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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,

On April 22nd we held our first General Meeting in our new location in Poulsbo with over eighty-five people in attendance. We enjoyed a delightful meeting and we also gained new members.

But alas, it is not meant to be that we settle in Poulsbo. We have received a letter from the Military Department for the State of Washington stating that they will not be

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The Library Report

Marjorie Menees

It seems as if we just managed to get our library moved and settled into its new location and here we are destined for another move. On Friday, the 28th of March, our packing crew assembled at our Library location in the Givens Community Center. Every one worked carefully and efficiently so that by two o'clock all that needed boxing was finished and ready to move. And that was when we had a near miss with word coming that we did not qualify for Armory tenancy. However that was overcome by our President Sandie, who gave us the word that we were OK to GO.

Monday, the 31st of March, our deadline, the send-off crew was at Givens along with the movers - four husky men who had to struggle mightily to

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For the Love of Grace

by Michele M. Gilles

If not for the encouragement of my grandmother, Grace Reed Ash (born Decatur County, Indiana, 1896; died 1984), known to me as "Grandma", and the fine example set by my cousin Steven C. Ash, I might never have discovered the joys of family history research.

My cousin Steven had been inspired to trace our Ash lineage by Alex Haley's book "Roots." Steven spent quite a bit of time in libraries and musty courthouse basements (remember this was before genealogical information became widely available via the Internet) to identify our Ash immigrant ancestor, Johann Adam Esch (born Germany or Holland, 1743/44; died 1819), and his descendents in Pennsyl-

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PSGS' Business Address:

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Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Meetings

Meetings are held at the PSGS Research Library at —Meeting location to be designated at a later date— 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 to our Business Address: Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Post Office Box 1931, Port Orchard, WA 98366-0805.

Genealogical Research Library

Our library is located at — temporarily closed—. The library is open Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Phone: (360) —————.

Research Policy

Prior to conducting requested 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.

The articles, reviews, advertising and news items in this publication do not necessarily reflect the view or support of PSGS or *The Backtracker*. We are in no way liable for inconvenience or monetary loss to readers which may be the result of recommendations made in articles, reviews, or news items.

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PSGS Schedules and Notices

PSGS Meeting Schedules and Programs

June 24th Terry Mettling with a surprise topic.

July 22nd Paulette Waggoner will betalking about her research in New York City and Phyllis Evans will speak about her experience finding adoption records.

August We are going on holiday this month.

Belfair Chapter Meeting Schedules and Programs

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

July 1 Charlotte Kibbie will speak on Preparing for a Research Trip.

Aug 5 Problem Solving Session--Bring your problem, particulars, maps--anything which can help

Sept 2 Schweitser 's film on Migration Routes & Settlement Patterns 1607-1890.

In Memoriam

Sonja [Lorentson] Harden
October 27, 1940 at Smithton, NY
March 31, 2002, Bremerton, WA
Wife of Lawrence Harden

Belfair Chapter Web Site

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

PSGS Web Page:

www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/
Sandie Morris — Website Manager

Wanted Genealogical Reporter

Only PSGS Members Qualify.
This position requires a person with an inquisitive mind, a gregarious personality and a creative imagination. Their task will be to identify elderly individuals residing on the Kitsap Peninsula with interesting histories and interview them for articles to be published in the *Backtracker*.
Applicants please contact the editor.

Important Member Notice!

This is a member participation newsletter.
Your participation as a **writer**
Is necessary for its success.
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The *Backtracker* Wants Your
Byline Now.

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.

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

Cost Per Issue — \$5.00 US Postage Paid.

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

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.

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.

PSGS Sunshine Committee.

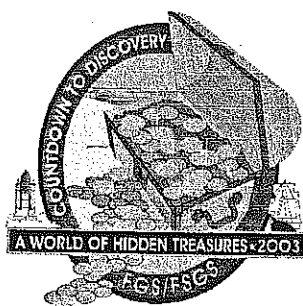
If any member knows of another member who is in the hospital or ill at home, please notify Madge Norton or any officer so that a "get well" card from PSGS can be sent. Also, please notify Madge or any officer if you know of a member or former member who has died recently so that a "condolence" card from PSGS can be sent.

The 2003 FGS/FSGS Conference

"Countdown to Discovery:
A World of Hidden Treasures"

Will be held 3-6 September 2003 at the
Renaissance Orlando Resort
SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida.

Hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society.



This conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping. For details, visit the FGS web site at www.fgs.org or email them at fgs-office@fgs.org. You can also subscribe to the conference ezine at <http://www.fgs.org/2003conf/conf-ezine.htm>.

The Bremerton *Sun*

Obituaries and Tributes

From time to time the question is asked, what is the difference between an Obituary and Tribute in the a copy of the *Sun*. The following quotation (with minor abridgements) from the *Sun* Obituary Form should provide the answer:

The *Sun* publishes free news obituaries for West Sound residents and former residents within 30 days of death, edited to conform to our style guidelines. Those wishing to include information beyond our guidelines may purchase a Tribute by calling the *Sun*.

All obituaries must include the **Required Information** and must be submitted on our Obituary Form.

It is a personal choice, but it may be wise to obtain a copy of the the *Sun*'s Obituary Form and fill it out with the required personal information. It should be noted that this form is quite comprehensive.

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signing the lease. They say they need the facilities for military purposes and there will be no space for PSGS. We will have our June meeting at the Kitsap Memorial Armory located at 19133 Jensen Way NE, but will have to find a different location for the July meeting.

While searching for a home for the PSGS Research Library, we find that we will have to pay a monthly rent, no matter where we go. Your Board is proposing an increase in membership dues to help pay for this expense. If you can think of ways to raise money for PSGS, please contact our Ways & Means Chairman, Larry Swan.

Summer is once again upon us. Perhaps you

Where Do We Live?

by Marjorie Menees

Have you ever wondered where the membership of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society reside? Well I did! You can see that we are firmly based in Kitsap County. I have compiled this distribution table based on the mailing list of the March 2003

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| Port Orchard | 57 |
| Manchester | 3 |
| South Colby | 3 |
| Olalla | 3 |
| Belfair | 11 |
| Allyn | 4 |
| Tahuya | 1 |
| Gig Harbor | 3 |
| Bremerton | 57 |
| Tracyton | 1 |
| Keyport | 1 |
| Silverdale | 16 |
| Poulsbo | 6 |
| Kingston | 2 |
| Seabeck | 1 |
| Hansville | 1 |
| Bainbridge Island | 3 |
| Washington State | 6 |
| Out of State | 8 |
| Total | <u>187</u> |

will find some time to do some traveling and genealogy research on your family tree. I have just returned from a trip to Missouri where I did research on my mother's family. My main reason for the trip was to bring my mother's grade school chum, Jane, back to Seattle with me to visit with my mother and dad. Jane and my mother lived across the alley from one another in Windsor, Missouri in 1930. They had not seen each other since 1935, but have written throughout the years. Jane and my mother are 81 years old.

I had great success with my genealogy research. I found the tombstone of my third-great-grandfather and the 100-year-old farmhouse of my great-grandfather still standing. For added excitement, I was caught in a storm with a tornado in Warsaw, Missouri and sought shelter in the cellar of a bar where the Underground Railroad operated in the 1800's to smuggle slaves out of Benton County.

I hope you have a great summer and hope to see you at our next meeting. Remember we will not have an August meeting but will meet again in September.

Happy researching,

Sandie

Celebrate & Socialize
Just like your great-grandparents
Have a hoedown!

Ed Evans
Square-Dance Caller

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For the Love of Grace.

vania, Virginia, and Indiana. Steven published a beautifully bound book detailing his research and presented a personalized copy to Grandma and one to each of her ten children.

When my mother received her copy, we read it from cover to cover. At the time, much of it seemed dry and distant to me. But the parts about Grandma piqued my curiosity enough for me to pester her with questions about her life and her family. We sat around the kitchen table on Saturday afternoons after

Backtracker Advertising Rates

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

| Ad Size | Dimension (Approximate) | Cost (One Time Only) |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
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| Half Page | 9" X 3½" 4½" X 7" | 32.00 |
| Quarter Page | 4½" X 3½" 2¼" X 7" | \$16.00 |
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Ad copy will be printed in black and white.

Contact the newsletter editor at cyril_t_taylor@yahoo.com or (360) 769-8131 for further information.

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Ask the editor for front-page ad quotes.

Grandma had put her famous sugar cream pie in the oven. As the pie baked and the aroma began to waft through the house, Grandma showed me the photographs and news clippings she had collected over the years. My job was to write names and places and dates on the backs of the photographs.

I discovered my mother, Mary Esther Ash, as a lovely young woman and my father, Walter Charles Gilles, standing proudly in front of his grocery store. My grandmother grins shyly at the camera surrounded by her four oldest children. Grandma sits next to my square-jawed grandfather, Carey, whose eyes seem to twinkle at me across the years. My

great-grandmother, Eliza Jane Leffler (1874-1954), who loved to listen to the Grand Ole Opry radiobroadcasts, stands in front of the family home built by my grandfather. A newspaper clipping shows the funeral procession for my great-great-grandfather, Samuel Leffler (1829-1928), a restless farmer and carpenter who fought in both the Mexican and the Civil Wars. They came alive for me, thanks to Grandma. And I



Carey and Grace [Reed] Ash with their four oldest children, c. 1921. From left to right: Harold, Carey, Theda, Grace, James (on lap), and Ruth.

made a promise to her: I would research her Reed family just as Steven had researched the Ash family. Many years have passed since that promise and my research files now document our Reed ancestors back ten generations. Give me a few more years and I may be able to document my other ancestral lines back as far as the Reeds. I often wish Grandma were here to share these new discoveries with me. Even though she is no longer living, I think Grandma must be pleased with what she started.



Grace [Reed] Ash with her granddaughter, Michele M. Gilles, c. 1963.

Puget Sound Genealogical Society Annual Financial Report for 2002

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| Checking Account Balance – January 1, 2002 | | \$ 1,099.65 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 2,796.00 | |
| Donations | 138.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 11.00 | |
| Backtracker Advertising | 125.00 | |
| Publication Sales | 50.00 | |
| Copy Machine | 171.16 | |
| Seminar | 93.75 | |
| Raffles | 462.00 | |
| Christmas Craft Auction | 667.50 | |
| Antique Appraisal Fair | 864.68 | |
| Miscellaneous | 184.42 | |
| Form Sales | <u>3.00</u> | |
| Total Receipts | | 5,566.51 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Belfair Chapter Subsidy | 50.00 | |
| Givens Community Center Contribution | 200.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 555.93 | |
| Library Resources | 24.07 | |
| Library Subscriptions | 73.90 | |
| Library Supplies | 549.78 | |
| Library Equipment & Fixtures | 246.66 | |
| Telephone Service | 385.91 | |
| Backtracker Newsletter Printing | 2,180.24 | |
| Copy Machine – Supplies & Maintenance | 300.98 | |
| Seminar | 50.00 | |
| Raffles | 38.73 | |
| Library Capital Fund Expenditure | 69.17 | |
| Transfers to Library Capital Fund | 68.83 | |
| Antique Appraisal Fair | <u>533.03</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | | <u>5,327.23</u> |
| Checking Account Balance – December 31, 2001 | | 1,338.93 |
| Savings Account Balance – January 1, 2002 | 5,808.06 | |
| Interest Earned | 48.92 | |
| Transfer from Checking Account | <u>68.83</u> | |
| Savings Account Balance – December 31, 2002 | | <u>5,925.81</u> |
| Total Savings and Checking Account – December 31, 2002 | | <u><u>\$ 7,264.74</u></u> |
| Savings Account Balance: | 3,887.50 | |
| Library Capital Improvement Fund Balance | <u>2,038.31</u> | |
| Total Savings Account Balance – December 31, 2002 | | <u><u>\$ 5,925.81</u></u> |

Do you find the articles you read in the *Backtracker* of interest? Do they inspire you in your own genealogical research? Then isn't it possible that the article you will write and submit to your newsletter, the *Backtracker*, would also interest and inspire our readers. Let that thought be the clarion call that encourages you to begin your own family history writing project.

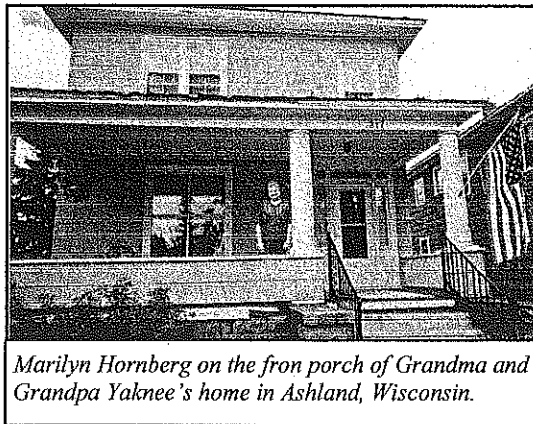
In June 1998, the timing was finally right to revisit Wisconsin where I had been born and raised. My thought was to get reacquainted with a cousin, Tom Yankee, living in Ashland in northern Wisconsin, whom I hadn't seen since he was a teenager; visit his mother (my aunt Kathryn), and an uncle Robert (Bob) Yankee in another part of the State. It would also be a time to possibly add to my genealogy information. My youngest son, also named Tom, decided he did not want me driving from Minneapolis to Ashland alone -- a trip of several hours. He would accompany me and see some of the State where he had been born, and meet some relatives he had only heard about.

The morning after we arrived, cousin Tom and his gracious wife, Betty, arrived at our hotel to squire us around for the day. Our first stop would be Aunt Kathryn's home. I mentioned to Betty that I could envision Aunt K's first words to me: "You look just like --- (fill in the blank of your mother or dad or some other relative)". This had been a standard greeting dating back to my childhood whenever our family visited her. Sure enough, with her arms outstretched and with a hug, came the words "You look just like your mother!" I just laughed and said to Betty, "Told you so, didn't I?"

We drove around Ashland, which hadn't changed much since I last was there. Oh, the wooden sidewalks near downtown had been replaced by concrete, some of the trees lining the residential streets had grown taller and were more leafy, and the iron ore docks were no longer used, but it was still the friendly feeling of a small town.

A stop was made across the street from Grandma

Ida Yankee's house where my father, Reginald Theodore (Rex) Yankee took us to spend a few days each year. As I got out to take a photo, Betty went over to talk to the owner who had appeared in the doorway, to explain why the house was being photographed. Soon I was being motioned to join them, and the owner invited us in. The house seemed smaller than I remembered, but it still had the stairs and



Marilyn Hornberg on the front porch of Grandma and Grandpa Yankee's home in Ashland, Wisconsin.

banister in the front hallway, the same banister I had always wanted to slide down but had never been permitted to do so. There had not been too many changes inside the house, and still had the original kitchen cabinets! The "front parlor" French doors were now thrown open and children played in the

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Solve Douglas Carley's Mystery!

Can you help solve the mystery posed by our member, Mr. Carley? If you should unravel this family history problem, please share the solution with the readers of the Backtracker.

To the members of PSGS,

I was born in August 1945 in Bremerton and lived until mid 1957 with my parents near Burley and Olalla. I attended East Port Orchard Elementary School through the sixth grade.

My parents arrived in Kitsap County about 1943. My father worked for a short time in a French Cleaners in Bremerton before starting his own dry cleaning business (Hood Cleaners/Hood Stores, Ltd.) in Port Orchard.

When they first arrived in Kitsap County my parents lived for a short period of time near Sunnyslope or Silverdale until they bought their home near Burley/Olalla area.

The Port Orchard *Independent* newspaper of August 9th, 1945 has a small item in the lower corner of the front page announcing my birth. This article together with my birth certificate lists me as the second child (son) of my parents. This leads me to the crux of my current research. Who was this earlier child and what happened to him? Did he die? Was he made a ward of the state? If so, why? Did he have a mental or physical disability? Was he placed for adoption? If so, why?

I have had a few people mention knowing of this earlier child, but when pressed, their memory suddenly fades. Why has this been covered up?

Any help that anyone may be able to give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Douglas Carley

1973 N. Nellis Blvd., Apt #238

Las Vegas, NV 89115

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Revisiting Wisconsin

room that used to hold a piano and music rack and a couple of chairs. Only on special occasions (when the renters upstairs were gone) was I allowed to play the piano, and the parlor, of course, would have been mostly for guests. There were many good memories of family reunions as I walked through the rooms and told the present owner how the rooms had been used when I visited years ago.

One day a trip was made to the cemetery to visit my paternal grandparents' graves (Theodor and Ida Yankee) and my uncle's grave (Lester Yankee, their middle son). Photos were taken for my family history record/book. I remember the only other time that I actually had seen the markers was when I had been a young girl.

My son and I also visited the ore docks on the outskirts of Ashland. My father, Rex Yankee, worked on these ore docks as a young man. Those were the days when mining of ore was a large industry. Trains ran along the top of these docks built out over Lake Superior. The ore would be loaded into waiting boats for shipment to various ports.

Not too much genealogy information was gleaned during our visit. However, as we were leaving, my cousin Tom asked if I would like to have a couple ledgers (books) he had found years ago in another aunt's (Irma Yankee Steves) personal effects. They had just been stored in a box on the back porch and Tom was not interested in them. Oh, my. You can guess what my answer was. The ledgers were filled with anecdotes of outings at a cottage my grandparents owned. A great surprise/treasure was a list of guests - with names in their own handwriting - at my mother and dad's wedding, held at the cottage in 1929!

An envelope of photos fell out from between a couple pages of a ledger. Some of the faces were familiar, but most of them were not. My aunt K helped to identify some of them. To this day I am still trying to track down anyone who might know them.

My son Tom and I also went to Mellen, WI one day to see if we could find the gravesite of my maternal grandparents, Lars and Clara Carlstrom (or Karlstrom). We entered the gates of the cemetery, parked the car, and started off on foot, not knowing where to begin looking -- just going up and down the rows of markers. Within a few minutes, Tom spotted the name Carlstrom. He had found where

my grandparents were buried, along with the brother (Nils) my mother (Edith) had never known.

It was soon time to travel south to Green Bay where we found the house Tom had lived in for the first couple years of life. We had lunch at a park where the children used to play when they were younger. The swing sets, slides, pony rides, etc. were still being used by families. Being great Green Bay Packer fans, we enjoyed taking a tour of their football facilities and Hall of Fame exhibits, as well as the gift shop. The area had changed quite a bit from the years when my husband, Art, had been part of the Packer's color guard during the home games of the Vince Lombardi era.

I hoped to meet a first cousin (Marilyn Yankee Drumm) in nearby Manitowoc while we were in Green Bay, but the circumstances were not right. Marilyn and I shared the same name as we grew up, but had never met. After searching for several years, I was finally able to locate her through another cousin's lead, not too long before we made the trip. To think that we lived only about thirty miles apart for years and did not know it! However, I called her and we spoke on the phone at some

length, and have since become correspondents.

Continuing on to southwestern Wisconsin, we stopped at Neillsville to introduce ourselves to Beth Ludovic and her husband Leroy. (Beth and I are related through her father, Duane Anding. Duane's maternal great-grandparents are also my paternal great- great-grandparents, Christian Friedrich Jahncke or Yankee and Julianne Henriette Friederike Anna Knoll. We are "kissin' cousins", according to Duane!

Beth and I were able to fill in some gaps in our genealogy search. Later, Beth and Leroy drove Tom and me to a couple cemeteries in nearby Lynn. There I was shown my great- great-grandparents final resting place, as well as the church they helped found. I was overwhelmed!

Duane showed me the original deed/Certificate of Land Grant for 320 acres issued to great-great grandfather Friedrich Janke and signed by President James Buchanan in 1858. Part of the original farm is still being farmed by descendants today. As a "bonus", Duane also gave me a book on the history of the Granton Community -- 1856-1926, which contains information on many of my ancestors. He was on the Granton Bi-Centennial Committee of 1976, which produced the book.

All too soon we were leaving for the last stop of

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Left to right) Leroy Ludovic, Tom Hornburg, Beth Ludovic.
Headstone: Friedrich Jahncke (Yankee) (1814 - 1888) and his wife Friederike Anna Knoll Jahncke (1813 - 1898).

Settling The Mesilla Valley In Southern New Mexico The Mesilla Valley Today

Emilie Garcia

To visit the Mesilla Valley now is to feel only somewhat that it once was Mexico. The outskirts of cities and most of the downtown areas look like any others across this nation. There are all the chain franchises of stores and fast food establishments. The only reminders of times past are the depictions on water tanks of the conquistadores and padres leading the settlers and their Indian servants from the interior of Mexico.

New Mexico is the only bi-lingual state in America. It caters to tourism by preserving and promoting the colonial Mexican structures and styles, usually preserved around the original plazas in the centers from which these cities grew. Among most descendants of the original settlers of New Mexico there remain the religious customs and traditional food which is not Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex or Taco Bell. It is unique to the descendants of those of Spanish extraction who had been isolated for generations among the Pueblo, Manso, Piro, and Tewa tribes. There are malls now and super freeways and airports and all the new problems and hardships of modern society anywhere. However, the rest of the nation sometimes seems unaware of the existence of New Mexico as part of the fifty states. Sometimes my friends ask me, "How was your trip to Mexico?" I have to inform them that I did not go to a foreign country, I went to that state between Arizona and Texas. I get blank looks sometimes.

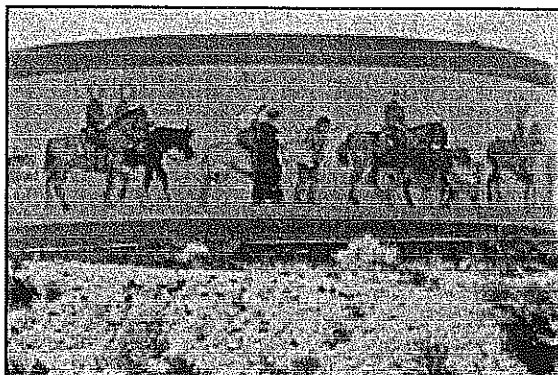
One great improvement in the lives of native

New Mexicans is the establishment of the universities which many of my cousins have attended and have gone on to become professionals. My ancestors

would be proud. It was all they worked and died for. They did not leave when their lands became part of the great American nation. They persevered and became good American citizens, fought in American wars since the Civil War, even when they suffered prejudice in their own ancestral lands from the new Anglo settlers. The worst were the former Confederates (Southern Democrats) from Texas, who sometimes pistol-whipped the Mexican citizens into leaving their lands and homes upon the threat of being shot instantly if

they returned. Indeed, the New Mexico and Arizona Territories were for a short time part of the Confederacy until educated Northern military officers from the East and from California led battles against them. It had been the object of the Confederacy to take over all of the southern United States even to the Pacific Coast in California. Several of these Northern officers settled in the area and married Mexican women. They quickly learned Spanish and were of great assistance to the Mexican communities they lived in. They were very well-respected for this. These men were Republicans and many Mexicans in the Valley joined the Republican party. Several native New Mexicans were lawmen, often deputized under Sheriff Pat Garrett who also married a Mexican woman.. Both Pat Garrett and one of my great-

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Water Tank on the outskirts of Las Cruces, Southern New Mexico's largest city with freeways and malls, stands this water tank with a painted scene depicting the Spaniards and their Indian servants entering the Mesilla Valley around 1598.

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our journey at Onalaska, near LaCrosse, Wisconsin to visit my (deceased) dad's only remaining family, his brother Robert Yankee and wife Nancy. Uncle Bob was in his 80's, and the youngest of the five children. When I walked into the house, Uncle Bob told me, with tears in his eyes, that he didn't think he would ever see me again in his lifetime. I knew he had babysat me when I was quite young, and I used to con him into reading me some Grimm tales -- "Great Claus and Little Claus" was one of my favorites. Does anyone remember that one? We had a great visit. Aunt Nancy showed us a couple books

she had written, illustrated with her own sketches, of a trip down the Mississippi River they had taken in their boat. In exchange, I played the piano a bit at their request. We also met my cousin Ted, who had been just a baby the last time I'd seen him -- and he was preparing for his daughter Dawn's wedding in a few months! Aunt Nancy was busily sewing dresses for the wedding.

Since that trip, both my Aunt Kathryn and Uncle Bob have passed on. I'll always cherish our visits, as well as being able to introduce my son Tom to some relatives and show him a part of beautiful Wisconsin where he was born.

I began researching my ancestors on a whim. I had many names of people, and some dates and places. I thought I would see just what I could find. Right away, I was lucky to find pedigrees that others had put on various web sites. I worked on through my list of names searching through grandfathers and grandmothers until I came to my father's (Oscar Everett Hargesheimer) maternal grandfather. There I hit the brick wall so many people talk about. I had some family information that he was a State Senator in Minnesota or Ohio. I expected someone historically important would be mentioned in books, or even have their names listed somewhere. I could not find him anywhere, so I put my research aside for while. Occasionally I would look at what I had, see how far I could trace ancestors of various sides of the family, and then see the holes. It nagged at me. This started out just for fun and now I just had to find out who this relative was.

Mahlon Rittenhouse Everett seemed to be a ghost. His mother was Anna Rittenhouse, supposedly from Pennsylvania, but there was nothing about her either. Everett is not an uncommon name so there were many leads to trace down. However, no lead bore any fruit.

I was searching state web pages to find out about places my ancestors lived. While on the Minnesota web page, I noticed an e-mail address for a research library. What I intended was to find out if the library had any books that might have Mahlon listed, so I wrote and asked if someone could send me a list of books that I could look for in my own library. I did not hear anything for some time, long enough for me to forget all about it. Then one day I received a reply from a researcher at the library saying that she had found a lot of information about my ancestor, and if I wanted it, I should send her \$35 for her time. This was not what I expected. Up to this point, my financial investment into genealogy was about \$25.00 for a family history computer program. I was not ready to send \$35 to a stranger who might have something I would be interested in. Mahlon continued to nag me. I gave in and sent the researcher the \$35 she requested, and waited.

It took several weeks for the manila envelope to reach Bremerton. I was excited to open it, wondering what kind of information was there. I was surprised to find a folder full of copies of census reports, copies of newspaper reports, excerpts from books, and several pictures. What a gold mine! Here was my great-grandfather, Mahlon Rittenhouse Everett, born 11 Jan 1842 in St. Paris, Champaign County, Ohio, and died 30 Sept 1918 in Waterville,

Le Sueur County, Minnesota. Here was also pretty much his life story.

Thanks to two pages in a history book of Minnesota counties, I have a very good picture of him and a good description of his very full life. He was one of nine children born to Epenetus and Anna (Rittenhouse) Everett who had come to Ohio from New Jersey to farm. Mahlon was able to stretch his elementary education into high school and then into a course at Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio. This was enough to bring him a teaching position in Ohio and California. In 1867, Mahlon moved to Minnesota and settled in Cleveland, Le Sueur County. While there, he "began reading in the office of Add & Bernop at St. Peter, later entering the office of Cadwell & Severancxe at LeSueur, and was admitted to the bar in 1872". Life must have been a lot simpler then. Today that short bio would have included that he spent four years studying hard at a law university.

The article goes on to describe Mahlon's various civic offices, which include county superintendent of schools, county attorney, and Mayor of Waterville, a near-by village. He was elected to the upper house of the Minnesota General Assembly in 1898 on the Democratic ticket, and served eight years. After leaving the Senate, Mahlon went back to private law practice and was the local attorney for the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company.

Another book, *Memorial Record of Southwestern Minnesota*, published in 1897, described Mahlon as a banker, attorney and dealer in real estate in Waterville. "No adequate record of his life can be written until many of the useful enterprises with which he has been connected have completed their full measure of good in the world." It also gives more details of Mahlon's background. His father's parents were natives of Germany, immigrated to America before the Revolutionary War, and his father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mahlon's three brothers fought for the Union during the Civil War, and his brother Redden H. Everett also served in the state legislature. In 1881, Mahlon established the Bank of Waterville in partnership with Mr. Green, doing general banking business, insurance, collections, and real estate. When Mr. Green died the next year, Mahlon kept the bank open. In 1893, the bank was incorporated with Mahlon as director and vice president. In 1895,

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he opened the Everett City Bank of Waterville as sole proprietor.

Mahlon married Maud Chance 2 Mar 1873 in Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio. Maud was born on 18 July 1849 in Champaign County, Ohio. She died at the age of 38 on 13 May 1887 in Waterville of "that dread disease consumption, from whose insidious ravages she had suffered for a number of years," according to the *Waterville Advance*. Mahlon and Maude had five children: Grace Lillian who married Harlow Lewis, Maude V. who married Frank A. Wright, Thomas Leon who died in 1914 in Kent, Washington from an accident with a passenger train, an infant son who died of spinal meningitis, and Miriam Theresa (Tressa) who married Gus Hargesheimer (my father's parents).

All of this information was overwhelming to take in at once. The researcher not only included separate information sheets on each of Mahlon's children, but also copies of their marriage licenses and newspaper articles describing their weddings. Of course, the prize piece is the newspaper article written about my grandparent's wedding. From the *Waterville Gazette*, on 20 May 1904, the article is titled "Pretty Home Wedding". Newspaper articles were so much more descriptive then than they are now and I am very glad of that because I can picture the scene in my mind. "The Everett residence has been the scene of three pretty weddings, but it never looked more beautiful than Wednesday evening where palms, ferns and smilax transformed the parlor into a fairy bower. Smilax was festooned over the windows and clusters of carnations and tulips completed the effect." Tressa was described as wearing "an artistic creation of white Paris chiffon cloth over white taffeta, made in the 1830 fashion with full flounced skirt. The blouse was finished with a bertha of chiffon cloth embroidered in lover's knots of what satin taffeta bebe ribbon, inlaid with medallions of point de Venise. One soft white rose nestled in the coils of her dark hair and a massive bouquet of bride's roses completed the charming costume."

This was much more than I bargained for. I had hoped for a little information about Mahlon R. Everett and here I had a beautiful picture of my father's parents beginning their life together. The sad thing is that I do not have much else of them. I know I met them once as a baby, but I do not have any memories of Gus and Tressa. After reading the information on Mahlon, I feel like I have a rich heritage from him. I am thankful to the Minnesota library researcher for the work she did in putting all of this together. Of course, genealogy is not just a whim to me anymore. The more I find out, the more I want to know. Is it this way for everyone that gets hooked on ancestors?

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grandfathers suffered the same fate. They were shot and killed by persons unknown. That was the Wild West then, the land of Billy the Kid, who often made his home in the Valley, and the gun was often the only law. I once met the daughter of Mr. Garrett who was a secretary at the office of the Doña Ana School District's Superintendent when my mother went to inquire about employment in the schools. When we left her office, my mother said that Ms. Garrett had told her that her father Pat and my mother's uncle had been very good friends, my great-uncle having been a lawman himself in the wild days.

Even though I left the Southwest when I was eight years old in 1948, it still has a pull for me, especially now that my ancestors and their lives are no longer such a mystery. My father had gone to work during WWII at the Alameda Shipyards, and settled in Silicon Valley.

I will continue the hunt; with the aid of the wonderful resources I have found. One of the librarians at the University Library in Las Cruces turned out to be related to me from two of my lines, and she went out of her way to find and reproduce documents for me simply because I was "family". I have met more relatives in New Mexico than I ever knew I had. It seems that all descendants of the original families that settled New Mexico in the 17th century are inter-related.

I have become a hopeless "gene addict".

Legacy User Group

The Legacy Group meets on the last Monday of each month except June and July. We meet to discuss problems that may arise when using Legacy Family Tree. Also we have informal instructions on use of various parts of the program.

If you have any questions concerning the Legacy User Group, please contact Lynn Ramey at lnr1438@earthlink.net



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The trip to Salt Lake City was organized by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society. While some of the folks stayed a full two weeks, I chose to spend only one week, thinking that my poor head would be so full of information by the end of a week, that I simply wouldn't be able to cram any more into it. I was probably right, from the looks of the papers and notes that I have to organize and file. It was wonderful being with such a nice group of people for this first trip to SLC, as everyone saw to it that I could find my way around without getting lost. The hotel was very conveniently located, just around the block from the Family Research Center and the cafeteria was only a couple of blocks further up the street. You couldn't ask for better accommodations to allow for maximizing the time available for research. I have to say the PSGS is a tough bunch...they expect you to be ready to hit the microfilm at 7:30 in the morning and not leave until 9:00 or so at night when the library closes. Now, for the fun stuff. What did I find out?

First let me say that I already had some information that the Rand branch of my family came to this country very early, around 1630. But I did not personally have documentation that proved it to me. As luck would have it, that was the easiest thing to prove. The historical records, church documents, and city records all show that Francis Rand, (b 1616, d Sep 29, 1691) my eighth-great-grandfather, arrived on the shores of Rye, NH, around 1630. Francis' is listed as one of "Mason's Men" in a history by Rev. Hubbard. These men were stewards and servants sent by John Mason, Esq. into New Hampshire to develop a colony. Also on the list are two of Francis' relatives, John and Thomas Rand, plus John Ault, who was to later become the father-in-law to Francis's son, John. Francis was killed in an Indian raid in 1691. His wife, Christian Rand was killed in a later Indian raid. Luckily for me, their sons survived to carry on the family name.

I was able to document the Rand family births and deaths down to meet up with other information I had on the family. Enoch Rand, my fourth-great-grandfather (b Feb 26, 1780 d approximately 1808 at sea) was also born in Rye, NH. He moved to Marblehead, MA the early part of the 1800, probably after the death of his father, George, in 1803, and went to sea as a ship's carpenter on a merchant ship bound for Africa for a load of coffee. While in the library I found a book titled "Old Marblehead Sea Captains". On a hunch, I glanced through the book and sure enough in 1806, a ship called the "Essex" left Marblehead headed to Africa. They were carrying \$60,000 in cash with which to purchase coffee.

Somewhere off the coast of Africa, they were being escorted into harbor by an armored Arabic ship with some of the Arabian sailors on board the Essex. As night approached the Arabs attacked the crew of the Essex and all hands were massacred. I have the Captain's name, but no ship's roster to show whether this is the ship Enoch Rand was on or not. The book did mention another reference, which I will pursue since it was not available at the FHC.

Enoch left a small son, my third-great-grandfather Ebenezer (b March 26, 1804 d May 31, 1885). His mother was hard pressed to raise her son and also care for her aging mother, but nonetheless wove cloth which she sold at 8 to 10 cents a yard and was able to provide a living for the family. When Ebenezer was 21 he became a full journeyman boot-maker and took on the responsibility of providing for the family. He married Miss Hannah Calley (b January 20, 1805, d August 17, 1831) on December 25, 1826. I was able to verify many interesting facts for the Calley family, including Hannah's mother's name, Grace. Hannah had many siblings, most of whom died in early childhood.

Ebenezer and Hannah had an opportunity to move west and settled in Carthage, IL around 1831, along with the Calley family. I have much documentation that follows this family's move and early trials and tribulations as documented by a letter written by Ebenezer to his four youngest children by his third wife (Joanne Lawton). But new information I found was that Ebenezer was in Carthage the same time as Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church. In fact, he was one of the jurists, part of a grand jury that acquitted some members of the community who were accused of assassinating the Smiths. Needless to say, I was keeping a low profile.

I don't want you to think that I solely studied the Rand family. I also looked for Housen, which was my maiden name. I found my great-grandfather Herman Housen listed on the 1920 census in CA, which is where I thought he would be. However, I still cannot find my great-grandmother, Louisa Craycraft Housen. She disappeared from my sight after 1891. I also learned the name of Mary Hill's (the wife of Enoch Rand) father was Benjamin Hill. I found the marriage record for him and Mary Lindsey in 1804 church records.

When I learned that church records from Munsala Parish in Finland were available on microfilm I set about looking for my mother's family. While the older records are very poor, the originals being faded and torn, I was able to find the confirmation records for each of my grandparents plus each of their par-

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What Am I Doing Here?

Terry Mettling

I first started dabbling in my family history sometime around 1980, shortly after our daughter was born. One of the first things that became apparent was that all branches of my wife's family seemed to have been in America forever, while most of my family lines were comparative late-comers. Accord-

ingly, much of our time has been spent collecting research that has already been done on my wife's lines, verifying that research, untangling the different stories passed down on my lines and researching the loose ends. This story focuses on a couple of those loose ends. In May of 2000, I embarked on a long awaited and much anticipated journey to southern Indiana. Harrison County, Indiana was where my great-great-grandfather

Ambrose Mettling (1832 - 1900) settled when he arrived in this country from Bas-Rhin, France in the 1850's. It was where my great-grandfather Henry (1862 - 1941) was raised and where my grandfather Stanley Mettling (1898 - 1977)

was born and raised. It was a place that I had wanted to visit for years and I was finally going there!

After four days of traveling, I arrived in Corydon, Indiana (the county seat), got settled in my motel room and got ready to explore. The next day was spent wandering around and locating the courthouse, the library, and the chamber of commerce (where I acquired a wonderful map of the county showing all roads, all churches and all cemeteries). After getting acclimated, I headed for the library to see what I could find. Although the county library in

Corydon is fairly small, it does have a genealogy area in the back that is usually staffed with a volunteer. Since the Mettling family had moved in masse to Kansas in 1916, no one there recognized the name. With many of the old local newspapers on microfilm, I settled in to see if I could pin down old Ambrose's death date. In the meantime, I had called an acquaintance that lived a couple hours drive away to see if we could finally meet in person. This person, Lonnie Fink, had gotten in touch a few years before and we had exchanged information by mail about the Mettlings. It seemed that one of his ancestors, Mary Elizabeth Fink, had married Joseph Mettling in

1849. Since the Mettling name is not a common name, we felt there had to be a connection. Lonnie was going to be able to meet me at the library on the following Saturday. Continuing my newspaper searches, I found Ambrose's death notice the first week of February 1900. That gave me an approximate date, the church (St. Peters Church in Convenience) where the funeral was held and the cemetery. I also knew that my great-great-grandmother had

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St. Peters Cemetery.
Photo by Terry Mettling.

Jack Briles of
New Albany, Indiana
with a few like minded
helpers restored in 2000
Old St. Peter's Cemetery
to a semblance
of its prior condition.



Memorial to Unknown Dead
Erected October, 14 2000
at Rededication Ceremony.
Photo by Jack Briles.

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I searched for my husband's family as well, but was not so lucky. I found interesting facts on the Prall family, who settled on Long Island in the early 1600's, but could not tie them directly with facts I had previously gathered. There are also interesting information on the Van Arsdale family and the Stryker family, but once again I could not tie in with a direct line. Research of the Scott and Sanders families also ran me into brick walls.

And so, I am still left with mysteries to unravel, new names to plug into my family tree, and lots of documents to file. I have plenty of reason to return to SLC next year.

FAMILY TREE MAKER USERS GROUP

All members of PSGS who use Family Tree Maker Genealogy software and would be interested participating in the formation of a Family Tree Maker Users Group, please contact me at (360) 275 4990 or at morrison@nwinet.com.

Once PSGS has established a permanent meeting place, a FTM Users Group would meet once a month to discuss all aspects of the FTM program operations, the solving of data entry problems and assist in answering your questions.

All interest parties please contact me.

Sandie

Important Information For our Readers

Because Dick Helander is concerned that the following Google feature may be abused for unlawful purposes, he wants you to know about it. If you type in your telephone number in Google Search Field and click the search button, it will give you the address of that phone number. You then have the option of pulling up MapQuest directions and a map to the location of the phone number! This means that anyone who obtains your telephone number (through the telephone book or Caller ID) can find out exactly and immediately where you reside. If for any reason you don't want somebody to locate you, you have the option to removing your telephone number from the

Google reverse directory. Follow these steps: (1) Access Google (all you have to do is type google into the search field of any search engine and click on the Google link. Then type in your full telephone number including area code in the Google Search Field and click on search. (2) If your number appears in the mapping database, an icon resembling a telephone will appear to the left of the entry on the result page. (3) Click on this icon and it will take you to a page containing a description of this service and a link to request that your telephone number be removed. Repeat this process for each line in your residence.

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What Am I Doing Here?

died of smallpox in the early 1870's. Figuring that a smallpox outbreak would most certainly be newsworthy material, I thought this should be easy! So much for thinking... After several hours of poring through several years of newspapers, I finally found a small notice that "the smallpox outbreak in Taylor Township is still spreading, two deaths have occurred." No names were mentioned and the next week's edition of the newspaper was missing. I will probably never know for sure, but it is my belief that my great great grandmother Elizabeth was one of those deaths.

Taylor Township, where the Mettling family had lived during their 60-year stay in Harrison County, is in the southeast portion of the county, bordering on the Ohio River. It is hilly, rocky country with a lot of wooded areas. I spent time wandering around, finding the place where the family had lived, where they went to church and school and the cemeteries where some of the family is buried. I took a lot of pictures of these places. I then went to the Catholic Diocese office in Corydon for more information about old Ambrose Mettling since I knew that the funeral services were held at the Catholic Church in Buena Vista, or Convenience, as it was known then. Sometime before 1980, the priest in charge had the old cemetery there bulldozed in preparation for putting up a single memorial. This was done because he (the priest) felt that the cemetery was run down, no one was taking care of it and very few people ever went there. Unfortunately, before the memorial could be arranged, that priest died of a heart attack and nothing else was done. In the late 1990's, some individuals became aware of the state of Old St. Peter's Cemetery, which is a three-mile drive ending with a trip down a one-lane dirt track through the woods although it's only a little over a half-mile from the current church, and immediately created an uproar. With this knowledge in mind, I was a bit leery about asking too many questions about that particular cemetery. Imagine my surprise when in response to my queries, the parish priest brought out the parish register covering that area, set me up with a table and lamp and let me peruse the entries as long as I wanted.

In addition to finding the exact date of death and burial of Ambrose, I found several other choice entries regarding the Mettling families.

The next to last day of my stay in Indiana was Saturday, the day I was to finally meet Lonnie Fink. A few minutes after I arrived at the library, I walked Lonnie with his laptop and a briefcase filled with paper. He had pulled all vital records about the Mettling family that he could find, both in Indiana and in Kentucky also. Most of these were from Joseph's side but one interesting note appeared.

Within months after his arrival in New Orleans, it seems that Ambrose was in Franklin County, Kentucky being a sponsor at the christening of one of Joseph's children. This was another indication that they were very likely brothers. After exchanging information and chatting for a while, Lonnie and I were discussing the Old St. Peter's Cemetery since that is where Joseph is buried also. Neither of us knew how to get there and Lonnie had just mentioned a gentleman from the next county that does a lot of cemetery restoration work (and who also just happened to know how to get to the cemetery), when guess who walked in the door of the library! Do you believe in Providence? Anyway, he took us out to the cemetery, which had tall grass and weeds, huge anthills, twenty-year-old sycamore trees, one sign and pieces of tombstones scattered here and there. I'll never know exactly where Ambrose and Joseph are buried other than that they are buried in that cemetery. But the net result of that visit on that day was that within six months, the cemetery had been completely cleared, a memorial had been erected, and the priest from Corydon came down to reconsecrate the cemetery. Since I was back out here in Washington by early June, the other two gentlemen kept me up to date on what was happening. They did use my photos to prod things along on occasion. All in all, between getting a cemetery restored and finding out more about my Mettling ancestors, it was a very gratifying trip.

PSGS Notes

Cindy's Choice Web Sites

Manchester, NH based American-Canadian Genealogical Society's newsletter, *The American Canadian Genealogist* - Issue #95. Volume 29, Number 1, 2003 from their column titled "From Other Publications" cited the following articles from the June 2002 *Backtracker* as worthy of notice.

My Inspiration to Become a Genealogist.

My Seafaring Granddads.

Don't Disregard the Step-Relatives.

Let us all give **Nadine Tietge**, **Madi Cataldo** and **Larry Harden** a resounding ovation for their achievement.

We wish to express our appreciation to **Pat Eder** for doing an excellent job producing the Periodical Exchange Notes column for over six years. **Jackie Horton** will take over the Exchange Notes feature beginning with the September edition.

Cindy Spore conducted an intensive three hour one-on-one course in genealogy on March 18th at the Manchester Library. She was well received by three family historians at various levels knowledge.

It was **Joan Gathings'** (Clermont, Florida) question regarding the *Sum's* treatment of obituaries and tributes that prompted the item on page 28.

JoAnn has sent us a message that her husband **Roger Goodspeed** is undergoing treatment for two kinds of cancer discovered in January and that he is doing well, but asks for your prayers.

Thank you **Laurel Moyer** for donating a scanner to the PSGS Research Library.

Jeanne Menchenton, **Marjorie Schultz**, and **JoAnn Scott** have expressed interest in organizing a Family Tree Maker User Group.

Sandy Morris will chair a committee regarding PSGS' participation in the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It is suggested that PSGS sponsor a special in October 2004 involving the tentative participation of Darla Moore of Port Orchard. She is the third-great-granddaughter of expedition member Sacagawea. **Sandie Morrison** and **Marjorie Menees** recently attended bicentennial celebration organizational meetings with local Native Americans and other interested parties.

Larry Harden has donated a vacuum cleaner to our library and a 19 inch TV and VCR has been donated provided they are in working order by **Larry Swan**.

Phyllis Wahlquist has redesigned our stationery letterhead, business card, brochures and return address labels. She incorporated **Louis Roark's** Puget Sound backdrop.

Sandie Morris and **Pat Eder** will spearhead PSGS' participation in the Kitsap County Fair in August.

Items on our **Wish List** microphones and speaker system, TV Trays and large coffee pot.



www.sources2go.com

More than 20,000 records on line that are actual scans of original documents. Included are: census, military, immigration, postal records and more. All are by location and record type. The company claims copyright and requires the purchase of the relevant CD -- about \$14 each.

www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcome.htm

For those who might not have a book with where to write for birth and death, marriage or divorce, this will help. The individual fact sheets are arranged geographically and accessed by selecting the state or territory where you are hoping to find info.

www.gencircles.com

Free site for "Smart Matching" -- links ancestors in your file with the same ancestors in other people's file. Individuals upload their GEDCOM files.

www.bookfinder.com

Sounds better than Amazon.com. It has new, used and out-of-print books.

www.linkline.com/personal/xymox/

Check this out for 1607 to 1675 for more than 24,000 persons living on the East Coast. You might be lucky.

<http://naturalizationrecords.com/usa/passports.shtml>

Index to Passport Records and explanation of them as a research tool.

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.com>

This where we look so we may learn how to do this crazy hobby. Lessons are many and FREE.

<http://lists.rootsweb.com>

This is really important for all of us. Check to see if there is a list for any of your surnames. Then submit your own queries after signing up. FREE

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~canada/>

Links to Canadian genealogy sites in every province in Canada to help those researching Canadian roots.

PSGS Research Library Announces Temporary Opening

The Research Library
Located in the Poulsbo Armory
At 19133 Jensen Way NE
Will be open on the following
Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20.
(360) 779-3257

The State of Washington has extended
our occupancy until July 1st.

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move some of the, in fact, most of our big bookcases and their contents. What a chore! At noon, as the big vans pulled away from our ten-year former home, we all agreed as Larry Swan said, "And some people thought we should do this ourselves!"

Meantime, waiting at the Armory in Poulsbo were the rest of the moving crew to direct the placing of the freight and get the cases anchored to the walls, set up the machines, desk, phone, printer and so forth. At the end of the day we were fundamentally moved into our new quarters.

Then, for the rest of the month the work parties met over and over to get all the books, film, fiche, CD's, and operating materials into place. They set up new shelving. They labeled the shelves. They sorted and cased all those stacks of miscellaneous periodicals we had stacked under the cabinets in the old library, and we knew that by the 7th of May we would at last be in working order for the library to open.

On the 30th of April, I was sitting in my living room, enjoying an afternoon cup of coffee with a friend and feeling relaxed and good about all being well and taken care of at the PSGS Research Library when my phone rang. It was President Sandie -- "Would you check to see how much it would cost us to put our library into storage?" she said, "We just received notice to be out of the Armory in 30 days."

"WHAT!" I exclaimed. And you know the rest of the story.

I can only say over and over again thanks to all the members of this wonderful group of volunteers who gave so much time, energy, and expertise to the library. We would never have managed without you and we hope you have strength enough left to assist in the next episode.

Belfair Bulletin

Jackie Horton has placed the following articles from the Belfair Byline edition of the June 2002 edition of the *Backtracker* on the Belfair Chapter web page: Oscar

Olafsson Foster, Belfair Pioneer

by **Estelle Foster**

Allyn and Victor History To Be Written

The Headstone Mystery - Who is Aunt Emma Cress? by **Jan Stevenson**

The Art of Composing Effective Queries
by **Linnie Griffin**

Belfair History by **Jan Stevenson**

The Photograph Album by **Jackie Perkins-Horton**

Seafaring Granddads by **Madi Cataldo**

My Inspiration to become a Genealogist
by **Nadine Tietge**

Note: **Maryls Marrs** is recovering from a stroke

Marlys is doing excellent but isn't yet totally up to par.

I saw her the other day and she seems to be feeling fine. It will be awhile before she can resume any of the activities she was doing before such as helping out at the Perry Avenue Mormon Library and going on our field trips.

Jackie Horton.

PSGS Notes

Part Two.

The PSGS Executive Board has approved the purchase of something that we have wanted for our library for several years. We have set aside money for this purpose and finally our wish appears to have been granted. It is a microfilm/fiche reader/printer. **Marjorie Menees** and Sandie Morrison are talking to the manager of a business machine store about purchasing a reasonably priced previously owned Canon machine.

The State of Washington has extended our date of departure from the Poulsbo Armory until July 1st.

Important Tax Information!

Puget Sound Genealogical Society is a non-profit corporation determined by the Internal Revenue Service (letter dated June 8, 1998) to be "exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) and "Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code section 2055, 2106, and 2522."

**Cash and In Kind Contributions
To the Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Are Tax Deductible.**

PSGS' Myra Gormley Seminar A Success



*Left to right:
Sandie Morrison
and
Myra Vanderpool Gormley*

Our Myra Gormley seminar was held on May 3rd with 128 people in attendance. Our Publicity Chairman, Pat Eder did an outstanding job of getting the information out to the Genealogical Societies, newspapers and businesses.

Susan Evans did the program and Myra's notes and had them ready to hand out as people arrived. The Set Up Committee: Bobby Kennedy, Bruce Ramsey, Ed Evans and their crew prepared the room the day before the event and by 4:00 pm it was all set up and looking great. Ed Evans also set up the sound system, which was loud and clear. Paulette Waggoner and her workers set up the Genealogy Wall where people could post their name, address and their ancestor's names. With the help of Loraine Magee, Paulette also posted Welcome in different languages on

the entry doors.

Larry Swan and Phyllis Evans organized the door prizes and kept calling the numbers until someone yelled out "yahoo". Sandy Watson was in charge of our PSGS Membership Table where she gladly accepted new membership applications.

Our PSGS Sales Table was filled to over flowing with used books and our Belfair group sold just about everything they had. Good job!

IdaMae Swedberg was in charge of our PSGS Raffle Table where she sold additional tickets on the hand held PC. Thank you Idamae.

Kathy De Los Reyes contacted the vendors for the event and all three businesses drew crowds through out the day.

Cindy Shawley Spore handled registration and she did a fantastic job of organization. She had a great



*Larry Swan
announcing the
door prize winners.*

Photos by: Terry Mettling.



*Left to right:
Cindy Shawley Spore
and
Myra Vanderpool Gormley*

crew handing out the packets as people came in the door. Bruce Ramsey took charge of the walk in registration table. Cindy also made sure the lunch orders were given to the Davis Deli and they were delivered right on time.

Lorraine Kniert and her crew were there to prepare the pastries and hot coffee as usual. A big thank you to all members who brought in door prizes and the items for the attendee's packets. The bottled water was great.

As the Seminar Chairman, I want to thank all of our members who helped make this seminar the huge success that it was. Without your time and effort, we could not have done it. Each seminar PSGS hosts is bigger and better and I am confident that the next seminar will follow suit.

Sandie

Why Did You Become A Genealogist?

Please share with our *Backtracker* readers the reason why you became a genealogists. Compose a brief essay describing that moment of inspiration or event that caused you too become a family historian.

The Master Genealogist Program

Any One Interested
In Organizing A
TMG User Group
Please contact
Martha Parker
At
parker2005@charter.net

Earn Money for PSGS

PSGS has joined the
Legacy Affiliate Program.

Go to our web site:
[www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/
homepage.htm/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/)

Click on: "Important Links"

Click on: **Legacy**

PSGS will earn a 15%

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Online Purchases.

PSGS Web Page — www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/

No One Wants to Hear You Talk About Genealogy

I am sure you will agree with the comments of syndicated columnists Jay Ambrose. He says, "I am involved sufficiently in genealogy to have learned that no one wants to hear you talk about it, even including members of your own family. But the study of ancestors does have the virtue of connecting us personally with historical realities. One thing I've found is that many of my ancestors did come here to escape a Europe whose confining ways were a slur on the human spirit, and that what they invariably found in America was the opportunity and freedom to build good lives." (Monday, February 17, 2003, Bremerton Sun, page B3).

I am in wholehearted agreement with his first statement. It is hard to discuss your family history research with those that you think would be most interested. It is my experience with the exception of socializing with other family historians that

our avocation is a solitary pursuit.

We have become family historians because we have a deep interest in history as it relates to our families. An interest in knowing the relationship of our ancestry to the general flow of historical events and to learn what part they may have, if any, to those occurrences.

Another is our fascination with the conundrums created by our forebears that challenge our intellect in the unraveling. The overcoming of the obstacles constantly thrown up inadvertently by our predecessors in the ordinary course of living their lives is the mental stimulation that motivates us to continue the chase for our elusive past.

When we begin our search for our origins we find it takes us on a journey along a twisting and lonely road.

Cyril Taylor

Puget Sound Genealogical Society Official Notice

The following amendments to the by laws of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society dated 24 February 1998 are hereby published in accordance with Article VIII, Section B. "Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendments shall be given to each member thirty (30) days prior to the vote."

Article II: Amend by adding "The library and resources of this society shall be available to any genealogical researcher or student at no cost during the usual opening hours of the library or upon special arrangement with the Librarian."

Rationale: Requested by Sandie to meet requirements of the State and possibly others in the future. The committee thinks "student" is inclusive of all ages involved in any kind of research.

Article III, Section 3: Amend by striking August and inserting July. Would read: "...a recommendation is to be placed before members attending the July general membership meeting..."

Rationale: Permits the recommendation to be published in the September Backtracker.

Article IV, Section 1: Amend by substituting: Article IV, Section 1. The elected officers of PSGS and their duties shall be:

A. President

- 1) Presides at all meetings.
- 2) Appoints committee chairs, with the concurrence of the Executive Board.
- 3) Serves as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

- 4) Supervises all activities of PSGS.
- 5) Performs other duties as required.

B. 1st Vice-President

- 1) In the absence of the President, assumes those duties.
- 2) Provides for the monthly educational segment of the general membership meetings.

C. 2nd Vice-President

- 1) Collects all dues and provides membership cards.
- 2) Maintains membership listing.
- 3) Provides membership listing to the Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor.

D. Treasurer

- 1) Makes a monthly deposit.
- 2) Pays all bills.
- 3) Issues receipts.
- 4) Submits monthly reports.
- 5) Maintains an up-to-date set of books.
- 6) Presents books for the annual audit and for special audits as required.
- 7) Chairs the Budget Committee and presents the proposed annual budget for consideration and adoption at the January Executive Board meeting.

E. Recording Secretary

- 1) Keeps a complete record of business conducted at all general membership meetings and meetings of the Executive Board.
- 2) Maintains an accurate record of attendance at each meeting.
- 3) Maintains all records of the Society.

F. Corresponding Secretary

- 1) Handles all incoming correspondence, directing it to the proper

elected official or chairman.

- 2) Composes outgoing correspondence as directed by the President.

Rationale: Defines the responsibilities of the officers.

Article IV, Section 3: Amend by deleting the current Section 3 and renumbering Sections 4, 5 and 6.

Rationale: This information should be included in the list of standing committees in Section 2. See proposed amendment below.

Article IV, Section 4B: Amend by striking "a simple majority of those" and inserting 35. Would read: "B. At any regular or special membership meeting, a quorum shall consist of 35 voting members."

Rationale: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition (RRONR), defines a quorum as "the minimum number of members who must be present for business to be legally transacted." RRONR continues, "In an ordinary society, therefore, a provision of the bylaws should specify the number of members that shall constitute a quorum, which should approximate the largest number that can be depended upon to attend a meeting except in very bad weather or other extremely unfavorable conditions. In the absence of such a provision in a society or assembly whose real membership can be accurately determined at any time...the quorum is a majority of the entire membership, by the common

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(Continued from page 42) PSGS Official Notice parliamentary law." The present wording does not specify a number; the quorum, as written, could be as low as two in the unlikely, but possible, event that only three people show up for a meeting.

Article IV, Section 5D: Amend by substituting. Would read: "D. The President may only cast a voice or hand vote when necessary to break a tie."

Rationale: RRONR states "If the presiding officer is a member of the assembly or voting body, he has the same voting right as any other member. ...unless the vote is secret (that is, unless it is by ballot) the chair protects his impartial position by exercising his voting right only when his vote would affect the outcome...." The president should be allowed to vote if a ballot is used. In the event of a tie, RRONR stipulates that the president can only vote in the affirmative; if the president is opposed to the motion, refraining from voting lets the tie stand and no majority is achieved, resulting in failure of the motion. "To break a tie" is substituted for "a tie-break" to satisfy the grammarian/nitpicker's conscience.

Article IV, Section 6: Amend by striking the first "elected." Would read: "The officers shall be elected...."

Rationale: All the officers of PSGS are elected, so this is redundant.

Article VI, Section 1, B: Amend by substituting Nominating for Nominations. Would read: "...and shall chair the Nominating and Auditing...."

Rationale: Consistency with the use of "Auditing" and with "Nominating" used elsewhere in the bylaws.

Article VI, Section 1, C: Amend by inserting "shall oversee the activities of the Library Volunteer Coordinator to insure adequate staffing of the library, "between" ... society library," and "and shall follow..." Would read: "C. Librarian: Shall provide a list of prospective acquisitions to the Executive board for approval, shall be responsible for the organization and direction of the society library, shall oversee the activities of the Library Volunteer Coordinator to insure adequate staffing of the library, and shall follow guidelines as set forth in the official notebook for this position."

Rationale: Clarifies who is responsible for operation and staffing of the library.

Insert new Article VI, Section 2: Section 2. No officer shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered unless expressly authorized by the Board. Compensation to

an officer shall not be retroactively authorized. However, an officer, committee chairman, or other member may be reimbursed for bona fide expenses incurred on behalf of the Society as approved by the Board.

Rationale: Authorizes reimbursement for expenditures related to PSGS activities.

Article VII, Section 2A: Amend by striking "annually (between the last and first meetings of the year)" and inserting annually between the December and January meetings after "society."

Would read: "A. Auditing: To examine the financial status of the society annually between the December and January meetings, and at..."

Rationale: Present wording is confusing. Since the membership year is stated to begin in January, this specifies the time frame for the audit more clearly.

Add Article VII, Section 2F: "Budget: To develop the annual budget for presentation to the Executive Board. This committee shall be chaired by the incumbent Treasurer and shall be composed of the incumbent, the incoming Treasurer, and a member appointed by the President."

Rationale: As written, the Bylaws would lay responsibility for budget development on the shoulders of the outgoing Treasurer without involving the incoming Treasurer in the process. When this is the same person, there is no problem, but in the event of a change in Treasurer, the incoming individual should be fully aware of the reasoning behind the budget proposal. Involvement of another member can provide a different outlook on expenditures and possible income sources

Add Article VII, Section 2G:

"Nominating: To seek at least one nominee for each Society office from the members in good standing and present a slate of nominees at the September general membership meeting. This committee shall be composed of the Immediate Past President and two members appointed by the current Executive Board. It shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President."

Rationale: Includes this committee in the list of standing committees and consolidates the description of committee duties in one article of the bylaws.

Article VII, Section 3: Amend by striking "guidelines in the official notebook for the position" and adding the direction of the Executive Board. Would read: "Special Committee chairpersons answer to the Executive Board and shall follow the direction of the Executive Board."

Rationale: Unless an official notebook for special committees exists, the only guidance a special committee could receive would come from the Executive Board.

Insert new Article IX and renumber the existing Articles IX and X. Would read:

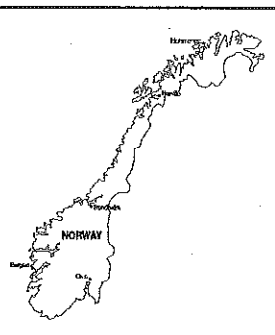
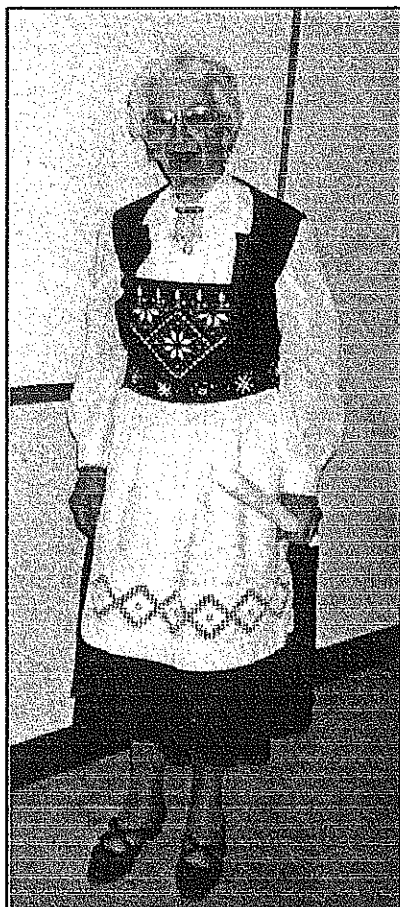
Article IX - Hold Harmless -- A. The Society shall defend, save, and hold all Executive Board members and committee chairmen harmless from any and all claims and liabilities of whatsoever nature arising from performance of their duties or any other action taken in good faith on behalf of the Society. Such indemnity shall not extend to any action taken by a Board member or chairman with actual knowledge that such action was beyond his/her authority or powers, or to any action which constitutes or is knowingly in aid of an actual fraud or crime.

B. The Executive Board members are authorized to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance against the liability of the Society and/or officers arising from any claim indemnified by this paragraph, but are not required to do so.

Rationale: This committee agrees that the contemporary litigious atmosphere requires that our officers and committee chairman have this protection. There is no requirement for the purchase of insurance, but we should make it a viable option.

Article X (XI): Amend by inserting Newly between Order, and Revised. Would read: "The Puget Sound Genealogical Society shall be conducted in accordance with the parliamentary procedures set forth in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

Rationale: The official Robert's Rules of Order website (<http://www.robertsrules.com/book.html>) states, "The Tenth edition, referred to as Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RRONR), supersedes all earlier editions as the parliamentary authority in organizations that have adopted Robert's Rules of Order in their bylaws. It is important for all members of an organization to use a single parliamentary guide. Older editions of Robert's Rules have significant differences in their guidelines and page and section references, which can exacerbate disagreements instead of helping to settle them." The name was changed in 1970 from Robert's Rules of Order, Revised to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Since there are a number of other books using Robert in their titles, this will clarify which book is to be used.



Margaret Kvinsland of Port Orchard spoke of her Norwegian heritage at the PSGS membership meeting at the Armory in Poulsbo on the afternoon of April 22nd.

Her traditional costume was apropos to our meeting site in the town of Poulsbo founded by Norwegian settlers
Photo by Pat Eder.



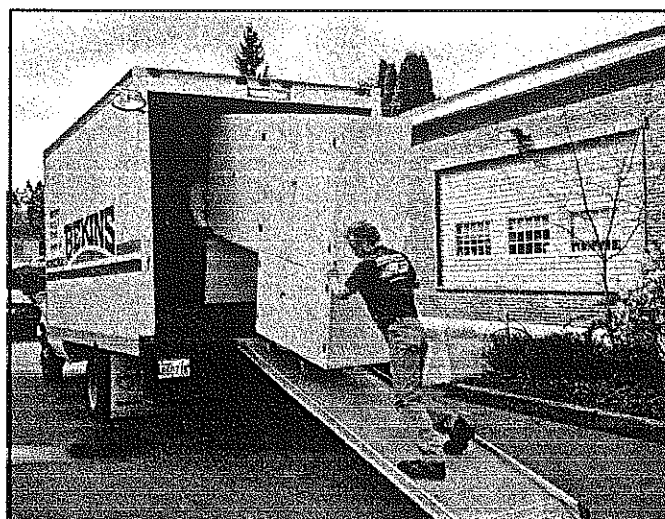
Good Bye Givens!

The PSGS Library packing crew taking a photo-op break from their packing in preparation for the movers.

Left to right: Marjorie Menees, Sue Plummer, Cindy Shawsley Spore, Paulette Waggoner, Terry Mettling, and Sandie Morrison.

March 28, 2003

A Pat Eder Photo.



PSGS Research Library On the Move

Lock, Stock and Barrel

Next Stop Poulsbo

May 31st, 2003

A Pat Eder Photo

Sue Plummer dressed in the period costume of her Fifth-Great-Grandmother Hannah [Riegel] Jacoby (1729-1828) of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Her presentation was a reenactment of her ancestor talking about her life and family. It was given at the membership meeting on February 25th at the Givens Community Center.



What the *Backtracker* needs is family history articles about the pioneers of the Kitsap Peninsula. If your family pioneered this area, why don't you write about them for us. Don't you too think our newsletter should Have articles relevant to our local history?

Members' Surname Interests

Karin Burke, 6418 Amberly Place SE, Port Orchard, WA. 98367, karinmsj@hotmail.com.

Rock — Snohomish County 1895 - 1975

Rock—Whatcom County 1895-1905

Cramer — Snohomish County 1895 - 1975

Cramer Whatcom County 1895-1905

Johnson — Seattle 1900 +

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Fox — North Carolina 1900

Worden — Massachusetts 1870 — 1890

Moe — Minnesota & Norway 1900 and before.

Mary Everhart, 4309 SE Basswood Lane, Port Orchard, WA 98366, m-everhart@charter.net.

Webster — OH 1840's & further east before 1840s.

Armstrong — Glasgow, Scotland before 1910.

Hanratty - San Francisco 1890's IRE before 1890's

Jo Jean Harrah, 7575 SW Alta Vista Drive, Port Orchard, WA 98367, jjhgenealogy@aol.com.

Harrah (O'Hara) — W.VA & Ireland

Mundy — NC & IND — Wales

Stout — IND — Ireland, Wales

Jenkins — IND — Ireland

Souche — France

Dudding — W.VA — VA

Nichols — W.Va.

Knight — W.VA — Ohio

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Taggard — MO 1820—1900

Steppe — OH, CA 1850—1930

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Rouse — 1700-1900 NY, MI, WA

Kinney/Kinne — 1700-1900 MA, NY, OH, MI

Mack — 1700-1900 CT, OH, MI

Purvis — 1700-1900 VA, KY, IL

Martin — 1700-1900 VA, KY, IL, WA

Leary — MD, WA

Sharon Miller, 6482 East Blvd. NE, Bremerton, WA 98311, lashami@netzero.net. — Needs help finding birth and death records for:

Anna Mae [Harris] Bentley born 1868 MO d. MO

David Thomas born 1826 MO — d. AR

Julia [Wilbanks] Thomas b 1873 AL — d. AR

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Bye — 1600 to present, Norway, MT

Solwood — WA—Minn.

Gulla — Norway, WISC

Roinestad — Norway

Stone — Norway

Fearon — IRE, MT

McParland — IRE, MT

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Balter **Boelter**

Balcom **Adkins**

Schulte **Dungan**

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McFarlane

Lovejoy

Warren

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Parker, 1750-1850, Co. Fermanagh, IRE

Fawcett, 1750-1850 Co. Fermanagh IRE

Plunkett, 1750-1900 Co. Fermanagh IRE

Balfour, 1750-1900 Co. Fermanagh IRE

Curran, 1830-1875 Co. Down, IRE, Ontario, CAN

McBride, 1840-1850 Co. Tyrone, IRE

McBride, 1850-1900 Dumfries, SCOT

McCarthy, 1780-1840, Mitcheltown, Co., Cork

Flynn, Arthur, 1830 Co. Roscommon, WI, IL, MO

Kay W. Wilson, 5525 Central Valley Road NW, Bremerton, WA. 98311, kaylww@attbi.com.

Wilson ME PA, 1860-1885

Long Hanover, GER 1840 OH, IL, NE, WA

Forney PA, OH, IL

Frease PA, OH, IL

Meese WV-OH

Sinclair WV-OH

Sarles ENG-CAN

Farrow ENG-CAN

Rioux FRANCE-CAN

Lemay FRANCE-CAN

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Carley

Pelger

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Gemar, German-Russian-Dakotas

Klunclt, German-Russian-Dakotas

Kusler, German-Russian-Dakotas

Hampton — Quaker, PA, OH

O'Hara, Fenton — Irish — Dakotas

Sharon Patrick, 23716 Clear Creek St. NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370, shariot@yahoo.com.

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Seaton

Westphal

McDonald

Brown

Pat Eder's Periodical Exchange Notes

Thank You Pat.

Beginning in June 1996 Pat Eder has been perusing all of the exchange journals received by PSGS and from them has extracted those items she felt were of genealogical importance. We want to express our appreciation for this dedication to this task well done. Jackie Horton will be taking on the responsibility of producing this important *Backtracker* feature commencing with the September edition.

Amer Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library "Family Tree" 12:1 (Feb/Mar 2003): news from genealogical societies; Italian death records; probing the past with genomic genealogy (DNA); clan repository for Scottish records.

Amer Family Chronicle 7:4 (Mar/Apr 2003): the Scottish clan system; ten ways to locate your ancestor's birthplace; genealogy and genetics; reading poor handwriting.

Amer Family Tree Magazine 4:2 (Apr 2003): fifty favorite internet resources; creating a family scrapbook; Irish research and websites; finding land records by long distance; the best homemade genealogy websites with how-to tips.

Amer History Magazine 4:3 (Feb/Mar 2003): events of 1490's decade; stagecoaches; development of the telegraph; origins of baseball; women in baseball; King James Version of Bible; yellow fever history.

Amer Heritage Quest 19:1, Issue 103 (Jan/Feb 2003): researching a royal line; ties with a royal line; plantagenet ancestry - English kings' known descents both legitimate and illegitimate for 17th century English and Welsh colonists (is to be published this spring); research trip to Washington, DC; websites relating to Lancaster Co, PA; free Afro-American ancestors; researching Jews in the military.

American-Canadian GS "American-Canadian Genealogist" 29:1, Issue 95 (2003): listing of family associations with websites; Bishop de Laval-Montmorency and the Catholic church; Perche region in France - the origin of large number of 17th century Quebec settlers.

CA Orange Co GS "Journal" 39:1 (Apr 2002): Orange Co cemetery records, surname 'R'; biographical sketches of leading men and women of the county from early days to 1921.

IL Clay Co GS "Clay Roots" 15:1 (Spr 2003): EL-LIOT, GANT, McGILTON, LOGAN families: RALEY/REILEY/RILEY family, part 2; RUSK school picture, Flora, IL; Clay Co history.

IN Tri-State GS "Tri-State Packet" 26:2 (Dec/Jan/Feb 2003): baptisms by Rev EBINGER, Lake Co, IL, 1887; autobiography of Francis CARLISLE, ongoing; death records listed in Evansville, IN, Journal 1881; records of

Newburgh, IN Presbyterian Church; Warrick Co, IN, Orphan's Home register 1907-1928.

IA Boone Co GS 20:3 (Sept 2002): Boone high school seniors of 1961 and 1962.

KS Crawford Co GS "The Seeker of SE Kansas" 32:4 (Oct/Nov/Dec 2002): Crawford Co naturalization records, index to birth records 1903 and marriages book 'N' 1899-1900.

KS Topeka GS "Quarterly" 33:1 (Jan 2003): extracts from KS newspapers 1879, 1888, 1899 and 1918.

MA Berkshire Co GS "Berkshire Genealogist" 29:1 (Win 2003): West Stockbridge blizzard of 1888 - names of men who cleared snow; church members of Dalton and Pittsfield, MA 1808-1819; South Adams, MA, 1876 homeowners; William WILLIAMS, founder of Dalton, MA; ancestor tables for DANIELS, MILLER, UPTON, BARRETT, HARRINGTON, BARNES, TELLADIRA and DICKSON; members of M.E. Church, Pittsfield, 1864 and 1883; Pittsfield school dept, Dec 1892; state census 1855 Great Barrington, ongoing.

MI Muskegon Co GS "Family Tree Talk" 29:4 (Dec 2002): news articles from Muskegon Daily Chronicle various years; obituaries of prominent local people including A. B. ALLEN; missing schooner in Lake Michigan; 2002 surname list.

MN Otter Tail Co GS "Newsletter" 20:4 (Dec 2002): Otter Tail Co. naturalization index 1924.

MT Dawson Co GS "Tree Branch" 12:1 (Mar 2003): Dawson Co death notices Sept-Dec 2002.

NM New Mexico GS "New Mexico Genealogist" 41:4 (Dec 2002): cattle ranchers of eastern NM 1929-1930; Dona Ana Co constables; Sapello, NM burials 1860-1864; births, deaths and marriages abstracted from Albuquerque Daily Citizen for 1892; first families of NM.

OR Genealogical Forum of Oregon "Bulletin" 52:3 (Mar 2003): Multnomah Co lawyers 1910; travels of Dr. E. WHITE, ongoing; listing of upcoming family reunions; a tribute to women in military service for America; Civil war veterans who were residents of OR.

PA Mercer Co GS "Past Times" 23:1 (Feb 2003): news items from 125 years ago; marriages by Rev. John BUCHER 1763-1769, ongoing; GOURLEY ancestor chart.

Ibid. 23:2 (Mar 2003): news items from 125 years ago; marriages by Rev Bucher, ongoing.

SD Lyman-Brule GS "Newsletter" 16:4 (Jan 2003): jury list for Brule Co, Jan 1915; Brule Co hospital for insane, Dec 1914; Pukwana Press, Feb 1915, real estate transfers; news items from various years 1900-1950.

SD Sioux Valley GS "Pioneer Pathfinder" 28:4 (Oct 2002): Munson cemetery, Sioux Falls; BRANDHAGEN Ahnentafel.

Ibid. 29:1 (Jan 2003): JACOBSON ancestor chart

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One of the great rewards of our hobby is the discovery of family members whose genealogical information (sometimes published) add new dimensions to those family notes we have already managed to collect. But, the communication with these new-found relatives is usually confined to a letter, a picture, a telephone call or exchange of e-mail. Meeting them face-to-face is often reserved for that trip we want to take back to where the records, graveyards and, hopefully, some of the family still are.

But, good things do happen. Occasionally (Very!) and we happen onto “family” who are in the immediate area. This is remarkable. Some years ago, while on one of those ‘trips back there’, good fortune brought me in contact with cousins not known before. They brought immediate expansion into portions of the family where some doubts lingered. As a bonus, I also learned of cousins living right here in Bremerton. Sixteen years or more we had been living almost within shouting distances of one another. Needless to say, we had quite a reunion when I returned home. We called a cousin from Holland to just to bring the “near-bys” and the “far-aways” together. Once in a lifetime? Not really.

Some ten or twelve years later, I was going through some of our PSGS records. In a *Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society* quarterly, I be-

came fascinated with ahnentafels offered by their membership for publication. It was like reviewing a census index – what a collection! Looking for something that just might join up some place in my family tree, I found a couple that had exact given and surnames as recorded in my own records. And the lady’s address was Gig Harbor! Well, her ahnentafel submission was dated some years ago. Maybe she didn’t live there anymore. Maybe she was on a world voyage. Maybe!

But, I did drop a line and SASE to Gig Harbor with a hope of finding someone at home. About two weeks later I was rewarded with a telephone call and a follow-up letter. Jean Cooper had a lot to talk about, so we decided to meet. Jean’s husband, Bob, had just undergone surgery so we agreed that it would be best to wait for a time not be so “cluttered” and Bob could be more comfortable in the “standby mode”.

A few weeks later we arranged to meet at their home for an afternoon of getting acquainted and exchanging genealogical notes. Our common ancestors primarily included Chase, Wing, Bachiller, and a few others along the way. Jean’s neighbor, Catherine Stevens joined us. She is a Wing descendant. So, we met still another distant cousin – nearby! I hope that if it hasn’t yet happened to you, that it soon will. It’s positively wonderful and unforgettable.

(Continued from page 46) Pat Eder's Periodical Exchange Notes.

WA Clallam Co GS “Bulletin” 22:4 (Win 2002-03): Port Angeles townsite sales, series I.

WA Clark Co GS “Trail Breakers” 29:2 (Win 2003): news items from Vancouver Independent 1877; Vancouver post office newsletters; school district records of Mill Plain, Clark Co 1880-1923; Old City cemetery update, ongoing; clues for primary sources; organizing your heaps and piles of genealogy papers.

Ibid. 2003 Directory

WA Jefferson Co GS “Newsletter” 19:2 (Spr 2003): list of voters for Jefferson Co, 1914.

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co GS “The Researcher” 34:2 (Win 2003): Mc Kinley school census, Tacoma 1909; probates of Pierce Co 1881; WA pioneer necrologies; news from Daily Ledger 1887; unclaimed letters in Tacoma post office, Feb 1887; graduates of Fannie C. Padduck school of nursing 1898-1920.

WA Olympia GS “Quarterly” 29:1 (Jan 2003): Sanborn collection available online with a Timberland library card; McMILLAN family; JOHNSON family; LAW pedigree; marriages, Thurston Co, Book 2, ongoing.

WA Washington State GS “Newsletter” 19:1 (Jan/Feb 2003): news of state societies, calendar of events.

Ibid. 2003 Membership Directory.

WA Wenatchee Area GS “Appleland Bulletin” 31:1 (Mar 2003): creating a timeline; Bridgeport cemetery, Douglas Co; Teachers in Wenatchee city school district 1931; Douglas Co marriages 1906.

Good News From An Old Friend

Dick Helander is a former editor of the *Back-tracker* when it was called *Family Backtracking*. We recently had this word from him:

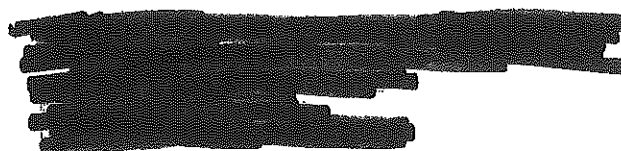
All is well. Last October I had total knee replacement surgery. All went well and I was just starting physical therapy when I pulled a muscle (I thought I was passing a kidney stone, which I have done in the past). Anyhow, when the doctor ordered a CT scan to check out the “kidney stone” they found a suspicious spot on my right kidney. Further tests show it to be malignant and on Mar 24th I had the kidney removed with laproscopic surgery. I was in the hospital two days and now am feeling fine. Removing the kidney took care of the cancer -- no chemo or radiation required

Some day, I may get back to my third love -- genealogy. But right now I have been too busy with other things. See you some day at a meeting.

Dick

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