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Dig for past relatives, turn up today's cousins.

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A Message from Our President



Sandie Morrison

Dear Members,

The goals of the Puget Sound genealogical Society are to develop a closer contact among genealogists; to stimulate education in the practices and procedures of genealogy; to encourage and promote the organization of chapters and to maintain a genealogical library. The twenty-eight year history of PSGS has shown that we have met our goals. In truth, we have surpassed them and we will continue into the

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Letters from Laura

Priscilla Bailey

Continued from the September 2002 Backracker.

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.

September 30, 1906

Dear mother:

...the strangest thing is that I can't realize that it will probably be quite a long time before I go home again. I don't realize at all how far away I am. Just the other day I caught myself thinking how I would get some of those tin cans up in the cupboard to keep some of my groceries in and some old quilt or blanket to make a pad over the mattress, just as if I expected to run over home about Thanksgiving. I don't feel a bit far off, no farther than if I lived in Cleveland.

We have been housekeeping now a week and are getting along beautifully... It might have been more trying had circumstances not been so favorable. The

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How Did World War II Change Our Lives? Phyllis Searls Wahiquist

To our grandchildren World War II is ancient history. But to us who lived through it, it is still a nightmare. When my granddaughter was asked to write about how her family was affected by the war for a social studies project, here is how I responded.

A one-word answer would be: *Forever.*

Living in Bremerton, the home of the Bremerton Navy Yard, now called Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; we were impacted more than almost any other town. My father, Ben Searls, had worked as a machinist in the shipyard since World War I. After war was declared on Germany the shipyard became very busy

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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

The Backtracker is published four times a year in March, June, September, and December. Due dates for material submitted are the First day of the month prior to publication. Material submitted for inclusion in *The Backtracker* may be either typed or hand written. The latter must be legible. Manuscripts, announcements, news items, queries and items for review should be mailed to *The Backtracker* care of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. This material may be sent to the editor at cyril_t_taylor@yahoo.com as an e-mail attachment. *The Backtracker* will announce genealogical events and publications from genealogical societies, archives, or libraries at no charge as space permits.

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PSGS Program Schedules and Notices

PSGS Program Topics and Speakers: PSGS Meetings Dates:

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| December 9th | The Annual PSGS Holiday Auction will be at 1:00 PM at the PSGS Research Library. |
| January 28th | Report from those who joined the annual January trek to Salt Lake City. |
| February 25th | Sue Plummer—.A Visit with Hannah Reigel Jacoby in 1790 at her home near Valley Forge. (A reenactment). Hannah, the wife of Conrad Jacoby, is Sue's 5 th great-grandparent. |
| March 25th | Marlys Marrs will discuss Land Records and Maps. |
| April 22nd | To be announced. |

Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Belfair Community Baptist Church Library, 23300 N E State Highway 3, Belfair.
Time: 12:30—2:30 PM:

- February 4**— Mapping your ancestors with Jan Stevenson.
- March 4** — Midwest family history research trip reported by DeLana Cox, Marlys Marrs, and Jackie Horton.
- April 1** — PSGS Research Library 10:00 to 2:00 Bring a lunch and enjoy a day of research.
- May 6** — Genealogical Tape (title to be determined).

Video Schedule for 2003

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 2003:

1. **February 28, 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part I. Where do I begin? Home Sources, Family Search, Published Histories, Record Keeping.
2. **March 28, 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part II. Census Records, Probate Records
3. **April 25 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part III. Land Records, Military Records, Vital Records.
4. **May 30, 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part IV. Compiled Sources: City Directories, Newspapers, Cemetery and Sexton Records, Lineage Society Records, Tax Lists, Genealogical and Biographical Indexes.
5. **June 27, 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part V. Passenger Lists and Passports. The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part VI Naturalization Records.
6. **July 25, 2003** -- The Genealogist's Video Research Guide Part VII. Federal Land Records and National Archives Maps.
7. **Sept 26, 2003** -- Research in England and Wales Part I. Civil Registration.
8. **Oct 31, 2003** -- Research in England and Wales Part II. Parish Registers.
9. **Nov 28, 2003** -- Research in England and Wales Part III. Census and Probate Records

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Thank you,
The Editor.

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Please advise the *Backtracker* whenever you change your e-mail address. Send message to me at ctaylor@krl.org. 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 Madge Norton or any officer so that a "get well" card from PSGS can be sent. Common colds don't count. Also, please notify Madge 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.

Remember!

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

The Case of the Reluctant Genealogist Or How I Became a Genealogist

JoAnn Scott

For many years my late husband, Bud Scott, was interested in genealogy. He collected pictures, news clippings, and interviewed relatives. Every now and then he'd get his papers out and review them, possibly making a few phone calls or discussing the results of his research with family members.

He tried to talk me into helping him, but it had been my experience that whenever I learned how to do a job, it quickly became mine to do from that day forward. So I stayed away from genealogy and called it "his hobby". Then one day in December 2001, he asked me to go along with him to the PSGS Genealogy Research Library at the Givens Center. The excuse he gave me was that his memory was failing him and he didn't take notes very well. So I went along. We met a few of the members of the Puget Sound Genealogy Society and glanced through a few resource books. When I got home, I told him that if he would look up his family, I'd look up mine.

I translated some notes I'd received from my Finnish cousin and then started looking on the Internet for clues. I didn't find anything for my family,

but I was able to verify a few things for my husband's family. Meanwhile, I sent off to Olympia for the death certificates of my father's parents (Elmer and Florence Housen,) both of whom are buried in Kitsap County. A month or so later I received the death certificates and learned the names of my great-grandparents. Plus I learned that my grandfather Elmer Housen had been born in Colorado. So the next time we visited the library at Givens I was prepared. It so happened that the discussion that day was on using the CD's of the 1880 census. As luck would have it, my grandfather was born in 1880. So I quickly spit out my great grandfather's name with the state of Colorado, when the librarian asked for a sample to search on. Well, when my family name popped up on the screen I was hooked. That census showed me not only that the family was in Colorado, but listed my grandfather's siblings, and told me they were in Georgetown.

From there as they say, "the rest is history". I have been to Colorado twice and also to Nebraska. Each trip has gotten me deeper into the family story. I have found tombstones, newspaper clippings, and birth announcements...a whole gamut of information. I've even found tombstones for my husband's family along with other historical information. To my husband, I say "Thank you, for showing me this wonderful hobby". Next trip? Illinois.

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Suggested text for genealogical codicil that you may wish to add to your will.

A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, or guardian:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my Genealogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer files for a period of two years.

During the time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.

Please remember that my genealogy endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore, please do not ignore my requests.

Signature and Date: _____

Witness: _____

Witness: _____

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future to hold to our goals.

In all areas we reach out to expand our perimeters in all phases of genealogy. We present educational classes and films for our membership as well as for the general public. We kindle and encourage the spark of interest in a new genealogist and fan it into a lifetime pursuit of researching their family tree.

Our genealogical library continues to grow and we are constantly looking for new materials to add to our extensive collection.

We look for ways to bring our membership together and to keep the doors open for new members to enter into our society. Genealogy is such a rewarding hobby, one that can be worked on when time permits, put to the side for awhile and come back to it at a later date. It will be waiting for you. And hopefully, someone in the next generation of your family will catch a spark of interest in your family history and pick up where you leave off.

As the President of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society I look forward with you to the coming year. We will have a year with many exciting developments such as new inspiring programs, fun and rewarding field trips, great fund raising projects and our Myra Gormley seminar.

Sincerely,

Sandie

Backtracker Advertising Rates

PSGS is now offering advertising in the *Backtracker*. Do you have a business that you would like to advertise? Here is a way to advertise your product and/or services very economically. Do you know of friends in business here on the Kitsap Peninsula

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FAMILY TREE MAKER USERS GROUP

I am wondering if there are members of PSGS who use the Family Tree Maker Genealogy software that would want to form a Users Group. A Family Tree Users Group would meet once a month to discuss the workings of the program such as how to make entries, etc. They could discuss problems they might be having with the program and genealogy questions as well.

If you are interested in being a part of or being the coordinator of such a group, please contact me at (360) 275 4990 or at morrison@nwinet.com.

Sandie

Recommended Reading

Northwest History

TITLE *Ben Snipes: Northwest Cattle King.*

AUTHOR Sheller, Roscoe

PUBLISHER Binfords & Mort [1957], Portland, OR

An absorbing biography of the pioneer Nineteenth Century Central Washington cattleman Ben Snipes. Made and lost fortunes grazing large herds of cattle from The Dalles, Oregon to Okanogan County. Driving cattle to the Cariboo gold fields of British Colombia was his route to a great fortune.

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

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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.

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 paid your 2003 dues and you need not renew at this time.

Library Report

Marjorie Menees

Our State Days continue to beckon not only members but also non-members who read about them in the local papers. Thanks go to more volunteer workers: Jeanne Menchenton, Terry Mettling, Larry Swan, Karen Watson, Betty Cuddy, Madge Norton, Sherle Hamrick, and "B.R." Kennedy. Most of all we would like to thank Pat Eder who not only comes to help each State Day but she is responsible for those great notices in the Bremerton *Sun* and the Port Orchard *Independent*.

January State Day will feature Missouri and Illinois. Then we will leave the East Coast to delve into the heritage of our ancestors who began their westward trek from Europe. So we will visit England, Scotland, and Ireland in February. Germany, Russia, and France will be featured in March followed by Sweden, Norway, and Denmark in April.

We have two new items in the library – across the top of the new bookcases you will see our banner. It looks great! And across the top of the periodical book cases you will see the complete extensive obit files – and right there you will also find the index for them. All this is the result of a dedicated group of volunteers headed by Larry Harden. We owe all of them our heartfelt gratitude and a big thank you!

We continue to have the library open before our meetings - now in the mornings from 10:30 to 12:30.

When was the last time you used the library? Better check it out!

United States Census Web Access by Larry Harden

Sponsor: Kitsap Regional Library
Where: www.krl.org
Cost: None
Requirement: Valid library card.

Step by step procedure:

1. Click on fourth option of left of home page (**Databases**).
2. Go to the bottom of the page and click on fourth option from the bottom (**Genealogy and Local History Online**).
3. You will now be on the **Login** Page.
4. Type in the number below your bar code on your library card.
5. Ignore the spaces between numbers.
6. You will now on the Heritage Quest Online website. You are provided with these options:
7. **Search Census** or **Search Books**.
8. Click on **Search Census**.
9. You will now have a search engine that will allow you to search the following censuses:
10. 1790, 1800, 1810, 1870 and 1890.
11. In the upper left corner you will notice you have the option of selecting either **Search** or **Browse**.
12. You are now in **Search** mode.
13. Click on **Browse**.
14. You can now browse these censuses:
1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1860, 1870, 1890 and 1910.

At this point you are left to pursue your personal exploration of the census returns. The best advice for you is to use the trial and error method to find your way during utilization of the **Search** or **Browse** search capacities of this website. Navigating these databases is an art you will have to learn. And you will have to exercise a great deal of patience before you obtain the results that you seek.

Belfair Chapter Web Site

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



Myra Vanderpool Gormley Seminar

Presented by
Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Saturday, May 3, 2003
Silverdale Community Center
9729 Silverdale Way, NW
Silverdale Washington

Registration:
8:00 am
Program:
9:00 am-4:00 pm

Lecture Topics:

1. Before Ellis Island: Pre-1820, 1820-1892, USA & Canada.
2. You just think you've looked everywhere for your ancestors. Looking beyond the usual sources.

Registration Costs

PSGS member	\$20.00
Non-member	25.00
Late registration after April 15th	5.00
Tickets for pocket PC (each)	1.00
Lunch	5.25

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and more people were moving into the area where they could find work. At first it was a gradual movement. It didn't really hit home until the British Warship "Warspite" was towed into the dry-dock April of 1941. Dad came home with a word picture of the horrible extent of the damage.

December 7, 1941 -- Sunday the news spread from church to golf course, over the back fence and to the Rifle Club where my dad and brother had gone for some target practice-- with the intent of shooting deer, not people. Dad came home got into his overalls, mom packed a full lunch bucket and I don't remember seeing him again for about a week. He came home bathed, ate, slept and was back to work. Because of his experience he was given the task of training Kansas farmers how to use a lathe, a drill press and a milling machine that was made to cut metal to 1/1000th of an inch -- not to grind wheat or fingers.

I was in the 8th grade. School continued with more and more kids coming in every day. The classrooms were crowded and makeshift classrooms were made in the auditorium, library and hallways. By the fall of 1942 when my class started High School, it was necessary to double shift the students. Juniors and Seniors attended in the morning and Freshmen and Sophomores in the afternoon. Most of the upper-classmen took jobs to fill in for those leaving to go into the armed services or to go to work in the shipyard. Some students took 'helper' jobs in the shipyard. As time went on we began to dread the first period announcements -- listing our former classmates who were killed or missing in action.

To house the influx of shipyard workers, every garage, attic, basement and chicken coop was soon occupied. The government built housing developments. Westpark, Eastpark, Sheridan Park, Olympic View to help with the housing but it took time.

My husband Don left Olympia High School at the end of his Junior year to start as an apprentice Machinist at the Keyport Naval Torpedo Station just north of Bremerton. They were desperate to have trained workers and this apprentice program trained machinists as well as other trades and also had academic classes so the graduates were given their High School diplomas at the same time. It was a three-year program. Don's father had worked in the Shipyard during World War I and left afterward. He too returned to work at Keyport and later transferred to the Shipyard. This was how our families met.

RATIONING: Shoes, gasoline, canned food, meat, butter, cheese sometimes all at once or at various times; I don't know who or what determined this. When you went shopping you not only needed a shopping list, money -- cash -- but also had to determine if you had enough of the proper coupons or ration tokens to buy what you wanted, if it was available. It must have been a headache for our mothers. Yes, there was a black-market in all of these goods, but I was not aware of it at the time. My parents, I'm sure did not resort to this type of purchase. Dad hunted and fished which helped fill the larder. My mother canned, canned, canned and canned again. We had a small garden in our yard but she also bought fresh vegetables in season. We had friends who had chickens and rabbits so I believe we had a few of those, too.

BLACKOUTS: All windows had to have coverings that would not let light show outside your home. All theater marquees were shut off. Most businesses were not open night in those days, anyway, but because of the blackout orders they closed at dusk. Bars and theaters were open for business, but the lights nearest the doors were kept dim and you entered quickly closing the door behind you. We did have basketball games. The gym windows were covered. Football games were held in the afternoons. We had a few formal dances. We walked, formals and all, unless the parents pooled their gas to drive a group and pick them up later. Mostly the dances were in the form of 'sock hops' in the gym after the games. We took off our shoes and danced on the gym floor. Many of the older students went to the local Pearl Maurer's Dance Pavilion and to YMCA dances that were sponsored for the servicemen, but I was not allowed to participate.

Living on Cogean Avenue, we were within easy walking distance of the center of the business district and our church and Dad always walked the ten short blocks to work.

The barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns that were based on every level vacant lot, playground and ball fields were constant reminders of the possibility that we too, would end up like the newsreel pictures of Europe, the Pacific Islands and Japan. It was frightening but also reassuring that we were being protected. I was and still am saddened by the perceived notion that our local Japanese families were a threat. When the few that were in my school left and those on nearby Bainbridge Island were taken away, it was, and still is, like a

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death. Not only that, a local Chinese family who had had a laundry in Bremerton for many years had their business vandalized and the children were harassed because they were thought to be Japanese. So many people had moved in bringing their own prejudices with them. This was another happening that we had to deal with.

BARRAGE BALLOONS: --

We laugh now looking back at what was thought of as "protection" from incoming aircraft. These balloons were about 60 feet long and 12 to 15 feet in diameter shaped somewhat like a large airplane. The upper half were filled with hydrogen and the lower part air. They were very explosive. They were anchored to concrete blocks with a cable and were raised up to a maximum of 6000 feet. The theory was that if an enemy plane hit one it would explode. There were grenades also attached to the cables. They were supposed to be taken down in a high wind, but Pacific Northwest weather being what it is, it can be windy one minute and calm the next. Often the balloon cables broke. The balloons were blown around dragging the cables over power line, wrapping around chimneys. During one storm in 1942, the balloons blew over Seattle darkening the city and leaving people stranded in elevators. One balloon that had deflated engulfed a house. Fortunately it did not explode. The residents came crawling out from under the balloon and wondered why the blackout had started early. One explosion on the ground killed a service man and seriously injuring six others. The living conditions for these servicemen were intolerable. They lived in tents and then tarpaper covered barracks without running water. Just an outside faucet and outside latrines. The

neighbors regularly invited them in for warm showers and a home cooked meal and sent Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to those who had duty on those days.

Our home life revolved around Dad's work shift schedule, schoolwork, music lessons and church. While this sounds like normal family life even today, it was all done within a few block radius of home and always under the threat of a real air raid attack that could happen at any time. We had air raid drills at school, church and home. We sometimes forgot the threat in our daily round of activities, but walking home from school past barrage balloons and anti-aircraft gun emplacements brought our situation back to mind. I am so thankful for my stable home life. My parents probably sheltered my brother and me from a lot of the horrors but we read the papers and saw the newsreels at the movies. Since we already lived in Bremerton we were spared the uprooting from our homes, as were many families.

Mother was a "block captain." It was her duty to see that the blackout rules were enforced and it would be her duty to check on each family in case of an air raid. When I was about 13 or 14, my first job was filing sugar ration coupon applications at the ration board office.

In Frank Wetzel's book *Victory Gardens and Barrage Balloons* he does a very good job of picturing our lives in Bremerton during the Second World War. Frank is two years older than I am. I did not know him well, but I thank him for his book. A copy of his book is in Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library for those interested in pursuing this fascinating subject further.

"In war there are no unwounded," *Jose Narosky*

The Antique Appraisers Fair

The Antique Appraisal Fair was held on October 19th at the Givens Community Center. It was co-hosted by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and the Kitsap County Historical Society.

By 11:30, one and half hours before the event was to start, people were arriving to have their antiques appraised. Meanwhile, volunteer members from both societies were wearing red bandanna and working to organize the room with areas for the appraisers, a refreshment table and a large display area in the center.

The antique appraisers all donated their time to this event. They were Ron Grunden, Mary Cederlund, Karen Timken, Ruth Reese, Ernie Lopez and Bruce Colasurdo. Gail Campbell-Ferguson from the Historical Society talked with people on the care and preservation of their items and had handouts available. The donation of their expertise to our joint fundraiser is appreciated.

We used a color-coded system this year and it worked out very well. As a person came into the room they were directed according to the color of the ticket they had to the appraiser best able to assist them in identifying and pricing their items. There were volunteers assisting each appraiser and keeping the people who were waiting in a numbered order.

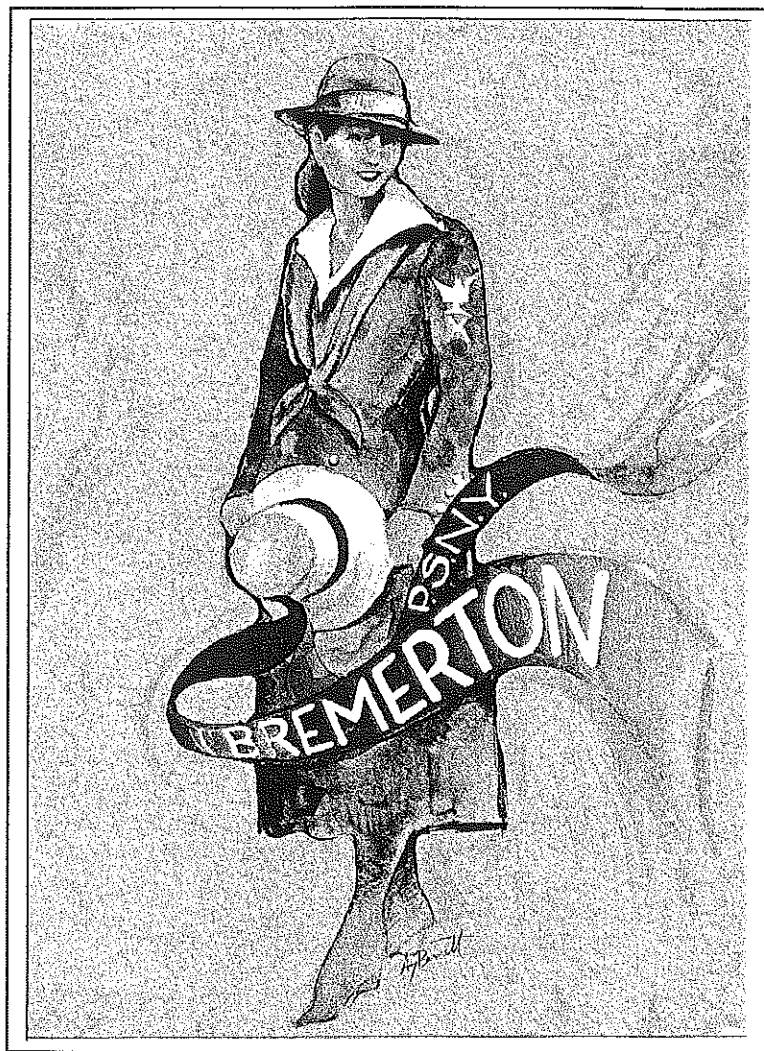
The stories people had to tell on the history of their heirlooms were fascinating. There was such an assortment of antiques and collectibles to see in that room and impossible to remember them all. One item was a wood lap desk said to have belonged to Aaron Burr who was Vice President to Thomas Jefferson in 1800 and who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Other items were a papermache and leather doll from the civil war era, silverware, pottery, pictures, tapes, toys, furniture, glassware, musical instruments and jewelry to name but a few.

People did not have to wait long to have their items seen by an appraiser as they did last year due to our efficient system.

Delicious desserts were donated by both societies and hot coffee was served.

I want to thank all of the volunteers from the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and the Kitsap County Historical Society for donating their time and for all the hard work they did to make this event the success that it was.

Sandie Morrison
Ways & Means Chairman



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What they're saying about the book ...

"Nearly 400 pages thick and as heavy as an anchor, Perry's hard-bound tales tell the stories of Bremerton and the shipyard, all right. But in their telling, they link Bremerton to the greater Puget Sound region in a way that is clearly unrivaled."

Gordy Holt, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 27, 2002.

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Heidi Witherspoon,
(Bremerton) *Sun*, June 4, 2002.

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Sandy McKay, *Wednesday Magazine*, June 2002.

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Bart Ripp, (Tacoma) *News Tribune*, June 4, 2002.

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Research Trip Tips

Marlys Marrs

It is important to plan and prepare for your genealogy research trip. It can make the difference between a "Fun, successful and productive trip" or a frustrating "I did not find anything trip." Any genealogical research trip, whether it is to a local library, Family History Library in Salt Lake City or a trip across the United States, what you do at home before you go can make the difference between success or failure.

When I travel for research, I use a three-ring notebook that is divided into sections by states. In each state section I have a state map, with my counties of interest highlighted. I also have a page listing addresses of the state historical society, state genealogical society as well as the address for where state records are held, with the dates when the records began on the state level. I also have a page listing my surnames in alphabetic order. This will make it faster and easier to check indexes.

Next I break each state into county sections. In this area I have county maps showing the townships. A page listing the addresses of historical societies, genealogical societies, libraries and the county court house with dates that records started in the county. I have an alphabetic listing of full names for index research in the county. I also list in numerical order, names and dates for birth, marriage, death, land records, probates and etc. Don't rely on your memory, be prepared when you walk into a courthouse and know what records you need.

These state sections are organized in the order my research trip will take, (Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, etc.) and also under each state the counties will be organized in the order that I will be visiting them. As I complete each area it is moved to the back of the notebook, by doing this I will always have the next research area in the front of my notebook and can review it before the next stop. Also by using this system, if there is a change in route plan, sections can be easily rearranged.

I also spend time at the local Family History Center before I go, where I check the library catalog for what is available for my areas of research. If indexes are available from the Family History Library, you can do the index work before you go. This can save you time in the courthouse, if you know the marriage you wanted was in Book B page 211. Also if you have a Will that you have made a copy of from a microfilm, you will want to check the courthouse for probate files. Not all of the probate papers were always filmed so you could find additional important information.

Also check the library catalog for books. These

books may be in a library in the area you are in and would give you leads to other things you would want to check while you are there. If you find a burial recorded you may want to visit the cemetery and take pictures. (Also remember to record the information in your notes, name of cemetery, location of cemetery as well as the information on the tomb stone just in case your pictures do not turn out.) On things I am interested in from the library catalog, I make a print copy and I enter the names (Alpha order for books) and dates on this copy. I take the print copy with me and enter my research notations, the name of the library where it was found. I also print out the sheets for indexes for county records, these catalog listing of indexes will usually list the time period each index covers and then you can list your names alphabetical for each index and this will make index searching easier and faster. Using these printouts makes my record keeping easier for when I get home from a trip. If I do not find the book on my trip to the county, I use this copy on my next trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I also use these print outs to check libraries in our area for the books or to see if the book is available on interlibrary loan. The printout will have name of book, author, publisher and usually the date of publication.

Remember, the more you can do here before you go, the more time you will have for research on your trip.

I also take large envelopes (manila or plastic) which are labeled for each area of research. Copies and research for the area are placed in these. This keeps all the area research together and keeps me from misplacing something.

Some other things I do that has been helpful, I write to state historical and genealogical societies for information on their collections, hours they are open, and ask any questions that may help my research, such as, "Where is the most complete collection of newspapers for your state held?" Or ask about any special collections they may have. They usually have a packet of information they send you, which gives days and hour open, rules and regulations, such as; only pencils allowed, no backpacks, briefcases allowed. Tell you if lockers are available at what cost, if they have a cafe in the building, where parking is available. And some even give you names of motels/hotels near their society.

A book *The American Library Directory* is in most libraries and this is alphabetic by state and then under each state alphabetic by town. It lists all libraries, with information on the collections the library

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Research Trip Tips.

has. This will give you information as to if they have a genealogical collection. It will also give the address of the library, telephone number and usually days and hours that the library is open. If you are going to be researching in small towns, you need to know when they are open. You don't want to arrive in Unionville, Missouri on Monday and find the library is only open on Wednesday through Saturday. If you had known ahead of time, you might have been able to plan your trip to be there on Wednesday.

Also check on the Internet for information, the library catalog for the Family History Library is on the Internet. Some state historical societies have web sites with information. Minnesota Historical Society has the Minnesota Death Index 1908-1959 and a listing of the newspapers in their collection on the Internet.

Remember your family group sheets, and I like to make a list of the supplies I need to take with me: pens/pencils, highlighters, tablet/coil-ring notebooks, paper clips/stapler and staples, clipboard (for cemetery work).

I know this sounds like a lot of work, but once this notebook is set up you can use it at all research localities. You check off what you find and add to it for new research. It is better to spend the time here thoroughly preparing for your genealogical research trip than waste valuable time on the road. You want to be using your precious travel time for research exclusively.

And don't forget to bring your smile and the "Please" and "Thank You" for the help you receive.

Query from Australia

Lesley Silvester <trackers@bigpond.net.au>
Hello all from Australia

I am searching for information on William Brown and any descendants. William was born in Killinchy County Down, Ireland. Not sure of his date of birth. He went to Port Gamble --- don't know when. He erected a headstone in Killinchy church graveyard for his parents Alexander and Agnes Brown in 1914 which mentions he is from Port Gamble. Relatives here would love to contact any there.

Cheers, Lesley

Legacy Users Meeting

Legacy Meeting 27 January 2003. We will meet in the PSGS Library at 1300 hours (1:00 PM). The subject of the meeting will be the "To Do List and how to use it." If anyone has used the to do list please be ready to help out by answering questions fielded by the members present.

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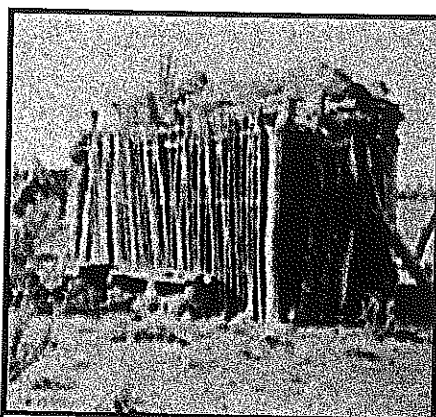
Settling The Mesilla Valley In Southern New Mexico The Land Grants - Part II

Emilia Garcia

Most of the settlers came in the early 1850's, but I found an oral history at the university library given in the 1950's by the grandson of one of the original settlers. In the recording I heard him say that one of my

The grants were of "a design of great antiquity", based on fortified towns of the twelfth century in Spain, designed by monarchy, nobility, and abbeys, with streets running parallel and perpendicular with a large square in the center. This design was "not only functional militarily, but economic and political".

Within the grants were "provisions for village lots, agricultural lands, common lands for grazing and common lands within the village for church,

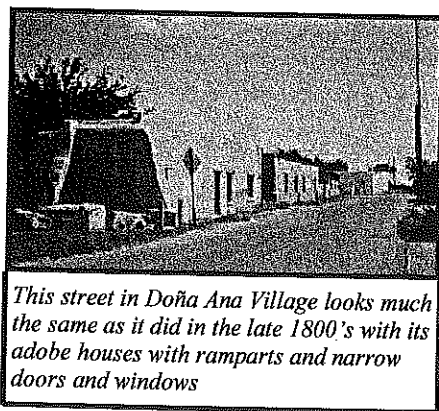


The first settlers in the Mesilla Valley put up these temporary stick and mud shelters known as "jacales" (Indian huts or wigwams)

home for the vicar, public buildings and parks." However, getting to that point took an act of supreme hardship for the settlers. They first had to build irrigation canals and ditches to divert water from the Rio Grande so they could grow crops and water their livestock.

At first only men came and built "jacales" [hah-cah-less], crude stick and mud shelters. (Later, materials and labor being cheap, they would build homes, churches and buildings out of adobe bricks with stick roofs held up by log beams called "vigas" [vee-gahs]. That is the

typical New Mexican style architecture seen in New Mexico today, original and reproduction. Land first had to be cleared. Their livestock and sometimes their lives were taken during frequent attacks by marauding



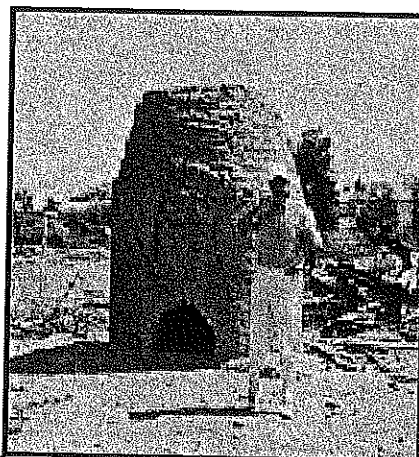
This street in Doña Ana Village looks much the same as it did in the late 1800's with its adobe houses with ramparts and narrow doors and windows

Apaches. Many abandoned the new settlements temporarily or forever. When a small military contin-

gent from El Paso del Norte [Juarez] (headed by a Provencio ancestor as Sergeant) arrived, they were greeted by the only two men in the settlement that had clothes, ragged as they were, the others hiding in their shelters due to their nakedness. At times it seems they found the same hardships in the new settlements that they had endured in their previous lands. If this was their circumstance at that early time, I wonder what their peons endured, since I read in the petitions for the land grants that they had enough peons to help them work their land. These peons most likely were Christianized Indians not given full citizenship, though they were allowed to intermarry with the "citizens". Census and church records of the time list three categories of people: Español (Spanish), Indio (indigenous non-citizen Indian), and mestizo (mixed Spanish and Indian).

I have read diaries and memoirs written by American military officers who came through the area at the time of the Mexican War, and their descriptions of the Mexican citizenry were less than kind, describing them as flea-ridden, homely, indo-

lent dolts who ate horrible things like red chili and corn tortillas, that they didn't have furniture, ate sitting on a dirt floor and slept on it too. They also had only creaking ox-carts with solid wooden wheels with no spokes. Well, these officers coming from large old sophisticated cities like New York, St.



This "orno" (oven) of adobe bricks has been used for generations to bake bread in Doña Ana Village

Louis, etc., did not realize that the Mesilla Valley and the missions were outposts in the Northernmost reaches of Mexico, far from the conveniences of the beautiful capital cities of most of the older established Mexican states. They also did not know about the Mexicans' class prejudice towards the indigent people. These officers lumped all Mexicans in the same class. The people they saw were probably peons of the lowest rank put in positions of servitude. I doubt that these officers made an effort to meet the established ranchers who did not remain in the temporary stick and mud shelters, those who had prospered and oversaw acres of orchards, grain fields,

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Where Did They Go?

As Genealogists, we search for records that tell us of the life of an ancestor and their family line. What preparations have you made to ensure that your descendants will be able to locate information about yourself?

This was brought to my attention especially in the past year as I have been attempting to help locate Bremerton High School Class of 1956 classmates for our fiftieth anniversary in 2006 of our graduation. In my searching I have been successfully used many of the techniques learned and used in my genealogical quest. One thing came leaping out at me, how will my descendents find me since most of my life was spent in the Puget Sound area (Bremerton and Port Orchard, Washington) and I now live and will probably die in Florida. They'll be looking in Washington State newspapers and records. Thanks to the foresight of a couple of classmates that passed away in different areas/states in the past couple years and had their obits printed in their hometown paper (*Bremerton Sun*), we were able to learn quickly of their passing.

I now have the answer to my question. Do you live in a place other than where you were born, raised and spent your working years? If you do, have you made arrangements either via family, estate planning, or in written instructions placed with your important papers, to have your obituary information also sent to the newspapers in the city or cities where you previously spend a large part of your life?

The newspaper for my hometown area, *The Bremerton Sun* (www.thesunlink.com) not only has very complete obituaries, but it also has them on-line. The information includes dates of birth and death, age at death, school and year you graduated, parents' names (even if deceased), spouse's name and when

Joan E. [Van Houten] Gathings

Formerly of Bremerton and Port Orchard, Washington
and now of Clermont, Florida

married. Also full names and location of children with their spouses' first name, other areas lived in and a photo. It is very comprehensive and gives wonderful genealogical information unlike many that only give the "bare facts." This information is generally compiled by the funeral home.

Two of the local funeral parlors are on-line. They are www.lewischapel.com of Bremerton and www.rill.com of Port Orchard. They have on-line memorials with photos as well as a "Guest Book." The latter allows you to express your condolences to the family of the deceased.

I have learned that the obituary questionnaire used by Lewis Funeral Chapel and Rill Chapel is one formulated and its use mandated by the *Bremerton Sun*. Currently there is no national standard for an obituary questionnaire. The obituary questionnaire provided by the *Sun* fails to address the issue of forwarding obituary data to newspapers representing localities in which the decedent has previously resided. With the addition of forwarding feature, the *Sun's* obituary questionnaire would serve as an ideal industry standard.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have this type of obituary information become a nationwide minimum "requirement" for funeral homes and newspapers? We need to start a grass roots effort to get National Genealogical Society, DAR and SAR as well as funeral directors and newspaper associations to support this campaign.

As for you personally, don't forget to make your own arrangements now! It's never too early to prepare your personal obituary. I just sent ours to our executor! It provides for distribution to newspapers both in Bremerton and Clermont.

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The Land Grants - Part II.

cattle, and the armies of cowpunchers needed to protect them from rustlers and Indian raids.

Besides the LDS' census and church records, the records of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Archives, Immigration and Naturalization Services, I have found much information in books of local history I found for sale in university libraries to piece together the environment, history, religion, customs, dialects, cuisine, etc. of my ancestors in the Mesilla Valley and other parts of New Mexico. My favorites are the books by Fray Angelico Chavez and Marc Simmons.

Next: *The Big Bad Wolf.*

Salt Lake City Family History Center 2003 Expedition

The following PSGS members are looking forward eagerly to two weeks of genealogical research adventures in Salt Lake City in January.

Cheryl Bartholomew
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Larry Harden
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Terry Mettling

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Lester Schmuck
Cindy Spore
Larry Swan
Paulette Waggoner

Okay! So Christmas is fast approaching and either you are already done with your Christmas shopping, you haven't started (after all isn't that what Christmas Eve is for?), or you are somewhere in between the two. What to get is a big question sometimes and here are some ideas for your favorite genealogist.

Now is a good time to think about upgrading your current system or getting a new one. There are some good buys out there for computer systems. Remember; always go for the largest amount of memory and hard drive space within your budget. You can never have enough memory. Windows will take up a large chunk of space. If you have another programs like Office or even photo graphics programs they will also eat some of your memory. To get an idea of how much memory your programs take, go into your Control Panel and then into the remove Programs. You will find a listing of all your programs and how much of your memory they hog.

So you are happy with your system but maybe you are looking for some add ons. The latest thing is a DVD recorder. They are still pricey but maybe something for you to consider. Some of the higher end computers now have DVD recorders built in. Figure on around \$500 for the recorder and around \$10-15 for each DVD-R (RW) disk. The trade off is you can put a ton of information on one disk.

How about buying a digital camera? Depending on quality, you can figure on \$300 on up. The main thing to look for here is the number of pixels. The quality of the photograph will increase as the mega-pixel number increases and the same will apply to the optical lens number. For a good quality finished product a three-mega-pixel camera will do a great job. There are many below and above this mega-pixel so figure how much you want to spend and go from there. If you have a compact flashcard or memory stick (for Sony) take it along and try out the camera. Take some photos and then go to the printers and find a printer that will print directly from the card. You will see what your results will be and if they will meet your expectations and requirements before you buy a camera.

Have everything, what about a PDA or personal

data assistant. There are two basic types, one that runs with the Palm operating system and the other which runs the pocket PC format. Both are really good systems. Pocket PC format is like a Windows format. If you get a pocket PC the best program out there is Pocket Genealogist. Pocket PCS will run a bit higher than a Palm operating system. Figure \$200 to \$600 for either one. Personally I like the Compaq (HP) IPAQ 3900 series for a pocket PC and the Sony Clie for a palm system. There are many others so play with them to find the one you like. Remember you will need at least eight MBs of memory for your genie program and anything else you want to install. Most pocket PCS will come with 64 MBs while the palm systems run either eight or sixteen MBs. Even though you can get a two MBs palm system for around \$100 that will probably not hold your genie stuff.

Okay so you have all the toys you need. Bet you can always use another book! One can never get enough books. Personally I like the Betterway series of genealogy books. They are not too expensive, the format I really easy to read. Topics range from putting a heritage album (scrapbook) together, to organizing and preserving your heirloom documents; to preserving all those photographs; to doing long distance genealogy.

Still looking? There is always the *Computer Waiting Games* by Hal Bowman. This delightful little book gives you ideas on what to do while your computer is downloading, processing or crashing. Just reading it will make you laugh.

If you want to understand your computer better, try *Zen Computer* by Philip Sudo. This is a wonderful little book that has a soothing approach to living calmly amid the constant upheavals of the computer world. The author shows how the ancient principles of Zen philosophy apply to Computers

If these suggestion do not strike you as being quite right, how about a membership in genealogical society for your hard to please family historian family member or friend? Still nothing? Hey, there are always the traditional gifts!

Happy Holidays and remember wherever you go, go with your heart.

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PSGS Obituary Project by Larry Harden

In the fall of 1999 a group from Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) was given a tour of the basement of the Kitsap County Historical Society (KCHS) by the office manager Pam Buckingham. KCHS had several boxes of obituaries that had been collected over the years. The obits were taped to 5 x 8 cards using several kinds of scotch tape and in some cases masking tape. When the boxes became full the obits would sometimes tear loose from the 5 x 8 cards. The board of directors of PSGS decided it would be a good idea to copy these obituaries and KCHS was agreeable. The PSGS publication committee decided to use 3 x 5 cards and then insert the card and the obituary into a plastic sleeve. This allows the obit to be removed for copying but provides protection when removing and replacing the cards in the filing box.

In March of 2000 a group of PSGS volunteers started copying the KCHS obits. They then had to cut out the obituary, create an index card with name and date and then insert the card and obit into the plastic sleeve. Then all the names were input into a computer database, an in-

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Cindy's Choice Web Sites

Cindy Shawley Spore

These are some state websites that range from
so-so to great-t-t-t!

www.sos.state.mo.us/archives/resources/resources.asp

The Missouri State Archives hosts the Missouri Birth and Death Index — from 1880's to 1909. The site is incomplete but is being worked on. Also includes an index to WWI service cards.

www.mnhs.org/library/search/index.html

The Minnesota Historical Society has death index from 1908 through 1966.

www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/homepage/html/refserv.html

The Maryland State Archives includes access to over 364,000 pages of material

www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/gene/index.htm

The Library of Virginia has indexes for a variety of items, but one that will particularly be of interest for early Virginia researchers are the Land Patents. The images have been scanned and you can print them out.

www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/cpa-index.htm

The Louisiana State Archive site has a Confederate Pension Index.

www.ohiohistory.org/resource/database/rosters.html

The Ohio Historical Society site has indexes for Civil War prisons and Death Index from 1913 to 1937.

www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genmaps/
A great site for English researchers is this site for maps.

www.krl.org

Kitsap County Library has census on-line from Heritage Quest. You have to be in possession of a KRL library card. See instruction on page 78 of this edi-

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Letters from Laura

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people who occupied our apartments before us had furnished them on the installment plan, made one payment, then skipped, so that the furnishing company had to take the furniture back. We looked it over and kept a few articles, but it was three or four days before they came to take the stuff away, so I just made myself at home and used their dishes etc. until I had bought my own supply...

I must give you some idea of our home. I hardly want to call it home for the same building is the home of about twenty-five families... There are three rooms. First in importance the kitchen, that was supplied with a gas stove, a sink with warm and cold water faucets, a good big cupboard, a cold air cupboard in the wall, a sort of drip board between the sink and stove, so you see we didn't need to buy anything for that except cooking tools. I have a good supply of them now and also my china. I got a very pretty set; figured china with gold bands. One room will be our parlor, we have nothing in that yet except the rug... the colors are green and golden brown. It isn't what I would choose for a parlor rug but it struck me as being just the thing for the dining room when we move into a house and I thought I would rather buy a new one for the parlor then and use the old one for the dining room. The other room is a dining room and bedroom combined. We have a folding bed; one that hardly looks like a bed at all closed, but is fine to sleep in if one doesn't mind sleeping close to the floor. When it is closed, a curtain covers up all the bed part, leaving just a shelf or mantel effect above. On this I arranged some of my bric a brac and it looks real good. Then we have a dresser and a small table. I expect you will laugh at that way of living but really, we enjoy both our meals and our sleep as well as if we took them in different rooms. The table I shall use in the kitchen when we go in a house. I didn't want to get my dining room furniture now because I want to get all of it at once. I intend to save the \$100 Papa gave me to buy that.

I mustn't forget to tell you about my trunks. I was surprised and most mighty glad to find how well they came through. Only one thing was hurt in the least, that was that glass dish of grandma's. It had two little pieces chipped off the side, but they can be glued on. The chocolate set came out without even a crack. We haven't got the box of books yet.

We have had the finest weather here, it is much cooler than Ohio but bright and pleasant. Today is the warmest day since I've been here, temperature 72 degrees. I washed and ironed my linen suit last week and wore it to church this morning. I hardly expected to wear it here this fall but it was quite comfortable. The afternoon we went out to one of the parks. It is very pretty with its tall slender pine trees and its host of ferns. Ferns like those on the north side of your porch grow in abundance, some of them I saw this afternoon were as high as my waist. I also saw some sword ferns growing wild... I think I'll get a bucket of dirt and dig up some, but people here laugh at folks who dig up such "weeds" for house plants.

Friday evening we took a car ride out to Lake Washington and took a boat ride in the moonlight. We carried lunch and ate it on the water. We are having a good time. My housework is fun and the furniture hunting I rather

Priscilla Bailey

like. We agree wonderfully or rather Lawrence agrees with me, for he just lets me have my own way. You better put a bug in his ear and warn him of the danger this will lead him to. He has had to work hard this last week, they got so behind at the office. He goes to work at 7 and doesn't come to dinner till one, then he gets to stay till three and come home anywhere between seven and eight at night. After this rush is over he won't need to go so early in the morning and will come home a little earlier at noon. At first I thought those meal hours would be awful, but I rather like them now. We get up at six, then I have a good long forenoon to work. After dinner I have to entertain hub while he stays and about all I do afterward is to wash the dishes and dress to go downtown. Lately I have been going to the office and coming home with Lawrence...

Well I guess I'd better stop, the temptation is strong to write everything at once....

With love,
Laura

November 18, 1906

Dear folks at home:-

Perhaps it is about time a few lines were getting started on the way from Seattle to Marion. ...no mail has gone or come from the East on account of the big floods. I guess there was a lot of damage done... Dear knows it has rained enough to wash out most anything. It did not affect us any though, except that we had to go without

milk one day. It has rained every day but one or two this month,... This is the rainy season of a rainy country... The stores have some Christmas goods displayed but it seems to me that Christmas ought to be a long way off yet. Seems as if we ought to have a little winter first. Yesterday and today we saw nasturtiums, carnations, roses, and scarlet sage out of doors looking green and thrifty with a few blossoms on and just a few days ago I saw a bed of pansies in full bloom. Is it any wonder it doesn't



This picture from the 1906 Polk Seattle Directory shows the Alaska Building at the corner of 2nd and Cherry. Lawrence Fisher worked here until about 1913.

seem like Christmas?

This would be a fine place to live if it wasn't that it is so hard to find a place to live. Rents are fierce and a rented home is a very uncertain one for it is likely to be

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sold over your head just after you get nicely settled. We have been chasing around a good deal of late trying to find something that will suit at the same time our taste, our convenience, and our pocketbook, but we are at just the same place where we started...

Lots of people are becoming rich just speculating in real estate. The Methodist church is located on one of the down town streets. A while ago they sold their property for \$75,000 and thought they were doing well. A few weeks ago it was sold again for \$175,000 and the Methodists are kicking themselves for not holding on and getting that extra cash for the new church...

With love,

Laura

Seattle, Wash.

Starbird Court, 1512 Boyleston Ave.

February 13, 1906

[This is what was written, but it must have been 1907]

Dear Date: [Date was a nickname for Laura's brother Mandred Harrison Monnett]

... I'll try to write a part of an answer to your letter... Mother spoke of its being cold there when she wrote and the weatherman [Lawrence] tells me it is cold there now and as I look out of the window and see everything sunshiny and springy looking I rather pity you folks freezing in zero weather back there. The street cleaning wagon is going up and down washing the mud off the street so you have one compensation - you don't have a continual sea of mud to wade through... The temperature has been up in the fifties much of the time through the day and I have a window or two open most of the time...

Last Sunday we were invited out to dinner at a friend's near what is called University Station - near the U-. [The University of Washington] In the afternoon we took a walk around the grounds. They did not impress me very favorable. The location is fine, right on the edge of Lake Washington, with a good view of the ... mountains, while there is an abundance of the beautiful evergreen trees and shrubs everywhere. There are only a few buildings, but they are good ones. Of course, the University is only new and it takes time for a big thing to grow. I suppose you see something once in a while about the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition to be held here in 1909. This will be held on the U- campus and several of the buildings used for the Ex. are to be turned over to the University for their use...

Well I guess I'll try to get this finished. I was writing at the office and Lawrence got through with his work sooner than usual and wanted me to go with him to see the work of sluicing down one of the hills in the street regrade work, so I went, and yesterday I went out to a ranch and spent the day with some friends of ours who are "rusticating"...

Write soon

Your much interested sister,

Laura

Friday, July 26, 1907

Dear Date:

... We took a trip to Victoria B.C. yesterday - the whole kit of us. [The Fishers have moved into larger quarters and Laura's parents have come to visit]. It was five hours ride up the Sound and part way into the Straits of Juan de Fuca. We packed two big lunch boxes and put in the day. It was a fine ride with a good view of mountains and pretty scenery toward the latter part. Up the straits the water is pretty rough, almost like the ocean, and the boat rocked so that a lot of people got seasick, myself in the number...

Mother doesn't seem a bit worse for the trip and wasn't a bit seasick. She has been boat-riding to beat the band of late and it seems to do her good. I guess Papa will get enough boat rides and "lake breeze" to do him a while. They want to tote me along everywhere they go, but I

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don't indulge in all the dissipation. Mother stands it remarkable well and I believe she will get lots of good out of the change of scene and I hope some pleasure. She stews about you a good deal of course, but I'm going to try to keep them here through August if possible. I know it must be lonesome and hard for you but the birds have to leave the old nest and fly for themselves sometime and we all have to learn the lesson of paddling our own canoe... I wish you could be here now, but if fortune favors so that you can come some time in the near future I have no doubt the visit will be even pleasanter. Seattle is rather crude yet - and Papa will give it a bad rep when he goes back I expect. He seems to see some faults. Five years from now I have no doubt it will be a much finer city...

We have fish, fish, fish. Papa is trying to get his fill and he's always bringing home a lot of fruit. It is so nice he can't resist the temptation I guess...

With best wishes,

Your sister

Laura Jane

[This mystifies me since her middle name was May - not Jane.]

Sunday, Aug 4, '07

Dear Date:

...Mother thinks you ought to have a letter about every other day and is always asking Lawrence if he got any letters from home. I tell her no news is good news and that you are evidently busy with your job... She is getting along fine and doesn't seem to have anything at all to complain of. The great trip hasn't hurt her a bit and I'm sure is doing her lots of good. But I think it's a good joke that Papa is grunting and has been for over a week. Of course he won't think so but he has just naturally used himself up. He never stopped to rest a bit until he had tramped all over Seattle and he overdid the thing. They went out to the ocean this last week and staid a day and two nights. They seemed to think it was fine sight. This week they are going up to Everett to visit Tom Stiger [A cousin of Laura's - the son of her father's sister Ellen]. I guess that makes about all the side trips they will take except a trip to the Navy Yard. They are talking of starting home pretty soon...

We had some hot weather here for a few days last week, the temperature crept up around in ninety but after a thunderstorm it got real cool again. I hear you are having bad thunderstorms in Ohio again this year. That is something we escape here, thunder and lightning are rare. The storm we had the other day seemed to me quite ordinary, but the Seattle people thought it awful, the worst many had ever known.

We told Tom S. about your graduation and desire to

go to college, and he could hardly believe it possible that you had outgrown knee pants and the grammar grade... He advised waiting a while before going. He said he thought no one should start without having decided on a life work and studying toward that end... Mother is afraid that if you don't go now you will lose your desire.. When [Tom Stiger] graduated from H.S. he said he had no notion of going to college, but went to work in a grocery store intending to follow a business career. But after bumping around awhile he changed his plans altogether and studied law... Now he has hung out his shingle as a lawyer...

Take care of yourself, tell Brandt I'll write to him some sweet day....

Lovingly,

Laura

Thursday, Aug 22 '07

Dear home folks:

...I keep thinking all the time how just six weeks ago today we had our glad meeting and now you are speeding



Laura Fisher with her son
Paul Monnett Fisher in 1909.

homeward fast as steam can carry you. Perhaps as you think of your last glimpse of me smiling serenely from "behind the bars" you may think I take the matter very coolly, but if some little bug or fly could tell you what he has seen you would think differently. In fact, I have been all broken up and several times have just given up to real good "weeps".... I think age and married life and separation are making me appreciate my parents more than ever before... Well I

guess its time to think about dinner. What shall we have Martha? Guess beans, taters, cold slaw and some brown betty will be the answer. With love,

Laura

Seattle Wash. Jan 26 '08

Dear Date:

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines ... but
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the chances are I'll lay it down a good many times before I get through for I am no longer my own boss and when my little lord and master calls I generally run post haste.

[Laura's first child, Paul Monnett Fisher, was born December 6th, 1907.] It is surprising how much time I spend on that boy, I don't seem to get anything else done and I fear letters will be fewer and farther between than ever....

...I had been wondering about that job [with the Marion Star newspaper] and am glad you got it... You are mighty lucky to have a job now since the hard times have come and the armies of unemployed in the cities are making demonstrations. Lots of people here have lost their jobs this winter and I guess it goes pretty hard with them for living is so high here. The city is trying to help and find work for them.

...we have had beautiful weather the past week and the most magnificent view of the snow covered mountains you could ever imagine. I wish Mother and Papa could have been here...

With love to all,

Laura

[Probably September 1908]

Dear Date:

Just a few scribbled lines to let you know that I am well and hope you are the same... I expect the opening of school again will give you the fever. School began here last Tuesday and it seemed like old times to see the kids assembling. The H. S. building is in plain sight of my front window and I can see pretty well what goes on. [This was Broadway High School, which occupied the site of the present Seattle Central Community College]...

Seattle is being honored at present by the presence of Secretary Taft and I judge they will make a great fuss over him, by the way the papers are blowing it up. I'd like to get a peep at him for I wouldn't wonder if he is our next President. Seattle gets lots of distinguished visitors. I think most of the cabinet have been here just this summer...

As ever,

Laura

Sunday Oct 11 '08

Dear mother;

This is Lawrence's day at the office but Paul and I are at home as it looked too rainy to take him out... There seems to be a great temperance wave sweeping the country and it is high time. And so you have a new grandson. You are doing pretty well, adding a new grandchild about every year of late. I am glad to hear all was well and hope both are doing finely... Bird [Laura's sister Bertha Monnett Howser] will have her hands full now. [Bird's son Donald Howser was born October 2nd 1908]...

...Paul keeps me from suffering too much from loneliness... He tries to crawl around and bumps his snoot and when he plays with his old stuff he gets so furious if it won't act right. He has so much fun playing with a pan and a kettle cover... I don't see what people do who have

no babies...

Will close now with love,

Laura

Seattle, Jan. 24, 1909

My dear Date:

It is now 8 PM but the boy is in his little bed for the night, so I think maybe I can get a few lines written...

...I see you remark about the newspaper business being too strenuous. How would you like to be a weatherman? Lawrence leaves at 7 AM and comes home generally about 8 PM, sometimes later, with an hour or two or rarely three off at noon. This six days, and every other Sunday takes a trip down town at 4:30 AM, comes home, tries to finish his nap, gets his breakfast and goes again to be there from 10 to 12. Then goes again at 4:30 [PM] and stays till 7 in the evening. Now how's that? I say service for Uncle Sam is a dog's life, but my hours are longer and last seven days in the week.

...Write soon again, keep well, busy and happy and think now and then of your Seattle kin...

Laura

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Future Planning Committee

The PSGS Future Planning Committee is at this time waiting to see what Kitsap County will do with regard to the Givens Community Center at the first of the year. The County has taken over the building and plans are being made to do some remodeling after the holidays.

It is our understanding that the Senior Center will remain. PSGS is under the umbrella of the Senior Center.

Our library is outgrowing the space allotted to us by the Senior Center and we have been looking into alternative places for our library. Without funds to work with, we are in a tight spot as far as a building of our own. A grant is a one-time thing and may cover one year's rent, but we would have to prove that we could continue on our own. We can not do that at this time.

As things stand today we are waiting to see what the Senior Center does and how the changes planned for the building will affect them and therefore, PSGS.

We will keep you posted as to what transpires. We are happy to be at Givens and that the Senior Center is sharing their space with us. If you have any ideas on a space elsewhere for our Research Library, please contact any of your Board members.

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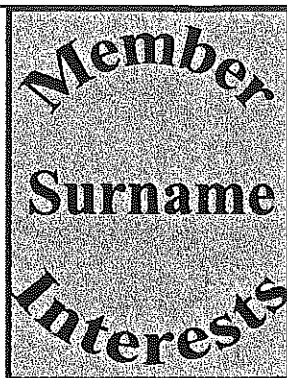
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Pat Eder's Exchange Notes

surname index.

MD Frederick Co GS "Newsletter" (Aug 2002): United Brethren

Amer Ancestry 20:5 (Sept/Oct 2002): visiting your ancestral hometown; WWI draft registration cards; research in New England; lineage societies' publications.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 11:4 (Aug/Sept 2002): Archival and genealogical home to 120 Scottish clans and organizations; "George Washington" – an excerpt from Burkes Peerage, conclusion; review of "Culloden and the Last Clansman", Charleston, SC - port of Northern Ireland passengers.

Ibid. 11:5 (Oct/Nov 2002): Calendar of events, reunions, educational opportunities.

Amer Family Chronicle 7:1 (Sept/Oct 2002): researching Civil War Union records; brickwall solutions; Ackerman project – step by step through a genealogical research project; ten tips in using the census.

Amer History Magazine 4:1 (Oct/Nov 2002): time line 1570-1579; armor through the ages; inventions and the role that patents play; everyday life in the confederacy; Catholic missions of the American northwest; contributions of farm women in 19th century; diamonds – the world's most popular gem; history of zoos.

CA Sequoia GS "Newsletter" 29:7 (Sept 2002): Great Register 1888 Tulare Co, ongoing.

Ibid. 29:8 (Oct 2002): Great Register 1888 Tulare Co, ongoing.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" 14:3 (Fall 2002): Clay Co history; local obituaries; BIBLE ancestors; history of Hoosier Twp; GREENWOOD reminiscences of the depression era; early settlement of Blair Twp.

IL LaSalle Co GS "Genie View" (Jul/Aug 2002): pastors of LaSalle Co churches; members of Presbyterian church, Ottawa, IL, 1833;

Ibid. (Sept/Oct 2002): pastors of LaSalle Co churches, ongoing; part of 1850-mortality schedule, Ottawa, IL.

IL LaSalle Co GS "Pastfinder" 16:1 Surname Index 2002.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker of SE Kansas" 32:3 (Jul/Aug/Sep 2002): Crawford Co birth records 1902, conclusion; births for 1903 ABBOT to CHAMPEAUX; marriage book N, ongoing LOYD to SHULTZ; naturalizations MASSINA to MILKLASGOZAK, ongoing.

KS Topeka GS "Quarterly" 32:4 (Oct 2002): list of Rossville, Shawnee Co pioneers; excerpts from early Kansas newspapers – Osage Co 1918, Shawnee Co 1879 and Washington Co 1887; extracts from KS Children's Home 1899; quarterly

cemetery, Thurmont, MD; Missouri State Archives has online database of WWI service cards; ARMSTRONG, FUNK, BROWN and EMMART bibles.

Ibid. (Oct 2002): Frederick H.S. graduates 1902; news items from 19th century; records of United Brethren Cemetery, Thurmont, MD, ongoing.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 23:3 (Sum 2002): early settlers on Lenox Mountain, Lenox, MA; members of 1st Congregational church, North Adams, MA, 1911; Adams high school graduates 1871-1927, ongoing; members of Lenox Congregational church, 1863; members of Sheffield Congregational church, 1860-1888, ongoing; state census of Great Barrington 1855, ongoing.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 29:3 (Sept 2002): Sarah McVeigh, first policewoman in Muskegon; CLOVER family tragedy; First Reformed church – members who moved and where they moved; pedigrees of MUSK/CHALKER, THATCHER/WRIGHT and PONTIUS/LAMPHIER.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 20:2 (June 2002): Otter Tail naturalization index 1925; Fergus Falls Twp heads of families in 1850 census and landowners in 1884; records of First Lutheran, First United Church of Christ, Kongsberg, St. Otto Catholic and Trinity-Faith Lutheran cemeteries.

MO Scotland Co GS "Newsletter" 16:4 (Oct 2002): School census Scotland Co 1917; obituaries from Memphis Democrat 1998, merchant statements for 1976-77.

NM New Mexico GS "NM Genealogist" 41:3 (Sept 2002): San Miguel de Laredo-Carnue' Land Grant of 1763, ongoing; TRIJILLO and MEDINA descendants; Sapello, NM burials 1860-64; visitors to NM in 1891; Cejita cemetery, Harding Co; Sayz Creek (Johnson) cemetery, Colfax Co; Vermejo cemetery, Colfax Co.

OH Tuscarawas Co GS "Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints" 30:4 (Jul/Aug 2002): marriage licenses Aug 1856 to Aug 1863; Daily Reporter news items 1916.

OR Genealogical Forum of Oregon "Bulletin" 52:1 (Sept 2002): residents of Sellwood, Multnomah Co in 1890; Gresham high school students 1929; Multnomah Co newspapers in OR repositories; journal of Dr. E. WHITE, 1850; Civil War veterans who were residents of OR.

OR Willamette Valley GS "Beaver Briefs" 34:3 (Sum 2002): Marian Co deaths 1921-1930, part 3.

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PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 22:5 (Sept 2002): news items from 125 years ago.

Ibid. 22:6 (Oct 2002): news items from 125 years ago; marriages performed by Rev. John BUCHER, 1763-69, places not stated.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 16:8 (Oct 2002): Lyman Co births 1891-1902; news items from 1924; homestead documents and land patent records.

WA Clallam Co GS "Bulletin" 22:3 (Fall 2002): Port Angeles townsites sales 1887; "genealogical codicil to your will" form.

WA Grant Co GS "Big Bend Register" 23:3 (Sept 2002): 1920 US census Grant Co; index to Grant Co naturalizations; ancestor chart for CURRY/PING.

WA Jefferson Co GS "Newsletter" 18:4 (Fall 2002): cemeteries of Jefferson Co.

WA Olympia Co GS "Quarterly" 28:4 (Oct 2002): pedigrees of CONSTANTINEAU, DROEGE, MACGREGOR, LAWSON, SPENCE and IVORY, letters to a son and stepson 1964; marriages Book 2, Thurston Co, 1889, ongoing.

WA South King Co GS "So King Co News" 18:2 (Sept/Oct 2002): King Co school census -Vashon Island 1902, 1905, ongoing.

WA Washington State GS "Newsletter" 18:5 (Sept/Oct 2002): calendar of events for WA societies, synopsis of each society's happenings; state governments want to close records to the public citing identity theft as a reason.

WA Stillaguamish Valley GS "Stillaguamish Star" 16:1 (Sept/Oct 2002): Stillaguamish Valley GS funeral index up to mid 1940's, ongoing.

WA Wenatchee Area GS "Appleland Bulletin" 30:3 (Sept 2002): Highland cemetery, Baird, Douglas Co; history of Brays, WA; history of Betts Funeral home, Wenatchee, Wenatchee Daily World, 8 July 1941 news.

WA Yakima Valley GS 34:3 (Sept 2002): water district records; BONOWITZ ahnentafel; news from Yakima Morning Herald 8 Dec 1941; St Elizabeth School of Nursing alumni 1910-1971, ongoing.

Intern'l Haskell Family Society "Newsletter" 11:3 (Sept 2002): HASKELL reunion 2002; John Thomas HASKELL, conclusion; George HASKELL of Winchester; HASKELLS in New Zealand.

Pat Eder has been editing the Exchange Notes since June of 1996. Her efforts on the behalf of our readers is very much

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Congratulations to **Madi Cataldo** and **Estelle Foster**, 2003 co-presidents of PSGS's Belfair Chapter.

Sandie Morris wants to know if anyone of you is researching the surname Daugherty.

Estelle Foster entertained relatives from Sweden in September and they brought photos and information concerning her Olafsson connections.

Wells and Sheridan counties North Dakota was **Sandie Morris'** destination this August. Delving into the probate records and cemeteries of her Reinbold great-grandparents was her goal.

DeLana Cox, **Jackie Horton** and **Maryls Marrs** went on an extensive pedigree hunting expedition to the states of Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri.

The year 2003 three will see **Paulette Waggoner** taking charge of the phone/e-mail tree and **Sandy Watson**

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PSGS Obituary Project.

dex was printed and then the obits were alphabetized and put into file boxes. Someone had been bringing the obituary section of the *Sun* into the library for several years. In conjunction with the KCHS obits we began cutting out these obits and processing them as previously described. The Port Orchard *Independent* obit section was also being saved and the Belfair Group had provided some Belfair *Herald* and Mason County *Journal* obits. All of these obituaries were eventually entered into the database and then combined with the obits that were obtained from the KCHS.

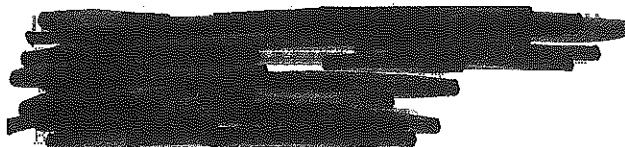
In November 2002, almost three years after taking the tour of the KCHS basement, we have finally completed the project although the activity is ongoing. There were approximately 5,600 obits from KCHS and after adding the additional obits we now have a grand total of approximately 11,500 obits. They are stored in twenty-six 3 x 5 filing boxes that sit on top of the periodical cabinets in the library. An index in a 3-inch wide white binder sits to the right of the filing boxes. Eventually all of the names will be put on our web page.

This project took a lot longer to complete than I had originally anticipated and could not have been accomplished without the help of the numerous volunteers who showed up at the Tuesday work parties and assisted in the various phases and also those who took material home and inputted the names and dates into the database. A job well done and a big thank you to everyone who participated.

We invite everyone to come in and take a look at the finished product. If anyone has obituaries that pertain to people that lived in Kitsap County or survived by people living in Kitsap County that we don't already have please feel free to make copies and bring them into the library. Please either provide the death date or the newspaper date if known. They will be processed and incorporated into the existing obit file at a later date.

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