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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 and Solutions,

Since all of you readers out there should be quite familiar with the travels of genealogy, I will focus my attention on the travails of genealogy. Travail is a term defined in the dictionary as: labor, work, to harass, to torture, and an instrument of torture, among others. I firmly

believe that working on one's genealogy brings every single one of the aforementioned definitions to mind. There are days when genealogy is just so easy

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Renew your PSGS Membership by December 31, 2005.

Sitka Christmas 1941 by Marjorie Menees

In these times of stress that have young men in the midst of fulfilling their military duties beyond what they expected or who, having been discharged, are being forced to remain away from home, I keep wondering what happened to Uncle Forie's discharge papers...

Where are they? I don't know. Surely Auntie Dean made arrangements for their safety because she was their guardian for years. I can remember when I was a little girl who spent a lot of time in her charge knowing that though she took responsibility in caring for me, it was only equal to her responsibility in caring for Uncle Forie's discharge papers.

Uncle Forie had been a Lieutenant in the 250th

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A Local Cemetery In Shameful Condition by Sandie Morrison

When our Librarian, Marjorie Menees, received a phone call from Hollywood, California asking for help in genealogy research, little did she know what it would lead to here in Kitsap County.

The phone call was from Akiko Morrison and she was looking for information on her grandfather, John Madison. She had little information to go on but knew that John was born in 1850 and died in 1914. He had a home in the Brownsville area and that he was buried in the Brownsville Cemetery. Akiko and her husband, John were going to be in Port Orchard on July 13th and a meeting was set up for that morning at our research library.

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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

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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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PSGS Schedules and Notices

PSGS Meeting Schedules and Programs

- December 7th** — Christmas auction and social from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Bring Christmas goodies to eat and home made items for auction.
- January 25th** — Program is the same as always in January — What was found in Salt Lake City.
- February** To be announced.
- March** To be announced.

Please Note: Programs are subject to change. ■

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

See Belfair Bulletin — Page 86.
For Program Schedule,

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.

December 2005

- **December 5th** — Planning 10 am
Ways and means 12 pm
Grant writing 2 pm
- **December 7th** — AUCTION at Gateway Center
- **December 12th** — Records preservation 10 am
Cemetery project 12 pm
- **December 16th** — Film, about Compiled sources
1-3 pm
- **December 19th** — Workshop
- **December 25th** — Closed

January 2006

- **January 2nd** — Planning 10 a.m.
Ways and means 12-2 pm
Grant writing 2-4 pm
- **January 8th -22nd** Salt Lake City trip
- **January 9th** - Records preservation
- **January 10th** — Belfair meeting
- **January 16th** — Workshop
- **January 20th** — Film about passenger lists and passports.
- **January 23rd** - Family Tree Maker 10-12 am.
Legacy 1-3 pm
- **January 27** — State Day-to be announced

February 2006

- **February 6** — Planning 10 am
Ways and means 1 pm
Grant writing 2 pm
- **February** — Belfair meeting
- **February 13** — Records preservation
- **February 17** — Film, Naturalization records
- **February 20** — Workshop- to be announced
- **February 22** — PSGS MEETING 1-3 pm
- **February 24** — State day to be announced
- **February 27** — Family tree Maker group
10-12,
Legacy group 1-3 pm

MARCH 2006

- **March 6** — Planning meeting 10 am
Ways and means meeting
12pm
Grant writing 2 pm
- **March** — Belfair meeting
- **March 13** — Records preservation,
10am-12
Cemetery project 12 pm
- **March 17** — Film, Federal land records
and national archive maps
- **March 20** — Workshop—to be
Announced
- **March 22** — PSGS MEETING, 1-3 pm
- **March 24** — State day to be announced
- **March 27** — Family Tree Maker 10-12 pm
Legacy 1-3 pm

In Memoriam
John Lentz
Born Chehalis, Washington
December 3, 1920
Died Bremerton
September 24, 2005
Husband of PSGS Member
Margaret Lentz

Marjorie Menees' Son Makes the Front Page

Reporter Travis Baker wrote an interesting *Faces of Kitsap* article titled *Syndicated Cartoonist Has Local Roots*. It appeared in the October 17, 2005 Kitsap Sun. The subject of this story is Marjorie Menees' son Tim, political cartoonist for the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*. Biographical data included in the story tells of the educational and career steps he took to achieve his current position as a syndicated editorial cartoonist. Marjorie has every right to be proud of her son.

Castle Garden Web Site

I recently found a new web site...new to me at least, that has information on immigrants coming to this country prior to Ellis Island. The web site is:

<http://www.castlegarden.org>

The databases do not use the Soundex system, so exact spelling is required. Although an * asterisk can be used after typing in a few letters of a last name to give you a broader search. This helps when there are variants in spelling a last name.

Courtesy Barbara Merriman.

Now Is The Time To Write That Article
For The *Backtracker*
You Have Always Wanted To Write.
Don't Procrastinate!
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March Edition.



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Library Rental Fund Donor Form
Will Be Found On Page 95.**

**Congratulations to
PSGS Members
John and Grace Kopperstad.**

Grace and John celebrated their
golden wedding
anniversary on August 16th.

Escape from Hurricane Katrina!

Longtime PSGS member Lois Roark
welcomed into her South Colby home her
daughter Shannon Massicot, her grandsons
Jeremy and Billy Massicot, and Billy's
fiancée Armanda Tranchant.
They had just escaped from their
New Orleans area home
and the ravages of
hurricane Katrina.

**Congratulations of our 2006
Slate of Officers**

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**2006 Salt Lake City
Expedition**

The following PSGS Members
Have signed up to attend the annual
Junket to the
Family History Library
At Salt Lake City in January 2006:

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In Future Backtracker Editions**

- *Early Mullenixes of Kitsap County, Part III,*
by Marie Mullenneix Spearman.
- *Shortcut to Norwegian Family History* by
Deanna Egeland Dowell.
- *The Missing Book Report* by Marjorie Menees.
- *Bremerton Founding Fathers* researched by Jean Curry.

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the North Kitsap Chapter of the
Puget Sound Genealogical Society?

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Bremerton City Directory Database

Fredi [Perry] Pargeter, Compiler

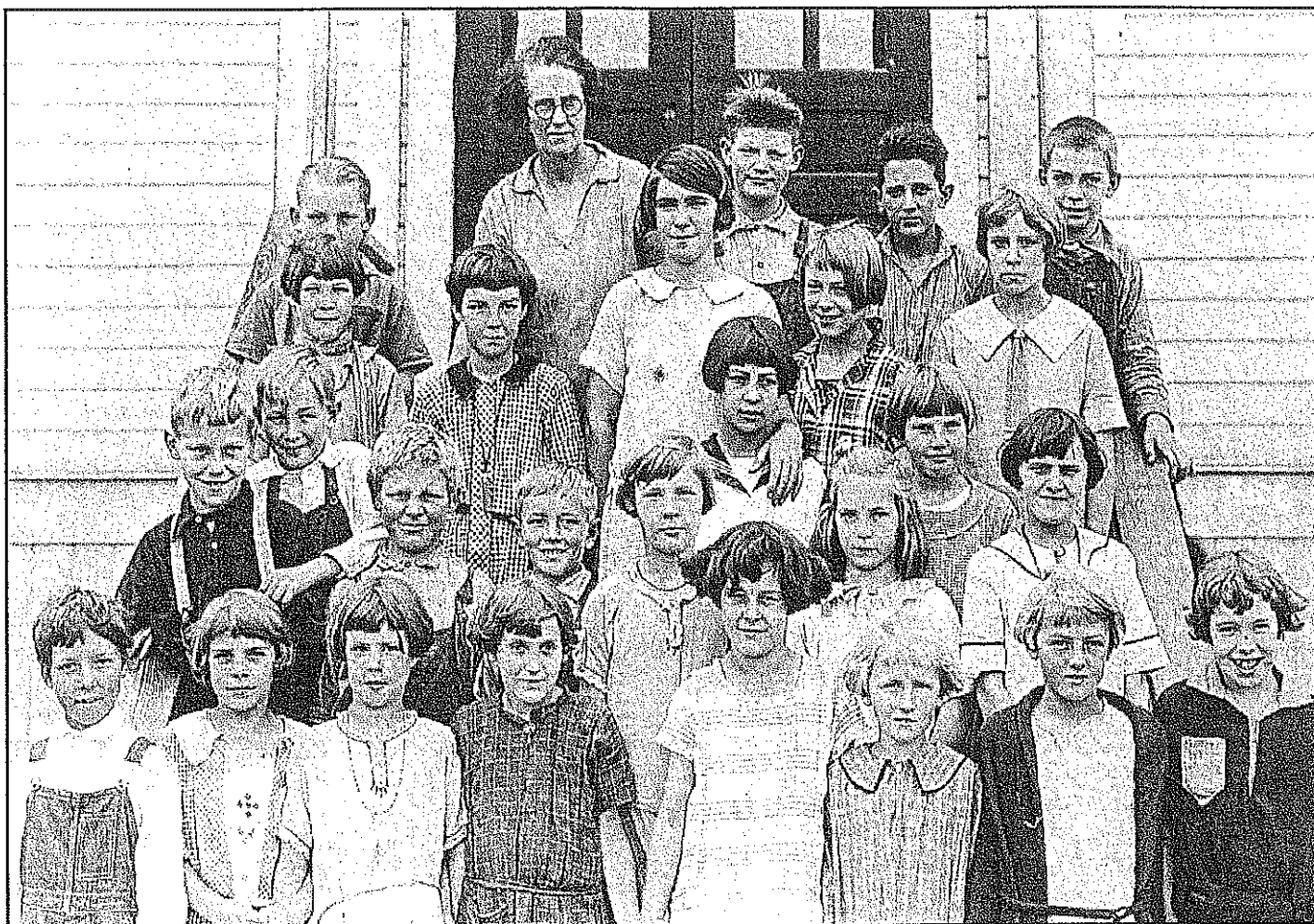
Data regarding business firms and proprietors was extracted from Polk Bremerton City Directories and Bremerton High School Yearbooks.

Business	Street Address	Directory Year			
Lent, L. L. (Plumber)	601	Fourth	Booster '23	McDonald, S. J. (men's)	431 Pacific 1923-24
Lent's Plumbing	512	Fourth	1929-30	McElhaney, Carrie (boarding house)	319 Washington 1913-14
Lewis, Fred R. (Ambulance)	311 Fifth	1920-21		McElhaney, Carrie (restaurant/boarding)	319 Washington 1913-14
Lewis, Fred R. (cremations, funerals)	311 Fifth	1920-21		McGill, J. J. (Cigars)	109 Washington 1929-30
Lewis, Fred Undertaker	515 Fifth	1929-30		McGillivray, J. A. (blacksmith)	229 Second 1913-14
Lewis, Fred (mortician)	311 Fifth	1917-18		McGillivray, John (blacksmith)	229 Second 1917-18
Lewis & Newhouse (Drycleaners)	1001 Pacific	1920-21		McGillivray, J. A. (Blacksmith)	229 Second 1920-21
Lex, J. B. (Cafe)	417 Pacific	1920-21		McGillivray, J. A. (Blacksmith)	239 Second 1929-30
Liberty Billiards	368 Burwell	1923-24		McLean, Mrs. (grocer)	1245 Pacific 1913-14
Lincoln Cafe (Carrie McElhaney)	417 Pacific	Booster 1915		McManis & Campbell (cigars)	314 Pacific 1917-18
Lindsay Co (grocer)	901 Pacific	1923-24		McManis & Campbell (confectioners)	314 Pacific 1920-21
Lofthus Lumber	95 Front 1	1920-21		McMann, Francis (sweets)	214 Front 1913-14
Lofthus Lumber Co	Foot of Pacific	Booster '25		Mechner, Paul	409 Washington 1917-18
Log Cabin Bakery	301 Pacific	1929-30		Mechner, Paul, tailor	409 Washington Booster '23
Logan Bldg		1920-21		Mechner, Paul (Tailor)	409 Washington 1920-21
Lord, Alice (milinery)	321 Washington	1920-21		Mechner, Paul (tailor)	409 Washington 1913-14
Lord, A. E. Mrs. (Millinery)	604 Pacific	1923-24		Mechner, Paul (tailor)	209 Washington 1929-30
Loschbin, Isadore (tailor)	242 Second	1929-30		Mechner, Paul (tailor)	400 Washington Booster '25
Lourve Hotel	218 Pacific	1920-21		Merchants Hotel	418 Washington 1913-14
Loveland Boat Works	Second, foot	1913-14		Merchants Hotel	418 Washington 1920-21
Lucky Strike Fruit	(4th St Market)	1923-24		Merchants Parcel Delivery	146 First 1929-30
Lutheran Brotherhood	232 Washington	1929-30		Merchants Parcel Delivery	91 Front 1923-24
Lutheran Brotherhood	426 Washington	1923-24		Meredith & Son Groceries	Manette Booster 1924
L. L. Lent Plumbing	601 Fourth (corner Chester)	Booster 1924		Meredith & Son (groceries)	Manette Booster '25
MacMarr's Grocery	311 Pacific	1929-30		Mergler, John (2nd hand goods)	406 Washington 1917-18
Mallette, Francis E.	(Coder Bldg.)	1920-21		Mersch Building	390 Fourth 1913-14
Mallory, W. D. (Barber)	200 Front	1913-14		Mersch Building	388 Fourth 1917-18
Mallory, W. D. (Liniment)	200 Front	Booster Xmas 1917		Mickey's Quick Lunch	251 Second 1929-30
Manhattan Theatre	Charleston	1920 Booster		Midway Meat Market	Burwell & Naval Avenue Booster '25
Mann, F. Nettie,	32 Harrison Bldg. (Christ.Science)			Migliavacca Building	Wash/2nd/SE 1917-18
Mann, H. G. Motor Co.	116 Washington	1929-30		Migliavacca Building	128 Washington 1929-30
Mann Motor Co	312 Washington	1920-21		Migliavacca Building	Washington/Second 1920-21
Marburger & Van Ekeren (photographer)	320 Pacific	1920-21		Milano, Frank (Barber)	200 Front 1920-21
Market Meat Co	532 Fourth	1929-30		Miles, Arthur (photographer)	First Natl Bank bldg. 1917-18
Martin and Company	Manette	Booster 1924		Miles, A. T. (Photographer)	309 Washington 1913-14
Marx, Samuel (grocer)	1479 Park	1920-21		Miles Studio	Boost comm. 1915
Mason, Dr. Irving	Charleston	1920 Booster		Miles' Photograph Studio	1st Nat. Bank Bldg. Booster 1915
Mason, Paul (Billiards)	Pacific/Fourth	1920-21		Miles' Studio	1st Nat. Bank Booster Xmas 1916
Masonic Temple	Fifth/Warren	1920-21		Miles' Studio of Photography	1st Nat. Bank Booster Xmas 1917
Masonic Temple	448 Third	1917-18		Miller's Cafe	417 Pacific 1917-18
Masonic Temple	448 Burwell	1913-14		Miller's Cafe	Lemke Bldg. Booster Xmas 1916
Massouras, Toney (Tailor)	211 Front	1920-21		Mills, A. E. (real estate)	325 Pacific 1913-14
Mattock Bros (Cigars)	133 Pacific	1929-30		Minna-Mae Co	608 Pacific 1923-24
Mayer, John C. (drygoods)	520 Pacific	1917-18		Mission Cafe	302 Pacific 1929-30
Mayer, J. C. (men's clothing)	3 Pacific	1929-30		Mission Cafe	502 Pacific Booster '25
McCall, E. J. (Insurance)	400 Washington	1917-18		Model Kitchen	215 Front 1913-14
McCall, E. J. (real estate)	Second/Wash	1913-14		Model Laundry	425 Pacific 1920-21
McCall's Insurance	400 Washington	Booster '23		Model Laundry	1248 Sheldon 1929-30
McCall's Insurance Agency	400 Washington	Booster 1924		Model Steam Laundry	425 Pacific 1923-24
McCardell, Lulu (Cafe)	212 Washington	1917-18		Moeller, George Jewelry	Charleston (Rand Bldg.) Booster 1924
McCarthy Bakery	903 Pacific	1920-21		Moeller, George	1920 Booster
McClain, Charles H.	405 Pacific	1917-18		Moffett, Josephine (confectionery)	443 Pacific 1917-18
McClain, Charles H. (jeweler)	404 Pacific	1920-21		Moffett, Josephine (grocer)	443 Sixth 1920-21
McClain, Charles (jewelry)	409 Pacific	1923-24		Moffett Building	331 Pacific 1920-21
McClain, C. H. Jewelry	Bremerton Trust	1920 Booster		Moffett Building	331 Pacific 1917-18
McClain, C. H. (jewelry)	Bremerton Trust	Booster Xmas 1917		Moise, Henry C. (grocer)	1479 Park 1917-18
McClain, C. H. (jeweler)	Bremerton Trust	Booster Xmas 1916		Moller, H. H. (grocer)	Pacific/Fourth SW 1920-21
McClain, D. H. Jeweler	404 Pacific (Bremerton Trust)	Booster 1915		Moore, Fred (attorney)	1st Nat Bank Bldg. 1920-21
McClain & Barowski (jewel)	Pacific/Front	1913-14		Moose Hall	Second/Wash 1913-14
McClain & Herzinger	408 Pacific	Boost comm. 1915		Moose Hall	220 First 1929-30
McCoord Furniture	267 Fourth	1920-21		Moose Hall	212 Front 1920-21
McConnell, Clarence (billiards)	Wash/Front	1913-14		Morey, Roxie (Cigars)	117 Washington 1929-30
McDonald, Sam (clothier)	No address	Booster '25		Morez, E. H. (confectionery)	315 Pacific 1929-30
				Morez, E. H. (grocer)	511 Pacific 1923-24
				Morris, Risley (soft drinks)	219 Pacific 1923-24
				Morse, Rose (grocer)	1479 Park 1913-14
				Mosher, W. T. (Cigars/tobacco)	Front/Pacific 1920-21
				Mosher's Billiards	516 Pacific Booster 1924
				Mosher's Billiards/Fountain lunch	516 Pacific Booster '23

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Mueller, Paul (Cigars/tobacco)	206	Front	1920-21	Painless Johnson Dentist	412	Pacific	1920-21
Muller Grocery (C. E. Ferguson successor)			Booster Xmas1917	Palace Billiard	408	Pacific	1923-24
Municipal Hall	Mun.Dock		1920-21	Palace Billiard	212	Pacific	1929-30
Municipal Wharf Concessions Co	Muni. Wharf		1917-18	Palace Billiards	Fourth/Pacific		1920-21
Murphy, Anna - Cafe	(4th St Market)		1923-24	Pallas Cafe	209	First	1929-30
Murphy, Dr. J. W.	1st Nat. Bank		Booster Xmas1917	Pallas Cafe	Wash/Front		1917-18
Murphy, Dr. J. W.	(Central Bldg.)		1923-24	Pallas Cafe	211	Front	1923-24
MWA Hall	324	Pacific	1929-30	Pallas Confectionery	Washington/Front		1920-21
Naguchi, I. (cleaners & dyers)	271	Fourth	1913-14	Pallas Confectionery (cigars)	Wash/Front		1917-18
Nankin Cafe	123	Pacific	1920-21	Palmetto Confectionery	318	Pacific	1920-21
Naval Clothing & Supply Co	210	Front	1917-18	Panama Cafe	216	Pacific	1920-21
Navy Yard American	101	Front	Booster1915	Pantorium Dye Works	401	Washington	Booster '23
Navy Yard Hotel	Park/Fourth		1920-21	Pantorium Dye Works	401	Washington	1923-24
Navy Yard Produce	309	Pacific	1929-30	Pantorium Dye Works	401	Washington	Booster '25
Navy Yard Quick Repair (shoe shine)	313	Pacific	Booster '25	Pantorium Dye Works	401	Washington	Booster 1924
Navy Yard Restaurant	217	Pacific	1913-14	Pappas, Andrew (Cafe)	Washington/Front		1920-21
Nelson, Jorgen	310	Pacific	Booster '25	Park Drug Co	Fourth/Park		1923-24
Nelson, Jorgen (jewelry)	319	Pacific	1923-24	Park Drug Company	Fourth/Park		Booster 1924
Nelson, Jorgen (jeweler)	131	Pacific	1929-30	Parker, P. P. (curios)	229	Front	1913-14
Nelson Building	218	Front	1917-18	Parmley, C. O.	271	Fourth	Booster 1924
New Bremer Bldg	Fourth/Pacific		1920-21	Parmley, C. O. (men's)	361	Fifth	1923-24
New King Hotel	510	Burwell	1929-30	Pastime Billiard Parlor	Bremer Bldg.		Booster 1915
New Standard Furniture Co (Harrison Bldg.)	Pacific/Fourth		1920-21	Pastime Billiard Parlor	228	Front	1920-21
New York Hotel	204	Front	1920-21	Pastime Billiards	Brem bldg.		Booster Xmas1916
New York Hotel	Front/Wash		1913-14	Pastime Billiards	228	Front	1923-24
Nicholas, J. J. (Cigars/tobacco)	309	Front	1920-21	Pastime Pool Hall	228	Front	1913-14
Nichols, L. B. (Deli)	311	Pacific	1929-30	Pasttime, The	222	First	1929-30
North Pacific Public Service			Booster 1924	Paul's Cafe	229	First	1929-30
North Pacific Pub. Serv	309	Fourth	1920-21	Pearl, Rena (boarding house)	520	Fourth	1913-14
Northern Express	227	Front	1913-14	Pease, Edna (Bakery)	423	Pacific	1929-30
Northrup, Nona (confectionery)	530	Fourth	1929-30	Penhal, Alfred (grocer)	317	Sheldon	1920-21
Nowlin, John (Cafe)	109	Front	1920-21	Peninsula Savings			Booster 1924
Nu-Bone Corset Shop	200	Second	1913-14	Peninsula Savings & Loan	(Dietz Bldg.)		1920-21
Odell, Jos.	Muni. Wharf		1913-14	Peninsular Savings Bremerton			Booster '23
Oldham and Skirving, Haberdashery & Shoes			Booster Xmas1917	Peninsular Savings	Second	1920	(Phyllis Wahlquist)
Oldham & Skirving			Boost comm. 1915	Peninsular Savings & Loan	517	Pacific	1923-24
Oldham & Skirving (clothing)	324	Pacific	1917-18	Penney, J. C.	306	Pacific	1923-24
Oldham & Skirving (department store)			Booster 1915	Penney, J. C.	117	Pacific	1929-30
Oldham & Skirving (Haberdashey and Shoes)			Booster Xmas1916	Peoples Store	418	Pacific	1920-21
Oldham's Men's Wear	335	Pacific	1923-24	Peoples Store (1st Nat. Bank Bldg.)			1917-18
Oldham's Men's Wear	No address		Booster '25	People's Cafe	4	Pacific	1929-30
Oldham's Men's WearNY Shoe Shop (La Fazia)	313	Pacific	Booster 1924	People's Store (JEWood Co)			Booster Xmas1917
Oldham's (Men's clothing)	324	Pacific	1920-21	People's Store (JW Moore)			Booster 1915
Oldham's (shoes)	Bremerton/Charleston		1920 Booster	Perkins Sanitary Grocery	Charleston		Booster 1924
Oliver, R. J. (Auto accessories)	310	Washington	1913-14	Perry, F. J. (employment agency)	237	Second	1913-14
Oliver, R. J. (confectioners)	310	Front	1920-21	Perry, F. J. (Hemstitching, Picto edging)	Harrison Bldg.		Booster Xmas1917
Olympic Floral Shop	332	Fourth	1920-21	Perry Sewing Machine	235	Second	1917-18
Olympic Flower Shop			Booster '23	Perry Sewing Machine	117	Front	1917-18
Olympic Flower Shop			Booster 1924	Perry's Sewing Machine Agency	315	Fourth	Booster 1924
Olympic Furniture	513	Pacific	1929-30	Perry's Sewing Machine Agency	Fourth/Pacific		1920-21
Olympic Hotel	332	Fourth	1923-24	Perry's Sewing Machines			1920 Booster
Ommunds, Bert (tailor)			1913-14	Peterson, N. P. (Autos)	243	Burwell	1929-30
Orchard, Ernest (Cafe)	Front/Pacific		1923-24	Pierson Hardware Co	321	Pacific	1929-30
Orchard Fruit Company (Haddon)	308	Pacific	Booster '25	Piggly Wiggly - groceries	423	Pacific	1929-30
Orchard Fruit & Grocery	110	Pacific	1929-30	Pioneer, The (saloon)	202	Washington	1913-14
Oregon Fish Market	313	Washington	1913-14	Pioneer Pharmacy			Boost comm. 1915
Osburn/Calvert Motor Co	450	Fourth	1920-21	Pizer's (Clothing)	141	Pacific	1929-30
Osran Amusement Co	245	Second	1929-30	Polk, Dr. D. H.	(Harrison Bldg.)		1923-24
Otto, M. A. (Confectioners)	209	Front	1920-21	Pop's Tailor Shop	107	Washington	1929-30
Oxford Hotel	407	Pacific	1917-18	Port Blakely Mill Co lot	First/2nd/foot		1913-14
Oxford Hotel	409	Pacific	1923-24	Port Orchard Abstract	533	Fourth	1929-30
Oxford Hotel	205	Pacific	1929-30	Port Orchard Abstract Co	425	Fourth	Booster 1924
Oxford Hotel	409	Washington	1913-14	Port Orchard Abstract Co	325	Fourth	Booster '25
Oxford Hotel	409	Pacific	1920-21	Port Orchard Abstract Co	425	Pacific	Booster '23
Pacific Barber Shop	321	Pacific	1913-14	Port Orchard Boat House			
Pacific Billiard/Pool Rooms	321	Pacific	1913-14	Port Orchard Market	307	Pacific	1913-14
Pacific Cigar Store	321	Pacific	1913-14	Porter, Eli (Gun/locksmith)	225	Second	1920-21
Pacific Hotel	321	Pacific	1913-14	Post Office	130	Washington	1929-30
Pacific Sanitary Market	423	Pacific	1929-30	Poudre Puff Beaute Shoppe	410	Pacific	1929-30
Pacific Sheet Metal	86	Front	1917-18	Powers, C. C. (builder)	414	Pacific	1913-14
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	275	Fourth	1929-30				



Bethel Elementary School Of 1926
Etta F. Morrow, Teacher, Grades four through six
Port Orchard, Washington

Students listed left to right:

Front row (front row):

Wilber Wolfer
Hands together—May Maisterek
Alma Reite
Dark dress—Mary Pieren
Tall girl—Joan Boughtwood
Vivian Mills
Myrtle Mills (Vivien and Myrtle are sisters)
Jennie Smith

Second Row:

Suspenders—Gerald ("Gerry") Petersen (sixth grade)
Boy hugging Gerry—_____ Ferwerda
(spelling?)
Boy making face—Ernie Hayes
Short boy, smile—Thom Mills (brother of John Austin)
Girl with necklace—Gudrun Reite

Short dark hair—Velma Poterbin

Third Row:

Girl hiding part of face behind her _____
Girl, dog tag, short hair—Pearl Ives
Big girl, light dress—Irene Plotz
Irene's hand on this girl _____
Plaid dress—Irene England
Large white collar—Ruth Ames

Very top row:

Lower face hidden—Roy England
Teacher: Etta F. Morrow
Overalls—Ray Balcom
Chris Pieren
Hand on rail—Walter Plotz

These students identified by Mr. Gerald Petersen, 89, of Silverdale, Washington on September 17, 2004. This was a two-room school house: one room for grades one through three and one room for grades four through six.

*This Photo courtesy of
Gerry Petersen and
Donna Munro.*



Pleasant Beach Grade School
 Crystal Springs area, Bainbridge Island, Washington
 Teachers: Emma Bucklin, bottom left, grades 1, 2, 3 and 4,
 and Vera Hogland, top left, grades 5, 6, 7 and 8.
 1914

Front row (first) left to right:

Allen Grenough, Crystal Solverson, Margaret Solverson, Astrid Larson, Gordon Munro, Ida Johnson, Isabel Munro, Jenny Seastrom, Charles Olson.

Second row, left to right:

Fred, Jessop, _____, _____, _____, _____, William Hansen, Ernest Kronholm.

Third row, left to right:

Thor Anderson, Euphemia Munro, Vernon Beck, Agnes Olson, Connie Edenharter, Frank Nelson,

_____, _____.

Fourth row, left to right:

_____, _____, _____, _____, Allie Solvarson, Horatio Jessup, Vera Nelson, Edgar Kronholm.

Fifth row, left to right:

Allen Oaks, John Rigley, Fredrico DeSoto, George Munro, Jenny Hanson, George Edenharter, _____, Archie Anderson, ?(head turned).

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 Donna Munro*

*This information supplied late in life by
 D. Gordon Munro (1908-2003).
 Pictured in first row.*

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Preserving Memories: Helen Beddo Abrams Part III

Janice Stockton

Ira Beddo enlisted in Company D of the 11th Illinois Infantry and fought in the battles of Fort Donelson, Fort Henry, Shiloh, Corinth, and the siege of Vicksburg; he was mustered out with the rank of captain. He married first Carrie Newman (1838-between 1874-79) of Oakland County, Michigan, in 1864, and then, after being widowed, Mary Leighty (1854-1941) of Van Buren County, Michigan, in 1880. He eventually went to work at the Western Electric plant in Chicago; but he was killed in an industrial accident in July 1886, leaving a wife and four children. One of his daughters, Susie Beddo, lived with Helen and James Abrams part of the time.

Horace Beddo enlisted in Battery I, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, and also served honorably throughout the war. In 1866 he married Nancy Abrams (born September 1843 in Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, died November 14, 1912, in Denver, Colorado), youngest sister of Eunice [Abrams] Lane and James E. Abrams. Horace became a jeweler by trade, and he and Nancy lived for awhile in Pontiac, Michigan, then in Wolfeboro, Carroll County, New Hampshire, followed by a few years in Louisville, Kentucky, before permanently settling in Denver, Colorado. He died in Denver on May 4, 1909, leaving Nancy and two children.

Both Ira's and Horace's widow's received pensions for their husbands' army service.

James E. Abrams, born October 7, 1841, in Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, served in Company C, 70th New York Infantry, part of Sickles's Brigade. He was sent to Washington, D.C. for picket duty for the first several months of the war. His unit fought at the Second Battle of Manassas, or Second

Bull Run, on August 29, 1862. Soon after that battle, he was transferred to Company A of the Second United States Cavalry. He served honorably to his discharge in December 1864, being discharged before the end of the war due to disability.

At the end of the war, Helen

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returned to the Lanes' home in Van Buren County, Michigan, to meet her brothers, and she lived there for a year, helping Eunice. She married James Abrams on March 14, 1866, in a double wedding ceremony with her brother Horace and James's sister Nancy, at the home of James's and Nancy's parents, John and Eunice [Shepard] Abrams, four miles west of Paw Paw in Van Buren County.

(John Abrams, born November 7, 1797 in Newburgh, Ulster County, later a part of Orange County, New York, and Eunice Shepard, born December 24, 1802 at Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, had both grown up in Onondaga County and had been married there, in Marcellus, on December 28, 1820. They had lived for many years in Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, where all of their children were born, but had migrated to Van Buren County, Michigan in 1851. John died at Paw Paw in January or November 1881 [the record is unclear], and Eunice in Kalamazoo on December 23, 1884.)

In December 1865, James

Abrams purchased a farm in Paw Paw Township, where he and Helen spent the first sixteen years of their marriage. In the fall of 1882 they sold their land and bought a farm in Lawrence Township, where they lived until 1896. James then established and ran a general store in the town of Lawrence for several years, which he eventually turned over to their oldest son Albert. From 1900 to 1902 James served in the office of Lawrence as town treasurer. In 1907 he and Helen purchased their 132-acre farm, "Shore Acres", at Prospect Lake (now Christie Lake), in Lawrence Township. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lawrence, and

James held several offices in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was an active supporter of the Republican Party.

Helen and James were the parents of eight children, all born in Van Buren County, Michigan: Hetty (born March 16, 1867, married Edwin H. Bradfield, died August 13, 1938 in Kalamazoo, Michigan); Albert Horace (born February 27, 1869, married Nellie Emogene Wakeman, died January 18, 1941, Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan); Kate (my grandmother, born February 20, 1873, married Albert Bryant Carris, died April 21, 1937, Highland, San Bernardino County, California); Archie Edward (born December 16, 1874, married Carrie Belle Wakeman, died June 2, 1949, Lawrence, Michigan); Richard James (born February 5, 1878, married Mamie Fuller, died January 3, 1947, Waterman, De Kalb County, Illinois); James Garfield (born August 25, 1880 or 1882, married first Myrtle Claflin, second Celia Reynells or Reynolds, died May 23, 1962, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida); Helen (born May

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28, 1884, married first Frank Ellsworth Jones, second John A. Ross, died April 27, 1954, Centreville, St. Joseph County, Michigan); and Harold Ellsworth Abrams (born March 11, 1890, married Esther Hope, died May 28, 1950, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington).

In addition to raising their own children, Helen and James also raised to adulthood a grandson, Leonard Wilton "Ted" Abrams, son of James Garfield Abrams and Myrtle Claflin, after his mother abandoned him in infancy.

Helen's father, John Beddo, died on July 8, 1877, in Van Buren County, Michigan. Although his oldest children, Ira and Horace Beddo and Helen Abrams, were named as heirs on a document in his probate file, they were not named in his will, which had been made on May 4, 1877, leaving all of his property, valued at approximately \$6,500, to his wife Elizabeth and to the three sons of that marriage, George, William, and Ted. Elizabeth Beddo died on December 6, 1902, in Weesaw Township, Berrien County, Michigan.

Helen's grandfather, Archibald Harper Green, died April 7, 1887, at the age of 95, at the home of his daughter, Helen Antoinette Smith,

in Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan. His wife, Elnora Green, died there on May 13, 1888.

Wanting to escape the rigors of the Michigan winters, Helen and James Abrams sold their farm in 1920 and moved, with their grandson Ted, to Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, where they purchased a lot with two small cottages on it. James died in his sleep a year and a half later, on February 9, 1922, at age 80.

Helen's youngest half brother, Ted Beddo, and his second wife, Blanche, were living in Clearwater at that time, and Helen and Ted appear to have been in contact with one another during their last years, perhaps in reconciliation. There are photos of Helen and Blanche together; and from comments written on the back of one, Blanche seemed to have been a great comfort to Helen during her bereavement after James's passing, especially with her own children living so far away.

To celebrate her eightieth birthday, Helen took a trip by train in the early summer of 1926 to visit her son James Garfield Abrams in western Pennsylvania, then on to Michigan to visit her family there, to Oregon to visit some relatives, and finally to San Bernardino County, in southern California, to visit my grandmother, Kate Carris, and her

family at their citrus ranch in Del Rosa, east of the city of San Bernardino. Somewhere, probably in California, she also visited the cousins (descendants of her mother's brother, John West Green) who were in possession of her Grandfather Green's family Bible and persuaded them to allow her to copy the family information. She returned to her home in Clearwater, Florida, where her grandson Ted and his family lived. Helen passed away at their home on November 17, 1932.

In the 1970s, while visiting in Florida, my mother, Eloise Helen [Carris] Martin (1908-1998), discovered that her grandparents' graves in the Clearwater City Cemetery were unmarked, and so she started a campaign among all the relatives she was able to contact to raise enough money to have a monument placed. Today a beautiful granite stone, a tribute from those who loved and remembered them, marks the final resting-place of Helen Beddo and James Edward Abrams.

Almost all of those descendants have since passed; but it is my hope that by writing their story, the memory of Helen and her family may be kept alive for future generations.

(Conclusion)



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Early Mullenixes of Kitsap County, Part II

Marie Mullenneix Spearman

Last Will and Testament of Carey A. Mullenix

I, Carey A. Mullenix of Toronto Twp., Woodson Co., Kansas, make this my last will and Testament: I give and bequeath and devise to my son Charles F. Mullenix the best bed with sufficient bedding to furnish it and keep it warm, also one bay mare, "Molly." Also a sorrel mare, "Maude," and seven head of cattle claimed by him. And as to an off-set to the above I will that a certain receipt that I hold against James C. Mullenix for three hundred dollars or more be destroyed. I further more will and bequeath to Ella Cochran the sum of two hundred dollars, after my debts are paid. Out of my personal property I will that it be equally divided between my two sons James C. Mullenix and Charles F. Mullenix, or jointly kept by them as they may elect except as hereinbefore stated. I give devise and bequeath my real estate property equally and jointly, share and share alike to my two sons James C. Mullenix, and Charles F. Mullenix, described to wit: The SE quarter section 36 and the E half of the SW quarter section 36 all in twp. 26 and range 13 E., the same being in Toronto Twp., Woodson County, Kansas and containing 240 acres less rail road right of way.

And I hereby appoint my two sons James C. Mullenix, and Charles F. Mullenix, executors of this my last will and ask they be appointed without bond, their residence being in Toronto twp.,



James Mullenix and family.
Sons Estel and Raymond
and daughters Gertrude, Margaret and Olive.

Woodson Co., Kansas, in witness thereof I have signed and published and declared this instrument as my last will, this 30th day of May A.D. 1888.

[7]

Dad found the following relatives of Carey Allen

Mullenix buried in the Bethel Cemetery:

James Carlisle Mullenix (19 August 1852 - 2 December 1904) - son (Margaret) Ellen Mullenix (31 August 1854 - 4 April 1901) - wife of James Carlisle

M. Estel (1878 - 1941) - grandson Olive (Ollie) [Mullenix] Barth (1869-1944) - granddaughter

Ethel M. Mullenix (1886-1969 - wife of Este)

Raymond A. Mullenix (1884-1960) - grandson

William F. Barth (1869-1968) husband of Olive Mullenix

Dad wrote that Raymond

Mullenix had twin sons, and he met them both. Raymond also had a daughter, Ellen Weatherly. As of November 1989, both Lawrence and Clarence Mullenix and Mrs. Weatherly were living in the Port Orchard area. [8]

The Bethel Cemetery listing found at the PSGS Library also listed:

C.A. Mullenix (1827-1889)

Estel Mullenix (1890-1966)

Emma Mullenix (1883 d. 19 March 1960 - funeral home marker)

Raymond Mullenix (1889-1968)

Olive Izuba Barth (1878 d. 26 December 1944 - funeral home marker)

William Barth (1867-1941)

John Barth (1908-1929)

A visit to the cemetery may sort out the differences.

On the same visit to the PSGS Library, volunteer Bruce Ramsey kindly photocopied three Mx obituaries. Two obituaries for Emma indicate that she was born in Sweden 28 December 1883. One mentions her maiden name only by listing a surviving brother, Charles Damar of Minnesota. She married Raymond A. Mullenix, "son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carlisle Mullenix, Port Orchard pioneers. They were married in Annapolis in 1914, living in Bethel the entire 56 years of their married life." Children listed were a daughter, Ellen Weathers and Lawrence and Clarence Mullenix of Port Orchard. [9]

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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.

Why I Am Becoming a Family Historian

Louise Sweatt

I am not a full-fledged family historian, but I am inching my way in that direction. My motivation to start research came from concern for my husband (William M. Sweatt). He's a career mariner who had no indoor hobbies. I was afraid that if he got sick or hurt, he'd go crazy with nothing to do, so I helped him start looking for his father's Sweatt ancestors. We started with the genealogy section of

the Jacksonville, Florida public library. I loved the library's soft lights, rustling sounds, and the smell of all the old books and papers. Every time we found a Sweatt reference, it was like finding a treasure. No matter that we couldn't connect most of the names to him! In Charleston, South Carolina's public library we found census records on microfilm. We made a

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The second obituary was for Ethel M. Mullenix. Again, her maiden name is not given: "Mrs. Mullenix was born Dec. 8, 1886 in Cheltenham, England, and moved to the United States in the early 1900's. She married the late Esteli M. Mullenix Aug. 12, 1927 in Bremerton. She lived with her late husband on the Mullenix farm at Port Orchard, Route 4, until his death in 1966. She has resided at the *Y Not Nursing Home* since that time." [10]

The third obituary was for Louise Mullenix. "Mrs. Mullenix is the widow of Charles Mullenix who was a member of the Port Orchard area pioneer family. Survivors include a son, C. Melvin Mullenix of Omak." [11] My Dad may have found this obituary and thus the clue to look for the second son of Carey Allen in Okanogan County. Dad found the obituary for Charles Franklin Mullenix, "Former Orchardist Dies in Hospital", and herein was found Louise's maiden name:

"...Mullenix was born in Coyville, Kansas, in 1869 and came to Port Orchard, Washington in 1889 with his father. At Port Orchard he married Louise Lider in 1894. One son Kenneth Carlisle Mullenix died in 1943 at Port Orchard. Mr. Mullenix entered the wholesale grocery business in Seattle and in 1908 moved to Omak, where he set out his first orchard in 1909. ... Surviving in addition to his wife in Seattle, is a son, Charles Melvin Mullenix of Omak and a grandson in Port Orchard. ..." [12]

Wondering where Carey Allen's second son, Charles Franklin, had lived, he was found along with wife Louise H. and son Charles M. in Seattle, King County in the 1920 census, despite the fact that the above obituary indicates they were in Okanogan County as of 1908. [13] In the 1900 census it also lists "Lucy" H. as born 1875 in Kansas and that her

parents were born in Germany. [14]

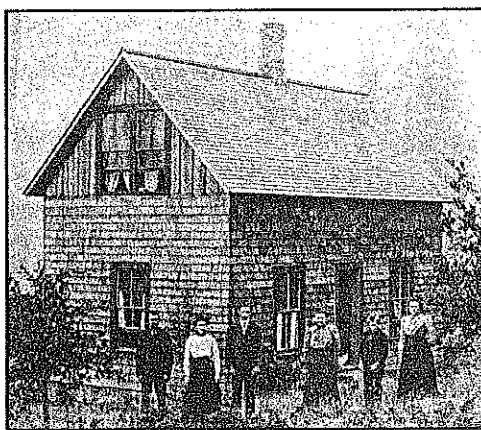
The Kitsap County Historical Society Museum in Bremerton has, to my great pleasure, a small archive of items donated by E. M. Mullenix in 1949 and 1950. (This most likely was Estel (Estelle, Estle, Esteli), brother of Raymond and grandson of Carey Allen.) The photo of James Carlisle and Margaret Ellen (Parkinson) Mullenix accompanying this article has been the most important find thus far. Other items donated are in storage, but a photocopy of the Donor File was provided, which shows a bank book from the Bank of Sidney dated 1892, a hay fork "made from the crotch of a tree", and a dash churn "made at Pottery Plant at Sidney, about. 1890", among other items. [15]

The Bainbridge Island Historical Society Museum has a few pieces of information about the transfer of the county seat from Port Madison to Sidney, but as yet I do not have a definitive date to help narrow the search through the microfilmed Commissioner's Records at the Auditor's office in our courthouse. This subject is of interest because of the following: "Mr. Mullenix [James Carlisle Mullenix] was one of the

men who went to Port Orchard after an election had been held to decide whether Port Madison should remain the County Seat, or if the Port of Sidney should take it away from Port Madison - - Sidney won the election (handwritten note in margin: 'not true according to Amy Bucklin Kirkpatrick, R.O.?') but Port Madison was not willing to give up the county records, so a number of men decided to go to Port Madison (insert: 'in boat') and bring the records to Sidney, by force if needs be. They walked into the court house at Port Madison, picked up the records and carried

them away without opposition." [16]

(Notes associated with this article will be found in subsequent installment.)
(To be continued.)



James Mullenix family home located in Port Orchard area. This house replaced one that had burned.

PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

Phyllis Wahlquist, her sister-in-law, Virginia Searles, and her niece, Karen Cosmo had an eventful trip to Sweden this summer. They were able to see the places where relatives lived in the late 1700's and early 1800's. **Phyllis** was thrilled with this experience. She and her husband have gone for an elder hostel vacation in Alaska. perhaps so **Phyllis** can rest.

Madge Norton is taking a break from working on her son-in-law, David Wilson's ancestors. He is the product of Jewish and Irish ancestors. His Irish great grandmother's death certificate (1936) listed her birthplace, Enniskillen, Fermanagh, Ireland. Fortunately her death certificate was filled out by her MD son and was very complete. Her Irish parents were William Gallagher and Elizabeth Shields. **Madge's** break from genealogy was going on a cruise with her husband Jack. They cruised down the coast to Ensenada, Mexico and of course found some old acquaintances of hers on the ship.

Larry Harden left for South Carolina with his sister, Marilyn Boren, to bury their uncle and see some relatives. Much of this trip was spent in the airport due to flight delays, which curtailed his genealogy research. **Larry** and his sister traveled to Indiana for the family gathering and services. **Larry** then had to drive a Chevy Blazer back to South Carolina for his sister's grandson.

Jeanne and **Jim Menchenton** are expecting the 25th great grandchildren this winter. Their 24th great grandchild, Chase Adam was born on September 29, 2006 to Ed and Nicki Didway.

Lorrin and **Nyla Walsh** are traveling in the "Moose Mobile" They are both working for Holland America. The Moose mobile is a motor coach and they will be promoting land tourism in Alaska. **Lorrin** drive the coach and **Nyla** gives the talks wherever they stop. They are going across the Northern USA, the east coast and Canada. **Nyla** reports that she hopes to find time for genealogy research. The motor coach is painted with Alaskan scenery and should attract some attention. Their web site is noted elsewhere in the *Backtracker*..

These following people are recovering well from their health and accident problems:

John Smith, Marjorie Menees, Phyllis Evans, Sue Plummer, Sue Gehring, Barbara Chesley, and Loraine Magee. It was nice to see everybody at the meeting in October. □

Belfair Bulletin by Phyllis Brown

Belfair Meeting Schedules and Programs.

Meeting Place: Belfair Community Baptist Church Library, 23000 N E Highway 3, Belfair.

Time: 12:00 - 2:30 PM.

First Tuesday of the month.

No meetings are scheduled for December or January.

February 7 — Organizing notebooks "Your Way." These can be travel notebooks or "Keepsake" books.

March 7 — Mary Theler Film Presentation - She was a Belfair Pioneer.

Our Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the home of **Estelle Foster**. Our honored guest were **Cyril Taylor** and his wife **Lee-Yen**. Also present as guests were **Pat King** and her husband. **Bill**. **Pat**, a Shelton resident, is a published writer. She was the prior program speakers who had encouraged us to write our memoirs and wanted to be present as we read them aloud during this meeting. **Pat** and all those present had a great deal of enjoyment hearing the participants read their compositions.

Belfair Chapter Officers for 2006:

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Please take the time

And tell us about your genealogical exploits.

It's For your Convenience
A Membership Application and Renewal Form
Has Been Enclosed.
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couple of finds and had a wonderful time. We made several trips to Marlboro County, South Carolina. We looked through courthouse records with some success, and we made lots of copies. Also, in Marlboro County, S.C. we looked in cemeteries – lots of them. No real finds except some very angry hornets.

We found that my husband's mother's lineage has already been well researched, with many lines going back several hundred years or more. And we find that he's related to many, many people whose ancestors have been in South Georgia or north Florida for a long time. That really made me jealous. I wanted relatives.

So I have been dusting off the records my parents already had. And I am looking online for family information. And I am making contacts with people who are genealogists. I joined PSGS because of Lorraine Kniert, whose Uncle Elmer told the most amazing stories of the old days. I read an article by JoAnn Housen Scott about her Swedish Finn ancestors, and lo and behold, I discovered that she and I are cousins! Then I found a cousin in British Columbia with lots of information, and I have hundreds and hundreds of Swedish Finn cousins because of my paternal grandmother Sofia Albertina Ohls.

I'm going to keep working on family history because I love finding the connections. I need those ancestral roots, and I like having living relations.

Genealogy is a good avocation because it's there whenever I have time. I'm not retired yet, so time is a big issue. But every time I go on line to look, there's more information available, and the hunt is fun.

Genealogy has also contributed to maintaining a little sanity in the last year or so. Last fall when hurricanes were marching across Florida, and we were boarded up waiting for storms to pass, I could pour over documents and articles about family and take my mind off the nasty weather for just a little while.

Perhaps the most important reason for working on genealogy is that I have met the nicest people in the quests. Fellow researchers have invariably been friendly and helpful, and folks I have met in cemeteries, churches, libraries, and courthouses have been gracious and helpful. Genealogists are like a big welcoming family, and I'm so glad I'm becoming a part of it. ■

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

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that it's totally unbelievable that anyone could possibly have any trouble doing this. This article is definitely not about those days. It's also not about the first trips to the Family History Library at Salt Lake City when the easy to find (relatively) information just seems to fall into your hands.

Now, in the words of Rod Serling (from the "Twilight Zone"); "Picture, if you will," the following scenarios. One, your ggggrandfather, who shall remain nameless, obviously had it in for all of his descendants because he seemed to have filled out not one piece of legal documentation in his entire life. Two, your grandmother ran off with a traveling salesman during the dust bowl days and was never heard from again. Three, you have finally traced your ancestor to a large city in the Midwest and have a certain time frame during which he married. When searching for the marriage record, you find that the courthouse burned down and all records for that specific time frame were lost. Four, your grandfather was a hunter/trapper and your grandmother was a Native American who abandoned the family after the birth of two children. These children were raised in an orphanage with virtually no knowledge of their parents. Five, your revered great aunt, a meticulous person, inexplicably tied your family tree to one that research has proven that your family has absolutely no connection with. Six, you and some other researchers in your family are virtually certain that your grandfather just might be a famous outlaw that mysteriously vanished without a trace at almost exactly the same time that your grandfather's known history commences. And seventh, family history has it that your great grandfather was involved in some scandal while working for the railroad, promptly changed his name and moved halfway across the country to avoid being found and arrested. You may change the names and relationships as necessary to fit these scenarios into your particular family, I do believe that most of us can cite stories almost verbatim with all of these examples within our individual families.

At this point, you're probably thinking, "What is the point here? Are you going to tell me how to fix all of these?" One answer could be, "Of course not, I'm just a writer, not a genius!" But I do have some sort of answer to all of these. You see, I actually have most of these scenarios, more or less, lodged within various branches of my daughter's family tree. Let's take these one at a time. On number one, the cemetery turned out to be an excellent starting place. Once I had the years of birth and death, I managed to find obituaries in local newspapers that

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So it is that my 1941 Christmas in Sitka keeps coming to mind. You know how Christmas just creeps up unexpectedly today? That year we were still in the throes of shock after THE SEVENTH when suddenly we were having to fit it in with the wartime life of residing across from the Army's Fort Ray, the Navy's and Marine's Air Station, all located on Japonski Island as well as the Coast Guard cutter just down the way from us, while spending our work days on the island commuting back and forth by shore boat.

Also, Christmas that year was a new experience for me being far from either the usual at 900 Davis Place in Seattle or on the beach at Fragaria. Being far from home was topped off by our perch on the edge of the United States, leaning on one side of the Pacific that also washed the shores of Japan.

Newspapers arrived a day late from Juneau, news-reels a week late at the theater, letters via a five day ship trip - occasionally via air from Juneau. Our groceries arrived if there was room for them, via the five-day ship trip. Our radio was not able to pick up anything but static.

We felt pretty isolated those December days. Even the usual workdays had a different air. They began with the raising of the flag in front of the Administration building with only the sound of the bugle as everything and everybody halted in silence. Then, surrounded by water and mountains, we walked to our offices up the pathway from the shoreboat along side young men in uniform who were not only dancing partners but nation protectors.

In the office the atmosphere

had changed - everyone was assigned a battle station - even those of us who were civilian workers just barely 21. Mine was in the supply office where my regular desk was - a lonely place when the sailors and the two other civilians had run off to their assigned posts. Complaining that I did not know WHAT I was supposed to do if the enemy confronted me, my boss, the Supply Officer, assured me I could use my Underwood Standard typewriter as my weapon. This was no consolation to one who had always been cowardly - afraid of the dark, large animals, loud noises, and spiders and wasn't in the mood for joking..

Although we were never actually to see any enemy planes or experience enemy action, we did have occasional serious alerts both during working hours and at-home times. It was during these home alerts that Uncle Forie's discharge papers became of grave importance again. We did not have battle stations on the home front. Instead, in the first days of December alerts, we were supposed to go to the nearby treed Russian Cemetery. I think it was deemed to be a safe harbor not a target as was thought a building like our Tower Apartments which really loomed right up there: a converted church with a prominent bell tower scraping the sky. The cemetery was not one we usually visited but now we huddled together among the graves, some marked with glass cases - children's containing dolls and adults' with personal items.

The first trip out, Auntie Dean had to pause, no matter what, long enough to get Forie's discharge papers to take with her. On our return she prepared a kit to take with us in the future: a little snack in case we got hungry and a roll of gauze for wounds sustained, but most important of all, wrapped carefully in its envelope covered in wax paper to keep out any moisture, "Forie's DP's."

Uncle Forie had wanted to re-

main a career soldier after his war, but reluctantly gave up his dream to enter, at his father's wish, the family business. Because Auntie Dean knew he had always regretted this, she harbored the thought that he might one day decide to return to military service. Even now his country might need him. Were the discharge papers necessary for this?

For some time Dean and Forie had maintained an open door for service men away from home, lonely and maybe a little bit worried, stationed on a wet and rainy island across from a small town with little to fill off-duty hours. Word passed from one to another so eventually many service men were welcomed to eat, read, write home, and listen to the phonograph and talk. The first contingent came on the 1100 shoreboat leaving at 1600 - the second arrived on the 1600 shoreboat leaving at 2300.

Thus Christmas found us with the war a large part of our lives faced not only with our usual shortages of living beyond reaching distance of fresh fruits and vegetables but also with even less space available for such luxuries on ships that now carried prioritized military supplies.

We "made do" with a small Christmas tree adorned with scrounged whatever's available - and a dinner of which I cannot remember the menu. We always had a lot of fish, given by the local fishermen, so we could very well have had "Halibut Spanish" which was Auntie Dean's name for halibut she gussied up with canned tomatoes - or her other specialty, macaroni and cheese. Nor do I remember exactly who was present. I do know that we had to have our black-out drapes pulled as no lights could be seen outside but we could sing heartily and spin tales as there was no restriction on noise - so we did carols and laughed and talked and reminisced about "Back Home" - what we used to do and what our families were doing without us.

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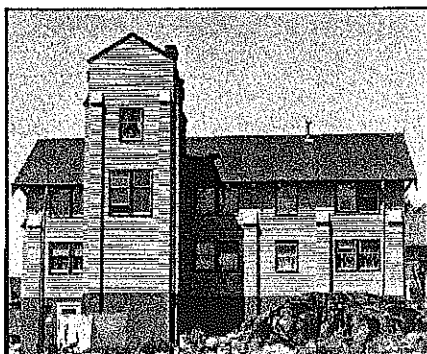
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It was a warm and good time even though there hovered over our festivities the chance that the air raid siren would sound which would send our guests off and away to the shore boats and their posts across the water. For us, by Christmas, the trip to the cemetery was no longer prescribed. Except for the little package of Discharge Papers at hand and in mind, we could continue with what we had been doing as if all was well and we weren't just a bit apprehensive.

Such a long time ago --- gone are the Tower Apartments along with all those young men and my uncle and my aunt and the discharge papers except for their memory: one of those that annually cascade into each December twenty-fifth that arrives for me.

May Christmas 2005 be a good one for you to store in your memory for future recall and may the coming year fulfill every desire you have. May it bring safe return for today's service men far away from families.

Note: Fanny Dean Robison, b. 5 January 1895, Seattle, King County, Washington, d. 28 April 1966, Seattle, m. 2 August 1919, Seattle, La Forrest Efaw, b. 26 February 1889, Kincaid, Anderson County, Kansas, d. 17 March 1950, Seattle.



Tower Apartments, Sitka, Alaska, a Presbyterian Church converted to apartments in 1938 (burned to the ground in 1965). (Courtesy Sitka Historical Society).

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Marjorie called our Research Chairman, Larry Harden, for assistance. Larry immediately con-



Grave marker of John Madison, one of four remaining in Brownsville cemetery.

ducted a search of the Death Index for Washington State without any positive results. Next he conducted look-ups in the census records on line and found John Madison in the 1910 Federal Census for Kitsap County, Silverdale Precinct. John was shown to be married to Anna and there was a daughter, Erminme, age 12. They were also found in the 1900 census for Alaska. Next Larry set out to visit the Brownsville Cemetery. When he finally found the reported location of the cemetery all he could see was a wooded lot. Upon questioning neighbors in the area, he was told to follow the path through the woods and he would find what was left of the Brownsville Cemetery. In the middle of the woods, Larry found four tombstones, all that appeared to be left, of the approximate thirty gravesites. Between vandals who have done extensive damage and destruction to the cemetery through the years and the vegetation which had taken over, very little remains today of the Brownsville Cemetery. To Larry's amazement, one of

the four remaining tombstones was that of John Morrison, born 1850 and died 1914. Larry took several photos of the stones and cemetery.

On the morning of July 13th, Akiko and her husband John met with Marjorie Menees, Larry Harden and Sandie Morrison. Here is Akiko's family story:

Her grandfather was John Madison who was born in Sweden in 1850. He came to Alaska and married a native Indian woman. From this union a girl child, named Erminme, was born in 1897. The mother died that same year in a Russian village in Alaska. John next married Anna Winteringer who was born in France. John and his

family show up in Brownsville in the 1910 census where he built a



Akiko Morrison, granddaughter of John Madison.

house. John died in 1914 and is buried in he Brownsville Cemetery. Anna died in Seattle in 1938.

Erminme, John's daughter, married Seita Honda, who was born in Japan in 1887. Seita came to the U. S. A. in 1908 through the port of Port Townsend, Washington. From this union Akiko was born in 1927 in Seattle where she grew up. She and her husband John Morrison now live in Hollywood, California. where they have a busi-

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Periodical Exchange Notes

Jackie Horton

AMER. American-Canadian Gen 31:2 (2nd quarter 2005) Acadian Origins; Louis Badillac; A French Canadian Pioneer Couple

AMER. Ibid 31:3 (3rd quarter 2005) Nicolas Perrot (Part I) The Genome of Genealogy

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

AMER. Family Chronicle (Aug 2005) Special Internet issue. Googling; starting a family website

AMER. Ibid (Oct 2005) 10 Tips for Advanced Researchers; Forensic Gen

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

AMER. Ibid 21:2 (Summer 2005) Shedding Light on Death Records; Clues in Parish Documents

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)

CA Ibid 32:6 (Aug 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 Ibid 27:3 Property tax list of Pixley and Oskaloosa Twp (1890) Louisville twp Plat 1910

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); Birth Rec. for 1904 (Green to Landers)

KS Ibid 35:3 (Jul, Aug, Sep 2005) Early birth & Marriage recs of Crawford Co; Marriage Book "P" - Naturalization Rec (cont); Birth Records for 1904

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

KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly 35:2 (Apr 2005) Extracts from Early Kansas newspapers; Topeka City Directory 1872-1873

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

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MA, 1855, Great Barrington, Hinsdale

MD FRECOGS Newsletter - Frederick Co Reflections of the Past 18:4 (Aug 2005) Linton index

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

MI Ibid 32:1 (Mar 2005) Rough Sketches of First 31 Elected Mayors; Muskegon's Political history

MI 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

NM Ibid 44:3 (Sep 2005) Savannah cemetery, Grant co; St Rita Catholic Church Burial Recs. 1897-1944

OH Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints volume 32 index

OH Ibid 33:3 (Jul/Aug/Sep 2005) Civil War Obituaries; Extractions from the Utsarawas Advocate

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

OR Ibid 55:1 (Sep 2005) Barnes family of Portland; GFO Manuscript collection

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

TX Ibid 11:2 Freie Presse fur Texas, Feb-Apr 1878; Sixty Years of Ice

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 Ibid 33:3 (Sep 2005) Wenatchee Cem (Cont); Early marriages of Douglas County

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) 1909 Census of Edison School Surnames S-Z; Tacoma Longshoremen's Membership Rolls, L-MC; Probates of Pierce Co

WA Ibid 36:4 (Summer 2005) 1909 Census of Cushman School; Tacoma Longshoremen's Mem. Rolls, M-P

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

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filled in most of my gaps. These can also be helpful, and cheaper, when the state in question wants fifteen dollars for each single record you're after. On number two, after checking available newspapers for any mention of the incident, local police stations for any information, and searching for the lady under her known names, this one now sits firmly buried at the bottom of the to-do list. If the woman in question changed her name in the early 1930's, it is virtually impossible to find her. Number three....lesson learned is: hope you don't have anyone marrying in Cincinnati in 1869-70. I still don't know when they were married exactly. I have two possible spellings of the woman's maiden name based on information found on cemetery records but I still haven't found her family. This brings us to number four. I have a close friend who is the source of numbers four and six. The famous outlaw apparently became the reclusive hunter/trapper. I will not say who the outlaw was in this publication but the facts fit together amazingly well in the documentation that my friend's sister has managed to piece together. I would love to see the research carried to conclusion but apparently the sister is afraid of what she might find out. It's a shame because I think any family needs a few crooks and ne'er do wells to flesh out the family story. Bring on the horse thieves! I believe all of us have run across something like number five in our research somewhere. Sometimes you just have to throw out an entire section of the family tree and rebuild it with your own research. Lastly, number seven. If anyone has noticed, most stories in the

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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

WV Ibid 29:3 (Fall 2005) Marmet Cem; 1871 Kanawha co death recs.; 1849 tax records. □

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(Continued from page 89) *A Local Cemetery In Shameful Condition.* ness making gift baskets of Native American items. Upon their return home, Akiko and John sent PSGS a check to be put towards the preservation of the Brownsville Cemetery. The PSGS Cemetery Project Committee is deciding how to best to use this donation. If you would like to be a part of the Cemetery Project, contact Sandie Morrison at morrison@nwinet.com. □

Cindy's Choice Web Sites

By Cindy Shawley Spore



Hi All,

This edition of our Backtracker will only have one - yes, one - website of my choice. The reason being, that once you get into this one, you will be able to spend HOURS searching. My thanks to Ida Mae Swedberg for giving this to me. It is a keeper.

www.pacifier.com/~karenl/genealogy-resources.htm

I keep waiting for feedback from ya'll. Do any of you even use the info in this column? If you do, have you had any luck? Let me know - cindys@wavecable.com □

Wedding Announcement



*The Honeymooners
at
Munsala, Finland*

I would like to announce the wedding of **JoAnn Housen Scott** to **Larry L. Smith** on May 26, 2005, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. JoAnn and Larry are old friends, having attended high school together, Central Kitsap High School classes of 1954 and 1953 respectively. They honeymooned in Scandinavia where they visited JoAnn's cousins in Nortallje, Sweden, and Munsala, Finland. JoAnn is determined to make a genealogist of Larry and has begun tracking his family names including Fitch and Cleveland. The Smith's are currently making their home on Harstine Island, Mason County, Washington.

Fall Season Greetings From Lorrin and Nyla Walsh

Lorrin and Nyla are traveling America for Holland American. Lorrin is driving their beautiful new Motor Coach decorated by "Alaskan Artwork" that has been dubbed by them as the *Moose Mobile*. They will be telling the traveling public and travel professionals about Holland America's Alaskan tours which are conducted in conjunction with their cruises. You can follow their travel adventures by monitoring their web site:
themoosemobile.tripod.com

They would like to hear from their friends at PSGS at the following email address:
Lnwalsh@earthlink.net

I don't know why people get interested in genealogy. It is not nearly as important in our society as in some societies – in England you are “blooded” or nothing. It is possible in the U. S. to achieve success without presenting a certified pedigree of acceptable lineage. As a result there is not a lot of pressure to record family history and it is often lost. However, many people are just plain curious about their lineage and they spend many hours trying to recover their roots.

I just inherited a lot of family history without any work. My father, Meade A. Rugh (1887 - 1973), and great uncle, James C. Rugh (1836 - 1918), did a lot of research, and a cousin (who we will call Elsie for future reference) pulled their work together and added some others to produce a manuscript of about 1200 names with dates and a lot of dialog. The manuscript was typewritten and produced without the benefit of a computer.

So why did I get interested in Genealogy? Well, you can't read “Elsie”. As wonderful as her effort was, the data can be accessed but not really read and appreciated. She drew no charts and the descriptions of people were scattered and uneven. Well, I said, I will just put it all in the computer and everything will be easy to read and interesting. So, I entered all the data on 1200

names into PAF (Personal Ancestor File) and added another 800 names from research made by another cousin on my mother's side. Now I could press a button and get a pedigree chart back 10 generations to where the family first came over from Europe. So, my wife says, “Nice, what will we have for supper?”

I now had a database of some 2000 names with many dates – not all - and some descriptions. There is plenty of room for further research; fill in dates that are missing, look up obituaries to verify and expand descriptions, fill out branches that are incomplete, and bring events up to date. But all of that seemed pointless except for the immediate family and the result would still be a lot of dry statistics. So, I started on another project.

Since I only had rather brief notes on most of the ancestors, I decided to look at the history of the U. S. during the persons' adult life so as to understand the world he lived in and perhaps bring some life into the birth-married-died dates. I started the process by assigning a three or four-decade period to each person starting when they were 20 and ending when they were 50 or 60. Then I read the history books and looked at Encarta to see just was happening during a particular ancestor's adult years. It is a two way

street. I learn a little more about what my ancestors might have been like, and having had family “on

location” during a particular historic event made the history more interesting. Finally I might end up with something “readable”.

The first ancestor that I have data on is Hans George Ruch. (The name Ruch was changed to Rugh in the fourth generation in America.) The Ruchs were of Swiss origin, coming originally from Zurich where the name appears in the records of that Canton. After the close of the Thirty Years War in 1648 many of the Ruch families settled in Alsace, particularly in lower Alsace. George Ruch was born in Zutzendorf, Alsace in 1685. He married Katharine Ruel and had four children. In early 1733 George took his family to America to escape religious persecution. The trip took them down the Rhine River to Rotterdam and then to Cowes, England. They sailed in the ship *Samuel* arriving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 17, 1733.

Hans George Ruch and his family settled in Whitehall Township in what is now Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He and his family lived on a rented 400 acres that they farmed. George and his son Michael were naturalized citizens by the Colonial Court at Philadelphia on April 10, 1746. George Ruch was a member of the Lutheran faith and attended Jordan Lutheran Church. His first wife, Katharine, died in 1735 then George married Susanna, with whom he had six children. He died in 1769 and was buried in the old German cemetery at the Jordan Lutheran Church, Lehigh County. ■

Surname Interests

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Connery	MIN, Ferndale, Whatcom Co., WA
Farrel	Dundee Co., Ontario, CAN
Droppo	CAN, Hormont Co, Ontario, CAN
Wilmer	1844-1887
McConnell	1847-1931 Shelby Co. IL

Belfair Chapter Web Site

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs>
Jackie Horton Website Manager

PSGS Web Page:

www.rootsweb.com/~wagpsdgs/homepage.htm/
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The Library Report

Marjorie Menees, Librarian

For close to two years we have had a stable home for our library. Despite the daunting problems of a large rent burden, maintenance of a regular schedule of open doors from Tuesday through Saturday, and the general operation required for such an establishment, we can feel good that we have met our obligations successfully.

Hearty thanks and appreciation should go to the volunteer library staff whose schedule was maintained without a hitch by our Library Coordinator, Loraine Magee. She not only secured the daily librarians but also many times quietly filled in empty days herself.

More thanks and appreciation needs go to the volunteer maintenance crew who were on call for shelf-moving and building, painting, book-moving, equipment-fixing, light-globe changing and other tasks. The job of being in charge of this crew fell on the shoulders of Larry Harden who not only found the ways and means to meet out desires and whims but also did so with expertise and a smile.

Our entire suite of rooms has blossomed into a welcoming and pleasant place to enter and in which to work. Thanks and appreciation for this go to the many volunteers who have left here or there a picture, a chair or a vase of flowers - who have also kept our window display so interesting that all who enter the building and walk past tend to stop and enjoy. It has been Sandie Morrison who has been ever vigilant in maintaining this pleasing aura - she has made our library special - and not only has she kept us in season to enjoy being there, but she has also maintained and stocked our kitchen so that food and drink are available at all times.

Sandie has also established an attractive display of materials for sale in the foyer. She has priced these things and kept them up to date. Our thanks and appreciation go to her for this effort too for not only arranging these items, but for having created the sales corner idea and its operation.

Thanks and appreciation goes to all those who have donated books, magazines, CD's, notebook covers and such like are profound. We constantly are finding new offerings in our "to log in" room or cupboard. Again, we must especially thank one person, Jan Stevenson, for the massive amount of books and magazines she has given - all carefully sorted and labeled.

Besides all of the above backbone of the library, are of course the committees that keep the action flowing: Planning, Ways and Means, Grants, and Records Preservation all carrying the load of financial and operating responsibility. Those groups and their chairmen deserve many thanks and much appreciation also. Sandy Watson, Sandie Morrison, Jeanne Menchenton....

Along with the above dedicated folk, are those who have kept the Family Tree Makers and Legacy Users groups, and the film days active. Maybe last, but certainly not least are those who have been willing to share their expertise by holding special classes. We owe them our thanks and appreciation also.

Last spring Marjie Colio and I began the project of

making a new catalog. It didn't seem like such a big deal - but it was indeed. The other day, we polished and ended our work on the first draft. Because we have tried to make corrections and take inventory as we went along, it has been a time-consuming task. We hope that we can announce the publication date shortly. Our materials count as of November First is approximately 3,340 books and maps and sets of film: microfilm, microfiche, and CD's as well as our huge collection of obituaries. We also have a list of missing items that we will post soon. Looking at this list one needs to remember that the last inventory was in 1999 - a six-year span.

The month of October being Family History Month, we celebrated with an Open House for the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce, and a special overlook at the migration of our ancestors from the East Coast to the west for our final state day.

Looking at the total picture from a day to day observation post it has not seemed such a busy time - there at the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Research Library. But looking back at it all, one realizes the extent to which we have branched out. It has not all been roses and glory, there have been many days when we wondered if we could carry on. We have had days when the librarian on duty had no one to welcome. When we compare this with our Givens attendance, we need to remember that that library was open only two days a week and that there were days there when the librarian was alone. A count of the attendance from January through October in this library nets an average of 100 persons a month.

I cannot express too much appreciation and thanks to the "Weeders" who have diligently compacted many journals into excellent research material.

Our great and final and multitudinous thanks go to all you wonderful members who have so generously donated to our rental fund. I have to say, "Please remember the rent comes due every month even in the coming year of 2006." ■

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?

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Thompson 1600 England
White 1600 England
Burnham 1600 Essex Co., MA
Andrews 1600 Essex Co., MA
Perkins 1600 Essex Co., MA
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Goldsmith 1600 Essex Co., MA
Hodgkins 1600 Essex Co., MA

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Cole 1852 Overland Trails
Morris Linn Co., Oregon,
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Patterson Bremerton, Olympia

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Brown 1800's VA, OH, IND, IA
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Scott OH 1880+
Sandberg MO 1880+
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Hutar/Huttar Chicago 1880+ Czech Rep Prior to 1880.
Grice GA, SC prior to 1900
Hanzlik Chicago 1870-1940
Smutny Czech Republic prior to 1880
Jarolim Vesely, Tabor CZ prior to 1875
Gabelhei Holstein Germany prior to 1880
Malone GA Prior to 1900
Svoboda Vesely Tabor, Czeck prior to 1880

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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Anderson KY 1800-1820 IL 1820-1860
Blair GA-MO 1800
Wilson (Willson) VT, NH, MA 1650-1770
Laird PA 1800
Vanpelt OH 1820
Walker OH 1810
Massey NC 1750

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Colvin KY, IL, OH, 1850 to present
Foley IL, OK 1860 to present

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Hardin/Harden 1823 KY, 1850 IN 1860 IA 1870 MO KS OK

Hopkins 1500 Eng RI NC TN IA

Watkins NC IN

Lofgren 1850 Sweden IL KS MO

Hurd 1823 NY IA CA

Newby 1600 Eng NC IN

Osborn/Osborne 1600 Eng NC IN IA

Armfield ENG NC

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Radfor/Redford TN 1751-1816

Cadwell NC 1729-1796

Buckles VA WVA 1716-1830

Cullison OK OH MD 1881-1809

Shimanek CO, Czechoslovakia

Miller-Mueller CA, NY 1889-1796

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Mullenix, Nathaniel before ca 1818 VA, KY OK

Pettigrew, Sarah Ann before 1871 OH KS

(Continued from page 91) A Message From Our President.

family have some element of truth in their basis. However, that element of truth may be so hidden in obscurity that it's virtually impossible to find. Nevertheless, keep at it. Apparently the person in my story changed his name by one letter and then had the audacity to continue working for the railroad. Is that like hiding in plain sight?

The common denominator in all of these cases is that one should trust your own research. If you use someone else's research, then take steps to prove it out for yourself. If you happen to collaborate with a couple of close relatives, I hope they're like mine and just as dedicated to accuracy as I am. We continually question each other on our sources and I'm not sure that it's even possible to put one over on each other anymore. While you are proving stories and debunking family myths, keep in mind that there might be some truth in even the most unlikely story; so don't be afraid to check it out. No matter how obscured, the truth is out there! Where have I heard that before?

Happy Hunting,

Terry

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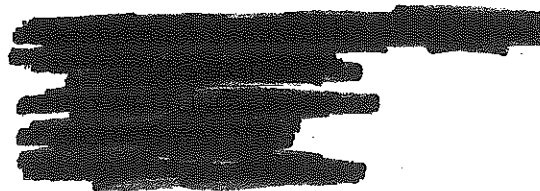
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