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### A Message from Our President

I am delighted at the response to our State Days at our genealogical library, which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. People came to our library for the first time from articles in the newspaper and we have picked up new members from this exposure. The last two State Days have found our library busy and filled with the excitement of genealogical research and the sharing of knowledge. It was rewarding to see a

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# Bremerton Street Names by Louise M. Reh

When did communities first begin honoring citizens by giving a person's name to a town, a university, or perhaps a street? Certainly it has been a custom for a long time. Still, I wonder how many people driving down Burwell Avenue think about the origin of the name. If they do give it any thought, they might think it was named for a man or woman named Burwell, but the question of "who" or "why" probably doesn't cross their minds.

If a street were named for someone in your family, wouldn't you hope that someone would care enough to ask why? The next time you are in Bremerton, I hope you will consider the people whose names appear on the street signs there.

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## Settling The Mesilla Valley In Southern New Mexico The Land Grants - Part I by Emilia Garcia

New Mexico was a part of the Kingdom of New Mexico for 200+ years, then it was Mexico from 1821 (when Mexico won its independence from Spain) until 1852 when it became the American Territory of New Mexico after the Mexican War (known in Mexico as the "American Invasion" since Americans wanted to build an easy southern rail route to the gold fields of California). The Territory did not attain statehood until 1912, when my mother was 10 years old.

In my last article I mentioned the fact that in 1680, the Indians around Santa Fe revolted against the treatment of their people at the hand of the Spaniards. The Spanish and their Christianized Indians took refuge in mission villages in the Southern part of the Kingdom of New Mexico, around the current Juarez (then known as El Paso del Norte). Some families later returned and recaptured Northern New

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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.

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.

Newsletter

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as space permits.

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# **PSGS Program Schedules and Notices**

#### **PSGS Program Topics and Speakers:**

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

#### **PSGS Meetings Dates:**

September 24th Sue Evans will be talking about

compiling and charting family

health history.

October 22nd Lynn Ramey will talk about the

importance of going home. By this he mean going back to where your family originally came from. In this case North

Dakota.

November 26th Marj Schultz will speak on scrap

booking.

December 9th The Annual PSGS Holiday Auc-

tion will be at 1:00 PM at the PSGS Research Library.

## Wanted

Backtracker Advertising Manager
If you are interested in this

#### **Volunteer Position**

Please Contact Your Editor

# 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:

Sept 27, 2002 -- Research in England and Wales Part I. Civil Registration.

Oct 25, 2002 -- Research in England and Wales Part II. Parish Registers.

Nov 29, 2002 -- Research in England and Wales Part III. Census and Probate Records.

# Now is the time to renew your membership for the year 2003.

Look at your address label for your membership status. The number "03" indicates that you have prepaid your 2003 dues and you need not renew at this time.

#### **Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule**

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

Time: 1:00 PM.

October 1 — Mystery program with Linni — bring

paper & pen.

November 5 — Christmas potluck--voting for next year's officers--planning 2003 programs-

-at Nadine Tiege's home

**December** — No meeting..

# Belfair Chapter Web Site http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs

#### Be A PSGS Volunteers!

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

# Please Notify Us When You Change Address!

When you move, please advise the *Backtracker* of your new address. We want you to be aware that because of our non-profit postal status the *Backtracker* will not be forwarded.

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.

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## Notify Us

When You Change E-Mail Address Please advise the *Backtracker* whenever you change your e-mail address. Send message to me at ctaylor@krl.org. Thank you. The Editor.

#### Remember!

This is a member participation newsletter.
Your participation as a writer
Is necessary for its success.

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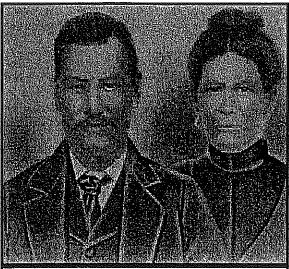
Mexico (known as the Reconquest), but as far as I can tell, my ancestors (the Marquezes, Provencios,

and Nañezes) stayed in the southern mission towns established during the revolt for refugees from the north. Some of these mission towns ended up on the current Mexican side, and other surviving communities became part of the current El Paso, Texas.

In the late 1830's and early 1840's several citizens in El Paso Del Norte and the surrounding mission towns petitioned the Governor of the State of Chihuahua and his Commissioner General for land grants in the largely unsettled Mesilla Valley a few miles to the north. They had found their living conditions intolerable due to drought, threats by the new American settlers in the Republic of Texas (who wanted their land and in one historic instance a group of Texans moved into the area to take the land by force]), and the Rio Grande "carrying off and rendering useless more than half of the small quantity [of the land] we previously cultivated". The petition goes on: "we find ourselves obliged, in order to subsist ourselves and our families----for the relief of our calamitous necessity---establishing measurably a bulwark against the barbarous tribes that surround us on this frontier---".

Three land grants had already been filed for the Mesilla Valley: Santa Teresa (1790 by Spain), Bracito (1805 by Spain), and Doña Ana Bend (1839 by Mexico). Four more were filed later: Mesilla Civil Colony (1852 by Mexico), Refugio Civil Colony (1852 by Mexico), Jose

Manuel Sanchez Baca (1853 by Mexico), and Santo Tomas de Yturbide (1853 by Mexico). I find my ancestors listed in the records of the Court of Private Land Claims for the Mesilla and Refugio and Doña Ana Bend grants. I found these records and others at



My great-grandparents Vicente Nañez (son of Clemente Nañez) and Magdalena Provencio. Vicente died in 1904



My great-grandmother Magdalena (standing) with her half-sister Eusebia Fletcher.

the New Mexico State University and at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, the largest town in Southern New Mexico. God Bless Mr. Carnegie, university alumni, and other generous citizens who wished to preserve our history. These libraries have city directories, census records, court records, written and oral histories and I find their staffs more helpful than the harried clerks in courthouses.

What a thrill it was to see Clemente Nañez, my greatgreat grandfather, mentioned by name in the records for the Refugio grant. I could read his actual words, as if he was speaking to me from more than 125 years previous. Prior to this I only knew his name. I have yet to find whom his parents were. In 1872 when he was forty-one he gave a two-page statement to the Court of Private Land Claims about the boundaries of the Refugio grant, no official survey or original grant document having been found. He was with the party of men in 1852 when the official boundaries were fixed by placing "monuments of stones" at the corners. He stated that he personally knew the Commissioner General at the time, and also that he had seen the actual grant

document. He further stated that "the grantees immediately entered into possession of said lands and

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### From the Desk of Larry Harden

#### Salt Lake City Trip

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Salt Lake City Plaza Best Western Hotel from Sunday 12 January to Sunday 26 January 2003. Rooms are \$79 a night for Single/Double

\$89 a night for three guests. \$99 a night for four guests.

\$10 for each rollaway bed.

Plus sales tax. Stay five nights and get the sixth, night free.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining the Salt Lake City genealogical expedition.

Mindmapping

On Monday, January the 13th at 7:00 P.M. we will be given a class titled "Using Mindmapping in Your Research." Mindmapping is a unique way to brainstorm. Mindmapping helps to organize and discover new ways to apply the research process. Mindmapping will encourage digging deep into the knowledge that we possess to help us become more creative in our research and help answer the question "what do I do next?" In this unique class you will learn

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how to connect different bits of information together in unusual ways to help bridge research gaps. This class is part of a Genealogical Package provided by the Best Western Plaza Hotel and will be held in one of their conference rooms.

#### **Obituary Project**

Volunteers are needed to complete the obituary project.

We will meet from 10AM to 4PM on October 1 - 8 - 15 - 29

November 5 - 12 - 19

Come early, leave late.

Come late, leave early.

Any help is appreciated.

(Continued from page 52) Settling The Mesulla Valley have ever since been in possession thereof, and have been considered the legal and rightful holders and owners of said lands, and recognized as such ever since the grant was made by everyone". These grants later had to be filed, confirmed, and patented by the US government, so these land claims were in court proceedings until the early 1900's, all my great-great grandparents having passed away by then.

Next: The Land Grants - Part II

# Library Volunteers Wanted Call Cindy Spore today and volunteer for Library Duty.

Our librarians play a vital role of Service to family historians.

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

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

# Backtracker Policy Statement

It is the intention of your editor to encourage the PSGS membership to write family history articles. Articles telling us of your family history victories or those moments of revelation when you learned an important genealogical principle.

In accomplishing this goal it is our objective to include on the pages of the *Backtracker* member written essays **exclusively**. There may be exceptions to this rule from time to time, but with your wholehearted help we are

confident we will adhere to the ideal.

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Appropriately, one of the longest streets in town is named for the man who is known as the father of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Lieutenant Ambrose Barkeley Wyckoff. Although original records spelled his name correctly, the "k" was left out on a later plat, and so we have Wycoff Avenue, which runs from North 26th Street south almost to Farragut Street. With the building of the Gateway entrance to Bremerton, Wycoff Avenue now ends in a large paved turn-around area - an area that would be perfect for a monument telling the story of the man for whom the street was

Ambrose Wyckoff was born in Jersey County in southern Illinois in 1848. He grew up working on his father's farm and became a strong six-foot teenager, apparently often up to mischief. When Wyckoff was fifteen, he and some of his friends attended a revival meeting, at which the preacher spoke eloquently of good people going to Heaven and the bad to Hell. The preacher made quite an impression on Wyckoff.

Wyckoff adored his mother and was sure she would go to Heaven, so when the preacher called for people to come forward to be saved, Wyckoff stood up. His friends, who had undoubtedly come with entirely different plans, tried to pull him down, but he shook them off. Then George Terrell stood up and said, "I've been in every other scrape with him, I might as well be in this, too." And he went up also. They were sincere and their religious principles colored their lives. Many years

later, they were two of the founders of the Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The following year, Wyckoff was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, which at that time was not in Maryland, but in Rhode Island, a safer place for midshipmen during the Civil War. While at the Academy, Wyckoff's religious convictions caused him some problems — he refused to take dancing lessons or to study on Sunday. When he graduated in 1868, however, Wyckoff was twelfth in a class of 87.

That December, Wyckoff married Selah Henderson, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister he greatly admired. Within a relatively short space of time the young Wyckoffs had three little girls; Stella, Selah, and Carrie. However, with the birth of Carrie, Wyckoff's wife became ill and she was never again able to take care of her family. Grandma Wyckoff took the two older girls back to Illinois, and baby Carrie was brought up in New England by relatives of the Hendersons. Lieutenant Wyckoff went back to

In 1877, the Navy loaned Wyckoff to the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Service, and for the next three years, he charted the waters of Puget Sound. This was long before the days of echo soundings, and depths were determined by dropping lead weights on long lines — over and over and over and over again. During one season 19,449 soundings were made.

It was during this time that Wyckoff, like Vancouver and Wilkes before him, recognized the many advantages of Puget Sound and decided that the U.S. Navy should have a base on Puget Sound. This was in the days of wooden ships, and before he left for his next assignment, Wyckoff arranged for a bill to be entered in Congress to set aside 200,000 acres of land for a naval forest reservation, for wood to build ships. One already existed in Florida, but nothing came of Wyckoff's bill.

Because he kept talking about the area, Wyckoff became known in the Navy as "that Puget Sounder." As the Pacific Northwest became better known, Congressional committees were appointed twice in the 1880s to find a site for a Navy Yard on the West Coast north of the Mare Island Naval Base in California. Both committees recommended the purchase of over 1700 acres between Sinclair and Dyes Inlets in Kitsap County. Both recommendations were hotly contested and were ultimately defeated.

In the spring of 1891, however, an amendment was added to a naval appropriations bill providing money for the purchase of land for a dry-dock, which would be used for both naval and commercial ships in the Pacific Ocean. It specified that no more than 200 acres could be bought at a cost of no more than \$10,000. During the confusion of the closing days of the Congressional session, the bill was passed before its opponents could demand a voice vote, which probably would have defeated it.

Wyckoff, who was stationed

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#### **Program Speakers Wanted**

Our Program Chairperson, Larry Swan, is searching for individuals who would be interested in speaking at a membership meeting about any topic of general interest. Enthusiasm for your subject is the only prerequisite. Please contact Larry at lswan@silverlink.com.

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in Washington D.C. at the time, was appointed to choose and purchase the site. He and his boyhood friend George Terrell arrived in Seattle in April 1891. By refusing to pay more than \$50 an acre, Wyckoff was able to secure 190 ½ acres between Sinclair and Dyes Inlet for \$9,512.50

On September 16, 1891, Wyckoff's daughter Selah raised the U.S. flag over the first naval station in the Pacific Northwest. In April of the following year, the Civil War vintage gunboat *Nipsic* arrived in Sinclair Inlet and became Wyckoff's home and office. There, he was able to have his three daughters live with him; it would be the only time he was ever able to have all three together with him. No doubt, Wyckoff was proud when on December 10 of that year, his daughter Stella turned the first spade full of dirt for the groundbreaking for the new dock.

Because living conditions before the arrival of the *Nipsic* had been difficult, Wyckoff suffered from what he called "inflammatory rheumatism." In February 1893, Wyckoff turned command of the station over to Lieutenant Commander J. C. Morong and reported to the Army-Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There it was determined that Wyckoff would never again be fit for sea duty, and he was retired from the Navy, much against his wishes.

The dry-dock was completed in 1896, but times were difficult for the little station. Men were hired when ships were at the station and then laid off when there was no work to be done. Plans were being made to close the Station. Wyckoff heard about the possibility, returned to Seattle and with the aid of his friends there, arranged for a Seattle Chamber of Commerce committee to study the situation. Their report, as Wyckoff said, "...

bristled with facts so cogent and lucid all further doubt as to the eminent fitness of the location was removed."

Washington's representatives in Congress procured appropriations for work at the station for the next two years, and an enthusiastic, energetic officer volunteered to take command of the Station—Captain William T. Burwell.

On July 23, 1901, the name of the docking station was changed to Puget Sound Navy Yard, which put it on a par with Mare Island Navy Yard in California. Now, the property was fenced, buildings had been built, electric lights were replacing oil lamps, and naval and commercial vessels provided the workload.

Burwell was sincerely interested in the communities around the Navy Yard. Because he felt it was never too early to teach children patriotism, Burwell regularly brought school children and their teachers to the Navy Yard to tour the ships and picnic on the lovely hill below the officers' quarters.

Burwell left Bremerton in 1902 as commanding officer of the battleship U.S.S. Oregon. When he returned in 1905 for a second tour, the Navy Yard needed another drydock because the number of ships coming to the Yard would increase after the completion of the Panama Canal. Burwell soon convinced the Navy that the Yard had room for a second dry-dock without buying any additional land. In 1906, Burwell was promoted to Rear Admiral. In his honor, the two little towns, which now comprise the west side of Bremerton, joined Third Street in Bremerton with Seventh and Cedar Streets in Charleston, naming the new street for Admiral Burwell.

By 1908, Burwell had reached the age of mandatory retirement, and he and his wife left Bremerton on a world tour, planning to return to Puget Sound. However, in January 1910, Burwell died in Wales after a short illness. The death certificate listed the cause of death as exhaustion from hiccoughing.

As you look around Bremerton, you may see other familiar names on street signs. George Terrell, Wyckoff's boyhood friend, who came to Puget Sound with him in 1891, is also remembered. Terrell Avenue runs between Cambrian and LaFayette Avenues on the west side of town, maps show it extending from Sixth Street to Ninth Street. Terrell had been instrumental in Wyckoff's planning the depth of the original dry-dock by tracking the daily flood and ebb tides in Sinclair Inlet for a year. Terrell worked in the Navy Yard until 1910 and was active in real estate and community affairs in Charleston.

Another short street, named for another Bremerton hero is Coontz Street, which was named for Robert E. Coontz, who came to Bremerton as a Captain and was later promoted to Rear Admiral. It was Coontz who led the Navy Yard during the difficult days of World War I. He was responsible for the expansion plans for the Navy Yard to include sufficient industrial land for the increased number of ships expected at Bremerton due to the Navy's decision to increase the Pacific Fleet's size to that of the Atlantic Fleet.

Coontz Street lies about halfway between First and Rodgers Street. It runs west from Callow Avenue, crossing Cambrian and LaFayette Avenues, and picks up again for two blocks after Hartford Avenue.

Coontz' Civil Engineering Officer fared better than Coontz in the street naming game. Gregory Way, formerly Second Street, just outside the Yard's northern fence is named for Luther E. Gregory, who was the Public Works Officer in the Navy Yard from 1913 to 1920. There had been talk of needing a third dry-dock for sometime, and Public Works draftsman Victor Hulteen suggested building a shallow dry-dock, in which ships could

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Puzzles intrigue me, and genealogy is one of the best puzzles I've discovered. I was half-raised in cemeteries, putting flowers on family graves for all the spring, summer and fall holidays and flags on veterans' graves before Memorial Day. When they got bored with flagging, my cousins would play "shut Susan in the mausoleum and hear her holler." I hollered well.

Having grown up in a family enclave back in Illinois, my first reaction as an adult was to get as far away from Ross Drive as I could. Now, I'm ready to renew some of those ties. The family stories that I learn along the way give me a better picture of myself and the family members I knew growing up. I've grown closer to a number of cousins through our mutual pursuit and gained a new perspective on my parents and grandparents.

Why do I climb the family tree and pursue elusive ancestors? There are so many questions to be answered: Where is Aunt Bertha's husband buried? Did

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be built, an idea then new in the U.S. This new dry-dock was included in the Navy Yard's comprehensive development plan, and Captain Gregory convinced the Development Board of its cost advantages. Dry-dock III was completed in December 1919. Gregory is probably best known locally for the removal of the hill in front of the officers' quarters and the extension of the waterfront with the resulting fill. This added almost 100 acres of flat land for the industrial area.

I hope this information will encourage a few readers to think about these men and perhaps to wonder about other street names. Do you know where your street got its name?

(Continued from page 49) A Message from Our President 'newbie' to genealogy find information from several sources and have the sources validate one another. This 'newbie' was glowing when she left at the end of the day. PSGS members were excited to have been of assistance.

Our plans for the Antique Appraisal Fair on October 19<sup>th</sup> are progressing nicely. We are cosponsoring this event with the Kitsap Historical Society. We are working on inviting more appraisers this year. We plan to hold the fair in the large Kitsap Room at Givens Community Center in order to accommodate more people. The Antique Appraisal Fair will be A from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the fee will be \$5.00 for one item and \$15.00 for up to four items. Please plan to volunteer to assist on the day of the fair as

John Wesley Selders serve in the Civil War or did he steal someone else's record? Which of the many John Browns in Pennsylvania in the early 1800's was mine? Why did my grandfather and his sister use different spellings for their last name? Is that Robert English buried in West Twin Grove Cemetery one of ours? Which parish around Athlone, Ireland, did John English come from? Where are his parents buried? What became of Grandma Miller's sister Minnie? And on and on.

A pair of Mormon missionaries knocked on my door recently. When they learned I was climbing my family tree, they offered to do some research for me. I replied that I need the mental stimulation, but that was only partly right. I need the urgency of the search and the thrill of discovery.

My life would be incomplete without my growing appreciation of those people whose blood and heritage I share. How could I not heed their whispers and try to learn more about them?

Message from Our President

well as bring items for appraisal.

Remember, our Holiday Craft Auction, which will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at our PSGS genealogical library. Members will donate handmade items to be auctioned off. All proceeds go towards the maintenance and growth of PSGS.

A committee has been formed to look into the future of PSGS. We may eventually need a larger location for our genealogical library and a means of supporting such a location. At this time Kitsap County may be taking over parts of the Givens Community Center for its own use. Groups who use the building are being forced to look elsewhere for a meeting place. PSGS is in with the Senior Center which is not affected by this change at this time, but who knows what the future will bring.

Be sure to sign in when you use the Senior Center each time to show that PSGS members use the facilities regularly. The sign-in sheet is just to the right of the hall door as you enter the room. If you have any ideas on ways to promote PSGS to the public and to help us expand in the future, please let your board members hear from you.

Just a reminder that it is renewal time for your PSGS membership. Look for a renewal form in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this fall and hope you will take the time to invite a friend to attend with you.

Sandie

www.justgen.com

This site has something for everyone. Play with it and see what you come up with that will help you. Of special interest, at leas to me, was the section on Germany. Also, a wonderful site on Germans from Russia.

www.uscitydirectories.com

This is okay, but you have to play with it a bit to find what you're looking for Germans from Russia.

http://memory.loc.gov/

This site will keep a researcher busy for months. It is part of the Library of Congress' National Digital Library. Although you may not find information about your family in this collection, you will learn more about the times in which they lived, the important political issues of their day, and the music they may have listened to. There are Civil War maps, photos by Mathew Brady and much more.

www.interment.net

Cemetery Records Online contains close to three million records from over 5,000 cemeteries worldwide. It also has an archive of articles about cemetery research, tombstone rubbings and transcribing cemetery records.

www.Homepages.rootsweb.com/~ysbinns/vataxlists/index

1790/1800 county tax lists of Virginia. Wonderful site for any one searching in Virginia.

www.jgsny.org/kingsintro2.htm

Brooklyn, New York naturalizations. This is a database of more than 250,000 names of immigrants who were either naturalized or filed Declarations on Intention in the State Supreme Court, Kings County, New York. The index covers the years 1907-24, a prime set of years for immigrants.

www.rootsweb/~rwguide/presidents

U S presidential ancestors. Here's a good way to see if you really do have presidential blood. Click on any name and you'll be taken to a list of selected surnames from the president's ancestry and then to the more detailed ancestry table. Have fun.

www.cslib.org/toolkit.htm

Genealogical tool kit. This page is a list maintained by the History and Genealogy Unit at the Connecticut State Library. It is broken down into two main sections: 1) Items and information to bring along when visiting archives, libraries and town halls. 2) Tools to bring when visiting cemetery. I.E. a mirror to shine more light upon a particular tombstone and insect repellant. We can all benefit from this informative site.

I want to thank all the authors who contributed editorial material to this edition of the *Backtracker*. You have made this newsletter possible. Cyril

We now have our new bookcase thanks to Dave Rugh. The books are being moved so that they are not as crowded and there will be room to shelve the new ones waiting in the storage cabinet to be logged in. You will find that the books are in the same order according to sections and file locators. The Washington books and periodicals are all together in the last two cabinets that divide the library from the Senior Center workspace. The state books extend from the original series of cabinets across to the first cabinet by Washington.

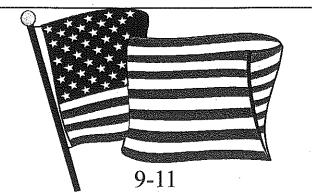
It has not only been good for the books to have more room, but also in moving them we were able to do a housekeeping job of putting them back in order and to find errors or unnoticed duplicates. After the last batch of books is logged in we will have several more pages to add to our catalog. At that time we will be printing a new version with these pages and a supplement of them for you to add to the catalog you already own.

Those of you who have not been able to attend one of our State Days have really missed a great opportunity to add to your research finds. The staff for each day has done exceptional work in putting out all the materials easily available on tables as well as being ready and able to help any one who need assistance. Materials owned by members have been available also.

Upcoming State Days include Arkansas and Missouri on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September (remember that will be a LUCKY DAY). On October the 11<sup>th</sup> we will have Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine. November the 8<sup>th</sup> we will feature Virginia and West Virginia. And finally 13 December is dedicated to Kentucky and Tennessee.

Our hardworking State Day crewmembers have been Pat Eder, Marjie Schultz, Paulette Waggoner, Sue Plummer, Sandie Morrison, Kathy de Los Reyes, Loraine Magee, Lorraine Kniert, Susan Evans, and Bruce Ramsey. If I have omitted anyone please remember your librarian's aging brain and the fact that at the time of this writing she has her notes filed where she cannot find them.

FYI – Our most recent count (no wonder we cried for more space). Books, 1600 plus 20 Atlases and one bound newspaper; Periodicals collection: 252 boxes with 6300 miscellaneous; microfilm census: 260 rolls; microfiche 262 recorded files; CD's: 195 including Family files: surnames, records etc; Washington State Death Index - Birth Records; County Obits file: 15,000 cards; Hanging files: Washington, USA, Family, Other Countries and Miscellaneous



Joe Bulduc, a French Canadian, was born in Quebec, January 4th, 1869. He grew up in the parish of Ste. Eusebe, Quebec. He eventually made his way into Connecticut, then went west until he arrived in Seattle. A barber by trade, he was looking into employment opportunities and was told that Bremerton might be the best place because of the Navy Yard being established there. It was a sort of "boom town" at-mosphere, with many saloons, some hotels, and a few restaurants. He was also told that this was a place to enlist in the Marine Corps, where he would receive free clothing, food, and a place to sleep, as well as get paid for his time there. This sounded good, so he decided to enlist. Only problem was that enlistees had to be no more than twentyfive at the time of enlistment. No problem! He just borrowed his brother's birth date of April 1876 and joined the Corps! He spent the whole four-year enlistment in Bremerton, even though the Spanish American War was going on at the time. His duties were not difficult, as his main assignment was as barber to the Commandant. He was also drum major for the Marine Barracks Band, which did frequent performances and participated in parades. He did some boxing, and participated in any athletic events that he could. He made many friends while in the Marines, as well as becoming well acquainted with several Bremertonians.

In the summer of 1905, Eliza-

beth appeared in Bremerton. She was a schoolteacher, twenty years old, and living in Brainerd, Minnesota. She had heard there was a need for schoolteachers in Kitsap



Elizabeth Baker Bulduc 9 November 1884 — 6 August 1968

County. Since her father worked for Great Northern Railroad, she was able to use his pass to travel west. The arduous trip took five days. Upon arriving in Seattle, she was somewhat taken aback to learn she must make the rest of the journey on a small steamer that

served to connect Seattle and Bremerton. Being a dry land girl and not accustomed to boats, the boat ride was quite uncomfortable. Arrival in Bremerton also left something to be desired, as it was raining and there were no paved streets or sidewalks. Every thing was very muddy, with only a few boardwalks connecting various buildings, mostly, the saloons. She was met by her friend who had written of the teaching position being open, starting in September. This brought about the discovery that the school was in the village of Silverdale, some ten miles away into the woods. Elizabeth was very discouraged, but decided to make the best of it. Meanwhile, she needed to find some employment to pay for her keep, and was aided by her friend who said she could get waitress work at the restaurant where she was employed. It was the Golden Restaurant, near where the ferryboat docked. As she became established in her job and rooming with her friend, about this time she became acquainted with Joe, through mutual friends. Joe was somewhat handicapped conversationally, as he spoke English very poorly and with a very "thick" French Canadian accent. This seemed very funny to Elizabeth, as she had never heard anything like that before. However, she was amused by it, and since he was very good looking and tried so hard to be congenial, she continued to see him as part of the group with whom she shared entertainments. As the time grew closer to Sept

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The Courtship of Elizabeth May Baker ber, Joe talked seriously to Elizabeth that this was no place for her to be going out into the woods to teach school, that Bremerton was no place for a nice girl like her, and she should go back to Minnesota and teach school for another year. He told her he would be out of the Service by then, and he would come and get her and bring her back to Bremerton where they would make a home. He told her that he was going to get into business with a friend in a barbershop, near the Navy Yard Main Gate, and

they would have a nice home in the outskirts of Bremerton. This sounded like a proposal of marriage to Elizabeth, and she was not interested in that, let alone with this goodlooking Frenchman who could hardly speak or write English. Besides, he had been raised a Catholic and she was a staunch Congregationalist. However, she did agree that her prospects in Kitsap County were pretty dim, and a return to Minnesota would be the best idea.

Joe wrote to her faithfully, using his French-

English dictionary and the help of friends. Naturally, his letters were unusual, to say the least, and Elizabeth still regarded the whole episode as humorous and didn't really take him seriously. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on 19 January 1906, and after making certain he would be in the barber business, he took the next train to Minnesota. Elizabeth has related how one day in May he came walking into her schoolroom, with no advance notice, said "How do you do" and sat down in a chair at the back of the room and waited until class was dismissed. This caused quite a stir in the class, and Elizabeth was so embarrassed and excited that nothing much was accomplished after his arrival. She finished out the term, and Joe worked at day work to maintain his finances. They continued their relationship and found there was closeness developing between them. There is not much account of all that transpired between May and July, but on July 20 1906, Elizabeth and Joe were married by Pastor J. E. Berry, Pastor of People's Congregational Church, Brainerd, Minnesota. They left shortly thereafter and returned to Bremerton, where a house was in process of being built on Broadway Avenue. They



Joe Bulduc (left) at his barber shop located near the Navy Yard Gate circa 1910.

lived in that house until about 1913, when they had a house built right next door on the corner of 12th and Broadway. At this time, these streets were still unpaved, but there was electricity, phone, sewer and water. Meanwhile, Joe continued as a barber in the shop next to the Main Gate, and kept up his earlier friendships. Some of those people were Arthur Bloomer, a fellow Marine: a Mr. Ford on Burwell Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Rothenburg; Mr. Avery on Park Avenue; Cordia Henry; Jimmy Fischer; Bill Gates of U.S. Furniture; and a Mr. Benbennick. Some of these men were members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which Joe was a

member. They enjoyed getting out of town with their newly purchased automobiles to go fishing and camping in the Hood Canal area.

Joe and Elizabeth continued to live at 1202 Broadway, and in May of 1919 a daughter was born to them. Life was good, in spite of the troubles of the Great War. As time passed, Joe developed heart and breathing problems. The Doctor told him he needed to get out of the confines of the barbershop into fresh country air and get regular exercise. Finally, in 1921, Joe gave up barbering and

he and Elizabeth found property on Union River, in what was then the Clifton area. This community later became Belfair. The Doctor's advice was good, because Joe lived another 32 years and shared 47 years of marriage with Elizabeth until his death on December 25, 1953.

Joseph Bulduc was the son of Phinias Bolduc born 26 July 1844 at St. Joachim, Quebec and Marie Virginie Bergeron born 28 August 1845 at Beaumont, Quebec. After their marriage in

Beaumont, they went to the southeast area of the St. Lawrence River where land was being offered to people willing to settle and farm. Canada wanted to build up that area to discourage settlement by Americans. They settled in the parish of Ste. Eusebe, near Princeville, where my father was born. His parents both died in Norwich, Connecticut. His mother died on 20 February 1924 and his father on 11 June 1937. They had emigrated to the United State in 1882 to work in the New England mills. He was a iute roller and she was a velvet finisher. Quite a change from "pioneering" new land and farm-

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What an interesting trip I had in June. By the time we arrived in Salt

Lake City my back was telling me that I was not going to be toting anything heavy like notebooks or laptops. So it was a good test for my handy little PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) and what a lifesaver it became! All of my data was stored in it thus eliminating the need for the notebooks and laptop. With the PDA and its folding keyboard I was able to do just about anything I needed, however I did take some paper along as I do find it easier to scribble and doodle on while I am thinking about getting serious! I did have my camera along but found it easier to just make copies of things. After a brief day and a half stop at the Family History Library, we headed to Nebraska.

I set up my laptop, scanner and printer where we were staying and with the exception of a couple of days, just carried my camera and PDA (plus paper!) everywhere else. Of course, in Hastings, everywhere you go you can run into someone who is related to you so that little PDA sure came in handy in more

ways than one.

On one trip to an outlying cemetery, up pulled along side of us another out-of-state vehicle and we started talking and came to find out that we are related. They were just passing through and lived in California. With my PDA I was able to show him where we were connected and some of the names he was looking for. They were amazed that they were listed in my database. Having just come from a couple of cemeteries they were looking for, we ended up taking them so they could get pictures of the graves. One of the cemeteries was in the middle of a field and they were so grateful for us helping them since you would never know that that cemetery was even there. Of course we had just found out where it was

Another evening, we were in a restaurant when my Aunt said, "oh there is so and so, you should talk to them. I think you are related to them on your Mom's side." After the introductions, we are talking and sure enough they are related. Once again after

(Continued from page 59) The Courtship of Elizabeth May Baker ing.

Elizabeth May Baker was the daughter of Joseph Isaac Baker and Carrie Estella Dean. Joseph was born 10 August 1857 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin and Carrie was born 8 August 1866 in Grant Township, Wisconsin. They both eventually traveled to the Northwest where Carrie died on 14 July 1949 and Joseph on 29 March 1951. He had always worked for the Great Northern Railway while in Wisconsin, but in the early 1900's the headquarters was moved to Tacoma, so they came out west to reside in Sumner, Pierce County, Washington.

pulling out the PDA, I showed them where and how we are related. End result, we went over to their house and I was given a 200 +/- page genealogy notebook that their daughter had done. Had I not been able to show them where we were related, I may have never gotten the information so quickly or

The bottom line to my story is how convenient and a time saver my little PDA was. I would really recommend you getting one, especially if you travel! It doesn't matter if it is a palm operating system or a pocket PC platform, either one work just fine. The pricing varies depending on what they offer. One word of advice, you should purchase a PDA with at least an 8MB memory.

Well, summer is over and now it getting time to hunker in for the winter. What a better way to spend the winter than cruising the Internet. There are tons of genealogical related web sites out there along with just about everything else. Here are some sites I have received that might tickle your fancy.

If you are interested in "witching" for a gravesite, there is an interesting short video/pictures on how it is done using rods. The web site is www. rootsweb.com/~nedodge/video/demo.htm. It will also show you how to tell if you have come across a male or female grave. Many of you may blow this method off, but I can assure you it really does work!

Okay so you aren't interested in that, how about how to scan or copy those old documents? If you go to www.enginehistory.org/scanning%20documents. PDF, you will find an eight-page article on everything you ever wanted to know about scanning documents. I would recommend you download and save this article for future reference. You never know when that information may come in handy when dealing with those offices and historical organizations that are not fully aware of what different types of lighting will do when scanning old documents.

If you are looking for some inexpensive pamphlets on food history, try www.foodhistory. com. There are a variety of pamphlets for different

time periods.

There are two really good sites for Friesland information, www.i.friesland.com/index and www.i. friesland.com/link/language.htm. These sites have several links and information regarding Northern Germany and the Netherlands. This English site is excellent for information on the Platt language.

Okay, nothing I have mentioned is perking your interest; there is always the National Archives at www.archives.gov. The main page for the genealogy area is www.archives.gov/researchroom/genealogy/ index.htlm. There is also a site for pointers on how to use the 1930 census at http://1930census.archives. Happy surfing. gov.

#### My First Genealogy Expedition

My plans for a trip to New Jersey coincided with the date of my Niece Keri Magee's wedding. It ended with a reunion of Cousin William Morse, his 90-year-old mother, Aunt Esther Magee Morse, and myself.

I arrived in Newark, New Jersey in 90-95 degree weather on April 18th, 2002 after an all night flight. The next three days were spent in wedding activities and rest. Fortunately, the heat ended with a thunder and lighting storm the night before the wedding. At the wedding, my cousins: Thomas Kellers, Donna Doherty, Mary Jane Kellers, and myself all reminisced about our parents. We all are descended from Alfred Kellers and Anna Laura Brand, married in Asbury Park, New Jersey in 1903.

April 21st, I started from brother Leroy Magee's home in Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey and arrived at the Monmouth County Historical Archives in Manalapan Township. I had been corresponding with historian Mary Ann Kiernan by e-mail for two years and she was waiting for me. I had a record of an 1807 marriage taken from a LDS-FHC film. It was difficult to read the name of the bride and Ms. Kiernan had the original! My first mystery solved. Garrett Phillips had married Hileah Russell and they were the parents of John Taylor Phillips. The only other document with Garrett Phillips name was a land transaction dated 1845 from

John Russell Sr. to Garrett Phillips, which made Garrett about 60 years old. Ms. Kiernan thought this was very unusual. The 1850 census listed J. Taylor Phillips with a wife and children; including my great grandmother, Harriet Phillips. There is a Garrett Phillips listed with an age of either sixteen or 76. I had originally thought this was a 76-year-old; but after looking at it with Ms. Kiernan, we agreed it was probably a sixteen-year-old named after his grandfather. This same family also has a son named Russell. This is the only proof that all of these people are re-

The next problem that we solved was trying to decide which of three Charles Brands residing in Monmouth County died in 1882. One of them was my great-grandfather. Once again I consulted an 1873 marriage record found on an LDS-FHC film and Ms. Kiernan pointed out that Charles Brand according to the record was from Middletown. We then loaded up the 1860 census film and there was Charles Brand, age eight living with his parents, William and Martha Brand. This family was also found in the 1870 census in Middletown. These are the names on the death certificate that I have for Charles Brand's death in 1882. Now I know that I have the right Charles Brand and that my grandmother was an

> orphan in 1882. Her mother died just after the census in 1880. By the end of the day Ms. Kiernan had helped me connect facts and make some progress.

> Upon leaving the archives, located very near the site of Battle of Monmouth and Molly Pitcher's well, I traveled along a road called Washington Advance Road. I soon came to the site of the Old Tennant Church Cemetery, established in 1692. I had visited some of these sites with my class as a child, but of course did not realize the significance for another fifty

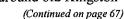
April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Started with trips to Ocean County and Monmouth County courthouses to try and locate a will or deed for the land that Garrett Phillips owned in 1845. Ocean County

split from Monmouth County in 1850. Unfortunately there was no record of any wills or land transactions in either place, I proceeded north to Newark, New Jersey and located the cemetery where great grandmother Rachael Taggert Magee was buried. She committed suicide in 1883 and her grave is unmarked. I was told they needed a day or two to find her grave, so I agreed to come back next

year. I then went to Bayview Cemetery in Jersey City located on a hill overlooking the Hudson River and beyond to New York City. My great grandparents, Frederick and Johanna Kellers are located in an overgrown plot with a few of their children's grave markers near by. I wondered why none of their fourteen children provided a marker. Pictures were taken to document this site. I continued on to Ulster

County, New York to spend two days.

April 24th: I had made arrangements to meet a member of the Ulster County Genealogical Society to open their library in Hurley, New York. This library is located in the basement of an old church and they don't have much space. Ms. Bryon, of the UCSG couldn't have been more helpful. She kept bringing folders, books and articles; enough to keep me reading all day. I did find my Van Etten family's baptismal records and read a lot of stories about some of the Ten Eycks. I finished up about 4:00 p. m. Later that evening I walked around old Kingston





LeRoy Francis Magee, age 18 (1905-1976).

Information about ones Irish ancestors is as elusive as the "wee Irish leprechaun."

Seven years ago I walked into the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. I was armed with the names of my great-grandparents, James Morrison and Martha Reed. I also had the family folklore that my grandfather, James Morrison Jr., came to America from Ireland when he was four years of age. It was also noted that the family 'homeplace' was in New Jersey and that two siblings of my grandfather, Thomas and John lived in New York City.

After two hours of research I found the marriage entry for my great grand parents. This was found in the International Genealogical Index. It gave the names of both the bride and groom, their ages, date of the marriage and their fathers' names and their occupations. It also gave the location of the marriage, which was the Wesleyan Church, Sligo, Sligo County, Ireland. From the film number given, I was able to print out a copy of the actual marriage record. After looking over the marriage record several times I discovered the townland where they both were residing at the time of the marriage which was Barnasrahy.

I thought to myself, "My, this genealogy stuff is so easy! I can do this! Maybe I will drop in again, spend a day or two and collect all kinds of neat stuff." OOPS! Think again!

After another trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City I was still unable to accurately identify my grandfather's siblings. The staff at the Family History Library informed me that many of the records in Ireland were destroyed by fire during the Irish Civil War in about 1922.

Family folklore said that my great grandmother, Martha Reed,

was buried in Iowa. I viewed the 1870 and the 1880 Federal Census records for Iowa and found my great grandparents and my grandfather, James Morrison. It also gave the names of four of his five siblings, Alexander, Rebecca, George, and Charles who



James Morrison, Jr., on his homestead "Clover Farm," near the Three Buttes, Raleigh, North Dakota circa 1915. Born Sligo, Ireland August 1, 1863 and died February 19, 1921

was born in Iowa.

On a trip to the courthouse in Allamakee County, Iowa, I found a deed showing my grandfather's oldest brother, Thomas. Thomas had purchased property in Iowa from his father, James. The deed gave an address for Thomas in New York County, New York. Research on the Internet in New York showed New York County was Manhattan. The 1890 City Directory for New York City on the Internet showed the same address for Thomas as the one given on the Iowa deed. Bingo! And both records are showing Thomas with the middle initial O.

On my third trip to Salt Lake, in the 'eleventh hour' of research, my wife pulled a book from the shelf entitled "At the Foot of

Knocknarea". While leafing through it, she found the Griffith's Valuation of County Sligo carried out c. 1855/56. Under the parish of Killaspugbrone, townland of Barnasrahy, is listed James Morrison leasing property to his father-in-law, George Reed. James is also shown in two other townlands in the same area as Barnasrahy. This puts the family in the area of Sligo Town in the time frame of when my grandfather and his siblings were born.

I am now five years into my family history research and I still do not have proof of birth dates for my grandfather and his siblings. The staff at the Family History Library told me that I had exhausted their resources and that I should contact the Heritage & Genealogy Society in Sligo and provided me with the address. After three letters and \$80.00 in fees, the Heritage & Genealogy Society sent me parish records for all five of my great grand parent's children that were born in Ireland. From this information I now know that my grandfather, James Morrison, was born on August 1, 1863. And I now know that Thomas's middle initial of O stands for Ormsby. Ormsby was the name of the landowner in Barnasrahy where Thomas was born so perhaps he was named after him.

I still have so many unanswered questions about my grandfather's siblings. Did they live to marry? Where did they settle and raise their families? Who and where are their descendants? Did Thomas die in Manhattan? The Iowa hospital records for Martha Reed Morrison, my great-grandmother, show she had six children. I show seven, if I include John. Was John perhaps an uncle of James Morrison Jr., not a sibling? It is so true that in research we find one answer

and two questions.

#### Our Blood Line

Mother's maiden name was Bernice Viola Blood (Eleventh Generation). She was very proud of her family heritage. I wanted to know more about what was behind this firm stand she took about her dead relatives. After reviewing numerous pictures and letters from relatives, I found reason for her to be proud. She was a product of "survivors of one of the greatest expansion of human resettlement." Mother knew her ancestors came from some place in the British Isles, but where?

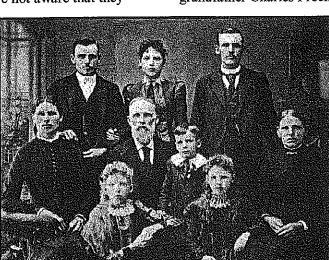
The Bloods were at one time residents of Nottingham in Yorkshire. We're not aware that they

were present when the Danish Vikings controlled the countryside and it seems more likely they were there after the Normans drove the Vikings out after the battle of Hastings in 1066. Which presents the question: Were they children of the Vikings or sons of the Normans? Or yet were they painted blue and become tree huggers? It is best my mother never found out.

A search of history books covering early New England immigrants revealed that one James Blood (First Generation) had with his wife and four sons settled in Lynn, Mas-

sachusetts. This item proved to be the key to finding "Our Blood Line." James and his wife Ellen Harrison Blood (born about 1600) lived in Lynn just a few years before moving onto a promising new village known as Groton, which is westerly from Lynn. Son Richard (Second Generation, born 1617 in England) became one of the first proprietors of Groton. His brothers also had interests in the village. These were Robert, James and John. A sister, Mary, had been born in Lynn died at about twelve years of age.

Emigration from England was enjoying a "heyday" in the early 1600's. Conflict about morality, religion and taxes plus the restrictive controls of the Doomsday taxing accords, was the talk of the



Charles Freeman Blood family circa 1884. Top row from left: Charles Willard, Laura May, Ulysses Grant. Middle row: Lenora Manetta, Charles Freeman, Claude Lewis, Rachel Ann Sturm. Front row: Violetta Leona, Caddie Pearl.

day. All this and the fact that James was a Freeman per record in 1642, probably was the cause for packing up and taking the family to the New World. Richard, the eldest son was born in England about 1617. Nathaniel (Third Generation) was born in Lynn April 1650 and Nathaniel Jr. (Fourth Generation) in Concord 1679. Elnathan (Fifth Generation) in Concord 1717 and Elnathan (Sixth Generation) in Gorton 1742. Nathan (Seventh Generation) also in Gorton. Nathan Jr. (Eighth Generation) was born in Sebec area. He was the father of my great-

grandfather Charles Freeman Blood (Ninth Genera-

tion). Note that name of Charles and Freeman? Charles II was King about that time and perhaps the Freeman was taken from his ancestor, James, the Freeman who had established the family in Massachusetts.

Charles spent his boyhood in Maine and New York State. Later he moved to Illinois where he was married 13 January 1861 to Rachel A. Sturm. About this time he with other gold seekers made a trip over the plains to Pike's Peak. After several years of trapping beavers and hunting and fishing in the Fourcorners area of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa

and Minnesota he journeyed again to build a home in the uncut forest of central Wisconsin where he could send his daughters and boys to church and school. He brought with him to the grave the brave and enduring spirit of the American pioneer.

Charles Willard Blood (Tenth Generation) was born in Greenbush, Wisconsin in 1867. He is shown on the left as you look at the family portrait. I got to know my grandfather very well in the last twenty-five years of his life. He had been a filer in the timber mills of both Weyerhaeuser and Henry Ford. When I was eight years old and attending my grandmother's funeral in upper Michigan, Henry Ford stopped by to extend his condolences. What a gentleman he was. Henry got down from a Model T and shook hands with grandpa. He then bent down and shook my hand also. Yes Mother Bernice, you have ancestors to be proud of.

Explore the multifaceted resources of the PSGS Research Library. There is more than meets the eye. Be inquisitive and search every nook and cranny for that elusive ancestor.

# Wanted

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Have you ever wondered why your family immigrated to America? What motivated them to make that momentous decision to pull up stakes and move lock, stock and barrel to America? Was the cause social unrest, religious, economic, political or just an adventurous spirit? Or maybe it was a combination of factors.



Henry Richard and Bertha [Paulson]
Taylor, Duvall, Washington

I have researched the Taylor family in an
attempt to solve
this problem and
concluded that a
Norwegian family
residing in Scotland had some involvement in the
decision of my
great-uncle Henry
Richard Taylor

(1865-1925) to emigrate. Of course, the specific reason why the Paulson family joined the cross Atlantic exodus may never be known. I suspect it was the prospect of improving their economic situation was the prime cause.

My great-grandfather Henry Richard Taylor (1834-1891) was employed as a shipmaster by the firm of Baine and Johnston of Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland and St. John's, Newfoundland from 1871 to 1886. Because of his employment he relocated his family to West Greenock where they were enumerated in the 1881 census. Their home was located at 28 Trafalgar Street:

Eleanor Taylor, Shipmasters Wife, 42, born England Elizabeth M. Taylor, Daughter, Clerk and Book Keeper, 17, Born England

Henry R. Taylor, Son, Clerk, 15, born England Edwin G. Taylor, Son, Scholar, 12, born England Walter R. Taylor, Son, Scholar, 10, born England

The Poulsen (sic) family resided at 13 Wes Stewart Street, West Greenock:

Neils N. Poulsen, Head, Ship Master now Broker Clerk, 38, Born Norway

Walbory (sic) Poulsen, Wife, 37, Born Norway Christina Poulsen, Daughter, Scholar, 11, born Norway Neils H. Poulsen, Son, Scholar, 7, born Fife, Scotland John S. Poulsen, Son, Scholar, 6, born Fife Scotland.

I don't have the documentation, but it is common family knowledge that my great Henry (Uncle Harry) Richard Taylor married Bertha Paulson circa 1888.

An examination of the Washington Territorial census for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward of King County dated May 1889 provides these details:

Paulson, Nils, 46, born Norway, Laborer

Paulson, Walborg, 46, born Norway, Housewife Paulson, Christina, 18, born Norway Paulson, N. S., 15, born Scotland Paulson, John, 14, born Scotland Paulson, R. W., 6, born Scotland Taylor, Henry, 23, born England, Sailor Taylor, Bertha, 23, born Norway, Housewife

The 1900 United States Census of Seattle provides this interesting information:

Lake View Avenue

Taylor, Henry R., Head, born Nov. 1865 England, 34, Year of Immigration 1889

Taylor, Bertha C., Wife, born Feb. 1866 Norway, 34, Year of Immigration 1889

Taylor, Eleanor V., Daughter, born April. 1890 Washington, 10

Taylor, Dorothy, Daughter, born Feb. 1892 Washington, 7

Moran, Peter, Head, born Feb. 1854 New York, 46 Moran, Coba C., Wife, born Feb. 1872 Scotland, 28,

Year of Immigration 1887 Moran, Ralph P., Son, born April 1891 Washington, 9

Moran, Ralph P., Son, born April 1891 Washington, 9 Moran, Jean M., Daughter, born Nov. 1898 Washington, 1

Eastlake Avenue

Paulson, Valbro, Head, born July 1843 Norway, 56, Year of Immigration 1887

Paulson, John N., Son, born May 1876 Scotland, 24, Year of Immigration 1889

Paulson, Ralph W., Son, born Oct. 1882 Scotland, 17, Year of Immigration unknown



Walter Ross Taylor and his mother Eleanor [Kelley] Taylor circa 1910

Because the above entries were listed sequentially, it can be concluded that the Taylor, Moran and Paulson families resided in adjacent dwelling units. Because of this close proximity, there can be no doubt that Henry Taylor is associated with the Morans and Paulsons by marriage.

It should be noted that Peter Moran is a brother of Robert Moran, two time Seattle mayor, industrialist and philan-

thropist. They and other Moran brothers were partners in Moran Bros. and Company. Moran Brothers played a significant role in Seattle's early economic history.

With Henry Taylor having established himself in Seattle, it was a matter of time before his sibling

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began to follow in his footsteps. The 1900 census of Cherry Valley, King County had this entry:

Taylor, Walter R., Head, born Jan 1871 England, 29, Year of Immigration 1891

Taylor, Hannah G., Wife, born May 1880 Washington, 20

Taylor, Willis R. Son, born Mar. 1896 Washington, 4
Taylor, Walter R., Son, born June 1899 Washington, 1
This is the family of Henry Richard Taylor's sister Elizabeth:

Elizabeth Taylor, born Poole, Dorset England (1863-1857)

Rankin Robertson, born Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland (1853-1922)

Margaret Robertson, born Greenock (1886-1977) Bertha Robertson, born Greenock, (1888-1950) Clara Robertson, (1890-1924)

Henry John Robertson, born Poole (1893-1984) Christina Susan Robertson, born Poole (1895-1995) Edwin Robertson, born Poole (1898-1981)



According to family oral tradition Walter Ross persuaded Margaret and Bertha Robertson to come to America. They came here in 1904. Their parents

and siblings sailed on February 10, 1909 according to one source and settled at Monroe, Snohomish County. Monroe is about ten miles north of Duvall.

Only my grandfather, Edwin George Taylor and his family remained in Poole. Here is the family: Edwin George Taylor, born Poole (1869-1927) Edith Joy Taylor, born Three Legged Cross, Dorset 1871-1962)

Ralph Stewart Taylor, born Poole (1903-1989) Cyril Edwin Taylor, born Poole (1905-1962) Enid Muriel Taylor, born Poole (1907-1992) Clifford John Taylor, born Poole (1909-1988) Freda Mildred Taylor, born Poole (1911-

Walter Ross arranged with the White Star Dominion Line for the family to sale on the White Star – Dominion Line ship Canada. They departed Liverpool on March 8, 1913 with a brief stop at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Their Port of Entry was Portland, Maine. Here they boarded the Canadian Grand Trunk Line and changed trains at Chicago. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad brought them safely to the branch line depot at Duvall on March 24<sup>th</sup>. It was the end of their immigration adventure. With my grandfather and his family's arrival, the Taylors were once again united as a family. The Taylor Family Reunion in America had taken twenty-four years to accomplish.



The Taylor Family
First Row: Clifford, Enid, and Freda.
Back Row: Ralph, Edwin George, Cyril and Edith [Joy]
Taken at : Poole, Dorset, England on the eve of their
embarkation to America—1913.

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Cyril T. Taylor Driftwood Cove May 2002

## Why I Became A Genealogist

by Paul Walker

My fascination with family history research began in 1982 when I was well over sixty years of age. My interest in genealogy was kindled because I wanted to find out what my mother's middle name was. My mother, Amanda E. Samples, was born at Clendenin, Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died at Clendenin on February 22, 1923 at the age of thirty of bronchial pneumonia. This occurred during the influenza epidemic that swept the world after the First World War.

I was Amanda's fifth and last child. I had one sister and three brothers. I was only six months old when my mother died. My dad, Perry Anderson Walker (February 1888 – May 4, 1959), was a good provider and father. He was a bookkeeper, salesman and a manger of a small store in Clendenin where we lived. Our small town had a population of two thousand

During my research I noticed that my brothers and sister had the same beginning letters in their first and second names.

Orville Otis June 1909 April 1982
Glenna Gladys June 1912 March 1997
Leonard Lester Nov. 1918 January 1979
Warren Winfred September 1920

Paul Preston September 19
August 1922

This alliterative naming must have been done purposely, but my parents' motivation is something my research has failed to solve. Incidentally my initials were sometimes the cause of me being teased during my youth and more than once some tussles with my antagonists.

My family history research over the years has been interesting and sad, but enjoyable. I have met many other researchers over the years that have been helpful and kind to me in my pursuit of my family roots.

Oh yes! I almost forgot. My mother's middle name was Evaline.



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(Continued from page 61) My First Genealogy Expedition. and the site of the original stockade established in 1600's as a Dutch fur trading post. There are many wonderful old brick buildings, including a church built in the 1600's with a very old graveyard. Kingston is celebrating its 350th anniversary this year.

April 25th: It rained and rained. I felt at home, but had planned on locating some graves. I did visit the modern Ulster County courthouse to look for records pertaining to the Ten Eycks, Timmermans, and Van Ettens. This was unsuccessful and I headed north to Catskill and the Greene County courthouse. Now I was in Timmerman country and found land records of my various Timmermans. It was getting late, so off to visit my cousins in Danbury, Conn. where I was expected for dinner. I hadn't seen my

seventy-two year old cousin William Morse in nearly twenty years and he was thrilled to get together again. That evening he showed me a black box he found in his mother's apartment. It contained pictures and documents. What a find!

My Magee ancestors have been the most difficult to research as they apparently descended from the famine Irish immigrants and stayed poor. This little black box contained all of the information on my grandfather Thomas Francis Magee, his brother James, and his sister Mary. These

three were the children of Thomas Magee and Rachael Taggert Magee. The boys were placed in the Newark Protestant Orphans Home by their grandmother, Margaret Taggert, in 1899. Mary Magee was in the Trenton Home for the deaf-mute and died at age fourteen. I now know that Margaret Taggert was alive in 1889 and living in a different county in New Jersey. I know what happened to the three children and I have their death certificates. I have the military records for Grandpa Thomas Magee and his brother James. I have all of the pension applications of my grandmother, Grace Ten Eyck Magee. In 1920 she had to apply to the Department of the

Interior for Veterans benefits. All of this information in one little black box!

My cousin didn't want any of this paperwork or

the pictures of our grandmother's birthplace in Rhinebeck, New York.

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Started off with a trip to see ninety-year old Aunt Esther Morse, my father Leroy Magee's sister. Aunt Esther recognized me and seemed in pretty good health. She doesn't remember her father but does remember Uncle Eddie and Uncle Walter, her mother's brothers. When asked why there were no pictures of her youth or her mother when she was younger, her immediate reply was "we were too poor." Cameras were not the common household item ninety years ago that they are to-day! I enjoyed my visit with her, but had to return to New Jersey by way of Poughkeepsie, New York to look for a will or land transaction of the Ten Eycks in Dutchess County. I did find one land transaction

for Great-grandmother Sarah Ten Evck in 1881, four years before her husband died. This seems odd and raises more questions. This was my last find as I headed back to my brother's home and the return flight to Seattle. I flew approximately 5,000 miles and drove about 700 miles for research in three states. I visited with the Kellers/Brand cousins at the wedding in New Jersey, the Magee/Ten Eyck cousins in Connecticut, and in between researched Timmermans and Van Ettens in New York. It had been for me a fun and productive trip.



The Alfred and Anna Kellers family of
Lakewood, New Jersey circa 1916.
Clockwise starting at the top, center: Anna, Anna Laura
(1874-1927), Ruth (1908-1984), George, Alfred Jr.,
Laura on father's lap, Alfred (1873-1939) and Otto.
Ruth Kellers is the author's mother.

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Letters from Laura Priscilla Bailey

These are excerpts from letters written by my grandmother, Laura May [Monnett] Fisher, to her parents and siblings. I have made some minor corrections to spelling and punctuation, but the words are all hers. In some places I have inserted my comments in brackets.

Laura met my grandfather, Lawrence Carl Fisher when they were both students at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. But the romance didn't blossom until later. He graduated in 1900 and left for a career in the U.S. Weather Bureau, first in New Orleans and then in Seattle. She taught German in high schools in Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio and later Marion, Ohio.

It was in 1906 that Mr. Fisher returned to Ohio to visit family and friends and won the heart of Laura. They were married in Marion on September 17, 1906. Next they traveled to Wellington, Ohio to visit Lawrence's family, and then boarded the train for a new life in Seattle.

Except for a four-year transfer to Denver, the Fishers lived the rest of their lives in Seattle. Laura died on November 8, 1958.

Laura Monnett, was born June 17, 1877 in Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio. Her family in Marion, Ohio consisted of her father James M. Monnett (b 1849 -- d 1921), mother Martha [Markey] Monnett (b 1851-d 1930), brothers Jay Monnett (b 1875), Royal Brandt Monnett (b 1886), and Mandred Harrison Monnett (b 1888), and sisters Bertha (Monnett) Howser (b 1879), and Viola (Monnett)

Seckel (b 1881). Most of these letters were written to Mandred, because he was the one who saved every letter he could get his hands on! When he died in 1971, the letters were passed on to interested family members.

September 23, 1906

Dear mother and all the rest:

...I took this paper from the hotel where we staid the first night intending to write at once but this seems to be the first time that I have felt it worth while to begin, for I have been on the jump ever since our arrival. [This letter was written on stationery saying "Hotel Butler, W.G. King, Manager"] I hope you have received the card telling you of our safe arrival though I expect you thought all sorts of things happened because it was so long after we started before any word could reach you.

The trip which I feared might be long and tiresome proved to be a delightful treat. I didn't get a bit tired of it. The last day was the best of all. The scenery was grand, the Columbia river, the Cascade Mts. were far grander than I could have imagined. Then in the evening we rode for 30 miles along the Sound just at sunset. Altogether I enjoyed every minute of the trip. You must certainly take it sometime. By not minding expenses and using the Pullman and dining cars the long trip can be made comfortable, while the scenery is very delightful, all the way. Thursday eve... we went to the hotel for the night and started out next morning for more moderately priced tem-

porary quarters, at the same time hunting something more permanent. We found a room where we stored our gifts while we chased after a living place. My how scarce and how high everything is here! We didn't find anything that suited us until yesterday noon when we found a flat of three rooms that seemed quite attractive to us, and we moved in, so we feel that we have something like a home. This house is a great big building like a hotel out quite a distance from the business section. It is quite new, very clean and neat, nicely finished inside. We have three rooms with electric lights, gas and gas stove, steam heat, the use of two nice bath rooms, a big airy back porch where we can hang washing, our garbage is carted away and goods delivered at our own door... We pay for it of course, \$27.00 a month. I expect [we] will be in the poor house within a year, but we don't seem to find any cheaper way unless we go into the tenements. This is a

clean high class neighborhood and house which of course adds to the price. We haven't fixed up much yet, but ate our first meal in our home this morning and slept under my own sheets and my pretty comforter last night. Our trunks came through in very good shape. I haven't unpacked the big one yet, so don't know how much things got busted. The glass in the picture Lawrence put in was in about a million slivers but the frame and picture are all right so we don't mind the glass. ... ... I am delighted with Seattle and I'm sure we two can live very

comfortably and happy in our three rooms over winter or until we find a house that suits both our taste and pocket book. Seattle is growing so fast, people are moving in from all parts of the U.S. so that houses are extremely hard to find, unless one goes to the suburbs and that we can't do because Lawrence must be at his work promptly and car fares count up too.

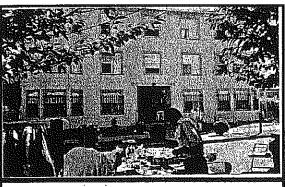
It is raining here today, one of the rains for which Seattle is famous, but I don't find it very disagreeable.

We received a letter yesterday from Wellington stating that Lawrence's mother died last Sunday night. [Lawrence's mother, Eliza (Barnes) Fisher (b 1852), had been seriously ill with tuberculosis for some time.] They tried to get us by phone, but couldn't get us, so we feel very glad that Lawrence went home when he did for he might not have seen her alive had he waited. After all, things have turned out very beautifully for us. You made our wedding a happy and pretty occasion for us, our stay in Wellington was satisfactory to us and our trip here and home hunting have been happy and successful. We are very deeply grateful and trust that our married life which has begun with such a happy and favorable outlook may be all that this beginning promises.

Will write soon again.

Laura

To be continued.



The Fishers made their first home in this building at 1512 Boyleston. Photographed in 1997.

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Reed (Rieth) — Berks County, PA after 1723,

Germany (Palatine) before 1710

Ash (Esch) — Harrison County, VA (WV) after 1780, Germany before 1750

Boyle — Scotland before 1880

Wallace - Scotland before 1920

Gilles — Jefferson County, IND after 1888, Alsace before 1888.

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Hulse — Rooks County KS

Claggett - King County, WA

Erickson — King County, WA

#### **PSGS Notes**

- Cindy Shawley Spore will conduct beginning genealogy workshops in the PSGS Research Library this autumn.
- Michele Brittany is working on a grant application for PSGS. More about this exciting action when information is made available.
- Pat Eder won the June 25th meeting raffle. She chose a book from among our library duplicates.
- Sandie Morrison reports that they had a great "state day" at the PSGS Research Library on July 13th with several visitors who had seen the newspaper publicity on the event. Sandie found personally information on her Oaks and Valor ancestral lines.
- Ross and Paulette Waggoner (August) visited New York City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania with a Fiske Library excursion. They visited cousins and researched Devlin, McNulty Waggoner, Yost, Roth and Deschler surnames. They also visited the sights of Washington, D.C. On their return they attended the Yost family reunion at Chehalis in Lewis County.
- Bonnie Boyer informs the Backtracker that she was in-

- strumental in helping a young man from Branson, Missouri to connect with his mother's Boyer line. The clue to the connection was the Boyer origin from Logansport Indiana. She has every reason to be excited about this turn of event.
- Mary Gunn and her husband recently returned home after research and pleasure trip to Germany.
- The Belfair Group is copying and soundexing the 1910 census of Bremerton, Kitsap County. This is part of the total census project being done for the Washington State Genealogical Society.
- Marlys Marrs, Jackie Horton, and DeLana Cox will leave early September for the Midwest on a genealogy expedition.
- The Belfair Group is now compiling the records of The Twin Firs Cemetery of Belfair into a booklet. The booklet will include plat maps, history and obituaries.
- Ed and Susan Evans are in Salt Lake City attempting to add twigs to their family trees. They will return home in early September after visiting Colorado Springs.

Amer Ancestry: 20:4 (July/Aug 2002): newspaper research; honoring your ancestors; computer peripherals for the family historian.



dants of John ROBERTS; WEBER family and Olney Sanitarium, Clay Co; families of WELLS, DET-WEILER, McMANIMIE/

McMANAWAY and WINCHESTER.

IL LaSalle Co GS "Genie's View" (Mar/Apr 2002): La-Salle Co churches, lists of ministers, ongoing.

Ibid. (May/June 2002): list of persons leaving for Pikes Peak from Manluis Twp in Apr 1859; LaSalle church ministers, ongoing.

IL Peoria Co GS "Prairie Roots" 29:4 (Sum 2002): Trinity Lutheran church, Peoria, baptismal records 1971-1972; news items from 1868; enumeration districts for Peoria Co for 1930 census; South Adams streetcar crew, Peoria; BOH-LIN pedigree.

IL Schuyler Co HS "The Schuylerite" 31:1 (Spr 2002): news items 1887; school students, Ridgeville, 1838; obituaries, various years; TOLLES diary listing many Rushville residents.

Ibid. 31:2 (Sum 2002): news items 1887; obituaries various years; list of persons from Schuyler Co leaving for CA, 1850; letters remaining in Rushville post office, Oct 1851.

IN Tri-State GS (IN, IL and KY) "Tri-State Packet" 25:4 (June 2002): deaths listed in Evansville Journal 1881; Vanderburgh Co, German Twp, IN 1900 census index, ongoing; high school graduates from 1856 and 1863 listed in the Evansville Courier in 1898; records of Cumberland Presbyterian church, Newburgh, IN, ongoing.

IA Boone Co GS 20:2 (June 2002): Boone H.S. seniors of 1960; Elston obituaries from 1939.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker of SE Kansas" 32:2 (Apr/May/June 2002): KS coal mining accidents 1886-1950, complete; Crawford Co marriage book "N", JAMES to LOVE; births for 1902 SALE to WINDLE; naturalizations LOBLIER to MASSINA.

KS Topeka GS "Quarterly" 32:3 (July 2002): news items from the following: Wakarusa Star, Osage Co, Nov 1918; The Daily Capital, Shawnee Co, May 1879; The Barnes Enterprise, Washington Co, Sept 16 to Oct 7, 1887; extracts from Kansas Children's Home 1898; cemeteries in northeast Kansas; county by county index of vital records.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (June 2002): United

Brethren cemetery, Thurmont, MD.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 23:2 (Spr 2002): cumulative index of Peru, MA 1790-1920, ongoing; Congregational church members, Dalton, MA 1889; ancestor tables for NAST, KELLER; graduates of Adams, MA high school, 1871-1927; members of Congregational church, South New Marlborough, MA, 1794-1851; members of Lenox Congregational church 1859-1863; state census of 1855, Great Barrington; ledger accounts of Lyman FOOTE's farm, Lee, MA.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 29:2 (June 2002): Muskegon in the Civil war; naturalizations reported Sept 1896 in Muskegon Weekly Chronicle; 1895 veterans census of Wisconsin-the servicemen from Michigan; RYAN obituaries

MN Crow Wing Co GS "Heir Mail" 24:2 (Sum 2002): 71)

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 12:2 (June/July 2002): calendar of events, news of genealogical societies; repository for Scottish clans, central source of information about Scottish heritage and other ethnicities.

Amer Everton's Family History 56:3 (May/June 2002); 150 websites to international church records; using LDS family history library catalog to find church records; Society of Friends records; DNA testing to prove a connection; scrapbooking techniques in family history; U.S. church records libraries; British and colonial records; listing of genealogical libraries.

Amer Family Chronicle 6:6 (July/Aug 2002): eastern European research; computer software review of Master Genealogist Gold 5.0; records which cannot always be trusted; African-American migration from south to northern US; beginning genealogy; arranging ancestor photos and documents on the walls of your home; websites worth surfing.

Amer Heritage Quest 18:4 Issue 100 (July/Aug 2002): researching probate cases; when the deceased left no will; genealogy fraud; Oliver Cromwell and the Irish; all about Salt Lake City and the Family History Library; alternative birth records; immigration sources and strategies; postcards in research.

Amer History Magazine 3:5 (June/July 2002): timeline 1900-1909; pastimes in 1750 England; the meteor storm of 1833; early sewage systems; education of the colored population of Louisiana (reprinted from 1866.)

Tbid. 3:6 (Aug/Sept 2002): timeline 1700-1709; history of postcards; coffeehouses circa 1720; US Coast Guard; the Huguenots; development of the clothing industry.

Amer New England Ancestors 3:3 (Sum 2002): a guide to genealogical research in Connecticut; list of prenineteenth century churches in Boston.

Amer New England H and G Register Vol. 156, Whole No. 623 (July 2002): FOXE, HAZARD and JOHNSON families; descendants of David CHESEBROUGH; proving the parentage of Clarissa Huntington BINGHAM; LANGFORD descendants; HARRIS family of CT; New England articles in genealogical journals in 2000. CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 29:3 (May 2002): Great Register Tulare Co 1888, ongoing;

Ibid. 29:4 (June 2002): Great Register Tulare Co 1888, ongoing

Ibid. 29:5 (July 2002): Great Register Tulare Co 1888, ongoing.

Ibid. 29:6 (Aug 2002): Great Register Tulare Co 1888,

FL Okaloosa Co GS "Journal of NW FL" 25:83 (Sum 2001): Gum Creek Cemetery; Santa Rosa marriages 1914; definition of diseases.

Ibid. 25:84 (Fall/Win 2001): Paxton cemetery, Walton Co; Santa Rosa marriages 1915.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" 14:2 (Sum 2002): descen-

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Samuel Baldwin OLMSTEAD, early Crow Wing pioneer. MO Scotland Co GS "Quarterly Newsletter" 15:3 (July

2001) (2002)?

Internet sites; finding military information; obituaries extracted from Memphis Democrat 1998; school records, Scotland Co.

MT Dawson Co GS "Tree Branch" 11:2 (May 2002): Dawson Co death notices Jan-Apr 2002.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 41:2 (June 2002): San Miguel de Loredo-Carnue' Land Grant of 1763, Part 2, ongoing; selected Santa Cruz marriages 1750-1799, ongoing; Sapello, NM burials 1860-1864.

NY Jefferson Co GS "Informer" 6:6 (Nov 1999): partial list of Spanish American war veterans of North Country; BATES bible records; vital records of Jefferson Co, Henderson births, marriages and deaths 1847 to 1849; Glenwood cemetery, Watertown, NY burials 1904 to 1906.

Ibid. 8:5 (Sept 2001): old graves in Jefferson Co; Arsenal Street cemetery, Watertown; Glenwood cemetery burials 1927; vital records of Jefferson Co, Theresa town births, marriages and deaths 1847 to 1849.

Ibid. 8:7 (Dec 2002): surnames being researched by members.

Ibid. 9:1 (Jan 2002): Jefferson Co vital records, Wilna town births, marriages and deaths 1847-1849; Glenwood cemetery burials 1928, ongoing.

Ibid. 9:3 (May 2002): Alexandria, Jefferson Co, 1855 map and cemeteries; businesses in Jefferson Co, undated; Glenwood cemetery burials 1929.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" 30:3 (May/June 2002): marriage licenses Aug 1856 to Aug 1863, ongoing; court proceedings 1872.

OR Genealogical Forum of Oregon "Bulletin" 51:4 (June 2002): Civil War veterans who were residents of Oregon, ongoing.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 34:2 (Spr 2002): Marion Co, OR deaths 1921-1930, CABLE to DYSON.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 22:4 (May 2002): Sharon High school, class of 1912; news items from 125 years ago; BARBOUR pedigree.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 6:2 (July 2002): Lyman Co births 1891-1902; news items from various bygone years.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 28:3 (July 2002): FAIRLEY – SEILER ahnentafel.

WA Clark Co GS "Trail Breakers" 28:1-3 (Fall-Spr 2001-2002): Old City cemetery records, Vancouver, ongoing; news items from Vancouver Independent 1876.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 23:2 (June 2002): 1920 census Grant Co; history of Ephrata H.S. 1909-1935 (conclusion); Stafford, WA cemetery index (conclusion).

WA Jefferson Co GS "Newsletter" 18:3 (Spr 2002): Jefferson Co reflections- history of the county; 1943 list of residents enlisting in the military extracted from Port Townsend Leader.

WA Olympia GS "Quarterly" 28:3 (July 2002): pedigree of CLAUSEN; marriages Thurston Co Book II, 1889,

ongoing; memories of Lillian FRIES; descendants of Mary COATES.

WA So King Co GS "So King News" 17:6 (May/June 2002): King Co school census, ongoing.

Ibid. 18:1 (July/Aug 2002): King Co school census-Vashon Island 1905.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS "Stillaguamish Star" 15:5 (May/June 2002):

SVGS funeral index up to mid 1940's, ongoing.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS "The Researcher" 33:4 (Sum 2002): Mann School census, Tacoma, 1909; news items from Daily Ledger 1887; WA pioneer necrologies; probates of Pierce Co, ongoing; name index to Vol 33.

WA Tri-City GS "Bulletin" serving Benton and Franklin Cos. 42:2 (July 2002): WWI draft registrations, ongoing; pedigree of CUMMINS; history of Tri-Cities area, ongoing; Benton Co obituaries.

WA WA State GS "Newsletter" 18:2 (May/June 2002): regional reports of state genealogical societies; calendar of events.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 30:2 (June 2002): Pleasant Valley cemetery, Corfu, WA; Fletcher cemetery and St. Hubert Catholic cemetery, Douglas Co; funerals from First German Congregational church of Dryden, WA; pioneer sign up at Douglas Co Fair, taken in 1940 with the year the pioneer came to the area.

WA Yakima Valley GS 34:2 (June 2002): water district records, Yakima 1942; member surname list; St Elizabeth school of nursing alumni 1910-1971, ongoing.

WV Kanawaha Valley GS "Journal" 26:2 (Sum 2002): ancestor charts for HAWES, PALMER/WALKER; Marmet, WV cemetery; Kanawha Co death records 1857; Balser cemetery, Hill Top, WV.

#### PSGS Notes

The following contributors to the columns of the March 2002 *Backtracker* have had their material placed on the newsletter's segment of the PSGS Web Page thanks to our Web Site manger **Sandie Morris**:

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- Ed and Susan Evans are to be congratulated upon their election as president-elect and president respectively of the Pacific Northwest Region of International Training in Communications. They are members of the Puget Sound Communicators, the Kitsap chapter of ITC. They are the first husband-wife team to be so honored.
- Pat McGuire has had success researching deeds regarding the purchase in 1910 at Olalla by her grandparents William Edgar and Chrissy Mary Hileman Irwin. The property previously owned by Evan Amberg was located on Nelson Road. Grandpa Irwin used the local "mosquito fleet" to go the Pike Place Market to sell his chickens and eggs. Pat's mother was born on the Olalla farm.

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