will make available all the books, films, CDs, etc. pertaining to that state.

We have the Donna Potter Phillips Seminar scheduled for March of 2003 which we are working

on now. If you are interested in being on a committee for the big seminar, please let me know.

We also have the State Conference to be held on June 21 and 22 in Port Angeles. This will be hosted by the Clallam County Genealogical Society. There will be sixteen great classes offered. PSGS plans to participate by sending six volunteers for room hosts and contribute three door prizes. There will be flyers available at the PSGS Library.

We are still looking for a Ways & Means Chairman to head up our fund raising projects this year. If you have some ideas in this area, please let the Board hear from you.

As you can see, PSGS is a busy and growing Genealogical Society. Make sure you are taking advantage of what PSGS has to offer you as a member by attending the meetings and becoming involved in some way with the many different functions.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

PSGS Annual Holiday Auction

Our Annual Holiday Auction was a great success once again. Held on December 10th, members did themselves proud with their donations of delicious cookies and fantastic handmade items.

Lorraine Kniert had the refreshment table set with a beautiful centerpiece. Her helpers were there to assist her in setting out the cookies and in serving the piping hot coffee.

As for the handmade items we had to be auctioned off we had such a great variety that it is difficult to list them all. Watercolor paintings, knit vests, Christmas decorations, birdhouses and feeders, lamps, Rosemaling, jewelry and pillows are but a few of the many lovely items auctioned off.

As the auctioneer for this event, I want again to say thank you to all who helped in keeping the bidding going and to Cindy Spore and Cyril Taylor for keeping track of the money.

When the accounting was done we had a grand total of \$643.00 to add to our treasury.

Sandie Morrison

In Memoriam for Member

John Michael Hancock, 66, Born June 15, 1935 at Seattle and died October 7, 2001 at his Bremerton home.

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What is it with we mortals who so persistently seek our ancestors? Is it the joy of the hunt? Or is it the pride of bringing in the game? And what is the hunt like? Stalking in darkness and constant obstruction of brush, rocks, downfallen timber, in spite of which the hunter moves on. A spot of sun on fresh spoor restores the waning interest and tired body. Onward! Up that hill! Over those rocks! Yes, that's the way we feel when, after hours of searching in all the areas available for information about our families of yesteryear, another clue appears before us.

Perhaps after searching the census, land records, old letters or divorce records (not to mention all the 'etceteras'), that spot of sunlight falls on the right place. Or, perhaps, the right answer from that knowledgeable person or finding the will and testament that names those who composed Great-Great-Grandfather McClung's family in Scotland. Maybe this was just the place where not only the list of siblings gave the clue to other lines of McClungs, but also provided the maiden name of Great-Great-Grandmother Kathleen (Moriarity) McClung. And a new target of investigation opens for us. We are now off to a whole new series of searches, aren't we?

I hope something like this happens to me again. Searching for several years to locate the extension of

my maternal Great-Great-Grandfather Nehemiah Brown's complete family group and progeny. Possibly the surname, Brown, is not the most common or the toughest to research; but, it is a mite tougher than Birdsong or Bednar or even McClung. Great-Great-Grandpa Brown's birthdate, date of death and name of his spouse (Esther Marsh) were known. Both of them came from New Hampshire, but where exactly is only an educated guess at this point. The place and date of their marriage and death remains a mystery.

A ray of sunlight fell on a dark and unexpected spot the other day! Some copies of a letter and family papers were received from collateral and distant relatives (Bartlett) arrived. The letter was written in June of 1858 by Great-Grandma Alice E. [Giddings] Brown to her sister Achsah K. [Giddings] Bartlett in Plymouth, Massachusetts whom we previously knew nothing about. The letter named a brother and mentioned the poor physical of "Father Brown" (Nehemiah) who was living with a daughter. We know he died (Bible record) the following year and the Bartlett papers indicate it probably occurred in Troy, N.Y.

After all these years family papers from an unexpected source provide enough information to take another step in the forest. We have overcome a path strewn with rocks and downfall aplenty to come upon fresh spoor. The game is almost visible over the next hill. The joy of the hunt is ours.

The pride of game is another story. Good hunting to you all.

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The 1930 Census

The National Archive and Record Service has announced that the 1930 US Federal Census will be made available to the public in April 2002. They also inform us that only the following states are indexed using the Soundex System:

Alabama	Mississippi
Arkansas	North Carolina
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Louisiana	Virginia

Please access the following web site to learn more about the 1930 United States Census:

www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.html

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PSGS Notes

Jerry Dailey has been home for sometime now from the Northwest Lodge. She wishes to thank **Jean Gri-maud, Madge Norton, Lorraine Kniert, Sandie Morrison** and **Paulette Waggoner** for sending cards and for those who visited.

Kay Fowler has moved to Missouri, but wants to maintain her connection with PSGS.

Peggy Ruggles, editor is the Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Genealogical Society newsletter *Past Times*. She contacted us requesting permission to print in their journal **Kathy de los Reyes'** article, *Tips on Traveling Light* and my article *Genealogy and DNA*, both of which appeared in our December edition. She also thanks **Pat Eder** for "recognizing" their newsletter in her *Exchange Notes*.

Cindy Spore's Choice Web Sites column was picked up and published by the Crow County, Minnesota genealogical newsletter.

If you need tax preparation assistance, see **Priscilla Bailey's** advertisement on Page 4.

Susan Evans has a video concerning the LDS' web site www.familysearch.org. She would be glad to arrange a showing if there is sufficient interest. Contact her at suhelen@aol.com or call her at 360-895-0305.

Is **Your Name** mentioned in PSGS Notes? If there is something genealogically happening in your life that you would like to share with us, please send it *PSGS Notes* at ctaylor@krl.org or mail it to the PSGS Research Library.

Sandie Morrison found pure gold in Salt Lake City! While researching the surname **Valor** in Norway she found pay dirt as she leafed through a farm book. She looked in the surname index and found her great-grandfather and her great-grandmother and the names of their two first born children and the mother-in-law. The best part of the list was the date and the name of the ship they took passage from Troms, Norway to America.

Congratulations to **Marjorie Menees** on the completion of her 804 page book titled *The Lyman/Clevelands, Their Ancestors and Descendants*. It contains local color, biographies and autobiographies, prose, poetry, pictures, charts and maps. Marjorie put in an immense amount of research in compiling this work.

Fredi Perry's centennial history of Bremerton titled *Bremerton* is due to come off the presses in March.

A Sandie Morris Recommendation:

Free Personal Web Sites

Go to this Web Site and follow instructions:

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

Click on Freepages Account

These free web pages are to be used exclusively for family history research.

Last year there was a total of 178 new items logged in. This included 134 books, sixty-four CDs, and twenty-nine microfiche. Most of these were gifts. They are listed in the last section of the library catalog for your use.

Among the latest books are thirty-four containing information about Arkansas. These include territory and county census, tax lists, pension applications, various vital statistics, newspaper abstracts, and pioneer information.

We also have books on early German and French immigrants, miscellaneous southern states' information including ships' passenger lists to the south (1538-1825), several family histories, and more about the Revolutionary, Civil, and 1812 wars.

All of the Washington State books have been moved to the two new cases where they have almost filled and soon will fill all of the space there. The old Washington case

has become the section where the new books can be found. Except for the two bottom shelves this temporary "New Books" case is full. When we have the third new case installed we will then be able to file all books in their proper places. Until then look for new books in their temporary location.

I want to thank all the library volunteers of 2001 - Without you our library could not function. I have a list of members who have volunteered for the project of sorting the periodicals and getting ready for special state days and I want to thank you also. I have not been able to designate and plan this specifically as I hoped to do because of family priorities, but I will activate it when I am able.

granting us the right to serialize her mother's diary (*The Bessie [Whelan] Slinger Diary*). I found this record of the family's encounter with and overcoming the economic difficulties of the Great Depression fascinating. In this chronicle you see the initial ap-

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Thank You

Editor's Comments:

You have been fortunate these past two issues of the *Backtracker* as there were no room left for a message from your editor. The chief focus of this publication is to print member written articles so the least you hear from me the more we can devote to something really interesting.

I cannot repeat it often enough that I need your participation as a writer. Each one of you has something unique to offer from your genealogical odyssey. You gained know-how and intuitive knowledge on how best to accomplish a particular family history objective. We would be pleased if you would share your special knowledge and experiences with us.

A vote of thanks to Fredi Perry for permitting us to publish a bibliography of Kitsap County resources. These are items that she has in her personal library. The purpose for putting it into the *Backtracker* is primarily to give the family historian researching in our home county an idea of the resources available to them.

I want to thank all the contributors of editorial material in the September, December and this issue for their help. Without them there is no newsletter.

I want to thank Joyce [Slinger] Liston for

pearance of consumerism as it gained a foothold in American life. Our parents and grandparents had similar experiences.

With the mailing of this edition of your newsletter, I have instituted a new method for determining whether or not you have renewed your membership. Look adjacent to your name on the mailing label. If you see a "02," that indicates you are a paid up PSGS member for the year 2002. If a "01" is noted, it means it is time to renew your membership.

In this issue Kathy de los Reyes inaugurates her Tech Notes column. In it she will address technology as it affects our avocation. She stands ready to respond to your questions concerning the use of computers and peripherals such as scanners, printers, CD burners, etc.

The June edition of the *Backtracker* will be a special edition. It will be devoted to material about Belfair and by the members of our Belfair Chapter. My co-editor for the Belfair Special Edition, Madi Cataldo, has shared with me the tentative titles of nine articles that are or soon will be in production. I am optimistic that this will be an exciting edition of the *Backtracker*.

Cyril

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and he tried to use skies—but the snow is too loose yet. The bread came out OK—made white and whole wheat. Almost finished the pillow top, need some ricrack braid and kapok for it yet then I'll be done.

February 14 We have had to have fire all night right along—its an "old fashioned winter"—Joe has to have a treatment today and got the car started. He does well to get it started in such weather.

And so I feel awful—I ache and my throat is sore. Well I have a big hot toddy sitting here I'll get glorious and go to bed—here's to a cockeyed evening.

February 15 Cold 36 degrees below zero. My plants are all froze—they surely look sick.

February 16 Sunday, All quite on the Slinger line—Cold. Joe went for the mail at the Fort. Joyce went with him—Gary was so fussy when I put him to bed—We tuned in on Eddie Cantor—My I wish they had television.

February 17 Well I didn't amount to much today. Finished pillow for Joe's sister Win. I hope she'll really like it. I was ashamed not to get it done sooner and give it to her on Xmas. I must do my dishes and then maybe I'll read—Little Marilyn Waterland has the measles and worms—Poor kid.

February 18 Same old thing. Washed, baked bread and made two swedish tea rings then read a magazine—listened to several radio programs. Wrote to Hi a card. I didn't get the first part of the news, but any way a farmer's barn sunk into the ground and now he has a lake 40 ft wide and 90 ft deep where the barn used to be.

February 19 Well Mrs. Klonick came in this morning—We had coffee and tea ring for breakfast. She seemed to like the tea ring very much when she left I went over to see her new cupboards. The Mr is making them—they're very nice.

February 20 Well, Wyatts came for supper—And



Newlyweds
Joe and Bessie
[Whelan] Slinger



Bessie [Whelan]
Slinger

invited us next Sun—they left us early as Mary Joe was home alone or at neighbors—so they had to see that she was alright. The country is starting to thaw—Thank God—There has been a lot of shortage of fuel & food all over the country.

February 21 Got the ironing done. Joe went to the Drs. It has been snowing and is snowing some more—I'm sure we'll have plenty of moisture nest summer. We received a letter from Jack Slinger—Joe's dad is still in Lewiston straightening up his late brother's business.

February 22 Well went to a "vodvil" and picture "personal maids secret"—very good. There was a good comedy too—in the "vodvil" a little girl tap dance and impersonated different movie stars such as Shirley Temple—Joe Renner, Durante, Mae West very good. We all received a telegram from mother—she is married to man by the name of Summers—We sent our blessings and good wishes.

February 23 Gary walked today. Went up to Wyatts for supper—Everything was so good—coming home we almost tipped over. The car got sliding around we were on a steep bank—Another car drove up and pulled us up on the road again—but we had turned almost completely around when we slid so had to go back to Unionville before we could turn back—My but the snow is deep and its thawing—is so easy to get stuck. *Note: Unionville is a mining town south of Helena where the Wyatts lived. The car that Joe had at the time was an old Studebaker about 1928 or 29 vintage.*

February 24 Am I thrilled—our son can walk—he not only took his first step yesterday—but walked and walked—I am so glad. Got the snapshots and they were all pretty good. Heard another program of the "New Penny" starring Helen Hayes. I like it just fine—just heard the news too—one item stated an avalanche wiped out a mining camp and killed three people.

February 25 Went to see show—called "Captain Blood"—it was good—Went in on the bus as I think its too slick to drive. Joe stayed with the boy. Had supper and now for a quiet evening with radio and fancy work. Today is our 8th Wedding Anniversary—Married 8 years, two children a bull dog a piano—radio and davenport washing machine mangel.

February 26 Cleaned the kids and myself today. Got some more clothes dry. Joe went in for another treatment today—I set my bread tonight—listened to several programs and the news over

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(Continued from page 8) *The Bessie [Whelan] Slanger Diary*

the radio—My but there are lots of things going on—Snow slides—boats foundering at sea, earthquakes—I think indeed that this is a wonderful age in which we live—the earth is changing so. I wish I could study about it.

February 27 Went to see Simpsons their boy is so much bigger than Gary and Gary is 2 mos. Older—We would have stayed longer but their apartment was so hot for the boy the eczema started itching so we had to come home. My I wish the eczema would heal up. Gary got a five dollar check for his birthday which isn't until Mar. 5, 1936—Hi and Bert sent it and said to outfit him with things he needs—He needed shoes. Simpsons gave Gary a pair that wouldn't fit Josh.

February 28 Went to town and got a pair of galoshes for Joycee and some material for Gary he needs suits got him some hose too—He needs some training pants—and a coat & hat. Stopped at Aunt Kathrines and had supper.

February 29 Decided to call Joe—Whimpy—he surely can store away the hamburgers. He went to see Van Horn to buy a veal—Van Horn is too tender hearted to kill the calves so if we get one Joe will have to butcher it.

March 1 Gary is still sick, high fever, not much appetite. His gums are so badly swollen there must be about six teeth coming all at the same time. Gary's eczema has almost disappeared.

March 2 Went to town, took Gary to the doctors. He seemed normal but I took him anyway. Got some groceries & coal and came home. Had a quiet evening. I am getting to be quite a radio fan.

March 3 Well – of all things Gary has a rash and it isn't eczema—it looks like measles. Joe shot a Jackrabbit for Pal today so he has had fresh meat.

March 4 Joe went to Dr. today—his leg is slowing getting well.

March 5 Had a birthday cake for Gary today (one year old)—had L & Katherine out to supper. Got Gary a new suit too—went to town and couldn't find any suits for myself.

March 6 Volta Dam—Came over tonight got along just fine—went after Ruth down at Marony Dam—Just Hi & I and Babies as Joe & Bert went bowling. *Note: The dams mentioned in these entries are on the Missouri River just out of Great Falls, Montana. My Uncle Bert was employed at Volta Dam and had a house there furnished by the power company. Hi is Joe's oldest sister and Ruth is his younger sister. The babies are Bobby Laucks (Hi and Bert's child)*

my brothers Gary and myself.

March 7 All went to town except Bert & I and Bobby, Gary and Joycee. Joe got me two dresses but they didn't fit so have to send them back. He put in his application for a trucking job. Today is Joe's sister's birthday. Happy Birthday to you dear Ruth.

March 8 Drove over to Joe's folks—had lunch. *Note: The folks referred here are dad's parents who lived in Farmington, Montana north of Great Falls about five miles from Choteau. They had a farm there for several years.*

March 9 Went to Choteau with Jack's wife Ruth—shopping looking at suits, but they cost more than I want to pay. Bought a housedress.

March 11 Today is Joe's 30th birthday. We had chicken for dinner. Happy Birthday Dear Husband—I wish you much blessedness in the years to come.

March 12 Joe & I are thinking of building a house trailer—it would be nice and save a lot of rent. Oh well we'll see later what to do.

March 16 Went to Aunt Katherine's this morning—Joe helped Lawrence saw up wood and then (he) went for treatment.

March 17 Today is another Slanger birthday. Happy Birthday Ben Slanger. *Note: Ben is Joe's oldest brother.*

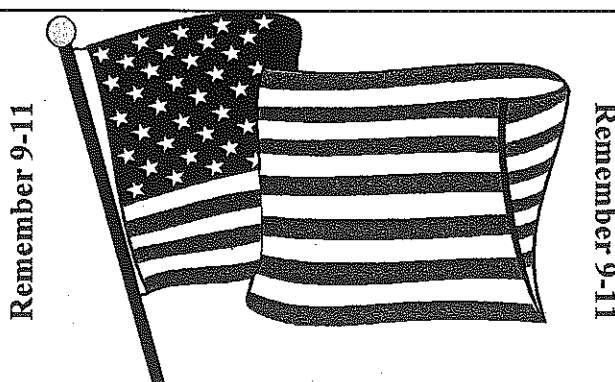
March 19 Ben and Jo (*Josephine*) drove up from Big Timber. Ben hasn't felt so well for some time.

March 20 Ben and Jo left this afternoon for the Falls (*Great Falls*).

March 21 Joe signed papers today for a cash settlement from the insurance so that's settled I guess.

March 22 Went to see Wyatts, Mary is not so well—wishes that baby would come soon—I hope it is a boy as she has two fine girls. We had supper and came home rather early because Joe Wyatt leave early in the morning for work.

To be continued in future issue of the Backtracker.



United We Stand

(Continued from page 1) *THE OÑATE TRAIL.*

and listen, sometimes patiently (when the stories started to repeat, I would take off for the nearest mall). I heard stories of a different time, from what is now known as "the greatest generation". They would laugh remembering relatives and neighbors and incidents, then they remained silent for a while remembering the tragedies and hard times. They spoke respectfully of their parents and grandparents, who had been pioneers in the Mesilla Valley of Southern New Mexico. They relived their experiences of long lifetimes. At that time I started a handwritten family tree that I have had to keep revising as I discover more records in my research. They spoke a New Mexican Spanish dialect, an archaic Spanish dating from the 1500's, for they descended from the earliest settlers to the northernmost reaches of Mexico which now comprise the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Nevada, Southern Colorado, and Texas. Many of these ancestors, if not all, were Sephardic Jews, even some of the Catholic priests, who were hiding from the Spanish Inquisition which had also reached Mexico.

Both my mother's and my father's ancestors, the Marquezes and Olagues descend from soldiers and settlers who came to New Mexico from Mexico with Don Juan de Oñate in 1598. Don Juan had been assigned by the Viceroy of New Spain to colonize the area and establish it as the Kingdom of New Mexico. The Viceroy wished to ensure that Europeans from other countries would not settle in and claim the mostly unsettled lands in the North that had been claimed by him for the King of Spain. The first Thanksgiving in what is now the United States of America actually took place in the late 1598 in El Paso on the banks of the Rio Grande where a band of friendly Indians helped the colonists prepare a feast after the long trek from the interior of Mexico. This was about 20 years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. There was merrymaking and food and plays put on by the Spanish Friars to introduce the Indians to the Spanish culture and religion. Everyone had a good time. The Spaniards kept making their way up the river as far as Española, the first settlement, north of Santa Fe.

My father's ancestors, the Olagues, soon

abandoned the colony and returned to their home state of Zacatecas in central Mexico. That is another story. My mother's ancestors stayed, leaving descendants (by now Mestizos---a mongrel breed---after much intermarrying with Natives) from Southern Colorado to the Lower Valley of El Paso del Norte (now Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico across the border from the current El Paso, Texas).

The Spaniards built missions in the Native Pueblos and churches in their separate villages, dug canals and ditches, planted crops and orchards, established herds of cattle and sheep, and Christianized some of the Natives. In their zeal, the colonists treated the Indians badly, destroying their native religious icons and places of prayer. They made serfs of them, and established systems of taxation that kept the Natives as serfs, forever in debt to the Spanish farmers and ranchers. In order to pay their taxes, the Natives were forced to work the Spaniards' lands as well as their own in order to avoid imprisonment. In 1680 the native tribes around the colony's capital, Santa Fe, fed up with the cruelty and arrogance of the Spaniards in their ancestral lands, revolted, burned churches, assassinated the Governor and priests, and chased the Spaniards and their Native American converts to Christianity southward. The colonists took refuge in newly established mission villages around El Paso del Norte, (now Juarez) which was in the Kingdom of New Mexico. So far, my cousins and I can date some of our Marquez, Provencio, and Nafiez ancestors to that time in that place, thanks to the parish records kept by the diligent Spanish Friars in the Mission Churches. There are few records remaining due to Indian attacks, flooding by the Rio Grande, improper storage, and burning by American Army troops during and after the Mexican War. The oldest records dating to the early 1600's for New Mexico are in the Diocese of Durango. The first census available for the area is from 1841, taken by the Mexican Governor. The first American census taken there was in 1860, since New Mexico and El Paso, Texas did not join the Union until 1852 (New Mexico as a territory only until 1912).

Next: Settling the Mesilla Valley in Southern New Mexico

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Because there is a growing interest in computers and genealogy, we are going to start a tech notes column in the *Backtracker*. While I do not profess to know everything about either technology or genealogy, I do know enough to get both of us in trouble! Due to space requirements, these articles will be short and brief but will attempt to answer some of those burning questions you may have or subjects you want to know about. Please email me at kwajkat@silverlink.net with your questions or topics you want to see published.

When I started down the genealogical path a few years ago, I was luckier than my relatives of the past and began with the aid of technology. My main objective for getting on the computer bandwagon was to work on my family's history (well you have to have some excuse right?). Since then I have gone from just knowing who my grandparents were by name with little else. Since that time, thanks to technology I have gained not only a large amount of information on the family but I have been in contact with cousins I never knew existed. I don't know which I am more excited about.

With technology must come the knowledge that all information gained via the Internet may not be accurate? Yup, you still have to do the paper trail to "prove" the accuracy of that information. The more information you discover out there, the more you will discover all those inconsistencies. However, I have gained a lot of information in a short time compared to the years that it has taken some of my relatives. For that I am most grateful. In the comfort of my home I have

managed to do and learn what was impossible for my relatives in past years.

One of the first tools I learned to use was Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com). You can find just about any web site regarding genealogy and/or tools of the trade. There are sites where you can learn how to do research or how to organize what you do have. If you are interested in tech tools, you can find sites under her software and computers section. There are many country and state specific sites, even surname web sites. Cyndi's List has to be the best place to start for a *newbie* and even for the more experienced.

Another great site is the US Genweb project. There you can access records and information available on the Internet by state. It is real easy to use. If you select the graphic format, you can choose your state by clicking on the state outline (real nice for those of us who like simple!) then you can select the county you are interested in. Once on the county page, you will find what ever information is available on line at the current time and/or you can find out who to contact for lookups, or what other resources are available to you for that county. Another part of the Genweb project is the worldwide sites. The layout and information is similar to the states but by country.

I have had a lot of success just using those two sites. And there are a ton more. Some of our members have done some of the transcribing for some of these sites. So you can even help by transcribing information for your favorite sites. Just contact the site administrator to see how you can help. All of this

information has been gathered and transcribed by volunteers who realize how valuable it is to get this information out to the rest of us.

All the information you find has been done by people like us, many, many hours are donated by people walking cemeteries recording all the information, and transcribing all kinds of records just to put on line to make everyone research a lot easier.

There are also many lists you can join for free which link you to many people researching the same areas and even the same families. I belong to one list called the Ostfriesland list. This list deals with the Ostfriesland area of Germany. Through this site not only have I been able to extend my research in Germany via these contacts, but I have found many new cousins I never knew existed. And the information I have received from them has been overwhelming. The people on these lists are very helpful and you can get most if not all of your questions answered. So check out these sites, you never know what you might come up with or what brick walls you will see come tumbling down thanks to modern technology!

Next time you go on line, give thanks to all the hours and hard work those unknown people have donated to make your searching easier and cheaper. Thanks to many unknown people my research has come a long way in a short time. I have many leads to follow up on and verify.

See you in the next issue. Make sure you contact me either via email or at the meetings to let me know what you want to see in this column.

Thank You

My sincere thank you to the many friends in PSGS that gave me emotional and moral support by attending Garry's funeral in November and by sending notes and cards. Your outpouring of friendship, understanding and caring was very appreciated.

Cindy Shawley Spore

"Friendships multiply joys, and divide grief," Thomas Fuller.

(Continued from page 1) *Cousins by the Dozens.*

Swanson family (a Swedish grand-uncle) in South Dakota. In eager expectation I dialed into the Internet to see what kind of travel arrangements I could find. I found that getting to Kimball, South Dakota without driving for three days required that I take a United Airlines flight through Denver to Sioux Falls, South Dakota or a Northwest flight to Minneapolis/St. Paul and back to Sioux Falls. Judging the United route to be the easiest, I signed up for the proper flights anticipating the start of my first family adventure. I then cranked up my new CD burner and made a copy of what I had collected on our family. I intended to take my laptop computer and show off for the relatives.

On the day of departure I arrived at the Seattle/Tacoma airport clutching my e-mailed flight confirmation and moved to a counter to check my suitcase and get a boarding pass. Those who have been through this procedure know the drill. Dragging a carry-on full of computer and file folders, you go through the metal detector and x-ray, down a mile of corridor, to sit and wait for an hour or more for the start of your great adventure. I departed on the first leg of my trip

having never looked at the envelope handed to me by the ticket agent.

Arriving in Denver and needing to find the proper gate for my flight to Sioux Falls, I finally looked into my ticket envelope. To my horror, I found no ticket to Sioux Falls and a baggage claim to Denver. In addition I realized that the departure time was Mountain not Pacific and I had twenty minutes to find my suitcase and the departure gate sure that my confirmation letter would get me on board. After all, how many people fly from Denver to Sioux Falls?

Hoping I could report a lost bag from Kimball, I ran for the Sioux Falls flight because the next flight was five hours later and I had promised to connect with another cousin coming in from Atlanta, Georgia who needed a ride to our cousin's house. Approaching the designated gate I was greeted by the sight of an overflow crowd. Hoping they were only meeting the arriving plane, I walked up to the check-in counter with my tale of woe and letter to find that the flight was full. The clerk did hold out some hope that there could be a cancellation or some other poor soul would miscalculate the time. While pondering my chance of success, it occurred to

me that I should have paid more attention at Sea-Tac (Seattle-Tacoma International Airport) or maybe to some of the e-mailed itinerary changes that United sent me after I had booked these flights. Apparently, in the midst of these changes, someone had missed my Sioux Falls connection.

I did get on board and met my cousin, but it took me three days of washing out my underwear and socks and numerous calls to United before my bag arrived.

My show-off CD works just fine on my home computer. It was my hope that it would be the hit of reunion, but it refused to load on my laptop. That certainly deflated my reunion spirit somewhat.

The trip home started off with a two-hour delay leaving Sioux Falls which caused me to miss my flight to Seattle. Since all flights to Seattle were booked, I spent seven hours in Denver, on Standby, and almost missed the last flight when unbeknownst to me they changed the gate. In my rush to cover the half-mile to the right gate I lost an expensive jacket and almost lost my computer.

If I live to see another reunion, I'll find another route.

Cindy's Choice Web Sites

Cindy Shawley Spore

www.glorerecords.blm.gov/

I have recommended this site before, but for those who overlooked it or are just getting into doing research on the net, here is the address again. This is the site of the homestead records for the United States – the Bureau of Land Management Records. It started with just a few states and now covers all. Some of the records have been scanned from the originals. A short note regarding the Bureau of Land Management Records. I was looking for Garry Spore's grandfather (I didn't know his grandfather's name). All I had was census records with his grandmother and children, some with the last name of Button and some with the last name of Spore. I thought, what the heck, I'll give a try on a Spore in Minnesota. (I knew who the Button was – he was related to me through Matthias Button.) My search gave me George Albert Spore with a time frame that was close. When I saw Garry's only surviving uncle in August, I asked him what his father's name was. He said "George Albert". Then I looked in the LDS

site and found George Albert Spore and his line back to the 1600's. They came from the Netherlands to New York to Minnesota.

www.hamrick.com/names/index.html

This is not too exciting, but might be useful for someone. It is a map of US surname distribution.

www.geneanet.org

GeneaNet is another large, **FREE** database. This is searchable by surname, town, country and rough time frame. Visitors are encouraged to donate their own databases.

www.ukcc.edu/~vitalrec/

For those searching in Kentucky, this offers an impressive free collection of BM & D records dating from 1911 to the present. The records have to be searched by name only. You might have to leave off the www.

www.ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com

Another one that is SO important is the Social Security Death Index.

On January 6 in the year 2002, a contingent of dedicated researchers was awake, packed and almost alert when they caught the air porter from Port Orchard and Bremerton for SeaTac airport. Most of these people caught the 8:00 am bus and were in line – LONG line – by 9:00 am to check luggage and get their boarding passes. Included at this time were: **Larry Harden, Larry Swan, Paulette Waggoner, Phyllis Evans, Lois Roark, Cindy Shawley Spore, Sue Plummer, Ken and Betty Cooper, Margaret Lentz, Rose and Paul Walker, Marilyn Hornberg, Pat Eder and Marjie Schultz.** Those joining us later in Salt Lake City were: **Barb Chesley, Pat Collier, and Jane McAuliffe.** Mary Yolk came from Portland. **Sandie and Jim Morrison** drove their RV down and would be moving on south shortly. On Wednesday, **Terry Metling** joined us.

After we arrived in Salt Lake, everyone spent the remaining part of Sunday getting checked in, eating and getting ready for Monday.

Almost everyone was at the Family History Library at 7:30 on Monday the 7th of January. We were in for a big, welcome surprise. Each floor has about fifty computers instead of the six or twelve that were there last year. Most of the worktables were gone so there would be room for the computers. Loaded on the computers is the 1880 census, the LDS site we all access on the Internet, Australian census and others. Accessible on the Internet is Ancestry.com and Ellis Island and search engines, of course. What wonderful resources to have at our fingertips.

Margaret Lentz was seen shortly, and then her system decided she should get ill with the crud. She wasn't seen for a few days after that. **Lois Roark** has always believed no one should suffer by himself or herself, so she joined **Margaret** and she was ill, also.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful get together with one of our past-presidents. **Mark Hester** contacted **Larry Harden** (some long story about having some kind of relationship as cousins or married to cousins) and members from the 80's got to reminisce with **Mark**. He was PSGS's President in the 80's. There is a picture included of four past presidents and our 2002 president.

Terry Metling immediately had luck finding family in France. When he told **Cindy** about his find

and that he would settle for that, she asked him if he wouldn't be happy to look for collateral lines and maybe take his family back farther. So it became "**Cindy's fault**" that he found so much.

Larry Harden spent the first ten or twelve days looking for his wife's ancestors in Sweden. He started with a name and place in the United States and went from there. He was very successful with his research.

Lois Roark was researching for a cousin. She was given the name

George Braun/Brown in New York City. She found him after many hours and days and is very sure she found the ship that brought him to the US from Germany.

Barb Chesley was working very hard in Sweden. **Jane McAuliffe** was filling some empty areas from county records. **Pat Collier** wasn't seen too much. Nor was **Mary Yolk**. The

Walkers hired a professional to help them each day. Then they would research all the leads and areas and have it ready for the next day. The **Morrison**s were looking in different areas. **Sandie** was in Norway and **Jim** was trying to find his Irish ancestors.

Cindy worked mostly on a couple counties in Kansas and Kentucky. She found information in land records and marriage records about her great grandfather from Germany in Kansas. In Kentucky, she found tax information and information about her 4th great grandmother and her family. And remember Aunt Em? She found her and her daughter's marriages.

Pat Eder learned how to burn a CD. She is our pioneer! She had a book on microfilm that she put onto a CD. The cost is a whopping \$1.75 for the whole thing vs. twentythree cents per page on the reader/printer. When **Phyllis Evans** found she had two books to copy, she burned hers on CDs. When **Pat** was finished with the CD, she went to Wales and found a lot of information on **Ken's** family.

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A Message from Your Program Chairman

Larry Swan

During the next year it is my intent to involve more of our members in the conduct of our programs. As I announced to those in attendance at our January meeting, we are going to hear more about the experiences of our members with regard to their research. Their problems and the steps they have taken to try and overcome them will be featured in many of our upcoming meetings.

This does not mean that there will be no more outside speakers, but I think our meetings should be an interchange of information among our membership. Speakers should be acquired primarily for seminars and member workshops.

The president and I would like to have some workshops where new members or whoever is interested can learn more about the nuts and bolts of genealogy. They would not have to be an all-day educational program, but would concern a specific topic. I see this as an extension of our present Video Program and a fulfillment of our mandate to provide our membership with educational opportunities.

I know there are members who have much to contribute because I hear them in group discussions before, during and after our monthly meetings. **Please!** Get your stuff together and share it with all of us. We are always interested in what other people have found and how they found it.

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

In Part Eleven of his series Mr. Peter Laramie follows the 14th 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.

Christmas day 1862 found the 14th Vermont Volunteer Infantry in Centreville, Virginia about twenty five miles west of Washington, D. C. The regiment was picketing the outer line of the defenses of the nation's capital within a very short distance of the old battlefields of Bull Run (Manassas) and Chantilly.

John H. Williams, a private in company F from Fairhaven and native of Wales, wrote in his diary, "Christmas Day. We went out as a company on picket duty at 9 o'clock in the morning about two miles west of Centerville. We were divided into three squads; the first squad went on picket duty for six hours. I was in the last squad. Thousands of rebels have been here; their barracks are still standing--measuring about 15 ft long by 15-ft wide and had everything to make them comfortable---stools, chairs and boxes. I was more homesick today than at any time since I enlisted in the Army."

On the 26th he wrote, "went on Picket duty two o'clock in the morning, J. Rowlands and I together on the post. We were about two miles from Bull Run Battle ground. It was a place to behold. At eleven o'clock Company D (Note: the "Shoreham company") received us---after making ready we returned to headquarters. We were very hungry; had some bread and meat and coffee and did justice to them. Then Wm. Fox and Gould (Note: Daniel W. Fox and Franklin Gould both of Castleton, Vermont) and I and one other went into an old shanty near by and had a comfortable place to sleep through the night."

"A place to behold" may have been all that Private Williams would say of Bull Run, but Corporal John C. Williams of Danby, Vermont and member of company B, after a visit to another field of battle, felt it necessary to say more. "I have paid a visit to the old Chantilly battle field, two miles from here, and in which engagement the noble Kearney and the gallant Stevens fell. In passing over the field, what horrible scenes were presented to my view; I pray to God that I may never witness the like again. Human bones lay in every direction, half covered bodies met my gaze showing that no pains had been taken in their burial and revealing the horrors of a battle field, stamping indelibly upon my mind impressions that time can never eradicate. Since noting this, I learn a squad of men have been detailed from

the 12th Vermont, to cover up the remains of those brave men whose bones were left to bleach on the ground."

It was at this time that Confederate General JEB Stuart was leading his cavalry on what afterwards became known as the "Dumfries Raid". Thinking to catch the guard at Fairfax Station unawares and thereby capture the enormous stock of Union supplies there Stuart led his troopers toward that point when at about a mile short of that objective, the Virginians met the Vermonters.

Private Williams tells it this way. "December 28, 1862 - The 15th Regiment returned from picket duty (to Centreville) and we (the 14th regiment) returned to camp at four o'clock in the afternoon. While we were on dress parade in the evening, orders were received to prepare to advance at once with one day's rations. After making preparations we advanced on the "double quick" to Fairfax Court House. We has information that Rebel Cavalry had crossed three miles below Fairfax Station and were advancing on the Court House. We were placed in line of battle, the 12th (Vermont regiment) in front, the 13th (Vermont regiment) in the middle and we behind them. After waiting a long time and expecting their advance, they came forward and the 12th fired a volley of fire at them but they fled after the first fire. In about two hours they returned to the woods about a mile and a half away; the artillery fired shots and shells at them and they again fled, and did not again return."

The remainder of 1862 in that quarter was quiet providing the boys of the 14th Vermont time for reflection. Private John Rowlands of Fairhaven and company F and also a native of Wales noted the following in his diary on December 31st. "Here I have lived the last of the year as a soldier for the Union and have left a comfortable home and a wife and child, but the time won't be long until I can return to them if the Lord is good to me. I enlisted with the 14th Regiment Vermont. Truly I'm pleased that there are five Welshmen in the same Company as me. I enlisted August 20, 1862. The company has come together to pick their officers. The Captain is Joseph Jennings and Mr. Bosworth is 1st Lieutenant and Mr. Rann is 2nd Lieutenant, I have had many hard times since I have been with them, but I haven't seen any fighting, but we have been next door to it. I do not like this drill as it is no worth. There are here many things that we shouldn't be doing and things that we must do wrong us to keep the Union together and I'm sure there will be much blood shed before we have peace and there is much that must be done for a

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True Confessions of a Procrastinator

by Susan Selders Evans

My name is Susan Selders Evans and I'm a procrastinator.

Scarlett O'Hara belongs on my family tree. "I'll do it tomorrow" must have been carved on my cradle, so deeply is it embedded in my personality. Well! I could have cut a year off my search for Thomas Brown, had I joined the *Do It Now* school of action.

When Cousin Earline Miller in Elkhart, Illinois, gave me the address of Marjorie Brown in July 2000, my intention to write as soon as we got home to Washington State was good, but we know what thoroughfare is paved with those. Life intervened. Fourteen months later I wrote the letter and soon received a gracious reply with apologies for limited knowledge of her husband's family, extracts from a 1942 family letter, and another address. This time I violated my procrastinator's oath and sent off my query immediately to this potential cousin in Wayne County, Illinois, where Thomas is buried. The immediate reply consisted of three 3x5 cards and an address clipped from an envelope. "You are on the right track," one of the cards promised.

My third letter resulted in two messages waiting on my answering machine before I got home from the PSGS library one Friday, followed by a seventy plus minutes call to a newfound cousin in Oklahoma. My great-great-grandfather Thomas Brown was the youngest brother of my newfound cousin's ancestor Emanuel. They were two of the eleven children of John and Sophia [Koonz] Brown of Pennsylvania, then Stark and Wayne Counties, Ohio, and, finally, Wayne County, Illinois.

Purely by chance I had taken a picture of John's grave while we were in Illinois in 2000. Now, I know he's my great-great-grandfather.

I promise, if it takes me three years to learn more about John and Sophia's origins, it won't be because I put it off.

PS — Recently, I e-mailed my uncle and included what I had learned about his great-grandfather's parents. His reply, "We were always told that Grandma Miller's grandfather was John Brown." Funny what people recall when you prime their memories.

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On Saturday night, we took a break and went out to dinner at the Squatter's Brewery. We had a good turnout and a lot of fun. Those attending were the Walkers, the Coopers, Margaret Lentz, Marjie Schultz, Lois Roark, Mary Yolk, both Larrys, Cindy Spore, the Morrisons, Terry Metling and Phyllis Evans. (Hope I didn't forget anyone)

On Sunday, Phyllis, Larry S. and Cindy went on a tour of the area. What was thought might be a two or three hour tour turned into a seven and one half hour tour!! What a great day with a very knowledgeable guide. At the Great Salt Lake they even saw Pink Floyd. He is a pink flamingo that escaped from the zoo over ten years ago and winters at the Lake. Probably because of the brine shrimp that are available and plentiful. He sure could be seen even without binoculars.

Members leaving on Sunday were: Jane McAuliffe, Barb Chesley, Marilyn Hornberg, Pat

Collier, Marjie Schultz, Sue Plummer, and Paulette Waggoner. The Coopers and Margaret Lentz left on Wednesday.

Pat Eder likes to meet famous people and after the Tabernacle performance, she walked up to Senator Oren Hatch of Utah, shook his hand and visited.

She got to do this same thing a couple years ago, also.

The rest of the time was spent in intense research and watching it snow. The Morrisons left on Thursday after having a waterline freeze in their motor home.

The airports had very serious persons at the security gates. Some of us had carry-ons searched, shoes removed and items taken from us, never to be seen again. But I know

that we all felt very safe when we boarded. The one big scare was at the airport while we were waiting in Salt Lake to come home. We saw several medics arrive and happened to see them taking care of Paul Walker. He had a scare and would rather be safe than sorry. We were all relieved to see he was all right.

Everyone enjoyed their time and got to know each other a bit more than they did before. Everyone came home with something more than they had when they went down. But everyone worked very, very hard to get what he or she did find. Most are already looking ahead to 2003 and what they will research then.



Left to right: Larry Swan, Marilyn Hornberg, Terry Metling, Pat Eder, Cindy Shawley Spore, Larry Harden and Sandie and Jim Morrison.

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lot that are Unionist to bring honor to the Government, before we see any peace. It is a shame for them to treat us like this."

Ever much more succinct, Rowlands' friend John H. Williams wrote simply, "So ends the year 1862. Many events have taken place in it."

This episode concludes the series.

The McPhersons of Colby

Where is Colby? This pioneer Kitsap County (Washington) community is located on Yukon Harbor about a mile north of South Colby. The latter has a post office and elementary school to its credit while the former has no significant landmarks other than Colby Cemetery. Curley Creek separates the two communities. At one time Colby had a sawmill and a small two-room school.

John Thomas McPherson (1866-1944) and his siblings grew up in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada on the farm on Lot 15, 12th Concession until 1878, when the family moved to Cockburn Island, Ontario. The older children cleared land, cut timber for sale, and the younger children went to school under an English schoolteacher, Robert G. Crouch.

Apparently this was not the location of the pot of gold, so the property on Cockburn was sold, and in 1888 the father (John Alexander) and older boys set off for Seattle in Washington Territory by way of Vancouver on the recently completed Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Upon their arrival in Seattle John Thomas became associated with the Seattle Bridge Company. They were employed excavating hilltops, grading streets and constructing bridges. The Great Northern Railway yards at Seattle's Inter Bay was one of their major projects.

In 1889, John's fiancée Isabella Mawdsley (Belle) came west with his sister Agnes Crouch (wife of Robert Crouch) and the sister's infant son Harry. At that time it would probably be improper for unmarried persons to be traveling together, so John Thomas and Robert (Bert) Crouch went to Vancouver to meet the Toronto contingent. John and Belle were promptly married with Agnes and Robert Crouch as witnesses.

They had almost two weeks of marriage when the great Seattle Fire struck and all able-bodied men were drafted for clean up duty. After lengthy period, a very dirty and tired John returned home for a well-earned rest. Most of the family moved to the Colby area in Kitsap County in 1900 or earlier, but John Thomas and Robert Crouch remained in Seattle and continued in the employment of the Seattle Bridge Company. John T. moved to Colby circa 1901. Several family members are mentioned in the 1900 U. S. Census for the Colby Precinct. Construction work continued, children were born, and then came the Klondike Gold Rush. All five of the brothers (Alex Lorne, John Thomas, Duncan, William James and Stewart) spent at the mines, but their chief employment was with the White Pass Railroad constructing docks, shoring embankments, and similar activities. Duncan, William J. and Alexander did take out gold claims, but did not strike it rich.

John Thomas McPherson worked his Colby farm, built roads (the Manchester Road now known as Mile Hill Drive was one of his accomplishments) in the area and later found employment in the Navy Yard until his retirement. He built on the road past his home a bus shelter labeled *McPherson*.

A plat map of unknown date for the Colby area of South Kitsap indicates that J. T. McPherson, S. K. McPherson, W. J. McPherson, A. L. McPherson, L. A. McPherson and R. G. Crouch owned adjacent parcels. This comprises approximate half of Section 32, Range 2 East - Township 22 North. The original purchase was for fifty-five acres for \$1,150.00 made by Flora McPherson remained in the family until the 1940's.

Duncan L. McPherson (brother of John Thomas) born 26 January 1870 at Oro, Ontario, died 29 September 1902 at Port Orchard. He apparently did not fully recover from pneumonia contracted in the Yukon. Another brother Stewart Keddie McPherson died of broncho-pneumonia at Steilacoom, Washington on 15 August 1939. He had contracted spinal meningitis while in Alaska while participating in the rush for gold.

Duncan McPherson (1838-1913), twin brother of John Alexander, is buried in Colby Cemetery.

Selected Descendants of John McPherson

Generation No. 1

John McPherson was born circa 1776 in Scotland, and died circa 1841 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada. He married Christian Fisher February 07, 1802 in Killin, Perth, Scotland

Generation No. 2

Child of John and Christian:

John McPherson (*son of John and Christian*) was born circa 1805

Mary Alice [McPherson] Yoke

in Kenmore, Perth, Scotland, and died circa 1878 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada. He married Isabella Horn circa 1835 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, daughter of John Horn and Agnes Keddie. She was born circa 1816 in Newburn Parish, Fife, Scotland, and died circa 1898 in Colby, Kitsap County, Washington.

Child of John McPherson and Isabella Horn:

John Alexander McPherson born December 25, 1838, Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada; died January 03, 1920, Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington.

Generation No. 3

Child of John and Isabella:

John Alexander McPherson (*son of John and Isabella*) was born December 25, 1838 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, and died January 03, 1920 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. He married Flora McEachern January 23, 1861, daughter of John McEachern and Euphemia Darach. She was born October 30, 1838 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, and died December 07, 1928 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. John and Flora are buried in Colby Cemetery.

Generation No. 4

Children of John McPherson and Flora McEachern:

John Thomas McPherson, was born February 14, 1866 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, and died December 12, 1944 in Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington. He married Isabella Mawdsley May 28, 1889 in Vancouver, B.C. Canada, daughter of James Mawdsley and Flora Crawford. She was born September 02, 1865 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, and died March 05, 1947 in Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington.

Children of John McPherson and Isabella Mawdsley are:

Flora Euphemia McPherson (Keith), born Seattle, WA, 1890-1960
 Agnes Isabelle McPherson (Pearson), born Seattle, WA, 1892-1958
 John James McPherson, Seattle, WA, 1894-1975, (Kelso).
 Robert Mawdsley McPherson, born Seattle, WA 1897-1993, (Spanger),
 Allister Douglas McPherson, Seattle, WA, 1899- 1913.
 Margaret McPherson, born Colby, Kitsap County, WA, 1904-1987.
 Marion Roberta McPherson (Bales), born Colby, Kitsap County, WA, 1908-1975.

William James McPherson was born April 18, 1872 in Oro, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada, and died September 13, 1958 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. He married Louise Crouch April 13, 1904. She was born March 29, 1884 in Bristol, England, and died July 04, 1969 in Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington.

Children of William McPherson and Louise Crouch are:

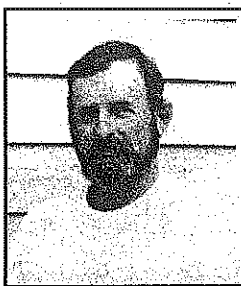
Emily Alice McPherson (Thompson), born Port Orchard, WA, 1905-1989.
 Euphemia McPherson (Hartley, Benson) Port Orchard, WA, 1907-1985.
 Walter McPherson, born Port Orchard, WA, 1909-1979, (Linvic).
 Louise Isabelle McPherson (Pederson), born Port Orchard, WA, 1913 - .
 Cora Lorne McPherson (Johnson), born Port Orchard, WA, 1915 - .
 William John McPherson, born Port Orchard, WA, 1917-1998 (Clarke, Donelly).
 Harry Robert McPherson, born Port Orchard, WA, 1921-1998, (Wright)..

Generation no. 5

John James McPherson (*Son of John Thomas and Isabella*) was born November 06, 1894 in Seattle, Washington, and died October 24, 1975. He married Pearl Kelso September 08, 1920.

Child of John McPherson and Pearl Kelso:

Mary Alice "Mickey" McPherson.



Leonard A. Wahlquist
Born August 1951

One for the Goose Pump File by Phyllis Wahlquist

When I finally saw a picture of my maternal Grandfather Lord. I let out a shriek -- "That's my son"

William Henry Lord was born July 23, 1835 in Vassalboro, Maine. He lived in Buffalo and Monticello, Minnesota between 1858 and 1884. He

worked in the Blanchard saw mill, served with Company E of the Eighth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and operated a mercantile business in Buffalo and served as Sheriff of Wright county for four years. When his first wife Rosella died May 18, 1877 there were four children. Winslow Henry, Lizette, Eunice and Augusta. In 1879 he married Eugenie Jouanna in French Lake, Minnesota. Winslow and Lizette were both married. Eunice, my grandmother, was just twelve years old. Her sister

Augusta was seven. William parked the two younger girls with their newly married older sister. When the diphtheria epidemic hit Augusta died, Eunice was very sick but survived. She then boarded with her uncle Martin Lord's family and a Wells family.

Meanwhile William started another family. In 1884/85 they packed up and came west to Seattle along with Winslow and his family. He worked on the railroad, in mills and a stint on the Seattle police

force. They finally settled on a piece of land on the Tolt River. They built a small hotel to accommodate passengers on the river fleet. When the railroad came through, they picked up the hotel, bag and baggage and moved it along side the railroad and enlarged it. They platted the town of Tolt May 16, 1902. There was a replat in 1912 and in 1917 the State Legislature authorized the name change to Carnation "in response to the desire for recognition of the large establishment of the Carnation Milk Company there."

William and Eugenia had six children: Ross, Myrtle, Violet, Eugene, Leon and Roy. After they moved west my Grandmother Eunice never heard from her father again. We have a letter she wrote to her brother

Winslow in 1887. It said "I do wish Father would write to me, it would be the most delight Christmas present I could get and one from yourself, dear brother. I wish I could send you something but I have no money and can only send my love, a kiss and Merry Christmas." So sad!

A year later Eunice was happily married to Charles N. Harvey. They had two sons and a daughter, Nina, my mother. She came west in 1920.



William Henry Lord
1835 — 1908



Tolt/Carnation Hotel — Circa 1890

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Getting Interested in Genealogy

Ida Mae Swedberg

I have been interested in learning about my family from the time I was a little girl. I was an only child and had very little contact with most of my other family members due to my parents living some distance from most of them. I would listen with all I could to the tales my mom and her sister used to tell about growing up and the references my dad told about his childhood too.

Then shortly before my aunt died (dad's sister), a distant cousin sent her a hand drawn ancestor tree starting with the earliest ancestors any of us had any information on. He did a remarkable job as very little has proven wrong in research of our individual trees by several other family members and me. I was the recipient of Aunt Mary's copy since I was her only heir and I treasure it greatly.

Then on May 25th, 1979, my third son and fifth child was murdered. At the funeral and with all the condolence cards coming in from various relatives my children never knew existed, I knew I had to do my own research just so my children would know their beginnings and family connections. I realized I had information that made it a lot easier to find the information as I knew where many of the families lived. If they had gone about finding some of them may never would have done so without a lot of trouble.

In reaching out, I have found several people in each of my lines doing research and I have found several lost lines, mainly the siblings of great-grandparents. At the present, I am in contact with the great-granddaughter of my great-grandmother's sister. This sister was one of the few mistakes Harry Ashton had made on his family tree. He had her married name wrong and I was not able to find her. Her descendant about a year ago contacted me and lo and behold, she has her great-grandmother's diary, which she is transcribing. She also says her mother has a large box full of family diaries which she is trying to procure.

Earlier, I made contact with another sibling's descendant and was able to get a transcribed copy of the diaries of our common great great-grandparents written aboard ship coming to this country. This person is a descendant of one of the three brothers lost in the Civil War and the granddaughter of the only son he had.

I not only collect the near relatives but collateral lines and in so doing have made contact with other family members. My family tree with all the different branches is getting very big with many, many smaller branches but it is getting oh so interesting with the different stories I am learning about them.

Why Did I Become A Genealogist?

Lorraine Hauger Kniert

Blame our daughter Janeen. When she was in high school she befriended some Latter Day Saints students. They interested her in family history. She started to quiz my parents every time we visited them while in South Dakota. She also wanted to know what I knew of our family's history.

When I retired in 1987, Janeen gave me her briefcase of family findings. She was employed full time and had no time for family history research. She figured I needed a good pastime for my retirement. About that time I was invited to attend a seminar sponsored by the Puget Sound Genealogy Society. I attended and was sold on genealogy. As a result of attending the seminar I joined the PSGS.

Now I am constantly seeking information on my mother's family. Dingman and Marat from East Prussia. Voll and Schmidtgal who were Germans from Russia. And there is my father's side, Olsen and Syvertson from Norway. And not least, my husband's ancestry, Kniert, Koepsel, Maves and Fredericks, Germans from Germany by the way of Canada.

I hated history when in high school. Now, I can't get enough of it. Researching the lives of our ancestors and how they survived and lived to get us where we are today. They were the generation that put North America on the map.

Why Did You Become A Genealogist?

Write for inclusion in the *Backtracker* in your own words a short essay telling us what caused you to become interested in family history research.

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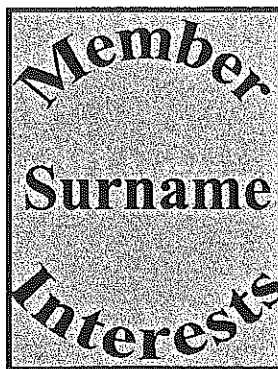
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Spaulding — Seattle 1890

Drisko — Seattle 1890

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Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library "Family Tree" 11:6 (Dec/Jan 2002): repository for Scottish clan genealogy; calendar of events throughout US; royal family of STUART from Burke's Peerage and Gentry, LLC; migration patterns.

Amer Everton's Family History Magazine 56:1 (Jan/Feb 2002): formerly Genealogical Helper. (You will like the change.) Unusual and obscure British records, part 1; women in wartime and the records available; electronic files and photos – in what format should you save them for the greatest longevity; URL website listings.

Amer Heritage Quest 17:6 Issue 96 (Nov/Dec 2001): 60th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor issue; finding WWII era records; reverse genealogy – tracing your collateral family lines forward; discovering your veteran's past; using 1920 census for finding family members of the "greatest generation;" recording oral histories; documenting military service using timelines; home-based research; Scandinavian census dates, part 2; Jewish research.

Ibid. 18:1 Issue 97 (Jan/Feb 2002): discovering family skeletons; hidden sources for hidden secrets; how to handle those sensitive skeletons; adoption research; Internet resources for Chinese genealogy; naturalization records.

Amer History Magazine 3:2 (Dec/Jan 2002): the 1730's, a decade of political change; an account of how an Arkansas family was affected by Civil War; trolley car era; development of the English language; the one-room schoolhouse; history of anthrax outbreaks.

Ibid. 3:3 (Feb/Mar 2002): the 1840's; Irish potato famine; railroads in the 1870's; Olympic games beginnings; era of passenger Zeppelin airships; many other interesting short articles.

Amer New England Historical and Genealogical Register Vol 155 Whole Number 620 (Oct 2001): HASWELL family; account book of Robert Cook, Needham, MA; applications for Home for Aged Colored Women in Boston 1860-87; a few deaths in Boston 1760-72; index of surnames for Vol 155.

Amer New England Historical and GS "New England Ancestors" 3:1 (Win 2002): diaries in your family history research; Scituate, MA, 17th century town records; researching MA institutions for poor and mentally ill; Clarence Torrey's marriage records prior to 1700 (a well-known resource); false pedigrees still being promulgated by use of files from internet that were originally based on fraudulent work by Somerby, deSalis and Anjou; using online message boards

CA Orange Co GS "Journal" 38:2 (Oct 2001): Orange Co cemetery records, interments through 1992 surnames N, O, P and Q; WWI Orange Co soldiers.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" 13:4 (Win 2001): Elijah GIBSON family; minutes of 1910 of headquarters Barnhill Post 162 GAR, Zenia, IL; military pension requests, Pension Book 4, IL; BOYLES and REAUGH family; records of Clay Co people kept by Angie WALKER; McKNELLY family; REILEY family.

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IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 29:1 (Fall 2001): Trinity Lutheran church death records, Peoria, 1868-1875; news items from 1868; IL data-

bases on the internet.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 25:2 (Dec 2001): Vanderburgh Co, IN census index of Armstrong Twp 1900; Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Newburgh, IN; abstracts from Affidavit Book #3, Abstract and Title Guarantee Co, ongoing.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker" 31:4 (Oct-Dec 2001): Crawford Co marriage book "N" 1899-1900, ongoing; KS coal mining accidents 1880-1950, ongoing.

KS Topeka GS "Quarterly" 31:4 (Oct 2001): Westminster Presbyterian Church, Topeka, ongoing; Randolph, KS high school class 1927; extracts from early KS newspapers: Wakarusa Co 1918, Shawnee Co, 1880, Washington Co 1887, Marshall Co 1890; TGS surname index Vol 31.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Dec 2001): research in Frederick Co, concluded; abstracts and bible records; births, Carroll Co courthouse 1865-1885; HAMMOND family; EMMART bible; LOATS descendants.

Ibid. (Feb 2002): deaths, Carroll Co courthouse 1865-1866; BEAL, ADAMSON and GUIN pedigrees; DAR patriot index corrections.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 22:4 (Fall 2001): Congregational church, Lee, MA, Sunday school members, 1869; ancestor tables for COLE, RHODES, FELSHAW and FOWLER; cumulative census of Peru, MA 1790-1920, ongoing; members of First Congregational church, North Adams, MA, 1905; members of Congregational Church, Mill River, MA, 1871; map of Cheshire, MA with residents listed; state census Great Barrington, MA, 1855, ongoing; graduates of Great Barrington and Searles high schools 1876 to 1925, ongoing.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 28:4 (Dec 2001): marriages, First Reformed church, Muskegon; ROSSITER obituary; 2001 Family Tree Talk surname index.

MN Crow Wing Co GS "Heir Mail" 23:4 (Win 2001): early burials in Crow Wing Co; chronology of churches, Crow Wing Co beginning in 1840, part 1; RUSSELL family.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 19:4 (Dec 2001): Bluffton, MN news items; 1800 census surnames and cemetery records.

MO Scotland Co GS "Quarterly Newsletter" 16:1 (Jan 2002): disease terminology; obituaries from Memphis Democrat 1998; school census, Scotland Co 1916.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 40:4 (Dec 2001): San Miguel de Laredo-Carnue' Land Grant of 1763, ongoing; reluctant Americans-the American government declares war on Mexico and New Mexico (the northern province of the Mexican Republic); selected Santa Cruz marriages 1750-1799, ongoing; vital statistics from Albuquerque Daily Citizen, 1891; Trujillo church and cemetery, San Miguel Co; index to NM Genealogist Vol 40.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Foot-

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prints" 29:4 (Nov 2001): marriages 1856-1863, and burials May 1891-May 1892, Tuscarawas Co; Dover cemeteries taken from Iron Valley Reporter May 1892; Wesley WOLF family from their 50th wedding anniversary, Oct 1896 Tuscarawas Advocate.

OR Genealogical Forum of OR "Bulletin" 51:2 (Dec 2001): Multnomah Co delinquent tax sales, 1862; Alvah DAVIS diary 1852-54; Masonic and Eastern Star Home, residents 1946; Civil War veterans who were residents of Oregon, ongoing.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 33:4 (Fall 2001): married women's rights 1859-1897; Marion Co census 1853.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 21:7 (Nov 2001): donation land, Wolf Creek Twp, 1812, ongoing; news items from 125 years ago; Ohio counties map with date of organization; KUHN-GIBSON pedigree.

Ibid. 21:8 (Dec 2001): donation land, Slippery Rock Twp, 1812, ongoing; news items from 125 years ago; BURGESS pedigree.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 15:4 (Jan 2002): Bohemian names translated to English; news items from 75-100 years ago.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 28:1 (Jan 2002): Minnehaha Co marriages 1893-94; recent obits of folks 100 years or older.

WA Chelan Valley GS "Apple Orchard" 12:1 (Jan-Mar 2002): Chelan Valley pioneers list.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 21:3 (Fall 2001): new security rules at NARA; John W. DONNELL, first white settler of Sequim Prairie; Port Angeles townsites sales 1883-84.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 22:4 (Dec 2001): 1920 Grant Co census; Stratford, WA cemetery index; history of Ephrata high school 1909-1935, ongoing.

WA Jefferson Co GS "Newsletter" 18:1 (Win 2002): getting the most from an index; Port Townsend bicycle licenses issued 1899 and 1900.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" 18:1 (Jan 2002): MOULTON bible records; HENDRY family, occupants of Affleck farm, Scotland for over 250 years; HOLDEN family; naturalizations index, Thurston Co 1850-1974, ongoing.

WA So King Co GS "So King News" 17:4 (Jan/Feb 2002): Corps of Discovery Descendant Project is looking for descendants of the Lewis and Clark expedition; US maps of National Cemeteries locations.

WA Washington State GS "Newsletter" 17:6 (Nov/Dec 2001): calendar of WA state events; reports from state genealogical societies; news of the upcoming WSGS conference at Port Angeles, June 21-22, 2002; cleaning headstones.

Ibid. 18:1 (Jan/Feb 2002): NGS Library is moving to St. Louis and will be available for interlibrary loan; mail to National Archives in WA DC has resumed but requests are backlogged; 1901 British census to be put online; many helpful bits of information.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS "Stillaguamish Star" 15:2 (Nov/Dec 2001): explanation of new family history workbook and research guides available from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City; Stillaguamish Valley funeral index up to mid 1940's, ongoing.

Ibid. 15:3 (Jan/Feb 2002): writing letters that get results; Stillaguamish Valley funeral index up to mid 1940's, ongoing.

WA Tri-City GS "Bulletin" 41:2 (Nov 2001): 40th anniversary issue: history of the society and description of the celebration; WWI draft registrations, letter M, ongoing; Benton Co obituaries, ongoing; history of Tri-Cities area, part 1; pedigrees of BROOKS, HASKELL and STEWART.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 29:4 (Dec 2001): an overview of the 1880 US census on CD ROM produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Peshastin ME church; Brays Methodist church; Mold cemetery, Evangeliscen Emanuel Cemetery, Badger Mountain View Cemetery, all of Douglas Co.

WA Yakima Valley GS 33:4 (Dec 2001): request for pardon of Charles McGONIGLE, ongoing; letters in El-lensburg post office, Feb 15, 1890; St Elizabeth's School of Nursing alumni, ongoing.

WV Kanawha Valley GS "Journal" 25:4 (Win 2001): Walnut Grove Cemetery, Clay Co; Kanawha death records

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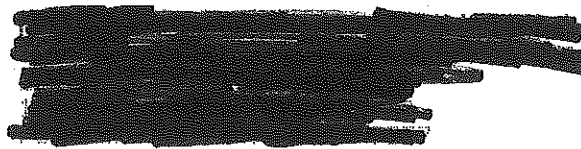
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