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

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A Message From Our President



Terry Mettling

Greetings Fellow Frustrated
Genealogists,

During the last couple of months, I have become a fount of knowledge in regards to several items, including hard drive breakdowns; recovering, restoring and/or rebuilding lost data. I have also studied Murphy's Law. I'm sure most of you are familiar with the premise of Murphy's Law, but if you aren't, it's simply stated,

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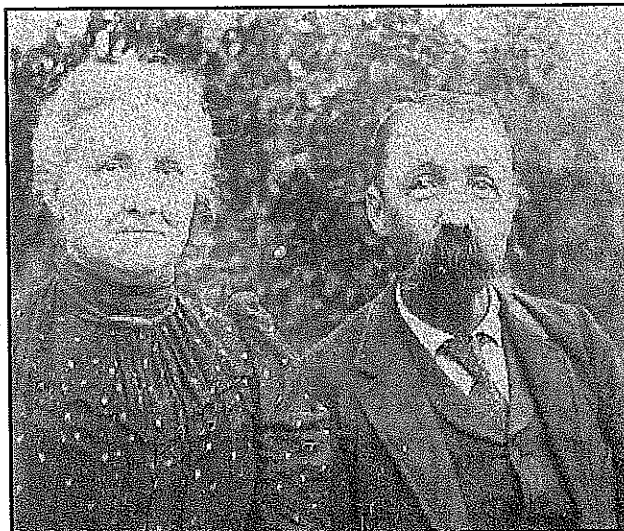
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PSGS Membership Renewal Form for 2006 enclosed.

Early Mullenixes of Kitsap County by Marie Mullenneix Spearman [1]

From *The Citizen*, a newspaper in Fredonia, Kansas, dated 30 November 1888: "A number of people residing in this locality will leave about the 1st of next month for Washington Territory. Among those most likely to go are J. C. Mullenix, wife and four children, C. A. Mullenix, J. F. Parkinson, Fred. Evans, J. C. McDonald and wife, and Mrs.



Margaret Ellen [Parkinson] Mullenix,
born 31 August 1854, died 4 April 1901 and
James Carlisle Mullenix
born Ohio 19 August 1852, died 2 December 1904.
Photo courtesy Kitsap County Historical Society.

Rebecca Mark."

C. A. (Carey Allen) Mullenix was b. circa 1827, Highland County, Ohio. Carey served in the Civil War as a sergeant with Co. H. of the 9th Kansas Infantry, and in 1865 was elected the first pro-

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Meetings are held at the **First United Methodist Church at 1150 Marine Drive, 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 12:30 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 **2501 S E Mile Hill Drive, Suite A102, Port Orchard, Washington.** The library is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Phone: **(360) 874-8813.**

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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

- September 27th** — What did you find on your summer travels? Member participation.
- October 25th** — Barbara Chesley will talk about a program called "Flip Album" for the computer.
- November 22nd** — Kari Trogdon will talk about digitizing your photos.
- December** — The Annual Christmas Auction. Members please bring items to auction off and your favorite Christmas goody to share.

Please Note: Programs are subject to change. □

Upcoming Backtracker Articles December 2005 Edition

- *Early Mullenixes of Kitsap County, Part II*, by Marie Mullenneix Spearman.
- *Preserving Memories: Helen Beddo Abrams, Part III*, by Janice Stockton.
- *Genealogy and History* by David Rugh.
- *Why I Am Becoming a Family Historian* by Louise Sweatt.
- *Shortcut to Norwegian Family History* by Deanna Egeland Dowell.

No doubt about It,
You are a bona fide genealogist!
Now that you have admitted
to this truth about yourself,
why don't you get busy at
Your word processor and write an article
For the Backtracker on the reason you be-
came a
Family Historian.

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.

Belfair Meeting Schedules and Programs

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

September 6th — Final review of presentations that will be done during our Historical "Walk Through" of Twin Firs Cemetery, which is to take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Lives of various "pioneers" will be touched upon, as well as pointing out historical significance during those times. Guides will be in costume, and informed persons will be in place at various stations to acquaint the participants with our Belfair ancestors. No host lunch will be available at QFC Historical lunchroom directly after 1 PM. The cost of the Walk Through is \$15.00 for early registrants, and \$20.00 at the "gate." The proceeds are to help pay the cost of Puget Sound Library building rental. Call Linnie Griffin, 360-275-3770, for further information.

October 4th — Meeting will be a session of problem solving and records review.

November 1st — Our Christmas party meeting, to take place at my house, 51 NE Rainier Place North, Belfair. We will also elect officers, pay dues, and finalize our programs for 2006. The speaker we had in May, who spoke on writing memories, will return to hear the results of our writings. The subjects are to be about important times in our lives, significant people we have met and the effects of those meetings, places we have lived, careers we have pursued, and various other topics. For further information call me, Estelle Foster, at 360-275-6270. □

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please advise the *Backtracker* of your
new postal address.

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The *Backtracker* at
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In Memoriam
David C. Edwards
 Born September 1, 1923
 Bluefield, Virginia
 Died February 10, 2005
 Port Orchard, Washington
 Husband of Lois J. Edwards

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!
 You won't want to miss.

Family History Expo V!

When: Saturday, October 29, 2005
 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Where: Redmond Stake Center
 10115 172nd Ave NE
 Redmond, WA 98052
What: A great selection of classes taught by
 talented people on a variety of subjects
 to help you

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 For The *Backtracker*
 You Have Always Wanted To Write.
Don't Procrastinate!
 Plan To Have It Ready For The
 Next September Edition.



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 Here?

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Library Rental Fund
Donor Form
Will Be Found On Page 71.

Its For your Convenience
 A Membership Application Form
 Has Been Enclosed.
 See Page 71.

In Memoriam
 Evelyn J. [Kelch] Seabolt
 of Bremerton.
 Born April 6, 1931,
 Wellsburg, West Virginia
 Died Tacoma, Washington
 June 12, 2005

2006 Salt Lake City Expedition

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Salt Lake City
 Plaza Best Western Hotel from Sunday January 8th,
 2006 and Sunday January 22nd, 2006.

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 which is presently 11.2%.

Stay five nights and get the sixth night free.
 All those interested in going please contact
 Larry Harden at 360-895-3181 or
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I would like to get a firm list of those
 that want to go by the end of October.

Would you like to organize
 the North Kitsap Chapter of the
 Puget Sound Genealogical Society?

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John Smith from England Early-1700's by John W. Smith

My Fourth-Great-Grandfather John Smith was
 from England. He came to the American Colonies in
 the early 1700's, supposedly with two brothers
 (names unknown); his wife's name is also unknown.
 They had three children that I know of (there are a
 possibility of more) 1-Mary, who died early;
 2-Elizabeth-who married a Stroud in Massachusetts;
 3-John Smith.

This John Smith was my Third-Great-
 Grandfather, 1758-1838. He was born in Needham,
 Massachusetts and was baptized in his mother's
 church by the Rev Hide, a Baptist Minister. He was
 5'5 1/2" tall dark hair and dark eyes. He was a Hus-
 bandman (Farmer) by trade. He was a veteran of the
 Revolutionary War, and fought with the Continental
 Army, 1st Massachusetts Line, 26th Regiment of
 Colonel John Paterson and in Captain Samuel Kil-
 tons Co., from 27 April 1775 to November of 1775.
 He enlisted June 1776 for 12 Months in Capt. Stow's
 Co., under Major Bigalow's Artillery. He enlisted
 again on the 20th of August 1779 and served in Lt.
 Lillie's Co., under Lt. Col. Whiting, with Col. Tho-
 mas Nixon's 6th Regiment of the Massachusetts
 Regulars until the 10th of Jan 1780. (National
 Archives File #W19377.)

After his discharge from service on 20 May
 1780 John married Sarah Mastick on
 17 November, 1780 in Needham, Massachusetts. I
 believe they were married in the Baptist Church. The
 newlyweds moved to Grafton, Vermont in 1781 and
 raised a family of ten children. Their son Joseph
 Smith, 1792-1879 was my Second-Great-
 Grandfather. Sarah lived on their farm in Vermont
 until her death in 1854. □

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of this position.

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Bremerton City Directory Database

Fredi [Perry] Pargeter, Compiler

Data regarding business firms and proprietors was extracted from Polk Bremerton City Directories and Bremerton High School Yearbooks.

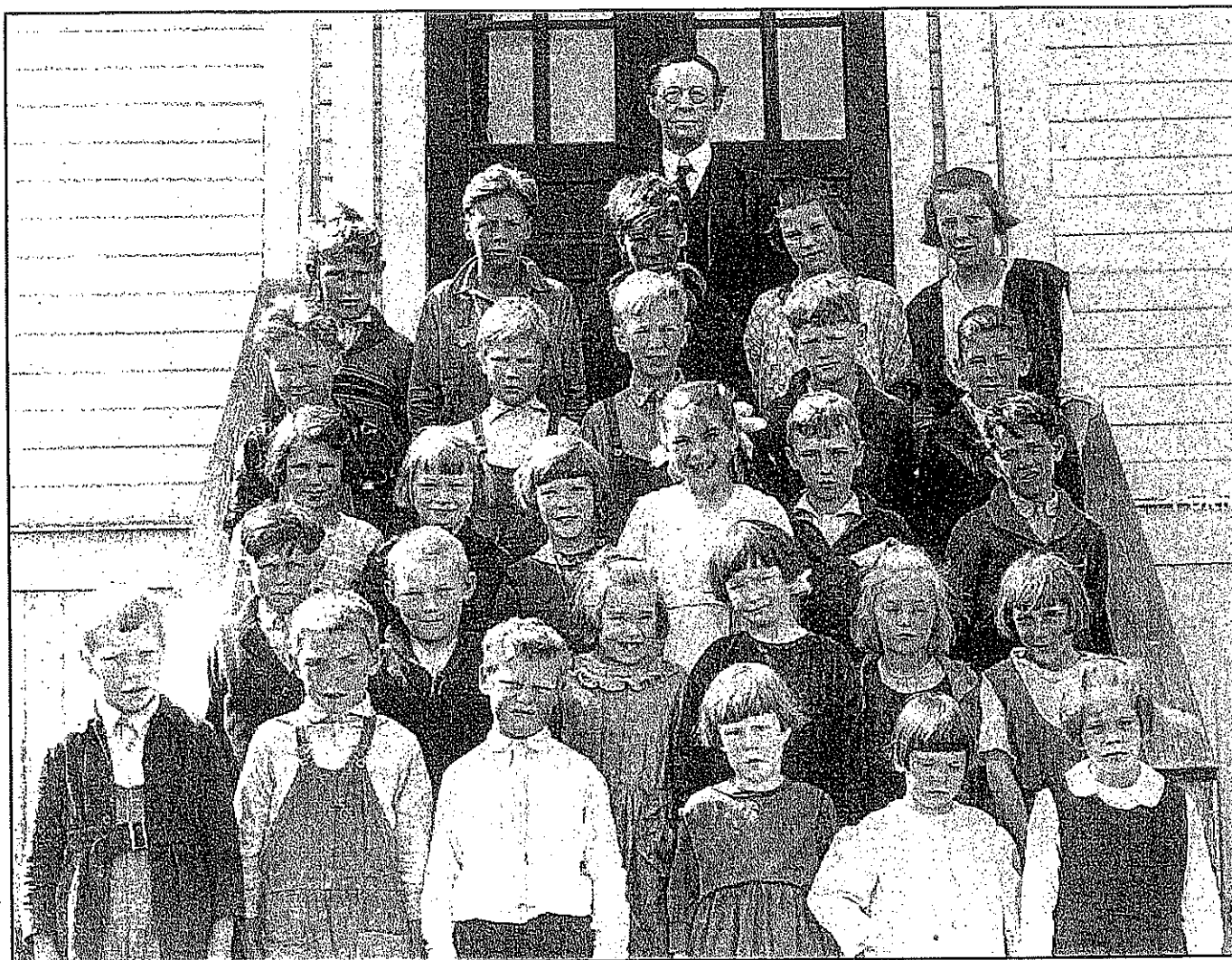
Business	Street Address	Directory Year
Golden Rule Grocery	Charleston	Booster 1924
Golden Rule Grocery	Charleston	1920 Booster
Goodie's Griddle	144 First	1929-30
Goodwin Furniture	210 Front	1923-24
Goodyear Shoe Shop	928 Fifth Street	Booster '25
Gorman, Halbert (attorney)	Brem.Trust	1920-21
Gorman Hotel	322 Pacific	1917-18
Gorman Hotel	322 Pacific	1913-14
Gorman Hotel	322 Pacific	1920-21
Gorst Air Transport -	Old Muni Dock	1929-30
Gould and Shotwell	221 Burwell	Booster 1924
Graffunder (furniture)	Harrison Bldg.	1917-18
Graffunder Furniture	270 Fourth	1923-24
Graham Hotel	262 Burwell	1913-14
Graham Hotel	262 Burwell	1920-21
Grahn's Paint Shop	1005 Pacific	Booster 1924
Grahn's Paint Store	805 Pacific	1929-30
Grahn's Paint Store	1005 Pacific	1920-21
Grainger Building	First/Washington	1929-30
Grand Central Grocery	530 Fourth	1929-30
Grand Fruit Co	530 Fourth	1929-30
Grand Hotel	408 Washington	1913-14
Grand Hotel	408 Washington	1917-18
Grand Hotel	408 Washington	1920-21
Granger, Mrs. (florist)	1203 Washington	1913-14
Grant, Leonard	(205 Bremerton Trust)	1920-21
Green and Pease (groceries/confectionery)	Fifth/Naval	Booster 1924
Green and Pease (ice cream)	Fifth & Naval	Booster 1925
Greenwood, J Ray (attorney)	Dietz Bldg.	1920-21
Groceteria Stores	Fourth St. Public Markket	Booster 1924
Groceteria Stores	(4th St Market)	1923-24
Gueguen, Jas (Dray)	305 Washington	1923-24
Haddon, J. C.	Fourth/Washington	Boost comm.1915
Haddon, J. C. Groceries		Booster1915
Haddon, J. C. & Co	308 Pacific	1913-14
Haddon Company		Booster Xmas1917
Hale, B. P. (architect)	411 Pacific	1917-18
Hall, L. M. (Cafe)	328 Fourth	1923-24
Hall, Victor Music Co	516 Pacific	1917-18
Ham, A. E. (stage)	301 Pacific	1913-14
Hamburger Inn	Front	Booster '25
Hammond Building	Fourth/Pacific	1920-21
Hanberg Electric	Rex Theatre, next to	Booster Xmas1916
Hanberg Electric Co	331 Pacific	Booster1915
Hanson, Christopher (contractor)	233 Fifth	1913-14
Hanson Ferry Co		Booster Xmas1916
Hanson Ferry Company		Booster Xmas1917
Harlow Bldg.	Wash/Fourth	1913-14
Harrison, B. F.		1913-14
Harrison Bldg	Pac/4th/SW	1917-18
Harrison Building	509 Fourth	1929-30
Harrison Building	Pacific/Fourth	1920-21
Harrison Hall	Pac/4th/SW	1917-18
Harrison Hall	Pacific/Fourth	1920-21
Harrison-Schaffer Furniture		Booster Xmas1917
Harrison/Schaffer Furniture (Harrison Bldg.)		1917-18
Harvey, Minnie (grocer)	Third/Ohio	1920-21
Hat Hospital	111 Washington	1929-30
Hathaway, Fred (civil engineer)	Muni. Wharf	1917-18
Hathaway, Fred (engineer)	Municipal Wharf	1920-21
Hawkes, W. H. (Real estate, notary)	Manette	Booster 1924
Hawkes, W. H. (real estate)	Manette	Booster '25
Hawkins, E. M. (furniture)	608 Pacific	1929-30
Hayward, R. S.	531 Fourth	1929-30

Hayward, R. S.	323 Fourth Street	Booster '25
Hayward R. S. (attorney)	516 Pacific	1920-21
Heberger, Wm. (Tailor)	425 Pacific	1920-21
Helena Apartments	312 Fourth	1920-21
Hendrix, John (Restaurant)	215 Pacific	1920-21
Henry Bros (confectionery)	307 Fourth	1917-18
Henry Bros (fruits) (Frye market)		1923-24
Henry Bros. (produce)	338 Fourth	1923-24
Hess, Sol (men's)	301 Front	1923-24
Hewitt, S. W. (Cafe)	201 Pacific	1929-30
Hewitt Cafe	405 Pacific	1920-21
Hinton Solvie (baker)	717 Fifth	1913-14
Hodge, J. E. & Co. (sweets)	801 Pacific	1913-14
Hoffman & Fortenbacher (saloon)	210 Pacific	1913-14
Hollywood Fruit Co (Wallace Bldg.)	423 Pacific	1929-30
Home Bakery and Lunch (Runden)	215 Front	Booster 1924
Home Bakery & Lunch	215 Front	Booster '23
Home Meat Market	Charleston	1920 Booster
Hornbogen, F. G. (cabinet maker)	100 Front	1917-18
Hornbogen, F. G. (Carpenter)	100 Front	1920-21
Hornbogen, F. G. (picture framing)	102 Front	Booster Xmas1916
Hornbogen (cabinetmaker)	311 Front	1913-14
Hotel Argonne	222 Washington	1929-30
Hotel Golden	Front/Pacific	1920-21
Hotel Grand	212 Washington	1929-30
Hotel Kennedy	212 Burwell	1913-14
Hotel Martin	303 Pacific	1913-14
Hotel Rial	340 Fourth	1920-21
Hotel Roosevelt	427 Washington	1913-14
Hotel St. James	509 Pacific	1917-18
Hotel Washington	632 Washington	1920-21
Hotel Washington	440 Washington	1929-30
Hotel Washington	632 Washington	1917-18
Howerton, Grace (beauty)	330 Fourth	1923-24
Hub Barber Shop	No address	Booster '25
Hub Clothing & Loan	501 First	1929-30
Hubbells Tire Shop	433 Washington	1920-21
Hull, Bert (notions)	504 Pacific	1917-18
Hull, John (Ladies' apparel)	609 Pacific	1920-21
Hull, J. B. (women's clothing)	600 Pacific	1923-24
Hulls Ladies Apparel	Fourth and Pacific	Booster '25
Hull's Ladies' Apparel;	Fourth/Pacific	Booster 1924
Humble, J. L. (billiards)	216 Pacific	1913-14
Huncke's Smoke Shop	233 First	1929-30
Hunt, Grace (dressmaker)	429 Washington	1920-21
Hunter & Dailey Block	Pac/Burwell NE	1913-14
Hunter-Dailey Block	506 Pacific	1917-18
Hunter/Daily Block	506 Pacific	1920-21
Hutchinson, Sylvia (Cafe)	342 Fourth	1920-21
Hutchinson-Crowell	431 Pacific	1917-18
Hutchison, Coleman Co.	Pacific/Burwell	1913-14
Hutchison-Coleman	431-433 Pacific	Boost comm.1915
Hutchison-Crowell (Clothing men&boys)	431 Pacific	Booster Xmas1917
Hutchison/Crowell (clothing)	431 Pacific	1920-21
H. Brown	306 Pacific	Booster 1915
Idaho Table Board	Charleston	Booster 1924
Iona Cafe	417 Pacific	1920-21
Iona Cafe	417 Pacific	1923-24
Ione Cafe	123 Washington	1929-30
Jack Electric	215 Second	1920-21
Jackson Book Shop	Front/Pacific	1920 Booster
Jackson Book Shop Rooney, F. W. & Co (groceries)	313 Pacific	Booster Xmas1917
Jackson's Book Store	Front/Pacific	1920-21
Jackson's Music & Book Store	411 Pacific	Booster 1924
Jackson's Music & Book Store	411 Pacific	Booster '23
Jack's Lunch	122 First	1929-30
Jacobs and Company (Frye Market)		1920-21
Jacobs & Company (Frye Public Market)		1923-24
Jacobs & Company (teas,coffee)	245 Second	1913-14

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James Fuel	387	Sheldon	1920-21	Knapp, Frank D. (jeweler)		Front, southside	Booster '23
James Fuel	387	Sheldon	1917-18	Knapp, F. D. (jewelry)	223	Front	1923-24
James Fuel Co	387	Sheldon	1917-18	Knapp, F. D. (jeweler)	320	Pacific	1920-21
Jimmie's Shoe Shine				Knapp Jewellery (clock)		Washington	Booster 1915
Jim's Waffle House		Front	Booster Xmas 1916	Knapp Jewlery	223	Front	Booster 1924
Johnson, Adelia (millinery)	607	Washington	1923-24	Knights of Columbus		Washington/Second	1923-24
Johnson, David (205 Bremerton Trust)		Pacific	1920-21	Knights of Columbus	138	Washington	1929-30
Jorgen Nelson Jewellery/Watchmaker	319		1920-21	Knights of Pythias	837	Fourth	1929-30
Jorgen Nelson Jeweler	319	Pacific	Booster '23	Knights of Pythias Castle Hall		But/Park	1913-14
Juvenile/Baby Shoppe	412	Pacific	Booster 1924	Kodak Finishing	312	Fourth Street	1920 Booster
J. C. Penney Co	306	Pacific	1929-30	Kodak Shop	312	Fourth	1920-21
J. C. Penney Co	306	Pacific	Booster '25	Kolgray Hotel	247	Burwell	1929-30
J. C. Penney Co	306	Pacific	Booster 1926	Kolgray Hotel	239	Burwell	1923-24
J. C. Penney Company	306	Pacific	Booster 1924	Koser, Harry			Booster Xmas 1916
J. E. Wood (department store)			Booster 1924	Koses, Harry (grocer)	414	Chester	1917-18
K of P Hall		Third/High	1917-18	Kost, J. J. (cigars & tobacco)	511	Pacific	1913-14
K of P Hall (near Union School)			1917-18	Krueger, Mabel (Cafe)	222	First	1929-30
Kahn, Jacob	219	Front	1917-18	Kurantani, M (drycleaners)	617	Pacific	1920-21
Kahn, Jacob	223	Front	1913-14	Lace & Arvick (tailors)	321	Washington	1917-18
Kahn, Jacob	219	Front	1920-21	Lambert, Frank (sweets)	320	Washington	1913-14
Kahn, Jacob (general merchandise)	219	Front	1923-24	Langlie, B. A. groceries		Charleston	Booster 1915
Kaiser, Charles (baker)	304	Washington	1913-14	Langlie's Grocery		Charleston	Booster Xmas 1917
Kaufman-Leonard furniture	522	Fourth	1929-30	Larkin, John	511	Fourth	1929-30
Keith, Edwin (furniture)			1920 Booster	Larkin, John (real estate)	307	Fourth	Booster '25
Keith Building		Pacific/Fifth	1923-24	Larkin, John (real estate)	307	Fourth	1923-24
Keith Furniture		Pacific/Fifth	1923-24	Larkin Real Estate/Insurance	307	Pacific	Booster 1924
Kelcie, W. P.	215	Second Street	Booster Xmas 1917	Lasher, Dr. J. O.		Central Bldg.	1920 Booster
Kelcie's, W. P.	215	Second Boost comm.	1915	Law, Clara (dressmaker)	1421	Park	1920-21
Kelcie's, W. P. Welding	215	Second	Booster 1915	Lee, S. I. (Drugs)	433	Pacific	1923-24
Kelcie's Repair Shop	215	Second	Booster Xmas 1916	Lee's Print Shop	211	Second	Booster '25
Kelly, Frank		1530 Preble	Booster '25	Lee's Print Shop	215	Second	1923-24
Kenyon, James (Building)		Pacific (foot)	1920-21	Lee's Sanitary Pharmacy		Burwell/Pacific	Booster 1924
Kenyon, J. S.		1650 Park	Booster '25	Lee's Sanitary Pharmacy		Burwell/Pacific	1920 Booster
Kenyon, J. S. (Lumber)			Booster 1924	Lee's Sanitary Pharmacy		Burwell/Pacific	Booster '23
Keys & Mosher (cigars)		Front/Pacific	1917-18	Lee's Sanitary Pharmacy	433	Pacific	1920-21
Kilburn, Eleanor (Chiropractor)	114	Dietz Bldg. Pacific/Fourth	1920-21	Leighton Leigh (printer)	419	Washington	1923-24
Kimball Hotel	414	Pacific	1913-14	Lemke Bros.	415	Pacific	Boost comm. 1915
King, James (Cafe)	219	Pacific	1920-21	Lemke Bros. (baker)	415	Pacific	1913-14
King, W. D. (billiards)	388	Fourth	1913-14	Lemke Brothers (caters, deli, bakery)	415	Pacific	Booster 1915
Kingston Transportation			Booster Xmas 1916	Lemke Mann Motor Co	312	Washington	1917-18
King's Pharmacy		Fourth/Naval	Booster 1924	Lemkes Bakery	419	Pacific	Booster Xmas 1917
King's Pharmacy		Fourth and Naval	Booster '25	Lent, James H. (confectionery)	601	Fourth	1917-18
King's Sanitary Pharmacy	433	Pacific	1917-18	Lent, J. H. (cigars & tobacco)	501	Burwell	1913-14
Kitsap Advertising/Bulletin Ser.	206	Second	1913-14	Lent, L. L.	221	Burwell	Boost comm. 1915
Kitsap American (sporting news)	243	Burwell	Booster 1924	Lent, L. L.	221	Burwell	1920 Booster
Kitsap Auto Co	335	Washington	1929-30	Lent, L. L. (Plumber)		Fourth/Chester	Booster '23
Kitsap Co Farmers Market		Burwell/Pacific	1929-30	Lent, L. L. (Plumber)	601	Fourth	Booster '23
Kitsap Collection Co		(12 Bremer Bldg.)	1920-21	Lent's Plumbing	512	Fourth	1929-30
Kitsap Collection Co		(Harrison Bldg.)	1923-24	Lewis, Fred R (Ambulance)	311	Fifth	1920-21
Kitsap Co. Co-op Mercantile	801	Fourth	1913-14	Lewis, Fred R. (cremations, funerals)	311	Fifth	1920-21
Kitsap Dairy Products Co	1003	Park	1923-24	Lewis, Fred Undertaker	515	Fifth	1929-30
Kitsap Dairymen's Association	1003	Park	Booster '25	Lewis, Fred (mortician)	311	Fifth	1917-18
Kitsap Furniture	279	Fourth	1929-30	Lewis & Newshouse (Drycleaners)	1001	Pacific	1920-21
Kitsap Inn	411	Chester	1913-14	Lex, J. B. (Cafe)	417	Pacific	1920-21
Kitsap Inn	411	Chester	1917-18	Liberty Billiards	368	Burwell	1923-24
Kitsap Oakland Co	1000	Pacific	Booster '23	Lincoln Cafe (Carrie McElhaney)	417	Pacific	Booster 1915
Kitsap Oakland Garage		Eighth/Pacific	1923-24	Lindsay Co (grocer)	901	Pacific	1923-24
Kitsap Peoples Store (next to PO)			1913-14	Lofthus Lumber	95	Front	1920-21
Kitsap Realty	312	Fourth	1920-21	Lofthus Lumber Co		Foot of Pacific	Booster '25
Kitsap Realty		(Bremerton Trust bldg.)	1917-18	Log Cabin Bakery	301	Pacific	1929-30
Kitsap Telephone	431	Fourth	1913-14	Logan Bldg			1920-21
Klicker, Mina (boarding house)	234	Burwell	1913-14	Lord, Alice (millinery)	321	Washington	1920-21
Klopfenstein's (men's clothing)	231	Pacific	1929-30	Lord, A. E. Mrs. (Millinery)	604	Pacific	1923-24
Knabb, Jess (Men's clothing)	218	Front	1920-21	Loschbin, Isadore (tailor)	242	Second	1929-30
Knabb, Jesse A. (Tailor)	218	Front	1917-18	Lourve Hotel	218	Pacific	1920-21
Knabb, J. A. (tailor)	202	First	1929-30	Loveland Boat Works		Second, foot	1913-14
Knabb, J. A. (tailor)	321	Washington	1913-14	Lucky Strike Fruit		(4th St Market)	1923-24
Knabb's (tailoring)		Front(Nelson bldg.)	Booster Xmas 1917	Lutheran Brotherhood	232	Washington	1929-30
Knapp, Frank D.	225	Front	1917-18	Lutheran Brotherhood	426	Washington	1923-24
Knapp, Frank D.			1920 Booster	L. L. Lent Plumbing	601	Fourth (corner Chester)	Booster 1924
Knapp, Frank D.			Booster comm. 1915				■
Knapp, Frank D. (jeweler)		Hensel Bldg	Booster '23				



*Bethel School — Port Orchard — 1924?
George Cady Johnson, teacher.*

Names listed left to right:

First Row (front row):

Gerald (G'erry") Petersen
Walter Plotz
Ernie Frederick Hayes
Alma Reite
Lillian Maisterek
May Maisterek

Second Row:

Boy _____
Blond boy - Roy England
Jennie Smith
Dark hair—Marian Schaar
Eyes closed—Mryrtle Mills
Mary Pieren

Third Row:

Iris Lider
Irene England
Gudrun Reite
White dress—Irene Plotz
John Austin Mills
Chris Pieren

Fourth Row:

Dark shirt—Robert Schaar
Light shirt—Ralph Reite
Roy Carson
Dark sweater—Ray Balcom
Jake Pieren

Top Row:

Harry Schabach ("He had the nicest bicycle
of anybody!")

Ed Mastik
Frank ? Morrow
Checkeddress—Ruth Balcom
Lider?

These students graciously identified by Mr. Gerald Petersen 89, of Silverdale, Washington, September 17, 2004.

This was a two-room school house. Grades one through three were in the small room and grades four through six were in the larger Room.

Jim Clark is an uncle of Marian Schaar. Jim Clark was a student in this school in this general time period also. Marian later married _____ Scaw (spelling?). Marian's husband died from an infection from a dog bite. Marian is buried in Belfair, Washington.

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Grades four through six.
Bethel School
Port Orchard, Washington

Names listed left to right:
First row (front row):

Gerald Petersin ("Gerry")
Walter Plotz
Roy England
Mary Pieren
Myrtle Mills
Joan Boughtwood
Jennie Smith

Second Row:

(Mouth Hidden) - John Austin Mills
(Dark sweater/jacket) _ Iris Lider
Irene England
(Dark sweater with hood) - Gunrud Reite
Wearing overalls, colored shirt, tall or on
next step—Chris Pieren
Scarf in hair, like band- _____ Ferwerda

Last Rows:

(Arrow) - Harold Wolfer
(Dark sweater/coat) - Frank? Morrow
Jake Pieren
(Hand in pocket) - Claude Ives
Roy Carlson
(Smiling) _____ Quimby?
(Jumper & blouse)- Ruth Aimes
Teacher Etta F. Morrow (no relation
to Morrow student)
Ruth Balcom
(Beret in hair) - Irene Plotz
(Elbow up) - Hattie Quimby
(By door) - Ray Balcom
_____ Ferwerda

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Preserving Memories: Helen Beddo Abrams Part II

Janice Stockton

In June of 1828, Archibald and Esther Green and their family migrated to the Michigan Territory, settling at the Grand Traverse of the Flint River, the site of present-day Flint, in Genesee County. They lived in a cabin which had been built about 1819 by Jacob Smith, a trader with the Indians since the War of 1812, who had died in the spring of 1825. The Greens apparently shared the cabin with Esther's brother, Benajah Tupper, and a cousin of the Tupper surnamed Preston.

Esther became very ill during their second winter on the frontier. A doctor was summoned from Pontiac, nearly seventy miles away; but by the time he could reach the settlement, Esther had died, on January 18, 1830, not quite twenty-eight years of age. The little group of settlers had no nails or screws, and so a coffin was fashioned out of green boards, using dovetail construction; and Esther was laid to rest, the first white woman to die in Genesee County. Her grave is located in the Evergreen (Whigsville) Cemetery in Grand Blanc Township, Michigan where members of her Tupper family are buried.

Archibald took his children back home to Rush, New York. But by early 1831 he had returned to the Michigan Territory, settling in Southfield, Oakland County. On May 1 of that year he married Elnora Parker, in Southfield; she had been born on September 15, 1809, in Genesee County, New York. Two of the children, Betsey Ann and Helen Antoinette, returned to Michigan with him; Gilbert Lafayette died on September 11, 1831, in Rush, while living with his maternal grandfather, John Tupper. Abigail and John West Green remained with two of Archibald's brothers in Rush, but both returned to Michigan a few years later. Their grandfather John Tupper also eventually migrated to Michigan, to Grand Blanc, in Genesee County.

Helen Antoinette Green joined the Southfield Congregational Church on May 26, 1838, and Archibald and Elnora joined on May 7, 1843.

Archibald's daughter, Abigail Green, still living in Rush, married John Beddo about 1838 or 1839. Helen wrote that Abigail married John much against

her will, but did so to please those who had been so kind to her. "My father was young, industrious, and a successful farmer, a great lover of horses, which always showed good care. All that he did was done well, but he was not a suitable companion for her. Grandfather said she was lovable, faithful and patient, doing all in her power to make home what it should be. Her efforts were seen by Him who scans all lives and were appreciated by Father in later years."

Abigail and John Beddo lived in Monroe County, New York, for several years, where three sons were born to them. Alonzo was born on the 11th of November or December in 1840, but died on the 17th of February or March 1841; he was buried in the Pioneer Hill Cemetery in Rush, where several members of the Green family were also buried. Their second son, Ira, was born probably on March 18, 1842, at Rush; and Horace was born on October 2, 1843, near Avon, Livingston County (near the

Monroe County line), New York.

John and Abigail moved to Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, by 1846, settling near her father, Archibald Green; and there Helen Beddo was born, on June 14 of that year. But Helen could remember very little about her mother, who died on June 18, 1849 (like her mother, Esther, at twenty-eight years old), possibly in childbirth. She remembered bringing Abigail drinks of water in her little blue and white mug as she lay on her bed in the recess of the log house, and how she cried for her after she died, begging her father to go and get her.

Almost as interesting as what Helen wrote are the things she never mentioned. Her father, John Beddo, remarried in about 1850. It is now known that his second wife was Elizabeth Stoughton (1827-1902), although Helen never named her in her writings -- only the fact that her father remarried "within a few years." She never even hinted about the existence of her three half brothers, the sons born to her father and stepmother: George (born in Van Buren County, Michigan, in February 1854, married Fanny Wicks, died about 1903 in Fort Myers, Lee County,

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*Helen (Beddo) Abrams
Clearwater, Florida,
About 1930*

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Florida); William (born in Van Buren County, September 1857, never married, died after May 1910 in Berrien County, Michigan); and Ted (born in Van Buren County in 1861, first wife unknown, second wife Blanche Raulerson, died January 30, 1933, Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida).

At the age of four, after her mother's death, Helen went to live with her aunt, Helen Antoinette Green, who was married to Nathan Smith and was living in Detroit. When Helen started to school, it was in the basement of the old capitol building. She remembered going the long way, her little pink sun-bonnet, the dinner basket, and a little yellow covered book with blue pictures and stories, one especially of "Lazy Tom" going fishing with his hat and clothes all torn.

John Beddo and his second wife, along with his sons Ira and Horace, moved to Van Buren County, in southwest Michigan, before 1854 and purchased a farm (the south half of the northeast quarter of section 36 of Bloomingdale Township), nine miles north of Paw Paw.

Helen wrote briefly about her life after she went to her father's place to live when she was eleven. She and her brothers, Ira and Horace, knew only the barest of comforts and very few joys, "not because my father would have it so" [emphasis Helen's]. They lived in a shanty (spare house), had no callers, and had a story paper which came once a week. She remembered toasting field or sweet corn on the top of the old cook stove.

When she was thirteen, her brothers left to find a new place to live, and all three were taken in for a

time by friends, Samuel Gilman Lane (1835-1873) and his wife Eunice [Abrams] Lane (1835-1917), who lived in Paw Paw Township, in Van Buren County. Ira taught school for awhile, and Horace and Helen attended the Wildey School near the Lanes' home. By the 1860 census, Ira was working as a laborer on the farm of John Hunt, in Antwerp Township, in Van Buren County, and Helen and Horace were back with John and Elizabeth Beddo and their sons, George and William.

Soon after the Civil War broke out in 1861, Ira and Horace both enlisted in Illinois regiments, as Michigan had already fulfilled its original quota of regiments. My mother remembered her grandmother Helen telling about how a young volunteer from the neighborhood, James Edward Abrams, a younger brother of Eunice Lane, asked her if she would give him a kiss before he went off to war -- and so she did. (He became her husband five years later.) Helen, at fifteen years old, went to live with her grandfather and his wife, Archibald and Elnora Green, back in Oakland County, Michigan, for the duration of the war, and her stay with them was very pleasant, except for her anxiety for her brothers' safety.

To be continued.



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Cyril, you seem to need some insight as to why we got ourselves entangled with this merry-go-round of genealogy. Well, that might be an over-simplified term for the squirming, seeking, peering, writing, erasing, re-writing, throwing it away and starting over. But, the question is, *why*. I think I would rather hear someone else's story; but, now my hat is in the ring for what it's worth.

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All those precious, information-filled years, long ago, when parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins by the dozens were available to answer my (our) questions about the *who, what, when* and *where* is now information slipped into many graves. There is little doubt in my mind that those digging into inanimate sources for written/printed knowledge about Uncle Jack's family, are really sorry they didn't pass some time with Uncle Jack when he was still with us.

And there are more than a few of us that, for many years before we learned how to spell 'genealogy', could not care less whether Uncle Jack even had a family -- until we needed to know something about his family's relationship with our part of the clan. *How come the family Bible and all that information went from Grampa to him and not us? And what happened to it?* Never have so many

waited so long to accomplish so much as those of us who pursue this hobby of ours.

When we were little people, six or seven years old, anyone over eight or nine were 'grown ups' and grown-up-people weren't very important unless they furnished our food, fun or foul-weather gear. All others were classed, in our minds, with the dinosaurs.

My antecedents gradually became important to me proportionately with the estimated time left for me to become an ancestor. It is quite likely that my 'little people' will become interested in their long, lost family at about the same point in life that it happened to me -- IF such thoughts come around to them at all. It occurred to me that some day these youngsters just might appreciate some information about their family lines. And, therefore, it became a latter-years effort to gather as much information as we could to hand down as our gift to them. Hurry, hurry -- Tempus is fugiting!

The first line pursued, naturally enough, was my paternal side and that was chased for a couple generations in the U. S. of A. before tracking directly to The Netherlands. Three more generations were relatively easy until Third Great Grandfather filled our search with a vacuum of information. The only facts we've found so far is a church record of his marriage in 's Gravenhage (now a part of Den Haag -- The Hague). The record stated that Christiaan Coentz and Agnitta Schrieckenbergh (how does THAT grab you for a name?) were married in The High German Church at 's Gravenhage on 3 April 1740, that she was born in Meurs and he in Switzerland. Christiaan Junior was their only child but his family was large as were those of many of his children and grandchildren. It was believed that Christiaan De Oude (Old one, Senior) may have come to The Netherlands as a Swiss mercenary, many of whom came to the lowlands in opposition to the expanding French interests. But, just what the details of his family are has yet to

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The User Groups

FAMILY TREE MAKER

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

All users of Family Tree Maker Software are invited to meet the fourth Monday of each month at our new family history research library at 10:00 a.m. Or, I can be reached at 674-2747.

Jeanne Menchenton

Legacy

The Legacy Group will meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the PSGS Research Library in Port Orchard.

We have instructional CDs to view for those beginners who are interested. We have group discussions on methods of maximizing our use of the Legacy genealogy program. Everyone from the experienced to the novice is invited.

If you have any questions concerning the Legacy User Group, please contact Barbara Chesley at [<bchesley@comcast.net>](mailto:bchesley@comcast.net).

The Pursuit of Your Personal History.

Most of us who call ourselves family historians spend an inordinate amount of time and money exploring the entangled roots of our families' ancient past. It is the goal of many of us to document and narrate the intriguing stories we unearth from that shadowy time forgotten. It is my belief that if you do this immense amount of research, it is important that you write your personal family history. This should not only be done for yourself, but also for your family. It is my hope that you will share your stories with our *Back-tracker* readers too.

Sometimes you just need a beginning. Mine started a couple of years after I was married when I realized how mixed-up I was with my husband's side of the family. I needed some way to organize those unknown people who were so much a part of my husband's life. A genealogy workbook on sale at a bookstore began my organization of our Family Tree.

The directions and empty spaces in that book were foreign to me so I used my own family as an example to understand what should be inserted where. I quickly came to the conclusion that I didn't know a lot about my family either. Again, the power of advertising - - a genealogy meeting was being held in my area according to the newspaper. I thought I should go and get a couple questions answered. One meeting wouldn't hurt.

I was hooked.

The Puget Sound Genealogy Society was held in a basement of Marlys Marrs' home back then. The people were much more knowledgeable than I was. I learned what ancestral charts and family group sheets were - I understood how important it was to save every scrap of paper you come upon. I knew when I touched a genealogy book it felt like a won-

derful friend willing to help me. I was filled with wonder and work. And I worked by writing every relative and courthouse. After being a member for a couple years, however, I realized something was missing. Unfortunately, within that group at the time, there was little reference to the states and countries my ancestors were from and no information on immigration of any sort.

It was time to move on.

First, Marlys started teaching genealogy classes through the public school system. I enjoyed her classes so much. She became my mentor. She was the type of teacher who was fanatical about organization and details. This was good. She also took us on field trips to major libraries for genealogical references, Mormon Family History libraries, and the Seattle branch of the National Archives. Now, my work started coming together with outside references.

I attended genealogy seminars about twice a year and subscribed to three genealogy magazines. I researched genealogy clubs in the areas where our ancestors once lived and joined those who were active. They were too far away for attending meetings but

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My Genealogy, a Legacy or Waste of Time?

be determined. Their one child might have indicated that they had too late a start to obtain a sizeable family. But Koentz!

An important and fruitful avenue of search opened up with the marriage of Great Grandpa with a lady named Johanna Louisa Theodora Van Dieren. Her father's family brought in four more generations of ancestors; but her mother was Josina Gertruid, Countess of Nassau-LaLecq. This line carried back to the Nassau of Eleventh Century with loads of interesting side-lights and history involved. Further, many established genealogists had already thoroughly researched this line. The book found by a cousin in Holland cited Nassaus from about the Eighth Century down to and including Countess Josina G. So the research barriers in this line were minimal. The records of the masters were much better than those of the serfs who worked the soil. And we know they were there; but, we never learned their names. So, the paternal line filled out nicely up to the Swiss border with pretty much of a "no sweat" effort on my part. The more I got into this stuff, the more interesting it became. And the answer to *WHY* is pretty well explained. If my work doesn't become a legacy to my people, the interest generated in the study and recording of all kinds of history was worth the effort to me. Hopefully, the time was not

wasted and that there will be those who profit by the effort.

Thanks for listening.

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Why not tackle the maternal side? Yeah! Why NOT? Hint: the paternal name is Koentz and maternal name is Brown. The latter stacks up somewhere between Smith and White for fun in the research department. In fact it took over five years to get beyond the family Bible and to the Second Great Grandfather Brown. Now, in addition to a few more 'greats', a wealth of interesting information was gained about our history with the addition of numerous collateral lines. Perhaps this might be a good time to think about bringing this to a close and bring Brown into another story.

And a project now nearly completed covers the family of my paternal grandmother, Sarah Melmoth White. So I know something about research in THAT line also. It could be that we can say a few things about these works later on, Cyril. So, thanks for your patience and for the assistance when needed. You're definitely a plus for PSGS.

Wes Koentz

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PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

Belfair Bulletin by Estelle Foster

Congratulations to **Bruce Ramsey** for his discovery through the FamilyTreeDNA.com. He submitted his test to the Ramsey/Ramsay DNA group and received a group discount through the surname project. He matched with two people; a woman in Connecticut and a man in Maryland. Both of these people are descended from Josiah Ramsey, who came from Northern Ireland to USA in 1790. **Bruce's** family came 40 years earlier; therefore, he thinks that the DNA connection extends back to Ireland or Scotland.

The February 2005 Family Tree Magazine has articles and information on DNA, including the need for a Y chromosome and options available to woman. All of the companies providing DNA services are in the magazine and free copies are in our PSGS library.

Susan Gehring has been researching her husband, **Lonnie Gehring's** family back to Minnesota. **Julius Gehring** apparently emigrated from Prussia and settled in Minnesota before 1860. Many years later, **Edward Sylvester Gilbert Gehring** left Minnesota with his first wife and first four children and settled in Nevada. His first wife died and he remarried. He arrived in Port Orchard, Washington in 1943-1944. He had 11 children by the two wives and many are still in Kitsap County. One of his oldest sons, **Buck Gehring**, was married to **Glynnis Guthrie**. He taught math at SKHS and eventually opened the first A&W in this area. **Buck** was **Lonnie's** older brother and his son **Rick** now owns the A&W.

There was a bit of serendipity at the library on July 30th. It all started when **Ed Evans** hurt his ankle and couldn't walk. **Susan Evans**, his devoted wife, canceled her library duty to care for him. As a result I had to open the library and **Karin Burke** came in to relieve me at 1 pm. A new member, **Gayle Klostermeyer**, arrived shortly after **Karin** and immediately recognized her. They were both graduates of Lincoln High School in Seattle in 1967 and they spent the rest of the afternoon catching up on their lives and activities.

Larry Swan has talked his niece's husband, **Roger Valentine**, into researching the Valentine family. **Roger** is the husband of **Pamela Valentine**, daughter of **Luann Swan Morris**.

I have received all of my father's (**Leroy Magee, 1905-1976**) records from the coast Guard. His ship was sunk during WWII, probably off the coast of Italy. I am working on confirming the loca-

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In Memoriam

Evelyn J. [Kelch] Seabolt
of Bremerton.

Born April 6, 1931,
Wellsburg, West Virginia
Died Tacoma, Washington
June 12, 2005

Twin Firs Historical Treasure Hunt

Our Belfair group at present is mainly working on preparations for our Belfair Cemetery "walk through" with presentations by various persons regarding individuals buried there. Who they were, how they lived, and their place in local history. This event is scheduled to occur in September, from 10 AM to 1 PM, with lunch following at the QFC Historical room. We are calling it the Twin Firs Historical Treasure Hunt. There is a charge, the proceeds of which will go to help with PSGS Library Rental Fund.

Our November meeting is always our Christmas party, since we do not meet in December. The party is scheduled for my house, and we will select officers, set the 2006 program, and take care of dues payments. **Pat King**, who spoke to us in May, will return to join us at that time, when we are each supposed to have written a paper on what was the most memorable event in our lives. ■

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For information contact **Sandie Morrison**

360 275-4990 morrison@nwinet.com

We also need volunteers to work this event.

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It All Began With Family.

usually had bi-monthly newsletters that I would read from cover to cover. Since I wasn't working with a group on genealogy, I started collecting genealogy references to use at home.

Then I went to Salt Lake City.

If there is ever a heaven for the genealogist, Salt Lake is it. My first night as I lay in the motel bed I thought I would not be able to open my eyelids, they were hurting so badly. I was finding connections of relatives on all floors, and they were real records, not someone else's say-so. Since then I have found better ways of organizing my records to meet my needs in the short time I stay there, but, never have I felt I should take even one second to enjoy the beautiful country of Utah while I'm there. The walls of books and films in the library are exactly the view I want.

There was a part of my genealogy that I still needed to become more aware of and that was the history that surrounded each generation. I had always loved geography so maps and gazetteers were already an important facet of my research. But, what were these people hearing about their homeland and the rest of the world during their time on this earth? How was their migration paralleled with the facts of history? I started with an almanac and then gathered about 15 other reference books and outlined the historical happenings relating to genealogy for the world from the beginning of time to the year 2000 AD. My reference book is about 95 pages long, single-spaced and I've thought about publishing it, but seems like I'd be wasting time finalizing the tiny details when I could be looking up actual relatives.

I volunteered to work at one of our local Family History libraries after I retired and continued to work there for about five years. I grew to understand the different ways of being able to research families and locations. I also learned how to focus people in a direction so that they would not feel frustrated about their beginning work.

When I joined the Sons of Norway, it was for cultural and genealogical reasons. I found the culture, but the genealogy sources were lacking. After a year I began a genealogy workshop for the members. This is my sixth year and we're working toward our genealogy cultural pins as a group. I'm very proud of the beautiful pins the organization awards.

I've use the internet for my "searching", not "research". I don't trust it and seldom can I touch the handwriting I so dearly love from the records. I search many databases for clues to finding records on my Salt Lake trips, and I do enjoy writing queries and have met many relatives through e-mail.

PSGS Library Display Window

We need members to display their genealogy research in our display window at our Research Library.

Photos, family mementos, maps, land records, census showing your ancestors, wedding photos, birth and death records, etc.

If you are interested, please contact
Sandie Morrison at morrison@nwinet.com
or (360) 275 4990.

AND, I've rejoined our local genealogy group again....This time I'm joining with the idea of offering my expertise in the areas I've worked so hard on during these last thirty years.

My Family Tree is not just dates and locations. In my Family Group sheets I have included an outline of each ancestor's life history that includes their vital statistics, their migration, occupation, and military involvement, family stories, and even personality traits.

Based on my experience of genealogy groups, seminars, magazines and reference books, self-help, and working with other people, I find the following focus points to be essential in genealogical research:

1. Use yourself as the beginning of the tree and work towards each generation of ancestors. Allow your descendants to work with their own families.
2. Always work from the known to the unknown. Find the sources of the known events and the unknown information will be found much easier.
3. Start researching from the most current event in the ancestor's life. Again, the sources of the most current information will lead you to the rest of the individual's life.
4. Primary sources are the most important informant, however, secondary sources offer references, present clues to the next step, and add to the story.
5. Branch out to the siblings of each generation. They will become a further source of research when your own information becomes depleted.
6. Note your sources. Take photocopies of everything you can.
7. Have a filing system for the information you have on each family member.
8. Keep not only the responses to your letter queries, but also keep copies of what you have requested or written.
9. Have a file of "unknown relatives" where the surname was found yet you don't know how they connect....maybe someday they will.

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Early Mullenixes of Kitsap County.

bate judge for Wilson County, Kansas. [2] And in 1888, as a 61-year-old widower, Carey decided to move west to "the Sound" with two sons, J. C. (James Carlisle) Mullenix and Charles Franklin.

Carey's account of the trip west was printed in the Toronto, Woodson County, Kansas newspaper *The Republican*, dated 5 April 1889:

"Editor, Republican, Toronto, Kansas:

"As I promised a number of my friends at and near Toronto to write to them when I located, I will now fulfill my promise by writing to your valuable paper, the Republican, thereby reaching all of them.

"Well, we had a very pleasant trip. We had to lay over at Emporia (Kansas) until Saturday at 3:15 A.M. when we stepped onboard the California Express and at Hutchenson (Kansas) we were placed on the tourist car by paying \$18 dollars extra for berths, which were promised free when we left Toronto. The trip through the Sunflower State was very pleasant, as Western Kansas is noted for being very level, and nice towns to any State. Occasionally we would come in view of the Arkansas River wending it's way over the plains to the Father of Waters. We crossed the Colorado River about sunset, and as I stood, face eastward, took a last look at the Grand Old Prohibition State in which I was raised. The journey through Colorado was made at night. The road over Ratan Mountains is very rough.

"Sunday morning we breakfasted in Las Vegas, New Mexico where we saw the first Saloon. The scenery in New Mexico is very mountainous; the eastern part is covered with stunted cedar or pine, the western part, as Arizona, is a vast sandy plain, nothing but sand hills with an occasional sage brush or cactus. The inhabitants are mostly Mexican 'greasers (sic).'

"We crossed into California at the Needles on Monday evening at 4 o'clock where we took supper. Southern California is an arid plain with nothing but white sand as far as the eye can see. Tuesday morning we breakfasted at Sumner, at the head of the San Juan valley. This indeed is a beautiful Valley, it being a succession of fine farms the entire distance of 300 miles. We reached Sacramento at 7 o'clock; changed cars and left there at 11 P. M., so we missed seeing the greater part of the Sacramento Valley.

"Northern California is very mountainous. We passed within 15 miles of Mt. Shasta, the summit of which is 14,111 feet above sea level. At 4 o'clock P.M. we crossed into Oregon, and traveled over another chain of mountains where we struck the Rouge river valley. Thursday at 10:40 A.M. we

reached Portland, where we again changed cars. Thence we proceeded over the Northern Pacific Railroad, crossed Columbia River on a steam ferry, and at last arrived on the soil of grand young Washington. (Washington attained statehood in 1889, same year). We reached Seattle at 10:20 P.M. on the 14th of February, having made the trip in less than six days.

"Seattle is indeed a wonderful City, having the best harbor on the Pacific Coast. Ships come here from every port in the known world. Sidney, where we have located, is a nice village, which as soon as Washington becomes a State, will be the county seat of Kitsap County.

"We are within two miles of the beach. Land is very high and going up at a rapid rate. Immigration is pouring in from every State and Territory, and everything is booming. Money plenty, wages good, dry goods and groceries cheaper than in Kansas. The timber is very heavy, mostly cedar, fir, and hemlock, and lumber is cheap. I would say to all desirous of coming to the Sound country, it is best to come early, and select a location. This is a wonderland and is destined to become the most populist State in the Union, and that is in the near future. The man securing for himself a home in the Sound country will be indeed lucky. I wish to say to my old friends and neighbors at and near Toronto that I am well satisfied with this country and they can get homes yet, comparatively cheap, if they come soon." [3]

My Dad, Wesley Mullenix (1919-1995), dedicated his retirement years to genealogy. I believe he found the preceding article while researching in Kansas. Dad and Mom (Claire [Mackarness]) spent several months of their year traveling by motor home to county courthouses wherever the next clue took them. They would also spend two weeks researching at the LDS library in Salt Lake City going and two weeks coming back from Salton City, California where they spent many winters. Dad started the International Molyneux Family Association (IMFA) in 1986. I believe first because he had hit a brick wall looking for the parents of my second-great grandfather, Nathaniel Mullenix (circa. 1818 - March 1896), and second, because the newsletter [4] was the place he could share all the Mx information he was finding. Everything he found had to be a clue, if not the missing piece, for some Mx researcher, and the chance was a member would find our missing piece.

Dad became most interested in Carey Allen Mullenix because he and his family were living in Woodson County, Kansas in 1880, as were our Nathaniel's family, albeit in neighboring townships. Dad had found evidence of Carey Allen's ancestors in a printed history of Highland County, Ohio, [5] but try

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as he might, he never could make a link between the two families. It was sometime in the mid-1980s that Dad came to Kitsap County to do research on Carey Allen and family.

Carey Allen's tombstone, in the Bethel Cemetery in Port Orchard, records his birth year as 1827 and his death year as 1889. His will, written in Toronto Township, Woodson County, Kansas and dated 30 May 1888, was filed 8 April 1890 at the Kitsap County Clerk's office.[6] Carey Allen and family came to the Sound sometime in February of 1889 and settled on a homestead two miles south of Port Orchard, then known as Sidney. He lived long enough to be recorded on the 1889 Washington Territorial Census, along with the following from members of his Kansas family:

Mullinix, C.A. (Carey Allen). 62, male, widow, farmer b. Ohio

J.C. (James Carlisle), 38, farmer, married, b. Ohio
Margaret (Ellen Parkinson), 34, housewife, married, b. Ohio

Ollie (Olive), 10, female, b. Kansas

Gertrude, 7 female, b. Kansas

Raymond, 4 male, b. Kansas

Charles L. (Charles Franklin), 19, male, b. Kansas

(Notes associated with this article will be found

in subsequent installment.)

(To be continued)

Please Renew Your Membership!

December 31, 2005 is approaching

At an accelerated rate of speed.

Let this note be my friendly

Reminder that your 2006 Membership

Fee is Due on January 1, 2006

Your treasurer thanks you for your

Prompt Action!

Church Bazaar

The Puget Sound Genealogy Society
will again participate in the
Bazaar sponsored by the Lutheran Church
located in Port Orchard
at 2535 Mitchell Road S. E.

When: Saturday, December 3rd, 2005.

Wanted: Knitting, Sewing, Paintings.

Any craft project of every type
that comes to your mind.

A greater variety of craft items will make the
those things we offer at our table more salable.

(Homemade baked goods are prohibited).

Proceeds to benefit Library Rental Fund.

Contact Madge Norton:

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Cindy's Choice Web Sites



by Cindy Shawley Spore

**These sites are concerning censuses
from US and other nations.**

[www.census-online.com/links/United States/](http://www.census-online.com/links/United_States/)

The is completely free to browse and most of the census records displayed are free, also. Also lists links to other records, including city directories. There are over 43,000 links to online US state censuses.

[www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020108 e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020108_e.html)

1871 census of Canada. Free to use fully indexed database - heads of households in Ontario.

www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

Indexed database of 32 million people. Searchable by first & last names.

www.census-online.com/links/England/

More than 600 links to online censuses for England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland broken down by county. Free to browse.

<http://freecen.rootsweb.com>

Web site aims to provide a free-to-view online searchable database of 19th century census records. Including 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1891.

www.censuslinks.com/index

This is loaded! Free to use and easy to navigate. Includes Norway, Mexico, Denmark, Australia, Sweden, Puerto Rico, Germany, Slovakia, Belgium, USA, UK and Canada.

[www.maxpages.com/poland/Census Research](http://www.maxpages.com/poland/Census_Research)

Another site very similar to one immediately above.

Try these and find that someone
who has been elusive! Cindy

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Information about merchant seaman can be obtained from:

United States Coast Guard
National Maritime Center
4200 Wilson Blvd. Suite 630
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

I would like to wish **Joyce Liston** good luck and happy researching on her new home in Skagit County. Her presence will be missed.

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PSGS Periodical Exchange Notes Jackie Horton

AMER. American-Canadian Gen 31:2 Acadian Origins; Louis Badillac; A French Canadian Pioneer Couple

AMER. Ancestry 21:1 (May/June 2005) Working on the Railroad; How to Avoid 10 common research mistakes

AMER Family Chronicle (Jun 2005) 101 Unusual research sources; 20 Best European Gen Websites

AMER. Heritage Quest 21:1 Immigration clues in Census Records; Putting a ring around marriage sources

FAM Newsletter of International Haskell Fam Soc 14:1 (Mar 2005) donated by Cyril Taylor A Haskell Family of IN; Haskell Fam Chart

CA Sequoia Gen Soc Newsletter 32:5 (Jul 2005) Great Register 1888, Tulare Co, (cont)

ID Idaho Genealogical Soc Quarterly 48:1 (Spring 2005) Growing up in Jefferson County; Lone Tree Ranch

IL Clay Roots Clay Co Gen Soc 27:2 (Summer 2005) Births and Deaths in Clay co 1926; The Paine Family

IL The Genie's View LaSalle Co. Gen. Guild (May/ Jun 2005) Centennial Directory of Former Ottawa Residents 1831-1931 (donated by Cyril Taylor)

IN Tri-state Packet of the Tri-state Gen. Soc. 28:4 (Jun 2005) Building permits from Lamasco, Vanderburgh Co 1887-1897; Posey Co residents in CA

KS The Seeker Crawford Co Gen Soc of SE KS 35:2 (Apr-May-Jun 2005) Marriage book "P"; Naturalization records (Vidiz to Wingeback); Bith Rec. for 1904 (Green to Landers)

KS Yesteryears Jefferson co Historical Soc (Apr 2005) Jeff Co Marriages (Jul 1939-Dec 1939) Probate records index for B names

MA Berkshire Genealogist 26:2 (Spring 2005) Shefields's Bow Wow cem. State census of MA 1855 Great Barrinton

MI Family Tree Talk Muskegon Co 31:4 (Dec 2004) Articles published 1972; Limited Name & Page Index for 2004

IBID 32:1 (Mar 2005) Rough Sketches of First 31

Elected Mayors; Muskegon's Political history

IBID 32:2 (Jun 2005) Mayors of the City of Muskegon; Old Newspapers in county Museum

MO Scotland Co. Gen. Soc. Inc. 19:3 (Jul 2005) School Days (names of children in school 1918/1919); Obits

NM Journal of NM Gen Soc 44:2 (Jun 2005) The Navajo Wars 1837~1839; NM cemetery abstracts Luna and Grant Co.

OH Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints volume 32 index

OR Beaver Briefs of Willamette Valley Gen Soc 37:2 (Jun 2005) Marion co Mining Claims; French Prairiens in the CA mines

TX The Explorer Texana Gen. Soc. 11:1 Louisiana Records on Microfilm; Oldest Citizen of Uvalde

VA Kindred Spirits Prince Wm Co Gen Soc Newsletter 24:1 (Summer 2005) Prince Wm County Bonds 1776-1780; Ways to find a maiden name

WA Appleland Bulletin Wenatchee Area Gen. Soc. 33:2 (Jun 2005) Early Marriages in Douglas Co 1900; Wenatchee Cem continues

WA Olympia Gen Soc Quarterly 31:3 (Jul 2005) Thurston Co Wedding Book #3 (cont); County Directory 1902-3

WA The Researcher Tacoma-Pierce Co Gen Soc 36:3 (Spring 2005) 8909 Census of Edison School Surnames S-Z; Tacoma Longshoremen's Membership Ross, L-MC; Probates of Pierce Co

WA The Tri-City Gen Soc Bulletin 45:2 (Jul 2005) Benton County, WA Obituaries; The Twin City Telephone Comp Kennewick Directory 1909

WA Yakima Valley Gen Soc 37:2 (Jun 2005) News from the Yakima Herald 1936; Street names; Emigrants of 1852

WV The Journal of the Kanawha Valley Gen. Soc. 29:2 (Summer 2005) Marmet Cemetery; 1870 Kanawha Co death records; Kanawha co 1849 Tax records. □

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was a big hit with **Madge Norton**. The article titled "The Tombstone That Was Lost" is about finding a tombstone in a Jewish cemetery in Portland. This cemetery is the same one that **Madge's** son-in-law, David Wilson, has ancestors buried.

While typing the Retsil cemetery records, **Jackie Horton** found an ancestor. Both Francis Ide and his wife are buried in this cemetery.. You never know when you are going to run into something special. □

The Backtracker

The Genealogical Newsletter

For and By the PSGS Membership.

(Continued from page 49) *A Message From Our President.*

"Whatever can go wrong, will." The short part of the story is this; the hard drive on my computer failed and it was less than one year old. Since it was a new computer, I had let myself become lax in ensuring everything was backed up. Many current programs periodically back up your files for you, but those backups are frequently on the same drive. Well, guess what? When that hard drive fails, you are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard

Nominations For 2006 Officers

It is that time again to be thinking of voting for your Officers for the new year, 2006. Your Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the general membership during the September meeting. The members shall cast their votes at the October membership meeting. A brief outline of your five elected officer positions and their duties are as follows:

President: To conduct the business of the Society at all Board and General Membership meetings.

1st Vice president: To perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and should the President resign, act in his/her place until such time a new President is elected. The 1st Vice President shall be in charge of the programs and speakers for the monthly meetings.

2nd Vice President: To maintain a current Membership list; issue New Membership Packets and cards, etc.

Treasurer: To deposit all income; to pay all expenses; to submit monthly reports; to maintain an up-to-date set of books; present books for annual audit and to present a proposed budget for the new year to the Board for approval.

Corresponding Secretary: To pick up all PSGS mail from the post office box and file it in individual officer's folders at the society library; to read correspondence pertaining to the society at Board meetings; to write any letters that the Board deems necessary.

Recording Secretary: To attend the Board and General Membership meetings and record all activity. The Recording Secretary shall maintain a Secretary's Book with copies of the meeting minutes.

PSGS is your society and needs all of its members to become involved as we grow with our new home in Port Orchard.

If you are interested in running for one of the above offices, please contact me at morri-son@nwinet.com or (360) 275-4990.

Sandie Morrison
Nominating Committee Chairman



spot. Murphy being in fine form in my case, I felt like I was caught in a conspiracy. When I powered up my computer one morning, it sat there flashing lights at me and finally let me know that there was a missing or corrupted file, and then asked me if I would like to restore that file. Naturally, I entered 'yes' and the machine proceeded to restart so I could go to the recovery menu. What I got was a black screen and a blinking cursor and I thought to myself, "Self, this isn't good." After having the local Geek Squad put my machine through its paces, they said the same thing. The hard drive was systematically failing and after trying several different procedures, we found that absolutely nothing was recoverable. It was time for a new hard drive and a try to catch all my files back up as best as I could.

Usually, when a failure occurs, it's just an area of the hard drive or a few files and if you're knowledgeable, this is something that is relatively easy to fix. My most recent financial files were backed up on a floppy disk so I decided to start with that. Imagine my consternation when the machine tells me that this disk is not formatted and would I like to format it now! To make a long story short, at this point in time, my financial files are back up to date, my picture files are up to date with a few exceptions and my genealogy files are still in process but about 95% up to date. I have email addresses that I am still trying to relocate. Most of the really critical ones that involve my recent research, I had printed out hard copies of some of the emails so I have most of those. A few that I was missing required me to do some more searching on the Internet and guess what? I found new information, almost all of which had sources listed, wills transcribed into the text, where they were acquired and so forth. All my research requires is that I get my own copies of those sources and determine the accuracy of the author's conclusions. In addition, a few pictures that I had received from my cousin in Arizona were of my great grandparents and their parents. Those I had not yet put on CD's or backed up in any other way so I had to get in touch with my cousin and ask for another set of pictures. Having been through something like this herself, she was really nice about the whole thing and also volunteered to send those pictures and others on compact disc so I would have built in backups. Well, that envelope with a couple of CD's in it is almost ready to be sent to me but it has now evolved into a box with a lot more stuff. I can't wait; I think Christmas must be coming early this year!

Being a positive sort of person, I have a tendency to look on the brighter side of things most of the time. If you noticed, I have covered a lot of the good things that happened as a result of this occur-

How To Get Started Writing Your Family History

Marilyn Hornburg

Who? When? Where? What? (And sometimes Why?) Writing your family history is as simple as using these words.

The easiest place to start is with yourself, or your parents. I am sure you are quite familiar with all the basic facts concerning yourself or your parents: For example, John Jacob Smith, born May 10, 1901, in Seattle, Washington.

We have the "who, when, where, and what". However, that seems like a very dull beginning just stating simply the facts. Why not "jazz it up" a bit? You could start by saying:

The year was 1901. Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt had been in office as President of the United States only a few months when John Jacob Smith was born on May 10 in Seattle, Washington. He joined his mother, Joanna May (Jones), his father, James Jacob Smith, and two siblings: JaneMary and Betty Jean.

When your father was old enough to think of marriage, where/how did he meet your mother? Was it a blind date? Was she a friend of a sibling, a schoolmate, or perhaps someone in the church choir? Perhaps your father spied his future wife on the campus of a College, in the cafeteria, an English class, etc. He pursued her, wooed her, and married her.

What do you remember about growing up? What did your father do for a living? At the turn of the century, keep in mind that usually the father was the only breadwinner in the family. This was true probably up to the stock market crash and depression. You might tell how that affected your family.

Other things to write about could include family outings, summer vacations, visits with relatives. Did you travel to Grandma's house for holidays? Write about your family holiday traditions.

As you think through your childhood and events come to mind, jot them down. If you don't think you have time to do so at that moment, jot key words down in a notebook. Perhaps you lived during WWII. Your key words could include war bond stamps, ration stamps (coupons), tokens, gas rationing, etc. Did you have "black out" practices in your neighborhood? Go into detail about what a "black out" was and what your family did during that time.

Once you get started, no matter where you are or what you are doing, remembrances will come to you. Write from the heart; do not worry about revisions. As my professor at Bellevue Community College said, "Your first priority is preserving information," meaning memories.

Although many of us have computers and e-mail today, we can still recall the days of "snail mail". You can write your family history as though you were telling your best friend, or a member of the family, what has been happening in your life. Write down your experiences with your children – some can be as fresh as though they happened yesterday. (Your child may have a different perspective of what happened, i.e. their first day of kindergarten. Be sure to get their reaction alongside your own.)

Your memories may be only a couple of sentences, a short paragraph, or several pages long. If you have traveled during your researches, tell about the trips you have made to Salt Lake City or other destinations. Write about the euphoric feelings you had when you found some information you had been searching for a long time.

The family history does not necessarily have to be in chronological order. Read a couple biographies – they do not follow day-to-day happenings, nor do they even follow year-to-year occurrences, unless they occur because of each other.

Remember that you do not have to wait for "free" time to write. Just a few sentences a day, and soon you will have a family history story ready for your children to read, or for your grandchildren to enjoy when they are grown. ■

**The *Backtracker* is a
member participation Newsletter.**

Your participation as a writer
Is a necessity for it to succeed.

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**Please take the time
And tell us about your genealogical exploits.**

What the *Backtracker* needs is
family history articles
about the pioneers of the
Kitsap Peninsula. If your family
was an early settler in 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?

Belfair Chapter Web Site
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs>
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PSGS Web Page:
www.rootsweb.com/~wapsdgs/homepage.htm/
Sandie Morris — Website Manager

The Library Report Marjorie Menees, Librarian

Confessions From Your Librarian

I love libraries. I have always loved libraries. That is due to my inherited genes of which the Library Love gene is the most predominant.

I can trace that heritage to at least one side of my family: the maternal, for I truly believe that my mother Edwina took me in my buggy to the Yesler library often as well as to Seattle Baseball Ladies Days which trips were often referred to. She certainly read wonderful stories to me - stories from the public library books and stories from our home library book cases: Little Miss Muffet, Peter Rabbit, There was a little girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead....

When my mother was not busy at her household whatever, she was reading a book. We were, in fact, a reading family. Trips to the library were a regular and often event. Entering the beautiful white Yesler library building set in its large expanse of lawn (out-gracing all the little old buildings around it) we walked through big glass doors into the entrance room with the desk facing us - its back to the Adults' Books room, to its right, the Non-fiction room - with newspapers and magazines and lovely big armed oak chairs; to its left, the Children's room.

All of us kids in our neighborhood knew that room well. Closing my eyes I can see it - every bit of it... the shelves full of books, tall shelves to the right of the entrance holding books for the "big" kids - books we could hardly wait to take home. The first one I checked out much to Miss Wennerblad's (the Librarian) skepticism of my reading level was "Lorna Doone". Oh, I can not only see all that room clear as day, I can also hear its quiet pleasure and smell its book smell.

Miss Wennerblad would always have a special new book for mother to evaluate, as she not only enjoyed reading but was a critical reader. She later was a volunteer helper in the Vashon and Burton libraries. With her family ties how could she do otherwise?

My grandmother Lucia owned the most wonderful dark oak bookcases with roll back glass doors. They held books of all sorts....I know because it was my duty to dust them for her.

There was "The World's Columbian Exposition and Chicago Guide", 1893, "Classic German Course in English" a volume published by the Chataqua Press with the fly leaf inscription: "Lucia Lenora Lyman, Dec 25, 87" (a gift I rather imagine from her Aunt Fannie) - Lucia being 16 at that time; There, too, was "American History" by Muzzey, with my Auntie Dean's name but no copyright date. She had at-



*Yesler Library
1914-2002
Twenty-third Avenue and Yesler Way
Seattle*

tended Bellingham Teachers' Training School after she was graduated in 1914 from Franklin High School. Then off she went to teach school in Pee Ell, Lewis County with, I am sure her "American History" book. The inside pages of the cover and also chapter title pages are covered with notes about history dates and events to remember. Also in amongst them are interesting little personal notes like the one on the top margin of page 101 "Sunday 3 to Pasco - got a letter from Kennewick. Thrilling - Have to wait 7 hrs there for my train." And another on the inside back "Going to dinner and fishing tomorrow." The most intriguing book for me, however, was "The Sheik" ...taboo for granddaughter to read until "you are older". Another book I could hardly wait to dig into.

Grandmother Lucia's daughters, Edwina and Dean, were also early exposed to books and introduced to the uses of the Seattle Library. Dean's future husband came with high credentials for my Grandmother's judgment - because his father was President of the

City Library Board. What could be better? In fact, in the family memorabilia is my brother Donald's 1925 Summer Library Reading Certificate signed by Uncle Forie's father (the Library Board Exec). Eleven year old Don enjoyed those summer reading groups but just couldn't understand why the other kids talked of running away to be in the circus when he thought it would be much better to run away and live with the Blackfoot Indians - and cook his meat over a fire of buffalo chips. Alas, he said in his older years, "I never got to do that."

No wonder Grandmother Lucia believed in libraries for it was her Aunt, my great-great Aunt Fannie, who according to the local paper, was for many years the Librarian of the Gilman, Illinois, library for which she had been largely responsible "through her efforts and liberality." She was a graduate of the CLSC of the Chataqua Society and "encouraged young people in their reading habits."

During Fannie's busy years in Gilman, Lucia's mother my Great Grandmother Emily Melissa was busy in nearby Watseka and later in Minden, Nebraska, seeing to it that her three daughters were exposed to reading, books, and the knowledge of libraries by reading aloud to them or being immersed in books such as the coverless, now tied together with a gold cord "Poetical Works of William Cowper" with the front page inscription "A Merry Christmas To My Wife (from) W C Lyman, Decem (sic) 25 1872." Between page 104 and 103 are small pieces of material: black silk with a gray line and cream heavy silk. Were they important - from a vest? a dress? To mark special pages?

In the above collection there are also two books with tattered covers, tied with an old piece of string - One is "Jane Eyre" with a note inside the cover "to Emily Melissa Ferris Lyman from ORRA, sister, 1856". Was this the book Great Grandmother Emily Melissa was reading while the bread dough raised and flowed over the sides of the bowl? With this for an example no wonder her daughters were marked with the importance of books in the

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Morgan	Carter	Oliver
Grimes	Mathews	Jackson
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Regan/Ragan, 1814 KY. 1920TN

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Harpole	Bryant	Peer
Farthing	Olson	

PSGS Cemetery Project

PSGS is collecting information on cemeteries that are located in Kitsap County. There are, of course, the large and well known cemeteries that we are all familiar with in our area.. But what of the smaller and sometimes overgrown family cemeteries that are all but forgotten.

Our long-term goal is to compile information on the cemeteries and to create a map of all of the cemeteries in the county showing their location. This information will be held at our Research Library to be shared with anyone who expresses an interest.

If you are interested in joining us on this project and/or have information to share on a cemetery in Kitsap County, please contact me at morrison@nwinet.com or give me a call at (360) 275-4990.

Thank you, Sandie Morrison

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rence. The other side of the coin is that I have spent many hours trying to get my files back in shape. The task would have been much easier had I been diligent in archiving my files. From my pedestal of hard won knowledge, I heartily recommend that everyone do a few simple things. First, put all of your photos that you want to keep onto compact disc. Obviously, this only applies if you've got your photos digitized. If you don't have them digitized, all I can say is try it; I think you'll like it. Second, ensure that your back ups for your programs are located somewhere other than on your primary hard drive. This would include genealogy files, financial files, address books and any other databases that you might keep. I am handing out all this free advice simply because I wouldn't want anyone to get caught the way I did, and I should have known better. Maybe I just had an attack of stupidity. Besides, if you all have enough time on your hands then this sort of incident would not be a problem.

We have plenty of committees that are looking for volunteer workers. Just a thought,
Terry

(Continued from page 69) Confessions From Your Librarian shaping of lives.

Finally, there is another book lover, Great Great Grandmother Lucia Kinney Cleveland Lyman who gave to her granddaughter, Lucia, her copy of "Annabel - A Family History" inscribed on the fly leaf "to Aunt Lucia from Sam'l C. Kellogg" - received by the first Lucia some time before 1861.

Even without having any further proof of the Library Love genes, I am sure that the reason Great-Great-Great Grandmother Elizabeth Dean Lyman was so admired by her descendants could only have been emphasized by a love of books and libraries when nearby. It just stands to reason!

Yes, from those wonderful beginning days in the Yesler library, when stepping into any library, I am embedded with the sense of being encompassed by a collection of words that will lead me anywhere I want to go.

Whenever I walk through the door to our Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library, I walk into the same welcome that I remember from the Yesler Library, the Garfield High School Library, the University of Washington Library, and the Library of Congress - that aura engulfing me with the promise of offering help to find the answer to whatever is being searched.

Computers are wonderful but they just don't have that living essence that makes time in a library priceless--- We are so lucky to have our library here for you --- it is constantly a source of pleasure for the librarians when someone finds something to help them that they could not find on their computers... So, as we enter the rainy days of fall and winter, do come in and make use of this gift.

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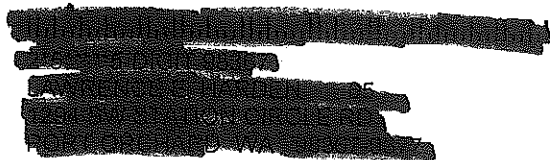
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