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

December 2003

A Message From Our President



Sandie Morrison

Dear Members,

As my second term as President of PSGS comes to a close, I wish to thank the Board members for their hard work this year and dedication to PSGS.

We have had an up-side-down year with trying to find a new home for our genealogical research library but through it all everyone has come through with flying colors. I am confident that our

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A Message From Our President Elect



Terry Mettling

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone (I think) for showing his or her faith in electing me as your president as of the first of the year. Our incoming board for the next year is an excellent group of people and should be able to keep me out of trouble.

The incoming 1st Vice President is no stranger to any of us. To start with, she is also the outgoing 1st

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The Menchentions of Newfoundland by Jeanne Lyman Menchenton

My husband Jim (William James Menchenton) grew up in Salem, Massachusetts as an only child. His mother Catherine Violette Menchenton (1891-1970) was from a large family, the Violettes. When he was small and asked about his father they would throw their hands in the air and say "oh he died before you were born". His mother was from a very

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Romance At The Veterans Home Mary Ann [Rossiter] Horstman Baker Wilber by Stephen M. Lawson

In the *The Backtracker* for December 2001 was an article about "A Brief

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Puget Sound Genealogy Society Executive Board

Meetings

Meetings are held in the Public Meeting Room in the basement of the Washington Mutual Bank at 500 Pacific Avenue in downtown Bremerton 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. from April through September and 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. from 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 \$25 and family membership is \$40 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 at our Business Address: Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Post Office Box 1931, Port Orchard, WA 98366-0805.

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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) —————.

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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.

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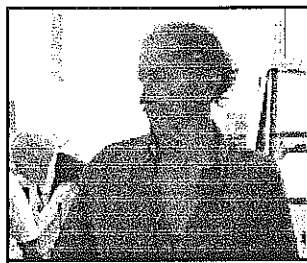
PSGS Schedules and Notices

PSGS Meeting Schedules and Programs

December 2nd — Christmas Social — No meeting.
Our annual Christmas Auction and visiting time.
January 27th — Members who went to SLC will
show and tell of their adventures there.
February 24th — To be announced.
March 23rd — To be announced.
April 27th — To be announced.

Correction

In The Library Report of our September 2003 edition it was stated that an "Another missing essential



*Jim Morrison
On the job!*

worker who had given us much time and expertise in our first move was Jim Morrison." Information has been brought to my attention that Jim was in truth fully involved in the preparation of the library resources for the next step in its exodus. Our apology for this oversight. The adjacent photograph taken by Cindy Shawley Spore is our evidence.

The Editor

Wanted

Genealogical Articles
Demonstrating the use of maps
and geographical knowledge
in achieving the objectives of
family history research projects.

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

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:

January — No meeting scheduled.

February 2 program will be a travel report by the genealogical wanderers **Linnie Griffin** and **Madi Caltado**.

March 3 **Terry Mettling** will talk about his
Computer Photos and ways to display them.

April 6 program will be a talk by **Connie Bailey** from
Olympia. She will speak on using obscure and different resources in your research.

Belfair Bulletin by **Estelle Foster**

The Belfair Chapter officers for 2004 will be:

Phyllis Brown, president.

Jackie Horton and **Madi Cataldo** have been appointed to the Chapter Board. Jackie will also keep the Belfair membership informed of current club activity via email.

Linnie Griffin will be treasurer.

Jackie Horton will be working at the Silverdale
LDS FHC on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00.

Marlys Marrs will be working at the Bremerton LDS
FHC on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 9:00. It may be helpful to visit the FHC when someone you know is there.

Our annual Christmas party was a pleasant time for all, with lots of good things to eat, and lots of interesting conversation, as well as accomplishing some tasks that needed our immediate attention. ▣

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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.

When You Change Your E-Mail Address

Notify

The *Backtracker* at
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Thank you.

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 User Groups Legacy

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

FAMILY TREE MAKER

All members of PSGS who use Family Tree Maker Genealogy software and are interested participating in a Family Tree Maker Users Group, please contact Jeanne Menchenton at jjmen@charter.net.

The Family Tree Maker User Group meets on the fourth Monday at 10:00 a.m. at a place yet to be determined. Please keep in touch with me. If you don't hear from me it's probably because I don't have your Email address.

Jeanne Menchenton

The Master Genealogist Program

Any One Interested In Organizing A
TMG User Group

Please contact Martha Parker
at parker2005@charter.net

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Sandie Morrison.*

new President and Board members will move forward to lead us on as our society continues to grow.

Our new home will be a base for our society to work from to share our mutual enthusiasm for genealogy. Please do your share in volunteering to work at our library and committees. It takes all of us working together to make PSGS shine in the world of genealogical societies.

I plan to spend more time on my own research next year and to spend time with my husband, Jim, who has been absolutely great about my involvement these past two years with PSGS. We both are looking forward to the trip to Salt Lake in January for research and then traveling south to see grand children.

Happy researching,

Sandie



**Now Is The Time To
Renew Your Membership For
2004**

In Memoriam **Alta Fay [Hurd] Harden**

Born

January 23, 1911

Phoenix, Arizona

Died

September 8, 2003

Port Orchard

Mother of Larry Harden

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Clark County Genealogical Society Presents

The 2004 Spring Seminar

We will once again feature

**Dr. John Philip Colletta -
back by popular demand!**

Where: Washington School for the Deaf

Vancouver, Washington

When: Saturday March 20th 2004 -

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Details: \$40 for CCGS members, \$45 for
non-members. This includes lunch for all those or-
dering before March 11, 2004.**

Reviews from last year were excellent.

You won't want to miss John Colletta next year.

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Its Time Again To Renew Your PSGS Membership !

The calendar continues
Spinning, spinning those days toward the
December 31st Membership Expiration Date.
Check your mailing label on the back
Of your current *Backtracker*.

A"04" indicates you are a paid up member for 2004.

A "03" indicates your dues are now due.

Please find on page 95 an abbreviated
PSGS Membership Renewal Form.

Thanks You.
PSGS Treasurer

PSGS' 2004 Salt Lake City Trip

We have a block of rooms reserved at the
Salt Lake City Plaza Best Western Hotel
From Sunday 11 Jan 2004 to Sunday 25 Jan 2004

Rooms are \$79 a night for Single/Double
\$89 a night for 3
\$99 a night for 4
\$10 for each rollaway bed.
Plus sales tax.

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You do not have to stay for the whole two weeks,
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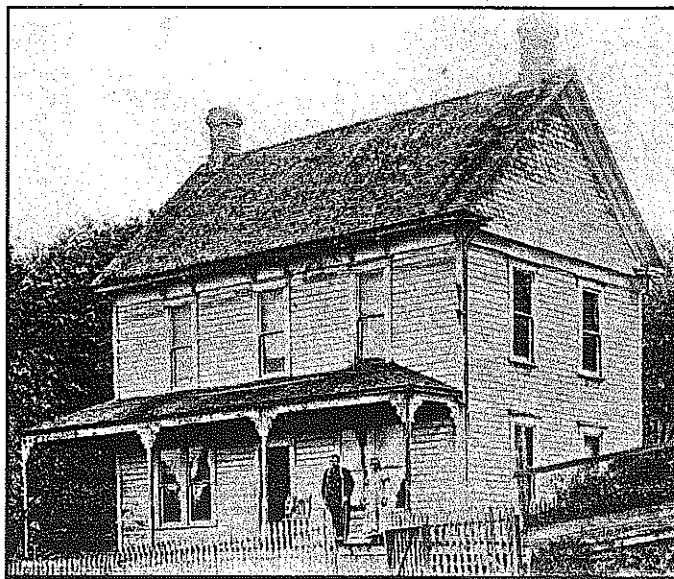
All those interested in going please contact
Larry Harden at (360) 895-3181
or lharden@charter.net.

There may be room for those who would still like to go
with the group.

I need firm commitments by the
Middle of December.

The following members have indicated
They planned to join the SLC pilgrimage
In January.

Larry Harden	Cheryl Bartholomew
Larry Swan	Sue Plummer
Terry Mettling	Paulette Waggoner
Bill Richardson	Sharon Mehler
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Mary Yoke	Michele Gilles
Cindy Spore	Jo Harrah
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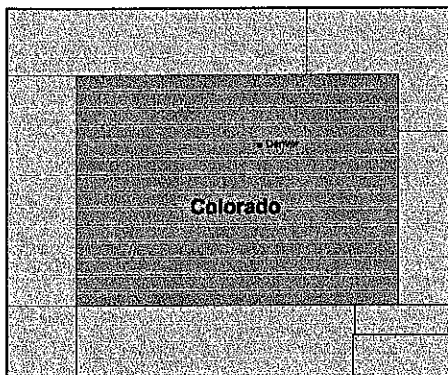
Port Orchard, Washington State circa 1890.
Home of Emma Baldwyn (or Boudin)) Bradley
Voorshros. Emma is the mother of Martha Bradley who
married James Valentine Taylor. They are the parents of
Beatrice Taylor, mother of Bill Madden, Sr.
Photo Courtesy of Bill Madden of Stockton, CA.

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Where Is Great-Gramma?

JoAnn Housen Scott

I have a mystery to solve. If the truth were known, I have several mysteries in my genealogy search. But none is more frustrating than trying to determine what happened to my great-grandmother, Louisa Craycraft Housen (circa 1842). I didn't even know she existed, or rather didn't know her name,



until about a year ago when I found that the 1880 U.S.

Census was on compact disk at PSGS. The Housen name is misspelled as Housan in the 1880 Census, but later documents

proved it to be my family. At that moment in time, I only knew my grandfather's name, Elmer Housen (1880-1956), and that he had been born in Colorado. By accessing the disk, I discovered not only my great-grandmother's name, but also that of her husband, Herman (1841-1927) and other children. I also learned that she had been born in Kentucky and that she was thirty-eight years old at the time of the census. Since my youngest daughter lives in Timnath, Colorado (pop. 223), you can see that I had found an excuse to visit her. My first trip to Colorado after starting the search for my great-grandmother, led to a side trip to Georgetown (pop. 1,111), a former mining town now turned over to tourism. My daughter and I were able to learn quite a bit about the family. We searched the archives in the Clear Creek County Clerk's office and obtained copies of my great-grandmother's warranty deeds to purchase and then later sell a piece of property. Apparently it was common for the women of the family to buy land in their name since the men were all working in the silver mines, where accidents were common. We also obtained a copy of the marriage certificate of the daughter of the family, Louella (circa 1872) to a local boy in Georgetown, William Cook. The deed of sale for the property was dated in 1891 and showed

my grandmother's residence being in Longmont, Colorado. We had already done quite a bit of research in Longmont, finding my father's birth certificate, birth dates for his siblings, and gravesites for many family members, both my father's paternal and maternal sides. We had also found newspaper clippings related to birth, wedding, death, and political ventures attributed to various family members, but no word on Louisa, not even a mention of her in her son's obituary dated 1898.

I should mention that I have used the Kitsap County Library's on-line system to access U.S. Census records and found that my great-grandmother was with the family in Georgetown in the 1890 Census, but does not appear with the family in Longmont in the 1900 Colorado State Census. By now I have very little to go on. I know she was living in Longmont in 1891, but she disappeared from my radar by 1900. I suspected that perhaps we had overlooked something in Georgetown. Perhaps she had died and was buried in one of the Georgetown cemeteries. So early in September of this year, we made another trip to Georgetown. First, I called a couple of resources we had tried to meet up with on our first trip... Marjorie Bell of Idaho Springs (pop. 1,889) who is the curator to the local historical society, and Christine Bradley, the archivist in Georgetown. Both women are very knowledgeable and as helpful as can be, but could not find any other record of my great-grandmother. We were able to meet with both ladies and gleaned ideas of where we should look next. Bottom line, we still don't know where my great-grandmother is, but we know where she isn't. She isn't buried in Georgetown and she isn't buried in the same cemetery in Longmont, as are other relatives including her husband, a son (Albert, 1878-1898) and a grandson (Errol, 1901-1902). Meanwhile, I have another excuse to revisit Georgetown. It seems that the local school records have recently been recovered and are currently being microfilmed. School records will suffice for birth records, which were not kept in the 1880's. Perhaps I can find a little more about my grandfather and his siblings, if not his mother. ■

Belfair Chapter Web Site
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs>
Jackie Horton Website Manager

PSGS Web Page:
www.rootsweb.com/~wapsdgs/homepage.htm/
Sandie Morris — Website Manager

In Memoriam
PSGS Member
Geraldine I. "Jerry" [Plisko] Dailey
Born, April 30, 1926
LaTouche Kenai, Alaska
Died, October 29, 2003
Seattle

Growing Up On Phinney Bay A Childhood Memory of Wartime Bremerton Part Two of Three

by Joan [Van Houten] Gathings

During the war years, we watched the soldiers drill winter and summer up and down the road in front of our house. You could hear them coming down the hill by Ilene's before you could see them. They lived in Quonset Huts up and over the hill -- in a large field close to Mickelsons (Lynn, Terri, Skip, Sharon, and Neal) -- around 19-26th and Lafayette. (As Girl Scouts, we later used those same fields when we had cookouts and made S'mores (today's term for the marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker concoction we made) and roasted marshmallows over the open fire.) They would sometimes smile or salute us as they went by.

Mrs. Mack (who was later my seventh grade algebra teacher at Coontz Junior High) would come with her bus for Vacation Bible School. They were from an Alliance Church, I believe. They'd pick up kids around town, drive out to our area and park in the wide area our side of Ilene's and across from the Williams' house. We had our VBS on the bus and sometimes in bad weather we'd meet in our house. We sang lots of songs like "I'm in the Lord's Army" and other "War Bible" songs. For some reason I remember getting pencils from there. Can't remember why they were so special. Received my first pocket Bible from there -- a yellowish, gray, coarse (like burlap) feeling one. I still have it.

I recall the Ration Stamps we had to have during and after the war. Stamps were required for shoes, meat, tires, any rubber product, gasoline, certain foods (coffee, sugar, butter), etc. A certain amount of stamps were allowed per "issue" for each type of item.



The Van Houten House
Phinney Bay Drive

When you needed to purchase a rationed item, you paid the asking price plus gave a stamp or the number of stamps required. Your ration allotment was decided by certain living or life style

conditions. For example, if you were able to walk to work or had to drive (carpool) due to distance, the number in the family, profession (doctor, nurse, emergency, maintenance, farmer) etc. Farmers were allowed to buy "extra" gasoline for their farm equipment. A coloring was added to the gas so that they would not be able to use it in their automobile. Once we went shopping with Hazel Duffy (a high school friend of Mother's) at TB&M (a local grocery store then at the top of Kitsap Way -- above what is now the Eleventh Street cut-off). They had bought meat at the meat counter (with the butcher there to serve you). They sent me out to put the meat in Mrs. Duffy's car while they got the other groceries. They soon finished and we found I'd put them in a different car. Luckily it was still there. At the meat counter we'd always ask for bone scraps for the dog. One time we had a birthday party for Blackie and invited all the neighborhood dogs. They came, got their bones, and went home without even a goodbye. Another connection with dog bones was after our Cocker Spaniel, Midge, died. I used to always put out a bowl of water and a bone at her grave each night. In the morning it was gone and I swore up and down she'd come up out of the grave and eaten it.

Martha had cows behind our place, along with Suzie, Mr. Miner's horse. He'd be out plowing and Suzie would stop. He'd start her again and she'd stop. Being hard of hearing, he couldn't hear Myrna following behind with a mischievous grin saying "Whoa Suzie!" We used to go out to the barn after Mr. Miner had fed Suzie and we'd eat her rolled oats. Once the cows got out and Mother and Martha tried to get them back in. When Daddy got home, he found Mother with her right leg propped up with a twisted ankle. After putting the cows in, he went to check on Martha and found her with her left leg propped up with a twisted ankle. Mother went down to watch Martha can her beef in processed metal cans. As the cans were depressurizing, they let out a moaning sound. Mother told Daddy: "She even cans the MOO!" "Grandma" Anderson (Ilene's grandmother and Martha's mother in law) lived in Ilene's

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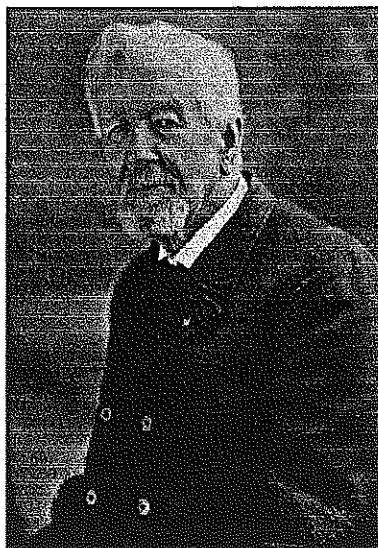
Do you find the articles you read in the *Backtracker* of interest? Do they inspire you in your own genealogical research? Then isn't it possible that the article you will write and submit to your newsletter, the *Backtracker*, would also interest and inspire our readers. Let that thought be the clarion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

Digging Up Ancestors In Eastern Tennessee

Joseph Pharoah Galbraith

Stephanie 'Taffy' Satter

My great-great grandfather, Joseph Pharoah Galbraith, died at his home at 921 Washington Street, Bremerton, Washington on 24 January 1924. He was born in Rogersville, Tennessee, on 6 April



Joseph Pharoah Galbraith
Bremerton — 1920

1840 and brought his family out to Brownsville, Oregon in 1876.

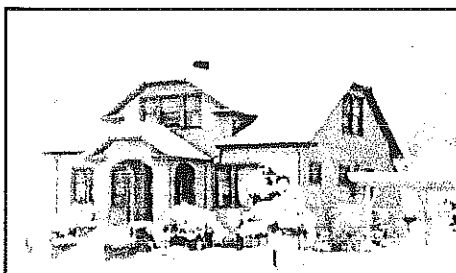
My parents (Marjorie & Steve Hong) made a trip to Tennessee years ago and said they found the home that great-great-grandpa and great-great-grandma left in 1876. Two years ago, my husband Rich and I decided to do some genealogy research so we headed to East Tennessee. We

parked the trailer for a week in Cherokee County Park near Morristown, Hamblen County, and headed out to see what we could find. My directions were very vague. "When you find your great-great-great-grandparents graves at the Mill Spring Cemetery, the house is within 500 yards." We found lots of old cemeteries and lots of Galbraith ancestors' graves (including fourth-great-grandparents Andrew Galbraith and Sarah Anderson and fifth-great-grandparents Arthur Galbraith and Mary Sharp. Finally, after much asking and many wrong turns, we found the little Mill Spring Cemetery, north of Jefferson City, Jefferson County. We found the third-great-grandparents graves (William G. Galbraith and Louise Catherine Cobb). We couldn't see the house. Disappointed, we decided to drive out of the cemetery a different way than we had driven in. We rounded a corner and what should appear right in front of us but **The House!** It was down in a hollow and was not in view from the graves. I jumped out of the truck and ran down the road to get a closer look. It was definitely the same house I had photos of (taken in the 1860's). The only thing that had changed was the porch roof is now

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(Continued from page 80) Growing up on Phinney Bay, parent's house, but had a Rose Garden at Martha's next to our place. She had all sorts of flowers in there, but mainly Roses with neat little paths throughout. Back then, flowers had a lovely smell! There were several "Andersons" on Phinney Bay — Knute and Catherine (down at the corner) were the parents of "Capsi" and Ilene (red head). Martha Andersons (next door to us). Martha was the mother of Art Anderson who became well known in Bremerton naval architect. Ed and Grace Anderson and daughter Gerry lived across from Peabodys and Ilene's as you went up the hill at the corner "Y" but were no relation to the other Andersons.

We had a playhouse in the back yard that used to be a chicken house. Daddy was attempting to turn it from chicken to play house when he

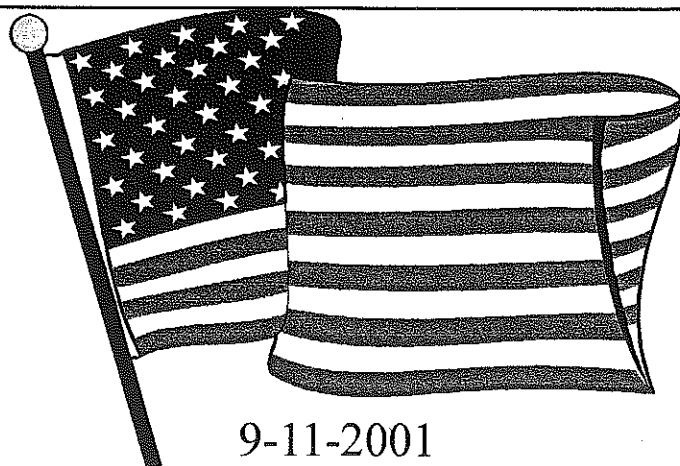


The Winter Scene
Phinney Bay Drive

"sensed" someone behind him. Turned out to be a Tax Assessor who asked "Building?" Daddy replied "Nope!"

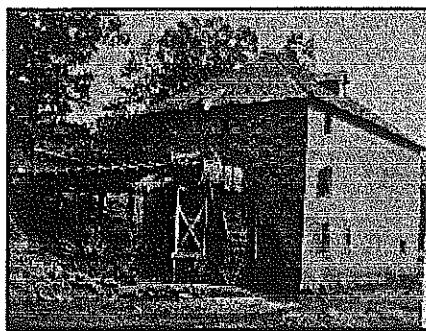
Tearing down!" and proceeded to remove the board he'd just nailed up. We had all sorts of fun out there. It was a house; a boat, a covered wagon, a castle, etc. In rainstorms it was a houseboat. Once Mother came out through the mud and rain to tell us dinner or lunch was ready. Couldn't figure out how she managed to get out there in the "middle of the ocean". Kind of burst our bubble of imagination for awhile, but we soon regained it. We had a porch on the front and windows to look out as well as a front door and two room (three if you count the long runway). It became whatever we wanted. ▣

To be continued.



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(Continued from page 81) Digging Up Ancestors In Eastern Tennessee above the second floor instead of above the first floor. I then turned around and behind me was the Mill! It also looked exactly as it did in the photos. Wow, what a find! A lady in a little home near the mill came out of her house to visit with us. She said she was baptized in the millrace 80 years ago. We had quite a fun and interesting visit.



*The Galbraith Mill Circa 1876
Jefferson County, Tennessee.*

Next thing to do was to knock on the door of the Galbraith home. We were welcomed in and shown through the home. The present owners had made the remodel of the porch roof as the original was in a bad state. I asked

if the rumor I had heard was true: Great-great-grandpa fought for the North in the Civil War and when he came home for a visit, there was a hiding place for him in the parlor floor, in case any Rebels came snooping around. They said, "yes, there is a trap door and we have our furnace in the space now."

They showed me some papers they had found in various places in the home. Great-great-grandpa had signed several of the papers. What a day! As great-great grandmother, Nancy McFarland Galbraith (1843-1902) was also from East Tennessee, we thought we'd see if we could find anything about that side of the family. I had the name of her parents and grandparents, with a little documentation. What should we find along a freeway but a historical marker about her grandfather, Robert McFarland (1759-1837)! He was in the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary War. After many dead ends and lots of asking, we found the little family cemetery (in Hamblen County, 6-1/2 miles southeast of Morristown) where he is buried. When we drove up the driveway where we were told the cemetery was, we weren't sure if we would be shot. The hound dogs were howling, the house was falling down, and the lady that appeared on the porch looked ready to shoot. As soon as we asked her if the McFarland Cemetery was on her property, she got a huge smile on her toothless mouth and welcomed us. "Stay as long as you like."

This is J.P.'s obituary as it appeared in the *Albany* (Oregon) Democrat Herald of January 25, 1924:

Pioneer of Linn dies, burial here. J. P. Galbraith, once prominent in business and politics,

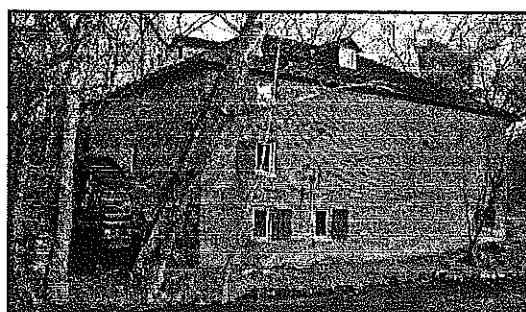
dies at Bremerton, Washington. Was 83 years of age: served in Linn County as Clerk of Courts for two years.

J.P. Galbraith, well known Linn County pioneer and for many years a resident of Albany, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Miss Hattie Galbraith, at Bremerton, Washington. The remains will reach Albany this evening, and will be interred in the Masonic Cemetery tomorrow, following services at the First Presbyterian Church.

J. P. Galbraith was born in Rogersville, Tennessee in 1840. He served 4 years in the Union Army during the Civil War and was the last officer of the old 2nd Tennessee Regiment. He held the rank of 1st Lieut. serving under Major Baldwin, who was also well known in Albany. In 1876, Mr. Galbraith came to Linn county, settling in Brownsville, where he became interested in the woolen mills, serving as the company secretary for a number of years. He was elected County Clerk of Linn County in 1886 and served 2 years. F. M. Redfield served under him as deputy. On re-entering private life he became associated with the old Albany Woolen Mills, remaining with that organization until the mill burned. In 1902 he entered the civil service of the United States. He served at Portland for several years then went to Blaine, Washington, where he was Inspector of Immigration for a number of years. Later he entered the Naval Branch of the Civil Service at Bremerton, where he had resided for a number of years. He resigned from Government service several years ago because of advanced age.

Mr. Galbraith was an active member of the

Masonic order. He held his membership in all of the Albany bodies; the Blue Lodge Chapter and Commandery, since leaving here



*Galbraith Mill
Contemporary View (2001)*

nearly a quarter century ago. He also maintained his membership in the McPherson Post G.A.R. and the First Presbyterian Church.

The deceased leaves six children: Mrs. C. H. Younger [my great-grandmother], Pt. Angeles, Wa, W. F. Galbraith, Couer d'Alene, Id., Miss Hattie Galbraith & Mrs. Lida Emmons, Bremerton, Victor Galbraith, Seattle, J. C. Galbraith, Long Beach, Ca., and F. W. Galbraith, Couer d'Alene, Id Mrs. Galbraith died in Albany in 1902. A son, Louis, died here in 1897. Both were buried in the Masonic Cemetery. The funeral will be held at 2:00 o'clock. ☐

PSGS Notes by Loraine Magee

Our annual fundraising auction will be held on Dec. 2, 2003 at 1:00 pm in the meeting room in the basement of the Washington Mutual building in Bremerton. A wide variety of great homemade or handcrafted items are donated. Some are even made by our talented members, some are purchased from crafters and then donated. All money raised will be for PSGS. There is a great deal of fun during the bidding ---friends and family bidding against each other.

Lynn and Dee Ramey traveled the USA in a personal recreational vehicle on a quest for information, living and lost relatives, and adventures in locations including North Dakota, Missouri, and El Paso, Texas. They found unknown cousins in North Dakota! Dee's mother's brother had a first marriage that produced children and the children of his second marriage did not know about their half siblings. Dee had to break this news to her cousins and she survived the experience. Congratulations to **Dee Ramey** on her new found cousins and she will be happy to tell you where El Paso is located.

At our October meeting **Cindy Spore** advised everyone to write their own obituary in order to avoid family dissension and distress. Only **you** know your life history and all of your relatives.

Marge Moore, while in Boston recently, tore out page of the phone book in order to locate her Hoban relatives. We won't tell the publishers of the phone book.

L. Van De Bruggen, aka **Van**, attended a reunion in Wetaskin, Canada, located outside of Edmonton. His ancestor, Gustav Henke came to North America with a wife and eleven children. This wife died and he then produced eleven more children with the next wife. He became rich when he settled in Portland, Oregon and then moved to Canada where his last eleven children were born. This must have been some reunion!

Loraine Magee has discovered that the U S Coast Guard keeps records of Merchant Seaman. The address for these records is:

Mariner records Branch
Marine Personnel division
200 Wilson Blvd. suite 63
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

A copy of the death certificate is required or a court order if the person is still alive.

Phyllis Evans spoke at the October meeting on her search for information about her biological parents and her biological father's birth information. She received some good advice from the staff of the Tacoma Public Library. She used a confidential (court) intermediary to obtain the record that she had already received the court number and then had to use this person to actually get the records. ☐

Cindy's Choice Web Sites



www.genealogysearch.org

This is a neat site. There are free charts of all sorts. Also, play with this site, as it has something for everyone.

www.geneasearch.com

This has great clip art for genealogy. There is a lot of clip art regarding the Civil War, with movies, songs, books, etc.

www.genealogy.com

On this site, a person can write letters in foreign languages.

www.1stopfreeshop.com

This has dating of photos and instruction for preserving old photos. Another site to spend lots of time on.

Will Your Article Be In The *Backtracker's* March Edition?

Now is the time to outline in your mind the article you have been thinking of writing for a long time. Then get down to the nitty-gritty of actually putting your thoughts on paper. It may take a couple of rewrites before you get the desired perfection, but when your story finally meets your approval, submit it to the *Backtracker*. The editing process is intended to point out to the writer omissions and places where the writing can be enhanced to provide our membership a readable family history story. One that will give us a glimpse into the lives of those you have been actively researching.

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.

Breaking News

The State of Washington's Military Department has reimbursed Puget Sound Genealogical Society \$1,084.00 for the moving costs from Port Orchard to the National Guard Armory in Poulsbo on March 31st.

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strict French Catholic family and they lived in a French area of Salem. He went to French Catholic school and they didn't speak English, but Jim didn't believe in that and learned English. His mother didn't learn English until he went into the Navy in 1943. He was in an Under Water Demolition unit now known as the Seals.

I met Jim in San Diego, California when he was stationed at Coronado. I lived in Corona near Los Angeles. I had come to visit my cousins and we went skating at Mission Beach. My cousins already knew Jim and introduced us. This was the summer of 1946 between my junior and senior year of high school. He would come to Corona about 100 miles from San Diego whenever he could to visit on weekends. I graduated in June of 1947 and by then he had been transferred to the *USS Boxer* stationed at Hunters Point in San Francisco. My parents took my best girl friend (to be my Maid of Honor) and me to San Francisco where we were married on June 14, 1947.

When Jim got out of the Navy we moved to Salem, Massachusetts. We went by bus and when we went through Weed, California I saw my first snow. And in Salem they had the worst winter in seventy-five years. He applied for a job at Boston Shipyard and they were not hiring. So he got a job at Peguot Mills working on the looms. My parents in the meantime had moved to Port Orchard. When we had been at Salem about six months we got a letter from my parents saying it's too bad they didn't have a larger place so you kids could come out and stay with us and maybe Jim could get on in the Puget Sound Navy Yard. The very next day we called Boston Shipyard and had his application transferred to P.S.N.S. and we departed for Port Orchard. When we arrived he had a job waiting for him and went to work at P.S.N.S. He worked there until he was called back into the Navy during the Korean War and spent sixteen more months in the Navy and then came back to the shipyard where he worked for a total of thirty-eight years counting his Navy time Retiring in 1982.

In 1975, five years after his mother had died, we decided to try to find out about his Father. Still none of his mother's family would tell him anything, but he remembered that one time his mother had taken him to Lowell, Massachusetts to visit some people with the same surname. She said if they wanted him to come live with them to tell them he wanted to live with her. So Jim and I wrote a letter

to the Postmaster in Lowell, Massachusetts and enclosed a letter and asked if there were any Menchentions residing there and if there were, please give them our letter.

We received a letter from a William James Manchenton. (Their surname has an "a" instead of an "e.") This was Jim's cousin.

Their fathers were brothers and they knew Jim existed, but had no idea where he was. They sent the flag that had been on Jim's father's casket and the letter notifying his cousin's father of Jim's father's death at the Boston Naval Hospital. He had been gassed in World War I. He did not die until Jim was fourteen years old and didn't live that far away. In 1976 we went to visit them. His Aunt Annie Manchenton was still alive. But she wouldn't tell us anything about Jim's father. The two brothers came from Newfoundland together and had worked as carpenters. Somehow the other brother's last name got changed when they came to the U. S. She couldn't or wouldn't tell us what happened between Jim's



Jim's Uncle Walter Menchenton on the property he had inherited on Norris Arm, Newfoundland.

parents. They gave us the name of Ephriam Menchenton, a cousin in Newfoundland they were corresponding with. We wrote him and he was so excited to hear from us and said that Jim's dad's youngest brother Walter Menchenton was still alive and living in a nursing home. We then went to Newfoundland to visit them. Jim thought he was the only Menchenton in the world. The town they live in, Norris Arm North, is on Notre Dame Bay and is unincorporated and it is all Menchentions. We found that Jim's grandparents John, (1847-1929) and Miriam Freake Menchenton (1852-1937) had left a piece of property to each of his sons and because of this inheritance Jim has an acre of land on Notre Dame Bay. We still found out very little about his father. He had written letters home, but said very little in them. We did learn a lot of the Menchenton family history.

The Menchenton name originated in West Country England and had spelling variances changing from county to county. The name ranged from Minchinhampton found in the county of Gloucestershire to Minchington in Dorset to Minchendown in Devon. When the family arrived in Newfoundland the name was mostly spelled Menchenton, but also frequently spelled as Menchington.

In 1802 William Menchinton (1797-1866)

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 (His name is spelled Menchinton on his grave marker) came to Newfoundland from Somersetshire, England. He established himself as a planter and trader in Exploits and he built another business in St. John's once his ventures in Exploits proved successful. Apparently he was successful in most of his many commercial dealings as he left very large sums of money and valuable properties when he died. He married a girl named Grace Winsor, also from England. They had five children and most of who remained in Exploits. He apparently led a very full life and died at the age of 69 in 1866. He was buried in the St. John's Anglican Church next to his wife. William and Grace's fourth daughter was Jane (1828-1850). This was (Jim's great-grandmother). She married John Gibbons Jr. (1827-1900) from Exploits, the son of a sawmill owner in St. John's.

From some records we have received from the Gibbons of New Zealand, John Gibbon's (1780-?) was married to Mary Christian (first cousin of Fletcher Christian of the "Bounty" fame. They had one son, John Gibbons Sr. (1803-?) born in Newfoundland. He married Elizabeth Hibbs (1804-1865) She was born in Newfoundland and died in New Zealand. Late in 1852 John and Elizabeth and most of their family left St. John's, Newfoundland with a major migration of people going to New Zealand. They arrived in Auckland, New Zealand on the *Tasmania* on April 19, 1853 with seven of their children having left the others behind to follow later. Daughter Elizabeth, who was left behind, had married William Foote in 1850. Also left behind was John Gibbons Jr. who had married Jane Menchenton on Nov 27, 1849. John and Jane had a son John born Oct 02, 1847 (Jim's Grandfather). Jane died very early in life after giving birth to only one child, John Menchenton. (The story goes that this child was born out of wedlock and given her name but she then married John Gibbon's who was the father but the name was never changed. Our name should actually be **Gibbon's**)

John Gibbons Jr. then sold his mill in 1852 that he had bought in Exploits Bay in 1847 to his brother-in-law William Foote. It appears that when John was two years of age he was brought to Shoal Bay, Fogo Island by his father who was captain and owner of his boat and a Captain Winsor and left with a family ashore (the father of Thomas Peyton, the husband of Elizabeth Jane Elliott). John's father returned when he was about nine years old and took him from the people in Shoal Bay and brought him to Exploits Island and put him in the care of a Thomas Winsor and he lived for many years as a young man in Exploits. He fished at Joe Batt's Arm where he met his future wife Miriam Freake. They married October 01, 1875 and lived in such places as Change Island, Lewisporte, and finally Norris Arm North where they built

their home. They were the first settlers and built the first frame house at Norris Arm North. They had ten children including Jim's dad, Elijah. Elijah had a brother named Eli (yes this was his brother) There has been some mix-up trying to straighten this out. Some of the younger people think Eli is a nickname for Elijah. So they have the two boys mixed up. Elijah later used the name Lige and Eli later went by the name Ed. Both of them have a son named William James. So some of the people have put the two together.

When my dad Lee Lyman, Jim and I went to Norris Arm North in 1977 it was quite an experience. We stayed with one of Jim's cousins, Ephriam and his wife Mary, who we had been corresponding with. They and another cousin picked us up at the airport in Gander. We had a hard time understanding them at first as they spoke with a very English accent. One of the first things they said to the other cousin was doesn't he look like a "freak?" We looked at them kind of funny and then they explained that grandmother's maiden name was Freake.

They were very accommodating. Ephriam and Mary had a room for Jim and I and a separate one for my dad. All the cousins (and their were a lot of them) wanted us to stay with them. But we stayed at Ephriam and Mary's and everyday we would go to somebody's house in the morning then about two or three o'clock they would say go down to the next house. This went on everyday. We visited Jim's Uncle Walter who was Jim's dad's youngest brother. He was so excited to see Jim. He knew of him but had no idea where he was. He had in his care a piece of property that had been left for Jim by his grandfather and sold it to Jim for \$1.00. It is about an acre of land on Notre Dame Bay. There are no property taxes.

All his cousins told him stories about his grandparents. One of them was that every year grandfather would go to Exploits for a few weeks and would come back with lots of money. Enough he would say to take care of them for a long time. But the money was dishonest money. (We all are guessing that maybe it had something to do with smuggling?)

Everyone had a sawmill and made all their own lumber etc. for building. One of the cousins said when their kids all left home they took the second story off their house. I thought that was very funny.

The main meal each day was at noon and it was always like our boiled dinner except they use naval beef which is like our corned beef, but very fat. One day they fixed us what they call "Fish and Brews." This was cod fish boiled and then hard tack soaked in the oil from the fish. It was terrible.

For the first time Jim felt like he had had a dad after all. Even though we found out very little about him, we did find out about his family. ▣

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search Library. The focus was on the family of William and Carrie [Moore] Horstman, and his parents August and Mary Ann [Rossiter] Horstman. The record for the second marriage of Mary Ann identified her parents as Samuel Rossiter and Mary Bly. No further information was found for Mary

Ann [Rossiter] Horstman Baker, but it was conjectured that she may have been the Mary Baker who died in Tacoma in 1927. However, the Death Certificate for Mary Baker of Tacoma revealed that this conjecture was in error.

The Horstman article was placed on the Kinnexions.com web site [at <http://kinnexions.com/branches/horstman/index.htm>], together with the family information available. In April 2002, an email was received from Daniel W. Bly, which began: "I happened upon your Haller-Rossiter web site and was especially excited to find a reference to Mary Bly -- Your information solved a problem for me. I have record of Mary Bly marrying Valentine Miller in Harrison County, Indiana 1 May 1845, but I could find no record of them in the 1850 census. Once I found your web site, I rechecked Indiana marriages and found marriage of Samuel Rossiter to Mary Miller, 11 July 1848." The 1850 census for Mary Bly was included in the *Backtracker* article. She had married second Samuel Rossiter and their first child was Mary Ann. Dan had published *A HISTORY OF THE BLY FAMILY* (Baltimore, 1992) ISBN 91-78386, which includes six generations of Mary (Bly) Miller Rossiter's ancestry.

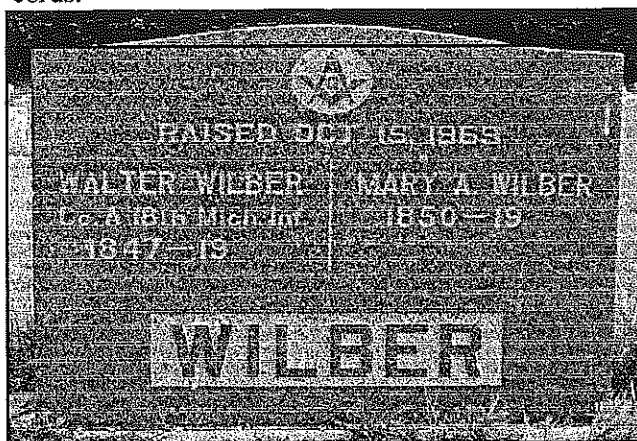
Extensive Rossiter family information was discovered and shared between Dan Bly and this compiler over the next year. Mary Ann had lived in IN, KS, IA, NE, MO and WA since 1860, and other family members were located in ID, OR, PA and WY, also. Then in mid-March 2003, Dan advised that he had found the 1910 census record for August Horstman and Mary Ann Horstman -- they resided at the Washington Veterans Home (WVH hereafter), Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington.

The Inmates' Record at the WVH included August Horstman and wife, who entered the home on March 21, 1910. The record included information correcting and expanding the Civil War service record for August Horstman, and permitting the ordering of his pension file from the National Archives. The file arrived in mid-May, with a surprising cover sheet: File 973254 was for "Pensioner Mary A. Wilber former widow of veteran August Horstman." Obviously, another visit to the WVH was in order.

Over the next few days, much information was gleaned from the WVH records. Mary Ann [Rossiter] Horstman Baker Wilber had lived at the Home from March 1910 to July 1910 and again from

October 1915 to April 1931. Her husbands, August Horstman, Joseph Baker and Walter Wilber were also residents of the Home. The following records were located: File Cards for August Horstman and Mary A. Horstman. Inmates' Records for August Horstman, Mary A. Horstman, Joseph Baker (two records), Mary A. Baker Wilber, and Walter Wilber. Death Records for Joseph Baker, Walter Wilber and Mary A. Wilbur. Cemetery Records (computerized) for Joseph Baker, Walter Wilber and Mary A. Wilbur.

The Inmates' Record book includes name, age, residence, nativity, occupation, War record (enlisted, discharged, Company and Regiment), pension, and Home record (admission, discharge, death, cause, remarks). The Death Record includes some repeat information and adds length of residence at the Home, and burial place. If burial was in the WVH Cemetery, the Cemetery Record may identify the section and lot. The Cemetery sections and lots were re-numbered sometime after 1931, so the Cemetery Records, with the new numbers, differ from earlier records. But a Cemetery map is available numbered in agreement with the Cemetery Record. The File Cards are a summary of basic data from the other records.



Washington Veterans Home Cemetery
Corner of Horstman Road & Olney Ave.
Retsil, WA - Sec. 34, Lots 9 & 10
<http://homepage.mac.com/sml/index.html>

Of course, even the wealth of information obtained from the WVH records did not fully satisfy the desire for information about Mary Ann [Rossiter] Horstman Baker Wilber. So, at the end of May, a trip was made from Port Orchard all the way north to Poulsbo to visit the PSGS Research Library (which was formerly two blocks from the compiler's home). Here the 1910 census record was read from microfilm (Dan Bly had provided a summary), the

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Washington Death Index microfilm provided confirmation of the death dates for Mary and her last two husbands, and the 1995 PSGS publication *KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROBATE INDEX 1861-1944* revealed that there was Probate No. 3857, dated April 29, 1931, for Mary A. Wilber. The Death Certificate for Mary A. Wilber was ordered through VitalChek on the web. The next trip seeking records would only be two blocks from home -- the Kitsap County Courthouse at Port Orchard.

At the Office of the Clerk of the Kitsap County Superior Court, the microfilmed Probate File 3857 included twenty-eight pages of documents, with about half of them very difficult reading, including the Will of Mary A. Wilber. However, a number of significant documents were readable, including the Petition for Probate, Tax Certificate, Final Account and Petition for Distribution, and Order Approving Final Account and of Distribution. At the Kitsap County Auditor's Office, it took all of about twenty minutes to obtain a copy of the Marriage Certificate for Mary Baker and Walter Wilber.

The large volume of information compiled prohibits a detailed presentation, but a time line summary and family group report will follow. Even with all the material, or perhaps because of it, there still remain many questions. Why were August Horstman and Mrs. Mary A. Horstman re-married Mar. 20, 1901 in Jackson County, Missouri, when they had been married April 25, 1867 at Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas (Pension File)? Why was the recording of the 1901 marriage delayed until 1911 (Pension File)? Where is grave of Joseph Baker (WVH Cemetery Record)? Who was Walter Wilber's first wife; any children (WVH Inmates' Record)? Why was Mary Wilber at Kirkland, Washington when she broke her leg in 1931 (Death Certificate)?

And then there are questions concerning Mary's two youngest sons, Bert and August. Bert is called "mentally incompetent" in the 1931 Probate File, but in the 1910 census he was single and a school teacher, and on June 29, 1910 he married Rose Adelia Welch. What was he doing living in Florida in 1931 when his brother August, living in California, was advanced \$200 "for the purpose of going to Larned, Kansas and having Bert S. Horstman re-committed to the asylum?" Did either Bert or August have families? But that's another story.

Time Line for:

Mary Ann (Rossiter) Horstman Baker Wilber

1844-02-18 August Horstman born at St. Louis, MO.
Death Cert. has birth 1844-02-27
1846 Joseph Baker born between 1845 and 1847 in Germany

1847 Walter Wilber born
1850-04-05 Mary Ann Rossiter born in Harrison Co., IN; date from Death Certificate
1850 Mary Ann, age 4/12, in home of Samuel and Mary Rossiter, Harrison Co., IN
1860 Mary Ann at age 9 residing with parents at New Amsterdam, Harrison Co., IN
1861-10-01 August Horstman entered Co. E, 4th Reg't U.S. Reserve Corps Mo. Vols.
1862-01-13 August Horstman honorably discharged as Pvt.
1867-04-25 Mary Ann and August Horstman married Olathe, Johnson Co., KS
1868-01-28 Son John A. Horstman born in Iowa
1870 Horstman family with one son living in Jefferson Co., NE
1871-01-23 Son William Horstman born in KS
1872-10-10 Son Joseph Horstman born in NE
1874-11-09 Daughter Mary Annie born in NE
1880 Horstman family with 4 children living at Fairbury, Jefferson Co., MO
1882-06-14 Son Augustus 'Gus' Horstman born
1887 Horstman family residing at Armourdale, yandotte Co., KS
1888-06-13 Son Albert Stafford 'Bert' Horstman born in KS
1890 Horstman family census record not located
1900 Horstman family in Wyandotte Co., KS; some census details unreliable
1901-03-20 Mrs. Mary A. Horstman and August Horstman married in Jackson Co., MO
1910-03- Mary Ann first entered WVH #25 with husband August Horstman #109, age 66
1910 Mary Ann and August Horstman at Washington Veterans Home, Kitsap Co., WA
1910-07-16 Mary Ann discharged from WVH
1910-12-13 Husband August Horstman discharge from WVH at own request
1911-02-14 The 1901 Marriage License and Certificate recorded in Jackson Co., MO
1911-07-01 Joseph Baker, single, entered WVH #190
1912-04-11 Husband August Horstman died at Annapolis, Kitsap Co., WA; age 68-1-12
1912-04-14 August Horstman buried in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Port Orchard
1912-05-07 Mary Ann applied for widow's pension at age 62; file WC973254
1913-07-24 Mary Ann, age 63, married Joe Baker, age 68, with her parents named
1915-10-02 Mary Ann re-entered WVH #297
1920 Mary Ann and Joseph Baker at Washington Veterans Home
1926-02-09 Walter Wilber, widower, entered WVH #1666
1926-09-04 Husband Joseph Baker died at WVH #1081 at age 79
1926-09 Joseph Baker buried in Home Cemetery
1927-08-15 Mary Ann Baker and Walter Wilber married at Port Orchard
1929-11-19 Husband Walter Wilber died at WVH #1319
1929-11 Walter Wilber buried in Home Cemetery - Sec. 34, Lot 9
1930 Mary Ann at Washington Veterans Home
1931-04-24 Mary Ann died at WVH #1427
1931-04-27 Mary Ann buried in Home Cemetery - Sec. 34,

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The Library Report

Marjorie Menees, Librarian



Marjorie Menees
PSGS Librarian
Shhhhh

It would be lovely to announce the reopening of our library but we must instead announce the need to continue to have patience and hope for the announcement of that event - and to be confident that we will have a place we can all make use of and enjoy.

Today (November 6th) we were there again with color charts for the pending painting, with blueprints of our plans for the use of the space, and with questions as to needed furnishings.

We left reassured that this location is going to prove good, very good. It wraps itself around you with that good library feel.

It has four large windows between which are built in bookcases on one end and across one side where part of our books can be located. Across from the each of these are windowless walls. We hope to acquire the oak library tables and chairs that are there for bookwork, and to have our copy machine in this room also making it our "book" room.

The east wall end of this room will be opened into an

archway that will lead into a smaller room which also has two built in shelves on either side of a window with the rest of the area in wall space. Here we plan to install our machines: computer and its printer, microfilm and microfiche readers. This then will be our "electronics" room.

Our entrance is to the "book" room and opens off the West Wing of the main library. This wing will hold a scaled down collection of their books and the library's computer system. We will be able to use the system for inter library loans also. The use of the section behind the central desk at the entrance as well as the East Wing has not been established yet - but the small room opening from the East Wing will be the home of the Friends of the Library.

One of our goals is to combine work with the Friends by becoming members of their group. I have contacted their President Yvonne Hatfield who is looking forward to meeting us. They have their monthly meeting at 10:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at which time they have programs of interest. We have been invited to attend.

Meantime, I have made three interesting purchases to add to our collection. They include the book; *Manette Pioneering* published by the Manette History Club and two

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(Continued from page 73) A Message From Our President-Elect, Terry Mettling.

Veep so we will have some continuity here. Cindy Spore has been in the thick of things within our society for an unnamed period of time longer than a couple of years. She has many good ideas and isn't afraid of a little work.

Our new 2nd Vice President is Sandy Watson. Once again, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, as Sandy is our 2003 2nd Vice President also. She is another of those behind the scenes, tireless workers.

The new Recording Secretary will be Larry Swan. Since he has been a board member virtually since he joined PSGS, he has plenty of experience to add to the mix

Returning as Correspondence Secretary is

Madge Norton so we should see that realm continuing to run smoothly.

Once again, the Treasurer's position goes to Cyril Taylor. It's great to have someone as dedicated to keep tabs on our finances. Cyril wears two hats as he is also the *Backtracker* editor at which he has been doing a masterful job.

As you all know, we have spent the last several months bouncing all over Kitsap County. We have a home being prepared for our library and when it is ready, we will convene our work parties (again) and get moved in. I am really anxious to have our library available and functional again. At present, our meetings will still be held at the Washington Mutual Building. One thing that rapidly became apparent is that parking in downtown Bremerton will keep a number of our members from attending day-time meetings. We'll monitor that situation and see what can be done. One thing we can do is to keep the meetings to less than two hours so that those who park on the street can avoid getting a ticket.

I am looking forward to the challenges that the next year will be throwing our direction. It should be a very interesting year. With the number of eager volunteers available and everyone's "Can Do" attitude, I expect it will also be a fun year. See you at the meetings,

Terry



(Continued from page 87) Romance At The Veterans Home

	Lot 10 - \$225.00
1931-04-29	Petition for Probate of Will of Mary A. Wilber filed
1931-05-18	Mary Ann dropped from pension rolls; last paid \$40 to 1931-04-04
1932-02-01	Mary Ann's estate Accounting and Distribution approved - \$1,325.63
1935-04-18	Mary Ann's estate re-opened when another \$453.37 bank account located

Family Ties And Tales

Carol Caldwell

I'm an only child so I don't have a big family. We always lived a distance from my father's sisters, and I didn't get to know my first cousins. My mother was also an only child, but her parents came from a very large families and we were closer to them. Even so, I did not grow up with cousins around. I knew most of the adults in the family, but their children were always somewhere else.

My maternal grandfather was Ira Leslie Lewis, one of eleven children from Oklahoma and Texas. He had a lot of nieces and nephews. I never really knew which brother or sister they belonged to and didn't care until I began to sort through names for my family tree. Of course, the name you grow up calling a relative is not always their given name and sometimes it isn't even close. On the advice of a friend, I visited the surname message sites on the internet, looking for familiar information, and leaving my own messages. Those kinds of sites do not have a lot of traffic, so you need to let them be for awhile and visit them every couple of months, if you can remember. I don't visit them often because I forget they are there.

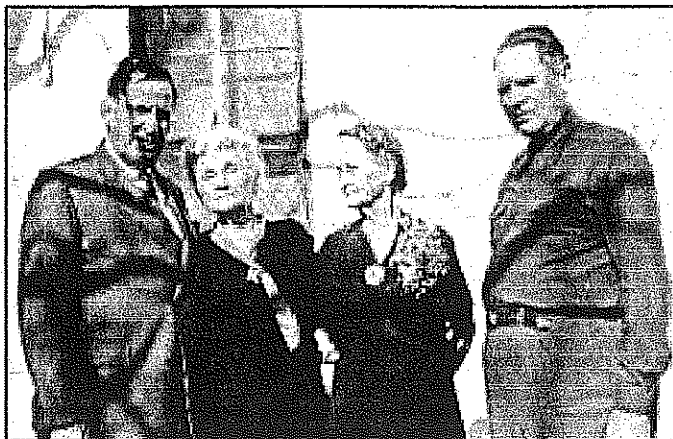
Last spring my husband and I returned from a long trip overseas. It took me awhile to get to my e-mail messages, but when I did, I found one from a woman that had seen one of my messages on the Lewis surname site, and she asked if my Ira Lewis was the same one that was a brother of her grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Lewis. Eureka! I didn't know who Mary Elizabeth Lewis was, but the other info she gave assured me that I had found a real cousin, the granddaughter of my G-Aunt Lizzy. Her name was Nancy and she said she thought she remembered playing with me at my grandparent's house once. She also remembered my mother. She had many interesting stories to share about my grandfather who was prone to tell tall tales and exaggerate. Finding Nancy was almost like finding home. She is someone that I can share memories with.

After sharing family stories, we have embarked on a search to see if some of the stories are true. We have good information for two generations back from our grandparents, but then it gets "iffy". The one tale that seems to have been passed around is that there is Native American Indian blood in the family, but no one knows who the Native was. We discovered that our g-grandfather, John Calvin Lewis, applied for reparations in Oklahoma for people who had family members on the "Trail of Tears" when the Cherokee and Seminole tribes were moved from the southern states to Oklahoma. Nancy sent

away for copies of the application, and also received copies of the rejection letter and an affidavit by John's wife, our g-grandmother Callie (Ard) Lewis. John died shortly after he applied and Callie pursued it. It seems John's application was rejected because he said his family stayed in Florida and didn't go to Oklahoma. My sense of logic boggles at the thought that he applied for money that was not due him. He had even moved his family from Texas to Oklahoma to apply. I guess my grandfather was not the only one in the family that told tall tales.

My grandfather died in 1985 and the last story he told of his parents was that his father (who was a farmer) was a doctor that went to Panama to treat the workers on the Canal for malaria. Then he said his grandmother's name was *Gray*, a Seminole Indian related to *Osceola* in Florida. I knew right away that he made up the story about his father being a doctor in Panama. However, I didn't know what to think about the Indian part of the story. Nancy and I are still trying to find out where that comes from, and we are almost ready to give up on it as a lie except for the fact that John Calvin Lewis's mother, Elizabeth (Bettie) (Hurst) Lewis was from Georgia/Florida.

Then last week Nancy received an e-mail from another cousin that had discovered her, this time from a generation younger than we are. Tammy is a great-granddaughter of one of our grandparents' twin brothers Archie Blue Lewis. Her side of the Indian story is that the relative was a son or nephew of *Sitting Bull*! Now that is really stretching the imagination more than the Seminole theory. Tammy also told Nancy that her mother visited my grandfather, the movie producer! No, he wasn't a movie producer. He was a salesman, and he was always trying to sell somebody something. ▣



Lewis Siblings:

Alvah Clayborn Lewis, Mary Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lewis Coleman, Daisy O'Leva (Leva) Lewis Brunette, and Ira Leslie Lewis. Photographed in Inglewood, California Circa 1958

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Periodical Exchange Notes

Jackie Horton

Amer. Ancestry 21:5 (Sep-Oct 2003) Was your Grandpa in a Secret Society?; Creating Family Newsletters; Clues to Scottish Roots

Amer. Family Chronicle 8:1 (Oct 2003) Getting the Best from Internet Searches; Managing a DNA Project; Boundary Changes; Was the Name the Same?; Using Online Census Data

Amer. Everton's Family History 57:4 (Jul-Aug 2003) Get on Board the Orphan Train; Get your DNA Tested; Capture Those Precious Memories Now

Amer. Ibid. 57:5 (Sep-Oct 2003) A Fighter is Born; Shaking Down the Family Tree

Amer. Heritage Quest 19:107 (Sep/Oct) Cemetery Research; Is My Family in Cyberspace?; Civil War Journal of Jonathan Eager; Do you know your House History?

Amer. History Magazine (Sept 2003) The Early 1200s: Crusades, Genghis Khan, Magna Carta; Everyday Life During the War of 1812; The Heirs of Copernicus

Amer. Ibid. (Nov 2003) The 1640s: The Thirty Years' War and the English Civil War; Life on a Warship in the Days of Sail

Amer. Odom Gen Lib Family Tree 13:5 (Oct/Nov) Depository of Scottish Clan information

CA Sequoia Genealogical Society 30:5 (Jul 2003) 1888 Great Register Of Tulare Co. (cont)

CA Ibid 30:8 (Oct 2003) 1988 Great Register of Tulare Co (cont) Article on Steamboats and Paddle Wheelers

CA Ibid 30:9 (Nov 2003) 1988 Great Register of Tulare Co (cont)

IN Tri-State Genealogical Society 26:4 (Jun/Jul/Aug 2003) Church records near Lake County, IL; Phelps Store in Newburgh In 1847-1848; Church records Newburgh, IN

KS Crawford Co. GS The Seeker 33:2 (Apr-May-Jun 2003) Crawford County Birth Records 1903 (Hinkle to Oakley); Crawford County Kansas Marriage Book "O" (Abernathy to Edman); Crawford County Naturalization Records (Patter to Pioletti)

KS Ibid 33:3 (Jul, Aug, Sep 2003) Early History of Crawford County; Index to Crawford Co KS birth records for 1903; Crawford Co KS marriage Book "O"; Crawford Co Naturalization Records

KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly 33:3 (Jul 2003) Extracts from Early KS newspapers; Extracts from KS Children's Home (Jun 1900-May 1901); Topeka City Directory 1872 and 1873 (cont); County by County Index

MA Berkshire Genealogist 24:3 (Summer 2003) Land Records of Adams, MA; State Census of MA 1855 Great Barrington

MD Frederick County Reflections of the Past (Frecogs) 16:5 (Oct 2003) Frederick County Surveys Abstracted by Jacob Keller

MI Muskegon County Family Tree Talk 30:3 (Sep 2003) numerous obits

MN Otter Tail Co Gen Soc Newsletter 21:3 (Sep 2003) Otter Tail Townships and Villages; Index Compendium of History and Bio of Northern MN list of names; Otter Tail Naturalization Index 1927

MO S.C.G. Soc. Inc Newsletter 17:3 (Jul 2003) List of Road overseers & district in which they served Scotland Co. MO; School info for school year 1914-1918

MO Ibid 17:4 (Oct 2003) Certificates of Redemption 1861-1873 (Land) index to; Merchant's Statement 1981 Bill Hall, Assessor School info for 4 Sep 1917 - 16 Mar 1918

MT Dawson Co Tree Branches Gen Soc 12:2 (Oct 2003) They Passed this way Dawson co Death Notices Jan-Jul 2003

NH Official Journal of American-Canadian Gen Soc Health Care in 1665 Quebec; Tracing French Canadians from Vermont back to Quebec in the 19th century

NH Rockingham Soc of Gen Kinship Kronicle 26:3 (Sep 2003) Salem NH Cemetery Records

NM The Journal of the NM Gen Soc 42:3 (Sep 2003) Settlers of El Colorado Dona Ana Co, NM; The San Miguel de Laredo - Carnue Land Grant of 1763; Death Records from St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church, 1912-1941; Births, Deaths, Marriages, Divorces from the Albuquerque Daily Citizen for 1892 (R-Z)

OR Bulletin of Gen Forum Of Oregon 53:1 (Sep 2003) Multnomah Co Homesteaders; Civil War Veterans who were Residents of OR

OR Willamette Valley Gen Soc, Inc Beaver Briefs 35:3 (Summer 2003) Marion Co deaths 1921-1930 (P, Q, and R)

PA Mercer Co Gen Soc Past Times 23:5 (Oct 2003) Departed Soldiers of 1812 from Greenville Advance Argus, Feb 18, 1885

SD Lyman-Brule Gen Soc 17:2 (Summer 2003) Queries; Plot Map of Brule Co; Picture of Motter family on front

SD Ibid 17:3 (Fall 2003) Picture of Pukwana High School basketball team, 1946 on front; Brule co servicemen, 1917-1918; Lyman co High School alumni; churches in Lyman co;

SD Sioux Falls Pioneer Pathfinder 29:3 (July 2003) Abandoned Cemeteries / Langford Cemetery; English Pre-1858 Wills and Naturalization Records; Minnehaha County Naturalization Records (cont)

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(Continued from page 90) Jackie Horton Periodical Exchange Notes

SD Ibid 29:4 (Oct 2003) Minnehaha co Naturalization Records (cont); index for 2003 Volume 29

WA Clallam Co Gen Soc 23:3 (Fall, 2003) Port Angeles Townsite Sales 1888-1890

WA Clark County Gen Soc Trail Blazers 29:3 & 4 (Spring & Summer 2003) Old City Cemetery records, Vancouver

WA Ibid 30:1 (Fall 2003) Abstracts from The Vancouver Independent (1877); Old City cemetery (cont);

WA Grant Co. Gen Soc Big Bend Register 24:1 (Mar 2003) 1920 US Census Grant Co. WA; Index to Grant Co naturalizations (cont.); Tiflis Cemetery Marker List

WA Ibid. 24:2 (Jun 2003) 1920 US Census Grant Co (cont); Index to Grant Co naturalizations (cont)

WA Ibid 24:3 (Sep 2003) 1920 US Census Grant Co (cont); Index to Grant Co naturalizations (cont)

WA Olympia Gen Soc Quarterly 29:4 (Oct 2003) Olympia City Directory 1902-3; German Genealogy; Thomas Jefferson's Vanilla Ice Cream

WA The Stillaguamish Star 19:3 (Jul-Aug 2003) Funeral Index up to mid-1940's "W" (cont)

WA Tacoma-Pierce Co Gen Soc The Researcher 34:4 (Summer 2003) 1909 Census of Bryant School: (A-C); Washington Pioneer Necrologies (M'Kimmmon- Myers) Tacoma City Light Records (1893-1901) Probates of Pierce Co.

WA The Tri-City Gen Soc Bulletin 43:2 (Jul 2003) Benton County obits

WV The Journal of the Kanawha Valley Gen Soc 27:3 (Fall 2003) Marmet Cemetery; Kanawha Co Death Records 1862; Kanawha Co Businesses - 1842; Civil War Soldiers buried at Spring Hill Cem. ■

Who Does the Baby Look Like? by Susan Selders Evans

Has a baby ever been introduced into the family
without someone asking,
"Whom does she resemble?"
or pointing out,
"He has Grandfather's chin/eyes/hairline, etc."?

In my family, two out of three sons were easy to associate with other family members. Owen has the Busby face as evidenced in his great-great-grandmother Louetta Busby Broughton (1870-1945), great-grandfather Clarence Broughton (1888-1964), grandmother Helen Broughton Selders (1917-1994), and mother Susan Selders Evans - pretty straightforward! Loren was easier yet. Somewhere there's a picture showing four male O'Neal generations -- Owen I (1887-1975), Howard (1908-1979), Leslie and Loren -- an image of what my son Loren would look like throughout his life.

Austin? No, I didn't find him under a cabbage leaf, although that might be appropriate since the first link was my Great-grandmother Miller who kept her own garden until she was 88. He has her long chin, narrow face, and high forehead. Based on a picture from early in the last century, he wryly told people he looked like "an old lady in high button shoes."

And so it went until this summer. "Later" finally arrived, and my sister and I went through the boxes of pictures we had put away after our mother died in 1994. Duplicates were set aside for our personal collections; identifiable family pictures were sorted into piles for copying; family pictures of the aunts, uncles, and cousins were identified to be shared; the unidentified went into the wastebasket. Then Pat handed me an old, old picture, asking, "Who is Thomas Brown?"

Who is Thomas Brown? Grandma Miller's father! The elusive great-great-grandfather (1838-1900) I've been pursuing for four years! The ancestral double for Austin!

And so, in our search through generations gone by, we may find the answer to "who does the baby look like?" ■



Thomas
Austin
Brown

Austin
Thomas
O'Neal

(Continued from page 88) Marjorie Menees' Library Report CD's. One is *Military Records: Civil War Service Record* -- this includes 5.3 million names, company, unit, rank at induction and discharge, allegiance and roll statistics among other information included. The other is *Wuerttemberg Emigration Index Volumes 1 - 7* -- this includes 60,000 records of names, dates, locations, etc.

May we soon be able to tuck ourselves into our new quarters and enjoy.

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Belfair Bulletin

by Estelle Foster

Several of our Belfair Chapter members have been very busy with traveling and research during the summer.

Pat Stone has been having some good luck at looking for her father in Kamloops, B. C., Canada, and finding birth and marriage records. Also discovered some interesting facts about her father-in-law.

Madi Cataldo and Linnie Griffin went on a fact-finding tour of the States. Madi left Belfair, driving her car, and visited places of interest all the way to the East Coast. Linnie flew to Washington, D.C to meet her, and they proceeded on their way, researching as they went.

Jan Stevenson has not been aggressively pursuing her various lines of research during the summer, as she has been resting up from the extensive work of cataloging Belfair Cemetery names and gravesites.

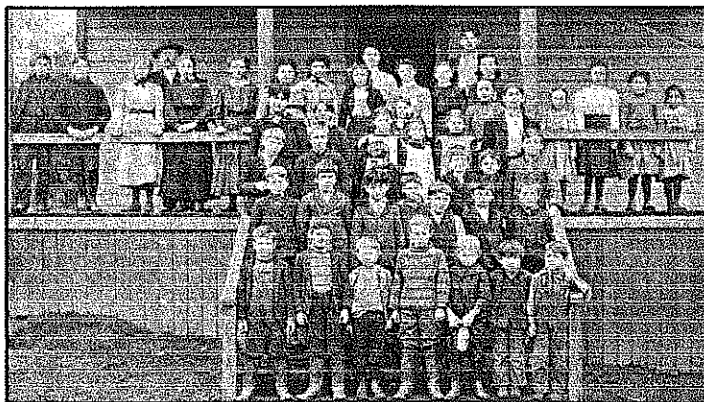
Phyllis Brown has been researching the Brown family. She has spent time with a niece from San Antonio, Texas, comparing notes on their genealogy work. Some of the surnames they are researching (besides Brown) are Quillen, Green, Cross, Morrow, Plummer, Singletary and Dover.

Right after our October 7th meeting, **Elaine Frigone** was off to Alaska for three weeks of business and research.

My husband's cousin Marina Andersson was visiting from Sweden for two weeks. We spent much of the time reviewing, correcting, and adding to the family tree.

Watch the Belfair Chapter program listings for 2004 -- there are sure to be some interesting subjects.

Reporting from Belfair, **Estelle Foster**.



Tracyton Elementary School, Tracyton, Washington
School Photo, circa 1902-1904

Photo from collection of Frederick Dunsmoor Merriman's grandson, Jim Merriman.

Editorial Comment: This is the old Tracyton School, which was located about a block and a half from the current (new) Tracyton Post Office.

Query

Berit Siren Vassdal of 610 Van Wyck Road, Bellingham, WA 98226 has sent PSGS an inquiry concerning a Mr. Alfred Norrback born October 1888 in Finland and died of the Spanish Influenza at Silverdale on a Sunday toward the end of November or early December 1918. He was buried in the Silverdale Cemetery on a Monday the day after he died.

Alfred Norrback was in partnership with his brother Jakob Wilhelm Norrback in the fabricating of ship masts circa 1917. They both resided on a farm owned by a German named Bill Emel. The cemetery in which Alfred was buried was approximately two miles from the Emel farm which may have been located in or near Seabeck.

Our inquirer would like us to check our cemetery records for a mention of Alfred Norrback. To know the exact location of his burial is the main purpose of her inquiry. She is interested also in knowing if there is a mention in the records concerning both Jacob and Alfred regarding their commercial activities and the location of their place residence in the home of Bill Emel.

It has been suggested that the records of the Lewis Funeral Home and the Washington State Death Index might be likely sources of this information. ■

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

From left to right,
rows numbered from the
back

1st row:

H. M. Williams {with hat}
Mrs. Tompson ~ teacher
John Steik

2nd Row, on porch

Rodger Amadon
Sam Clare
Kate Williams
Grace (Ritter) Carter
Florence Sackman
Kate Sackman
Beatrice Merriman
Mable McWilliams
Emily Blanchard
Unice Markam
Florence Markam
Maybell Falk
Lilly Kimball
Ethel Kimball
? Sackman

3rd Row ~ from back

Maurice Sackman
Leslie Reeve
Mable Clare
Doras (Martindale) Peterson

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Lucy Brautagan
Jim Timmons

4th Row

Charlie Clare
Dunsmoor Merriman
Claud Brautagan
Vic Masher
Fred Masher
Charlie Martin

5th Row

Alvin Hansen
Theodore Cray
Lawrence Sackman
Fred Brautagan
George Cray
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6th Row ~ front row

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Jethro McWilliams
Harry Morris
Joe Hanson
Herbert Hanson
Dan Sackman
Bob Sackman

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Jarolim before 1874 Tabor, Czech Republic

Hutar before 1880 Znain, Czech Republic

Malone before 1900 GA, NC

Grice before 1900, GA, SC

Daw Ireland before 1900

Smutny before 1880 Czech Republic

Patterson before 1870 New England

Merriman before 1900 NY, CT

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Belles PA 1700-1900s

Carey MA & PA & NY 1600-1900s

Burke IRE Canada, NY, SD, CA, 1800-1900s

Martenson Sweden 1900 & before

Johnson NC, IND, KS, OK, 1800-1900s

Johnson Sweden, MI, WA 1700-1900s

Rock IRE Canada, NY, MI, WA, 1700-1900s

Gifford PA 1800s

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Norton NY OH IL IA 1808—Present time

Turner VA WV MO 1823—1930

Taitt VA OH WV 1770—1860

Evans South Wales IL 1835—1930

Eddlemann NC KY IN 1775—1860

Rich KY IN 1760—1830

Baker NY 1786-1870

Barnum NY 1765-1820

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Garcia Jalisco, Mexico

Acosta Chihuahua & Durango, Mexico

Perea Chihuahua, Mexico & New Mexico

Bejavano Sonora, Mexico

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Housen Before 1880 — CO, OH

Rand Before — 1630 England

McCurdy Before 1850 — Scotland to USA

Billington Before 1880 — Ireland to USA

Sanger Before 1880 — CO

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Craycraft Before 1880 — KY

McCurdy Before 1860 — Scotland to USA

Sanger Before 1890 — CO

Billington Before 1850 — Ireland to USA

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Anderson IL 1820—1860, KY 1800

Walker OH 1820—1840

Morgan NH 1700's—1800

Wilson NH 1800

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As a newcomer to genealogy I feel very overwhelmed at times. For several years I have had the yearning to research our family beginnings. Now that I am retired I have the time and am beginning to find there is a lot of help available for me. What a wonderful tool is the Internet. So much information is available on all our families.

My search begins with my maternal grandfather, Harry F. Shaw. Harry died in 1931 long before I was born and I was told the circumstances of his death were unpleasant but the certificate says Coronary Thrombosis. My first effort was to obtain a copy of his death certificate. Since I knew he died at the family home in the University District in Seattle, I sent to Vital Records of King County. In about three weeks and \$13 later I received the copy I requested. On that was stated his parents name and their birthplace. I have not proved that yet but I am working on it.

Since the information on that document had to be given by either my mother or grandmother I have learned by now to discount some of it. My mother talked about her dad being from "one of the shires, near London." I asked my oldest cousin if she could establish a certain city but all she knew was London. My next step was to write to the General Register Office in London, which charged me £4.50, or about \$7.00 for the search which turned up nothing. Because he came to the United States from England through Canada I knew there must be a Naturalization document. That was the next contact.

Through a search on the Internet for naturalization papers I sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service which is now the U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Services under the Department of Homeland Security! On their web site <http://uscis.gov> there is a form to fill out called the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request application or in government speak G-639. Of course, you all knew that one! I filled that out and sent it to Seattle and in about one month I received Harry Shaw's Naturalization Application as well as the Certificate. What a find! The application was made in Seattle in 1908. It states the names and birth dates of all his children and at time there were six. The copy from microfilm is not too clear but the typed information was much clearer and I could make out the possibility of his birthplace as Cottingham, England. The date was July 17, 1859.

Back to the Internet and a good map search which led me to www.Genuki.org. There I found a map of the "shires" and with a little help on Expedia I located two Cottinghams. Since one was closer to London than the other I started there with a hunt for census records. Through the Family History Center at the LDS church I was able to order the correct census data for 1861 for the Northampton (shire) area. I searched through the film for which seemed like an hour and there in the District of Kettering, Sub District of Corby was the census count of Cottingham. On page twenty-six I located the families

who lived on Rockingham Road and there at the bottom of the page was Harry F., son of John and Rachel [Dean] Shaw. It also showed two older brothers, William and John Dean. (I hope I am not related to the "Watergate" John Dean!). I was so thrilled to find my grandfather at age one. His father was listed as an Inn-keeper and the mother-in-law Rachael Dean lived with them. Well worth the \$3.50 to view the microfilm.

Now my latest hunt will include finding the next census for 1881 as none exists for 1871. This record is also in the LDS microfilm loan library but it has an interesting twist. Harry F. Shaw is now listed as a carpenter, age 21 and female! I'll have to fix that.

Harry F. Shaw came from England to Canada somewhere between 1881 and 1889 as that is the year they were married. I inquired at the National Archives of Canada and they did respond with the date of his marriage to

Mary Elizabeth Carlin (Born July 16, 1866 near Thurso, Quebec, Canada. Died October 6, 1946, Seattle) on August 5 1889 in Ottawa at the Notre Dame Basilica. I have yet to prove that but the dates would be correct as my oldest aunt was born July 22, 1890 in Ottawa. I am working on finding county information in Canada and am running into stumbling blocks. Ontario sites are more user friendly but the sites in Quebec where my maternal grandmother has roots are more difficult.

The Shaw family came to Seattle in 1907 when my mother was six weeks old. Harry F. Shaw was a finish carpenter on Denny Hall and Parrington Hall at the University of Washington, which was then the site of the Alaska Yukon Exposition. He was a very proud gentleman who wore a business suit on the streetcar to his job then changed to his carpenter clothes. My

family was founding members of Blessed Sacrament Parish and my mother lived at the family home, 5511 12th NE for 63 years. Harry F and Mary E [Carlin] Shaw are buried at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle and I visit them often. They were hard working people, as are the current generations.

The children include Grace M. Shaw Sweeney married to a mining engineer and lived all over the world; Gordon T. Shaw, grain broker and owner of Seattle Grain Exchange; Joseph Henry Shaw the lovable uncle of many trades; Muriel Agnes Shaw Dustin also married a mining engineer and she was the manager of Alaska Brokerage; Ethel Catherine (Sister M. Pia OP) who had a hospital wing dedicated to her and my mother, Vivian Elizabeth Shaw Hoban (Superior, Wisconsin 1906 - Everett, Washington 1981), legal secretary, beloved mother and married to Tom Hoban owner of Welcome Guest Ice Cream on Roy Street.

I have been using Legacy 4.0 for my computer information. I am now up to eleven pages of cousins. It is a good thing there is no deadline on all this hunting for families or we would all have to choose another hobby! Thank you for reading my family's story. ☐



Mary Elizabeth [Carlin] Shaw, Vivian Shaw
and Harry F. Shaw
Mount Rainier Circa 1930

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