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A Message From Our President



Loraine Magee

Sometimes the work of a genealogist turns into an adventure. PSGS is the organization that I prefer to spend my time and effort helping during my retirement. I love books, research and writing, but not typing. Genealogy research has taken me to Seattle, Tacoma, and Bremerton for information and most recently to Olympia for a seminar. I went to New York and New Jersey in 2002 to

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Special Belfair Edition

Nancy Carter Gone But Not Forgotten by Sandie Morrison

On November 23, 2005, the Belfair Chapter of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society unexpectedly lost one of their own, Nancy Carter. Nancy was born at Akron, Ohio on March 26, 1935 to George and Grace (Eick) Carter. After graduating from Akron University, she went on to receive a master's degree



Nancy Carter.

from the University of Illinois.

Nancy worked at the Frances Haddon Morgan Home for Autistic Children and was a member of the

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Welcome to our New PSGS Members 2006

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Are you your family's designated
family historian?
If so, write an article for the *Backtracker*

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It is the intention of your editor to encourage the PSGS membership to write family history articles. Articles telling us of your family history victories or those moments of revelation when you learned an important genealogical principle.

In accomplishing this goal it is our objective to include on the pages of the *Backtracker* member written essays **exclusively**. There may be exceptions to this rule from time to time, but with your wholehearted help we are confident we will adhere to this ideal.

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(Continued from page 25) Nancy Carter — *Gone But Not Forgotten*. National Association of Social Workers.

Nancy lived on the south shore of Hood Canal. She enjoyed her dogs and her genealogy research. She had taken many research trips back east and to Salt Lake with various members of the Belfair Chapter. Her home was filled with books and her research papers. After her untimely death, Nancy's brother George Carter and sister Barbara Kirk collected the family research that Nancy had worked on all those years. They then invited the members of the Belfair Chapter to come to her home and select what they would like for the PSGS research library. Books, office supplies and a new office chair were among the many items selected that day and taken to PSGS. The items were sorted and either set aside for the research library or chosen to be sold with the monies going towards support of the library.

Although Nancy is no longer with us, her love of genealogy lives on in her books and things in our library. When you open a book and see that Nancy Carter donated it, think of her and her enjoyment of genealogy.

(Note: Sandie Morrison, is the president of the Belfair Chapter of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and an accomplished family historian.)

Historical Walking Tour Of Downtown Port Orchard With Sandie Morrison & Ed Evans.

June 9th, Friday 10:00am - 1:00pm

\$30.00 per person

Join us in a walking tour and go back in time to the beginnings of downtown Port Orchard. We will visit the buildings and learn of their history and of the people who settled here. Do you know where the ghosts live or which building was a house of ill repute? We will start our tour at the entrance to the Olde Central Antique Mall, 801 Bay Street at 10am.

The tour will include a lunch at
Myhre's Restaurant.

Pre-pay by sending check payable to PSGS, PO Box 1931, Port Orchard, WA 98366 or sign up at the PSGS Research Library, 2501 SE Mile Hill Drive, Suite A-102, Port Orchard. 360 874-8813.

Tour size is limited to 12 - sign up now!

An afternoon tour may be added for overflow.

Lucy May McKinney was born September 29, 1895, to James Cornelius and Bena Ellen Bridges McKinney, in Aldrich, Missouri. Most of her growing up years were in a little place called Phenix, Missouri. There were marble quarries there, and her father, J.C., or "Buck"- as he was called, earned the living for his family at this place. Lucy was the eldest of nine children, all born approximately two years apart, except for the youngest, Gladys, who was three years behind her siblings. The children attended a small school in the Phenix area.

Lucy was married to Fay Brown on July 16, 1911, three months before her sixteenth birthday. Her son Herschel was born June 2, 1912. Daughter Mary followed on November 10, 1913. Lucy and Fay were busy with their young family, but things didn't work out well for them. They were divorced on May 11, 1916. Apparently Lucy had a plan already in motion, because she and C.W. McKenzie of Walnut Grove, were married May 18, 1916. That didn't work either, and they were divorced on November 13, 1916. It seems after that, Lucy and Fay or C.W. must have had "a relationship", although it apparently didn't last. Lucy left Missouri and went to

Chelan Falls where her brother Jim and wife Myrtle were living. After a visit there, she continued on to Mount Vernon area, where her brother George (known as Urie) lived. It was here that small daughter Helen Frances was born on 25 February, 1918.

Lucy then moved with her children, to Seattle. There she lived in a home for single mothers with small children, called Evangeline House. In this place it was possible for her to work for her own and her children's keep. It was here that she met Oscar Olafsson Foster. He became very interested in her, and after a short courtship, they were married on May 17, 1920. Lucy then moved her small family to Belfair, where she made herself at home in Oscar's house on the west side of Union River. It was in that home that little Oscar was born in 1921; Roy, 1922;

Jesse, 1924; and Katie, 1925 were born. About 1925, Oscar bought property on the east side of Union River, from the Irving family. He built a new house near the river, and moved his family into it. This was the home into which Homer Paul was born, on October 3rd, 1931. The family was not without hardship and grief from time to time. Little Oscar had become ill and died on September 7, 1923, barely 2 years old. On May 18, 1933, Roy died after a short but severe illness. He was not quite 11 years old.



1895 ■ ■ Lucy May (McKinney) Foster ■ ■ 1971

Lucy's years on the farm were busy ones -- what with growing huge gardens and the subsequent canning and preserving of vegetables and fruit. They had cows for milk and butter, and chickens for eggs. And of course, there were fish in the river and deer in the woods. Although cash money was scarce, the family had plenty to eat. Oscar worked at whatever jobs he could get and finally got full time work driving a grader on the roads.

An important event for the family, especially the children, was once a year a big box came from Sears & Roebuck to the Foster family at Belfair, Mason County, Washington. The wonders in that box were breath taking! Clothes for everyone,

shoes, and coats too. And also a big bag of hard candies, the kind that are for Christmas -- colorful twists and sugary lumps -- such goodies!

Lucy was very active during these years in school and community events, as well as her busy home life. One of her biggest responsibilities was to organize the school picnic that always occurred at the end of the school year. This took place at Twanoh State Park. Lucy made wonderful potato salad, heavenly coconut cream cakes, and fried chicken that Colonel Sanders would have paid anything to have her recipe! She also helped prepare the bags of "goodies" that were presented to all the children of the community at the Christmas program each year. Each child received a red mesh bag with an orange in the toe, and then filled with hard candies,

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Another Belfair Pioneer.

chocolate creams, nuts, and a peppermint candy cane sticking out of the top of the bag. It was a wonderful event!

Lucy's flower gardens were a thing of beauty -- every thing grew luxuriantly under her hands. She not only had a green thumb -- I think she had ten green fingers! And speaking of fingers, she was very adept with a crochet hook, working many beautiful patterns into various articles, some of which are cherished to this day by their recipients. Another one of her joys was to be able to spend some time with friends or family playing cards. Cribbage was one of her favorites, and I am sure there may still be some folks who remember playing a few hands of cribbage with her -- fifteen two, fifteen four -- it's a go! I win!

Lucy's life was not without further grief -- she lost a grandson in 1943, her mother in 1945, her father in April 1956, and her son Herschel in September 1956. Lucy was a strong person, though, and in spite of all these difficulties she persevered. She eventually sold her home on the river and about 1960, bought a small house on a couple of lots near Bear Creek, on the Old Belfair Highway. She was very happy in her little house and enjoyed the company of many casual visitors, who would drop in for a cup of coffee and a little chat.

As the years passed, Lucy suffered from attacks of

gout, mostly in her feet. Many a child felt the smack of her crutch if they "perchance" happened to bump her throbbing toe, in passing too closely to the affected member. She also was having trouble trying to control high blood pressure, and was not pleased to have to make routine trips to her Doctor for check ups and medication. In the late 1960's Lucy suffered a stroke, which affected her ability to speak. She would think of what she wanted to say, but then something else would come out of her mouth. This was very frustrating to her, as it would be to anyone. The most amazing thing was that even though she couldn't say what she had intended, she had no trouble delivering a remarkable combination of swear words! Time went on, and though she was more confined to home because of difficulty getting around, she could still enjoy watching wrestling matches on TV. And of course, she never missed any of Lib-erace's shows. Another favorite was Elvis Presley.

On March 17th, 1971, Lucy went to her reward. Her life was long, touched many other's lives, and as she touched all of us, we each have our memories of

Kitsap County Officers Compiled by Jean Curry, Genealogical Researcher

From the *Bremerton News*, 6 Jul 1901:

Auditor	F.P. Jameson
Assessor	Nathan Bucklin
Clerk	Thomas Willson
Coroner	C.C. Kellam
Attorney	J.B. Yakey
Superintendent of Schools	F.D. Newberry
Surveyor	Frank Lloyd
Sheriff	D.H. Sackman
Treasurer	.W. Clausen
County Commissioners	R.W. Condon, Ch'n John Kelso R.O. Qualheim

2007

PSGS Salt Lake City Trip

We have reserved a block of rooms at the
Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square
(Now a member of Luxe Worldwide Hotels)
From Sunday, January 7, 2007
through Sunday January, 21, 2007

Rooms are \$82 a night for Single/Double
\$92 a night for Triple
\$102 a night for Quad
\$10 per night for each rollaway bed
Plus sales tax which presently is 12.46%
Stay five nights and get the sixth night free
There is a \$10.00 per person shuttle fee which
includes luggage handling of up to two bags per
person round trip. There will be an additional
\$3.00 per bag round trip fee for each additional bag.
Parking Fee is \$3.00 per day.
It is not required that anyone stay for the whole two
weeks

A free class put on by Heritage Consulting and
Services is provided by the Hotel. The class will be
conducted in the Hotel on Monday, January 8, 2007

All those interested in going, please contact
Larry Harden at 360-895-3181 or
leharden@wavecable.com.

PSGS Mosquito Fleet Excursion

It is our plan to schedule two
Cruises along the course taken
by the early Puget Sound Navigators.

The excursions are set tentatively for:
Sunday August 20 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.
and

Sunday September 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.
Price will be \$50.00 per person which will include
a sack lunch and a beverage.
Contact Larry Harden — leharden@wavecable.com.

One of the questions that people ask you when they find you are searching for your roots is "Do you have any interesting people in your family?" At first I would answer, "No, I only have dull farmers." Now I smile and say "A few." If you want interesting people be prepared to search harder and move a few rocks. Let me tell you a few things I found when I took the time and effort to move a few rocks.

When I first started searching for the Stevenson family I had many problems, one is that they moved a lot. I made my searches bigger, searching any and every one in the family to see if I could find the next generation back.

One of the grandchildren in the family was Seritha Belle Frazier whose mother was Sarah Jane Stevenson. Sarah Jane Stevenson married in 1849 to James Frazier. They had ten children. One was Seritha, but called Belle. She married Edward A Mahaffy, a hired farm hand. I was also told that Belle and Ed had the following children; Tom, Archie, Howard, Eddie, William, Belle Marvin and Donald. Ed and Belle moved from Kansas to Oklahoma, then later to Wyoming.

When I was searching for my Stevensons in Oklahoma, I was reading the census one family at a time and came across the following family: 1900

Dewey County, Oklahoma. Little Robie Township
Isbise Mahaffy head F May 1866 34 wid 6/6

Children Iowa IL OH

Thomas	Son	M	Oct 1886	13 S	KS PA IA
Archie	Son	M	Mar 1888	12 S	KS PA IA
Howard	Son	M	Jan 1890	10 S	KS PA IA
Edward	Son	M	Sept 1893	6 S	OK PA IA
William	Son	M	Apr 1895	5 S	OK PA IA
Belle	Dau	F	May 1897	2 S	OK PA IA

I hope you will take the time now and study what I wrote and see if you can see what is wrong.

First, the first name on the census is one of those names you are not sure what is written, but this is what I think I saw, Isbise. Is this badly misspelling of the name or maybe it was heard wrong.

But more troublesome to me is there is two children not listed and yet Belle is listed as a widow. So what happened? What I came up with is that Ed died and Belle married Ed's brother and they had two more children, Marvin and Donald.

To solve this I wrote to the person from which I got the information about Belle's family and asked him why there were two children missing and why Belle was a widow.

What I learned was these people lie. Belle was not a widow. Ed had a problem with his neighbor for several years over a property line and one-day Ed had gone to town to vote, when he caught up with this man. They had a fight; the man drew his gun and

so did Ed. Ed was faster and the man died. Ed was sent to prison and when he got out of prison the family moved to Wyoming. This would be hard to figure out if I didn't get the family information from the researchers.

I am hoping when you find something that doesn't ring true to you, you will take the time and effort to move a few rocks to find a family secret and make these people a bit more interesting.

Another family I found information on was my Ringer family. This is a German family who lived in Pennsylvania for two generations and when my Jonas Ringer married he came west to Ohio. I find him and his family in the 1860 Census living in Franklin County, Ohio, Madison Township.

Jonas Ringer	M	47	Laborer 250-30 PA
Sarah	F	45	PA
Fianna Kildow	F	24	OH
Leah Ringer	F	17	OH
Caroline	F	14	OH
Elizabeth	F	12	OH
George W.	M	6	OH
Charles Kildow	M	8	OH
George	M	6	OH
Henry W.	M	5	OH

From the census we know they should be in Ohio in 1850 but I couldn't find them. Then I found that a little piece of Franklin County, Ohio was in 1850 in Fairfield County, Ohio so I searched again, but no luck. I did find that Fianna (also spelled Phianna) was a daughter of Jonas Ringer and his wife Sarah Hummel. I also found that several of the Hummel family members moved to the same area and they were related to Sarah Hummel. I took the time to search the 1850 census where these Hummels lived and found what I believe is Jonas and Sarah Ringer.

1850 Fairfield County, Ohio, Bloom Township

Charles Rager	38	M	Farmer 320 PA
Sarah	36	F	PA
Virginia	14	F	OH
Lewis	13	M	OH
Mary	12	F	OH
Edward	10	M	OH

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Attention Members

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Puget Sound Genealogical Society
Attn: Treasurer
P O Box 1931
Port Orchard, Washington 98366-0805

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Interesting People.

Leah	7	F	OH
Caroline	4	F	OH
Elizabeth	1	F	OH

At first I am sure you will think I'm crazy and this is not the same family; not even close, but look again. Jonas Ringer and Charles Rager are both about the same age and both born in Pennsylvania. Sarah is close in age; 45 to 36 and again born in Pennsylvania. The oldest child is Fianna, listed as Virginia in 1850 and age 24 to 14. Lewis is in 1850, not found in 1860, but later found as William Lewis Ringer. Mary is married by 1860, Edward died before 1860 and Leah is 7 in 1850 and 17 in 1860. Caroline and Elizabeth age 4 and 1 in 1850 are age 14 and 12 in 1860. I feel very comfortable that I found the same family, but I probably will never find out why Jonas Ringer is listed as Charles Rager. A bit more to the story is Sarah, the mother, dies before 1870 census and Jonas Ringer is not found. He went back to his childhood home in Pennsylvania and is buried there. None of his children joined him, but stayed in Ohio. My line is Elizabeth who is my great-grandmother. She married at age 15 and moved to Madison County, Ohio, then on to Hancock County, Ohio. Her brother George Ringer moves to Hancock County, Ohio, living there the rest of his life. He never married. On a sad note is that Elizabeth's husband died, closely followed by an adult daughter and adult son. Elizabeth's sister Caroline came to Hancock County, Ohio so Elizabeth can care for her before she also dies. This took place in a two-year time frame.

One of my most troublesome families is the Dennis family. Elisha Hudson Dennis marries Milly Rice 1805 in Garrard County, Kentucky. Bond is given by Elisha Hudson Dennis (known mostly as Hudson, but sometimes as Elisha) and Elisha Dennis (father of Hudson) Mary Rice gives her permission as Milly's father is dead, but he is not named.

In the 1810 and 1820 census Hudson Dennis is still in Garrard County, Kentucky. By 1830 Milly Rice is in Brown County, Ohio, with all her children. She dies in 1851 and leaves a will naming all the children; Elizabeth, Mary, Eliza, America, Adelina, James and Maryland (a male). Milly is buried as Milly Dennis, wife of Hudson Dennis. Maryland dies and he is listed in the estate file, but the file is empty. My line is Adelina who marries Arana Wardlow. Arana is usually listed as Rainey Wardlow. They have four children, two infants that died and a son Levi Wardlow and daughter Artemesa Wardlow Wilder. I started having problems so I increased my circle of people that I'm researching. This includes all of Hudson and Milly's children and Hudson's brother and sisters

I searched all of the Brown County, Ohio records that I could find and found marriage records for James,

Mary, Eliza, America and Adelina. Elizabeth is married to Peter Louderback, but this marriage is not found. Adams County, Ohio is next door to Brown County, and their records were burnt which could be the reason their marriage is not found. Now other problems start to show up.

From census and other records I gathered the following information on Peter and Elizabeth Louderback and family:

Peter born about 1800 Pennsylvania died 1 August 1871 in Brown County, Ohio. Elizabeth born about 1802 Kentucky died 28 July 1887 Brown County Ohio. Their children are Milly, Cosby, Scott, Maryland, Isaac Hammer, George Mason, Imry (male), Clarinda and Arminda (twins), Peter, Jackson, Mary A., James and Andrew J.

I now include all the families of Milly's and Hudson's grandchildren which includes Peter and Elizabeth Louderbacks' thirteen children.

Here is a place to stop and look at what I found and see if you can see problems or information that doesn't fit.

What I found on Elizabeth is the following. I first had a problem with her name as Elizabeth and she having a sister named Eliza. I came to accept the names but Elizabeth's age became a bigger problem. Her parents are married 1805 but she is listed continuously as born in 1802. One of the records I searched was Garrard County, Kentucky record of children born to unmarried mothers. Elizabeth was not listed but I felt this was not a complete listing. I gathered death records on some of Peter and Elizabeth Louderback's children. Three of these children list as their mother as Elizabeth Scott, not Elizabeth Dennis. One of Elizabeth's children is Cosby Scott Lauderback that gave me the idea to check for a Cosby Scott living in Garrard County, Kentucky in 1802. Cosby Scott is there but leaves for other Kentucky counties. This is not proven that is Elizabeth's father but for me it stacks a few rocks for this idea

I found another piece of interesting information on this same Louderback family. My search was for Jackson Louderback, son of Peter and Elizabeth. Jackson was born about 1822 in Ohio. He married in 1842 Mary Hays, she was born about 1818 in Kentucky. They lived in 1850 in Brown County, Ohio with children Clarissa, Samantha J. and Delila Ann.

After 1850 this family is not found. At this time the census were not so well indexed. A friend was also working on this family, she on the Hays line. She heard from a woman whose line is Samuel C. Louderback who she knows that Samuel lived in Missouri. With this clue I went back to the 1880 census and 1870 census and found the following:

1880 Beaty, Carroll County, Missouri

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Interesting People.

Mary Louderback	head F 62	KY PA NY
Mary A.	dau F 24	OH OH KY
Ida Bellar	gdau F 13	MO OH
Annie	gdau F 10	MO OH
And 1870 Putnam County, Missouri		
Mary Louderback	52 F	KY
Delilah	25 F	OH
Peter	18 M	OH
Mary	16 F	OH

From this information I came up with these ideas. Jackson Louderback died between 1864 -1870 (ages of children) One of Mary's daughters, but not Mary or Delilah, married a Mr Bellar. As Ida Bellar is age 13 in 1880 census she should be with her parents in 1870, There were two Ida Bellars in 1870.

1870 Clay County, Missouri

John Bellar	63	M Farmer 40 VA
Jane	30	F OH
Ida	3	F MO

1870 St Joseph City, Missouri

21-25 Mary Leftwitch	54 F W VA
Dixie	23 F W VA
Matie Nefler	21 F W MO
Kate Davis	22 F W VT
Lena Rose	20 F W MO
Belle Stewart	23 F W PA
26 R. McLain	16 M B Servant MO
Mary	40 F B Servant MO
Ida Bellar	2 F W KS

I hope at this place that you will take the time to look at this information and see if you can find some interesting people and data.

First the John Bellar census: Jane can easily be Samatha Jane Louderback and she would be married to an older man with a three year old daughter.

The second Ida Bellar is more interesting. Mary Leftwitch is listed with a daughter Dixie and four other young women, two born MO, one VT and one in PA, all white, living in same resident, but different address of R. McLain, who is head of the household at age sixteen and Black. Mary could be his mother, but Ida Bellar is age two and white. Mary Leftwitch and ladies have no occupation listed. Could their occupation be ladies of the night? Why is Ida Bellas living in McLain household? Is Mary McLain some way known by the Bellars and Ida is taken in by the McLain family. Maybe with more records and searching things could be more clear. I wish you luck in your researching and hope you find interesting people in your families.

(I want to express our appreciation to PSGS member Margaret Keithly for typing Janet Stevenson's longhand manuscript; The editor.)



Proceedings of the County Commisioners
Compiled by Jean Curry,
Genealogical Researcher

Bremerton News - 13 Jul 1901:

Warrants on the following road districts ordered drawn:

Breandlein, C., Supv.	Dist. 16
Brooks, D.E.,	Dist. 15
Graham, C.W.,	Dist. 6
Johnson, Eric,	Dist. 10
Johnson, Fred,	Dist. 12
McKay, H.,	Dist. 1
Olsen, Nels,	Dist. 13
Peterson, P.A.,	Dist. 3
Reeve, George,	Dist. 4
Seltzer, Jacob,	Dist. 8
Skar, H.P.,	Dist. 9
Wilson, Frank,	Dist. 17

Warrants were ordered drawn on bridge fund:

Breandlein, C.,	Dist. 16
Brooks, D.E.	Dist. 15
Graham, C.W.,	Dist. 6
Grisdale, James for New Brooklyn road,	Dist. 2
Johnson, Eric for new road at Pearson,	Dist. 10
Johnson, Fred,	Dist. 12
Olson, Nels, bridge at Poulsbo,	Dist. 13
Seltzer, Jacob,	Dist. 8
Wilson, Frank,	Dist. 17

The following bills were allowed and warrants drawn:

Blean, D.C, book counter for treasurer's office
Briggs, Dr. Titus C., services, medicine, quarantine
Cline, W., meals for patient, quarantine
Condon, R.W., commissioner's fees
Corbett, Wm, quarantine guard
Crammer, C.R., agent, courthouse insurance
Eastman, E.B., quarantine guard
Gaulke & Pany, bedding for patient, quarantine
Giude, Peter, trip for medicine, quarantine
Graves, L.H., repairing foundation to courthouse
Harlow, Dr. P.A., services, medicine, quarantine
Hodson Co., Irwin, supplies
Jameson, F.P., auditor's expense
Kellam, Dr. C.C., medicine for Dan Bowser
Kelso, J.S., commissioner's fees
Lee, Eric, use of rowboat, quarantine
Marbourg, D. J.L., services, medicine, quarantine
Mers, L.C., meals for patients, quarantine
Miller & Co., Geo. E., goods for patient, quarantine
Mires, John, quarantine guard
Nelson, Andrew, quarantine guard
Newberry, F.D., superintendent's expenses
Petersen, N.E., repairing plow loaned to county
Port Orchard Independent, county printing
Qualheim, R.O., Commissioner's fees
Ross, Thos., expense of trip re Frank Smith estate
Sackman, D.H., sheriff's expenses
Seay, P.H. quarantine guard
Severtson, Hoka, quarantine guard
Sills, Wm., quarantine guard
Urban, Emil H., inspecting nursery stock
Wilder, Edward, quarantine guard

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Special Collections
by Phyllis Baile Brown
Belfair Family Historian

In September 2000, I traveled to Salt Lake City with my fellow researchers from Belfair.

While browsing in the Family History Library, I found a book entitled "Rockbridge County, Virginia, Manuscripts: A Guide to Collections in the United States", Charles A. Bodie, Editor. It was published in 1998 by the Rockbridge Historical Society in Lexington, Virginia, and I proceeded to leaf through it. One of the headings under Virginia Repositories was the Special Collections Department at the Leyburn Library at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and it itemized some of their collections.

Among these was the following citation: "Baer Family Papers. 1744-1929". It went on to describe early Baer family members, who were German immigrants, that settled in the Panther Gap area and it named the Baer members as Jacob, Joseph and John.

This looked to be my ancestors! When the article went on to mention that some of the material was also related to the Decker and Hite families, I was sure of it!

I was so excited! Especially so when it stated the collection held family correspondence, wills and even a 1774 German family bible. Jacob Baer (circa 1760-1845) was the great-great-grandfather of my father, Philip Alfred Bails. Joseph (1783-1863) and John (1784-1855) were Jacob's sons.

Now, the question was how could I gain access to this file? Virginia was so far away!

I decided to write to Vaughan Stanley, who was named in the book as the Special Collection's librarian and ask if it would be possible to request copies of the material in that collection which was identified as "Collection Citation #155."

I did not receive an answer from Vaughan Stanley. I did receive a response from his assistant, Lisa McCown, along with a large package of copies she had made. She stated that she was sorry there was no family bible in the collection, but had made copies of the most important papers in the file.

I was so surprised and pleased to have this information! However, as it turned out, I was able to see the rest of the collection in person!

My husband, Earnie, suggested we travel east and we could go to Lexington, Virginia. We traveled there in April, 2001 and went to the Special Collections room at the Leyburn library. We met Lisa McCown, who was such a nice lady. She brought out two large folders and let me go through original, handwritten items such as receipts, bills, letters, and IOU's and she copied whatever I requested.

I learned from one of the letters that this family

My Hissing Ancestor - John Perkins
by Jackie Perkins Horton
Belfair Chapter Family Historian

The research I started in 1970 on my Dad's family, George Albert Perkins (b. 1903 d. 1973) was the beginning of my life as a genealogist. His sister, my aunt Lottie, was still living and I knew the family lived in Palisade, Aitkin County, Minnesota in the late 1880s and moved to Crosby, Crow Wing County, Minnesota in the early 1900s. Little did I dream of the problems I would have researching this family.

I knew Dad's brothers and sisters and remembered when my Grandfather, Francis Oliver died (Dec 1941). I had no problem with my Grandfather's family - the easy part. I remembered Francis Oliver - his spittoon highly polished, a cribbage board which was actually built into a table, and his funeral where I sat between my mother and father and for the first time saw my Dad cry. I have other memories of the Perkins family, but none of these helped me in my research.

I sent for Francis Oliver's obituary but all it said was unknown parents. I talked to my Aunt Lottie many times and she tried to help but she knew very little. She told me Florence Perkins was my Grandfather's sister. In reality it turned out she was his niece. I was able to contact descendants of a sister, Helen Raymond, who lived in the Spokane and Seattle areas, two brothers John and James Edward Perkins adding to information on my cousins' lines but no information on the parents. I could not find the family in the census records even though I now knew Helen, John, and James Edward were born in Wisconsin and my grandfather was born in Iowa. The 1870 census was not possible to read at this time since no index to it was extant.

I made a trip to Minnesota going to courthouses in Crow Wing County and Aitkin County, Minnesota. I found information on descendants and even talked to relatives. My aunt took me to the graveyard outside of Aitkin alongside the Mississippi River to see the graves of my grandmother, Verna Mae Roper, and grandfather, Francis Oliver Perkins. I also went to the Wisconsin State Archives in Madison - no information. This trip brought me no closer to solving the problem of John's parents.

In the mid 1980s I found a publication, "Cemeteries of Crow Wing County, Minnesota." I

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history had been in the possession of Victoria A. Decker, a granddaughter of Joseph Baer.

Even though there were missing papers in the file and names mentioned that are still unknown to me, I feel very fortunate to have this special collection! □

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immediately bought the book. When it came it offered three free copies of surnames from the Minnesota Work Project Administration (WPA) Old Timers records for Crow Wing County. To my surprise – I received a copy of an interview with my grandfather made in 1938 when he was age 72. It gave all his children's names, his father's name, John Perkins, and the fact that my grandfather was born outside the city of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa. With this information I looked at the Wisconsin 1860 census record and found the family as follows:

John Perkins b. PA	47
(a name I could not decipher Tisra)	
b. VT	31
Robert A. WI	4
James Edward WI	4
William WI	3
Helen WI	2
John WI	1

Since my grandfather was born in 1867 in Iowa, I read the 1870 census record and found and added to the above family -

Eliza IA	5
Francis Oliver IA	4

Again the mother's name could not be read.

My sister Bev came to visit from Idaho. She became interested in genealogy after I kept bombarding her with questions and information I was compiling. We went to the Seattle Public Library to do research. I looked for History books on Monroe County, Wisconsin and Buchanan County, Iowa. In the Wisconsin history book of Monroe County I found listed as one of the first marriages, John Perkins and Tirzah Ide, 8 Feb 1855, in Leon.

Land records in these counties, I found the family in the 1880 census of Wright County, Minnesota but John was not listed and I presumed he was deceased. The land records in Wright County showed Tirzah was living on homestead land originally filed by John Perkins. I sent for the homestead papers but could only get the papers Tirzah had filed - none for John. I read the 1875, 1885, and 1895 state census records which showed the family was not in Wright county in 1895. The youngest daughter, Eliza, disappeared between 1875 and 1880. The oldest daughter, Helen, was married first to Leonard Swartout and second to Guy Raymond. I had no problem following her family to the San Juan Islands, Washington and finally Great Falls, Montana. James Edward Perkins resided in Aitkin County, Minnesota and John Ide Perkins in Ferry County, Washington.

The most interesting part is John and Tirzah had children between 1855 and 1860 and none between 1861 and 1865, I felt sure I would find him in the Civil War. I did receive a copy of a John Perkins from Monroe County Civil War record but it was not my John. I have not been able to find him during this timeframe. Tirzah filed for homestead papers

receiving them in 1889 saying she was a widow. She then borrowed \$400 on her land and sold it to another person. She paid off the mortgage in 1894 through a lawyer, but I have no idea where she was at that time as she also disappears.

I started following John's sons and found James Edward in the 1900 census of Cass County, Minnesota. Surprise!! – there big as life was John at 82 years old living with his son. He said he was divorced, but I have not found any divorce papers. Nor have I found where he was from 1870 to 1900.

With the advent of DNA, I talked my cousin into taking the test for our family. It did not match any DNA in the Perkins study and for years there were no matches. In the meantime I kept going through census records and found John and a brother William living in Linn County, Iowa in the 1850 census record. William was born in Wheeling, West Virginia and census records say John was born in Pennsylvania while his father was born in either Delaware or Maryland and mother Pennsylvania. I was up against an impenetrable brick wall.

Finally we had a DNA match in October of 2005. The match was with a Perkins living in Texas, Mary Perkins Williams who had her brother do the DNA test for her. After finding Mary and her husband Arward (the genealogist of the family) I lost them in a car accident in Texas the middle of January.

Arward thought his wife's earliest known ancestor was Richard Perkins who migrated from Maryland to North/South Carolina in the mid-1700s. This was proven incorrect by DNA. Her earliest known Perkins is now Jacob Perkins born in South Carolina and moved to Kentucky and Tennessee. There has been another match on my line – this time again incorrectly identified with Richard Perkins and his earliest Perkins is George, who is probably the brother of Jacob, born in South Carolina.

DNA has helped me to think in different directions. While I was in Salt Lake City I took the course Advanced Methodology from the Salt Lake Institute. The instructor said to start going through the census records and check each person with children born 1817 and 1824. I had already started doing this but was hoping there would be an easier way since the name of Perkins is very common in the Mid-Atlantic states. Now I have to add southern states. John Perkins continues to be extremely illusive – at least I now know through the DNA study that he has relatives.

A Note ON DNA And MTDNA

In genealogy the DNA must come from a male with that surname – in other words I could not do a DNA sample for my Perkins line being a female so I had to ask my cousin Murle Perkins to do the DNA sample for me. His father and my father were brothers so they would have exact DNA matches. In the

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DNA sample of our Horton name, my husband was very ill when I received the kit so my son volunteered but it ended up his son Joshua did the DNA sample. It did not match the samples that were already submitted to the Horton DNA surname study and that everyone thought were related, so I wondered if he had let his cousin on his mother's side do the sample. I sent for another test and this time my husband did the sample. The two samples were identical matches. Other descendants of Daniel Horton of Virginia have submitted samples which match my husbands. This shows how wrong everyone was in thinking these Horton families from the Surry/Sussex area of Virginia were all related. Ours is unique and the other ones seem to be related to the Northern Hortons.

Now you might say why I didn't do an MTDNA for my Perkins family. Well, that will not work. I did do the MTDNA and it tells me that my female line comes from the very earliest inhabitants of the British Isles about 40,000 years ago. The MTDNA is only passed down through the female lines thus – I receive my MTDNA from my mother, Myrtle Valiquet, her mother, Viola Violet Bates, her mother Susan Morrison, her mother Mary Ellen Forqueran, her mother born about 1785 in Bedford county, Virginia, Susannah Miller. That is as far as I can go on my female line except for knowing where it originated. I have passed this MTDNA to three daughters, two grand daughters (although I have three), and two great grand daughters. My son's daughter has her mother's MTDNA will probably not match mine. If anyone has read the book "The Seven Daughter's of Eve" – I go back to Ursula.

The studies being done on DNA and MTDNA are fascinating and can solve many genealogical problems. ■

Your Ways & Means

You will find many activities this summer at your local genealogy society and we hope that you take advantage of them. There are workshops, tours and films being planned. Soon there will be sign-up sheets for our Mosquito Fleet Boat Tours on August 20th and on September 17th. The Port Orchard Walking Tour in June is going to fill-up quickly.

The need for old family recipes remains for our members' cookbook which is tentatively planned for late fall. Photos will help make the recipe even more special. And start thinking about an item or crafts you might like to contribute for our Annual Holiday Auction/Silent Auction to be held in November this year.

Long summer days can give you some extra time before the busy holidays arrive. Having it in November will make it less hectic for everyone in many ways.

The Ways & Means Committee is trying to bring some new ways of making "means" for PSGS. Please consider the opportunities that will be coming and take this advantage to help make PSGS and the Research Library a recognized asset for our growing Kitsap County.

Karin Burke ■

Kitsap County Cemetery Project by Sandie Morrison

On March 13th, a work party of twelve PSGS members met at the Brownsville cemetery. Also joining us were Chris Henry, a reporter for the *Kitsap Sun* and a photographer.

Mr. John Baker showed up and told us that his great uncle was buried in the southeast corner of the cemetery in 1935. John recalled when he was a boy of sixteen, he helped to bring the casket up the road on the north side of the cemetery in the wagon and he and his father carried his uncle's coffin into the cemetery. With shovels they dug the grave in the southwest corner of the cemetery and laid Andrew Patterson to rest. There were few tombstones in the cemetery then as it was during the time of the Depression and most families could not afford a stone to mark the resting place of their loved ones. That part of the cemetery is very overgrown today as is most of the cemetery. There are a few paths winding thorough and one can see where the local children have played, making camps.

As Karin and Beverly picked up the trash from the cemetery, others searched for tombstones. None could be found at the west end of the cemetery. At the east end we found one stone still standing, that of Mr. Brockman. Not far from his resting place was found the stone for John Madison and a base near by. Off to the north down a pathway we found the stone for Mr. Ekland and a base that had rolled down towards the original road into the cemetery on the north side. We found one stone that is no longer legible, covered with moss. Jeanne, Cindy, Stephanie and Sue used probes to test the ground for any stones buried beneath the underbrush. When something solid was hit, Bruce, Larry and John dug, uncovering stones but we could not determine if they were part of a base, tombstone or just a large rock.

One member of our crew, Kathy, tried her dowsing rods to find gravesites but did not have any results. Nor did Loraine's dog have any luck in tracking down any sites.

We did get an idea of the condition of the cemetery and came to the conclusion that it needs to be brushed out with the loose tree limbs, etc removed. We will try to find a youth group to assist with this part of the project. We also decided that we need to investigate having signs made for the cemetery and some type of fence erected around the remaining tombstones. The cemetery was surveyed some time ago and we will try to locate the corner markers. ■

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Yakey, J.B., prosecuting attorney's expenses
Costs allowed on road petitioned for by Christian
Anderson

Anderson, C., chairman

Babcock, W.H., viewer

Braendlein, C., viewer

Johnson, Albert, chairman

Lloyd, Frank, surveying Chico-Silverdale road

Peterson, Peter, axman

The following warrants were drawn for support:

Thompson, Mrs. Josephine

Scott, James

Lee, Charles

Peterson, P.

Retail liquor licenses granted to:

Buhrmann, Fred, Bremerton

Lytel, Wm. R., West Blakely

Meyer, Oswald F., Bremerton

Moffat & Zumwald, Bremerton

Retail liquor licenses transferred as follows:

Henkel, Henry to Lewis Morin, Bremerton

Deitz, Charles to Beyer & Geisler, Bremerton

Quinlan & Co., M., to John Pulles, Bremerton

Retail cigarette license granted to:

Shobbrook, John, Pleasant Beach

Other business:

Baker, Jesse E., appointed fruit inspector

Bense, Fred, road petition laid over

Butterfield, Wm., approved as Port Blakely constable

Lund, T.T., approved for keeping county poor



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Here is the plan! We can collect cell phones that are no longer being used and empty ink cartridges. We then can send them to a company that will pay us for doing so! Easy, don't you think?

The more that we collect, the more our society will gain. At the same time, we will be keeping our landfill from being polluted by the chemicals used in the cells phones.

What will the phones be used for, you may ask? They will be refurbished and used in abuse centers, emergency markets — often for 911 service - or disassembled and environmentally disposed of by the company.

So, please ask friends and family, dig out those broken or unused/old cell phones and bring them to the library. We will continue to collect for as long as we can and in as many ways as we may think of to do so. And don't forget those ink cartridges. Drop them off anytime when the library is open or if you have too many to carry, call and someone will help you!

We thank you
PSGS Ways and Means.

Genealogical Proof Standard Building a Solid Case with GPS The Process

Conduct a reasonably exhaustive search among a variety of records

Determine the class for each piece of information within the record, i.e., whether it is:

Direct or indirect evidence
Original or Derivative source
Primary or Secondary information

Weigh each piece of data, keeping in mind WHO furnished the information, and WHY

Evidence must all point in the same direction. If there is an opposing bit of evidence, its relevance to the question must be negated, or refuted.

If evidence all points in the same direction, and no other reasonable conclusion can be reached, then the case has passed the GPS standard and is considered solid.

Write up the conclusion. Include an explanation of any opposing evidence and how it was resolved. Include citations.

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(Courtesy of Marie Spearman)



*(Shortcut to Norwegian Family History)***CENSUS RECORDS/FOLKETTELLINGER -**

Taken every 10 years - held 60 yrs b/4 made public. Between the ages of 14-20, young people left home to earn their living by signing a contract for a four-year apprenticeship to learn a trade or become a servant in a well-to-do household or lived with relatives to learn housekeeping.

1664-66: Tax list/males over 12 in rural districts

1701: Farm names - All males in rural districts

1769: 15% of population listed by name

1801: 1 Feb - 1st national census complete

1815-25-35-45-55: Mostly statistical information

1865: 31 Dec - Complete national census

1870 & 1885: Census returns for towns/cities

1875-90-1900-10-20-30-40: all complete.

Bondegård: Farm - Bonde/Farm Owner

Bopel: Residence

Bruker: Farmer.

Dagarbeider: Day laborer

Fattiglemmer: Pauper; begger

Folketellinger: Census.

Riksarkivet: Census - Folketellinger

Skoledistrikt: School Districts used in censuses.

Stilling: Occupation.

Tjenestefolk: Servant on farm (census).

RURAL LAND OWNERSHIP

The Norwegian agricultural areas are divided into gårds & given a tax number which is identified in tax lists, census records, & bydebøker. Gårds may have many subdivisions.

Bydebøker - Farm Name Books

Local history written about a defined area, a bygd, which can be as small as a school district or as large as a whole fylke. Contains history, geography, occupations, social customs, religion, photographs & descriptions of farms/gårds in Norway. Has genealogical & farm information based on church, court, military, probate, census records, tax lists, land books, & first hand knowledge. Published in Norwegian between 1947 & 1967.

Bruk: Subdivision of gård - 5 to 15 acres.

Bygd: Administrative unit on a countryside. in size.

Bygdebøker: Farm books in a kommune.

Bygeselbrev: Tenant farmer who leases land.

Forpakter: Managed farm for its owner.

Gård: Farm area - usually not a single farm

Gårdbruker/Gårdmann: Farmer

Husmann: Cotter or sharecropper for a limited time - majority of Norwegian emigrants.

Innerst: Farm Laborer - usually in transition.

Leilending: Tenant farm couple (required) with regis-

tered lease contract valid for lifetime.

Losjerende: Renters

Odel: Property held in an alodial system.

Odelsrett: Right to hold property.

Selveier: Owns land/houses with registered deed.

Ødegårdsman: Farmer living on a small farm.

MILITARY SERVICE

Military service was compulsory with the bonder, not the urban or official class; however anyone with money could buy their way out. Earlier times it was necessary to maim oneself to become exempt; during emigration years, it was less painful to leave for America.

Militær Protokoller: Military Records.

EMIGRATION - IMMIGRATION PORTS

Earliest Norwegian passport records started in 1867. Main ports were Ålesund, Bergen, Christiania/Oslo, Kristiansand, Kristiansund, Stavanger, Tromsø, & Trondheim.

Norwegian ports were not used as direct routes in the early 18th century for emigrants from Norway to America. They would travel to Göteborg, Sweden, LeHavre, France, Hamburg, Germany, & Liverpool, England via shuttle ships, then onto the New World.

In the mid-1840's Norwegian & Norwegian trade was rapidly expanding & most entered through New York, New Haven, Boston, & Baltimore.

In 1850, trade was opened between Canada & Norway. Quebec became the major port for debarkation - cheaper fare between 1850-1865. Passenger arrival records were not kept in Canada until 1865.

The Wilson Line was the main ship line for emigrants.

Surname changes may have taken place when the emigrant registered with the port authority or immediately upon arrival in the New World. It could also have happened when there were too many of the same surnames in the same locality in the US.

Sometimes when the husband emigrated first, he may have told his wife to list herself under her husband's surname when leaving Norway to become "Americanized" as soon as possible.

Emigrasjons Protokoller/Emigrantprotokoller: Emigrant Lists.

Portokoll: Passport records.

PATRONYMIC SYSTEM/NAMING PROCEDURES

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Surnames: The patronymic naming system is a surname derived from the given (first) name of the father. The father's given name - an identifier for his children, with sen/son/sson & datter/dotter added according to the sex of the child. Women did not assume the family name after marriage unless both were of a very high class. She kept her identifier (maiden) name for all records from birth to death.

It gradually disappeared after 1850 starting in the cities. In 1875 a law was passed to adjust to a fixed surname. Most families had chosen a permanent surname by 1900. In 1923 a law forced the patronymic system to end.

Given Names: Vitally important to keep this naming custom until about 1900: 1) names given to infants who died were then given to the next baby of the same sex 2) When father & mother's ancestors had same given names, then two children were named the same. 3) When there was a 2nd marriage, the deceased spouse could be used for the 1st baby.

1st son & 1st daughter named after the Paternal Grandparents.

2nd son & 2nd daughter named after the Maternal Grandparents.

3rd son & 3rd daughter named after the Parents.

4th son & 4th daughter named after the Paternal Great-Grandparents.

5th son & 5th daughter named after the Maternal Great-Grandparents.

Standard Surnames: Since the 1500's standard surnames were used by nobility, clergy, & prominent citizens, usually using the name of a location as a surname or farm they were from.

Locality/Farm Names: Rural citizens often adopted a third name signifying the name of their most recent residence. Used as an address rather than a name.

According to a Norwegian proverb: "The name & the farm must go together", meant that a child who was intended to be the owner of the farm upon reaching maturity should be given the name of the previous owner whether a relative or not.

Occupation Names: Usually city people who specialized in a trade or occupation used this title to identify themselves.

Military Names: Those serving in the military, either a soldier or sailor (merchant marine) could have used military words as surnames.

Characteristic Names: Surnames sometimes were based on a person's characteristics.

The middle initial of a Norwegian immigrant usually indicates the 1st letter of his true patronymic name.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE

Old Norse was the early Norwegian language until 1450-1500. From 1380 until 1814 Riksmål was national language for Norway & Denmark.

In the mid-1800s. Landsmål (Country Language) was created to eliminate Danish influence. Later it developed into Nynorsk (New Norwegian).

Riksmål has been modified to be less Danish & called Bokmål (Book Language). Bokmål & Nynorsk both exist today & are used in schools with a gradual merging into a single form called Samnorsk.

MISCELLANEOUS

Norway covers 125,180 sq miles, & the 5th largest country in Europe yet less than ½ the size of Texas. The length of the country is 1,100 miles with the widest section of 260 miles in the south & only 60 miles wide in the north. One of the most mountainous and one of the least developed countries in Europe with less than 3% of the land cultivated & 7% in pasture land. 24% is covered with forests. Norway has about 150,000 islands off its coast with only 2,000 inhabited. Fishing, farming, and cattle raising have been the main occupations.

Lansdeler: Regions (directions)

Nord-norge: North (directional).

Østlandet: East (directional).

Sørlandet: South (directional).

Vestlandet: West (directional).

Trøndelag: Center (directional).

Norwegian Alphabet:

The Norwegian alphabet has 3 additional letters at the end of a standardized US alphabet. Numeric Keyboard commands for the 3 extra alphabetical characters: "Alt" key plus the following on the 10-key board:

Æ = 146 or 0198 æ = 145 or 0230 US/ae

Ø = 0216 ø = 0248 US/oe

Å = 143 or 0197 å = 0229 US/aa

Spelling:

Spelling rules were not standardized in earlier centuries. Variations include:

Aa for å - b for p - c for k - d for t - f for v - g for k - i for j - tj for kj - j for gj - ld for ll - nd for nm - q for k - u for v - w for v - x for ks - ch for k - hj for j.

(Conclusion)



No doubt about it,
You are a genuine genealogist!
Now that you have confessed
to this truth about yourself,
why don't you get active at
your word processor and write an article
For the *Backtracker* telling us the reason why
you became a
Family Historian.

Not long ago Cyril wrote in the *Backtracker* that if we are stuck on a problem, we need to keep on looking; that what we are looking for is out there somewhere, waiting to be found.

I had always known that my maternal grandfather, Albert Bryant Carris (1869-1924), and his four siblings had been orphaned at young ages. Around the time my daughter was born in 1964, when I was beginning to be interested in my family's history, I asked my mother if she knew who her father's parents had been and what had been the circumstances of his being orphaned. She knew from the family Bible that her grandfather was named John Carris, but she did not know her grandmother's name or any other details. Right away she wrote to her father's first cousin, an elderly lady whose parents had for the most part raised my grandfather, their nephew. Because this lady had always seemed more like an aunt than a cousin, everyone in our family called her "Aunt Lillie." In spite of her advanced age, her mind was "sharp as a tack" until the time she died, about a year later.

Aunt Lillie shortly replied to my mother's letter and told her that her grandmother's name was Lucena Brown Carris.

She also told her that John and Lucena and their children had moved from southwestern Michigan, where their families were still living, to Kansas, perhaps in the early 1870s, she thought to the town of Coffeyville, and that Lucena had died not too long after that. She said that John was taking the children and his wife's body home to Michigan on the train when he died suddenly; she thought this had happened somewhere near Kankakee, Illinois. But as this was only a family story, I wanted to find proof that it was true.

During the intervening 40 years, busy raising my family, working, and doing the myriad other things life requires of us, I was able to work on my family history only sporadically. I wrote to the probable counties in both Kansas and Illinois but was told that no death records existed for the persons for whom I was searching. In recent years I was eventually able

to find John Carris on the censuses, as well as his wife (who seems to have been named Sarah Lucena), her father's name, and finally my grandparents' marriage record, which confirmed John and Lucena's names as parents of the groom, although I have not been able to find their marriage record. Finding the family in the 1870 census in Kansas proved a bit more difficult, and I had to wait until Ancestry put the 1870 census index on line, which led me to their enumeration in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas; but still I could find no evidence of the circumstances of their deaths. I did have a good idea of their death dates, as another cousin had been able to

visit in Michigan about 1976 and had found their tombstone, with Lucena's dates barely readable but seeming to be sometime in 1874, and John's being in April 1875.

One evening last spring I was sitting at my computer, doing what a cousin of mine calls "shooting rats," and decided to do a U S Gen Web Archives search, not for the first time, for John Carris. Imagine my surprise when I found a reference to him in the old Bangor (Van Buren County), Michigan newspaper from the very month he died! I wrote to the librarian in Decatur, Michigan, asking how I

could obtain a copy of this article, and then sent in the required fee. About three months later I received a copy of the article, which reads as follows:

From Bangor (Michigan) *Reflector*, April 17, 1875:
(Issue 4, Column B, Type D)

"The station agent of the Central Road at Kalamazoo received the following dispatch on Thursday from Chicago:

'A man supposed to be John Carris, from Kansas, going to Michigan, died of heart disease on the train at Kewaunee, Ill., today. He has a ticket to Kalamazoo, and from a receipt from a box and papers found upon him, he is supposed to have been going to Decatur, Mich. He leaves five destitute children without shoes or hats. Will you please see

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The children are (L to R): George Brown Carris (1 Sep 1864 - 26 Aug 1933), Albert Bryant Carris (5 Jan 1869 - 19 Oct 1924), Ardella Carris Morey (24 Mar 1867 - 12 Dec 1963), Franklin Carris (10 Sep 1871 - 29 Dec 1951), Henry Howard Carris (13 Nov 1862 - 6 Sep 1877).

Although my mother labeled it as being taken in 1874, since it was taken in Decatur, MI, it had to have been 1875 instead, probably right before the children were separated.

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Keep On Searching.

if you can learn anything regarding him, or where his friends are, and reply soon. The remains and the children are at Kewaunee.'

"The deceased removed from this place to Kansas, several years ago, at the same time that J.G. Parkhurst went. His wife died something more than a year ago, leaving him with five children, all under 12 years of age. His health became poor, and the grasshopper plague came, eating up all he had. His friends here sent him money to come back, and he started immediately, and died on the cars of heart disease at Kewaunee, leaving the five little children alone among strangers. His brother, Anson Carris, of Lawrence township, received a telegram Thursday, and started the same night for Illinois, taking with him clothing for the children. He returned with his brother's corpse and the children, arriving here by the day express last Saturday. The remains were taken to Lawrence for burial. This is only one of the many sad episodes arising from the terrible grasshopper scourge. -- Decatur Republican."

While Kewaunee is on the opposite side of Illinois from Kankakee, the two names do sound and are spelled quite a bit alike; and while the correct location in Kansas did not quite match Aunt Lillie's memory, the town she remembered, Coffeyville, was the railroad hub for that area and was not that far away from Girard. I still do not know whether Lucena's body was indeed returned or whether she was buried with her husband; but my next steps will be to write to the County Clerk in Henry County, Illinois,

and Crawford County, Kansas, seeking death records, as well as to the sexton in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, where the records are kept for this still-used cemetery.

When I was in Michigan in September 2005, I was able to visit the grave, which is next to that of John's brother, Henry Anson Carris, who had gone to Illinois after the children. The stones have become so weathered that they are almost undecipherable; but the cousin who was with me helped to make rubbings of them, which were quite satisfactory and which confirmed the dates which I had. The oldest child's name, Henry Howard Carris, is also inscribed on John and Lucena's stone; he died after being kicked by a horse soon after the return to Michigan. The four other children all grew up in separate homes and never lived together again. I have not been able to find two of



This photo was taken probably sometime between 1900-1910. From L to R are: Albert Bryant Carris (1869-1924), Ardella Carris Morey (1867-1963), Franklin Carris (1871 - 1951) and George Brown Carris (1864 - 1933).

them in the censuses during their remaining childhood.

I had not known much about the "grasshopper" scourge in the Midwest; but since finding out this information, I have done some fascinating reading about the recurring Rocky Mountain locust plagues, which were particularly severe in 1874 and 1875, the very years of John and Lucena's tragedy.

So, Cyril, you were quite right: Even with a 41-year-old problem, I kept searching and am indeed finding answers out there! ■

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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_61@msn.com or (360) 275 4990.

The Backtracker Needs Writers!

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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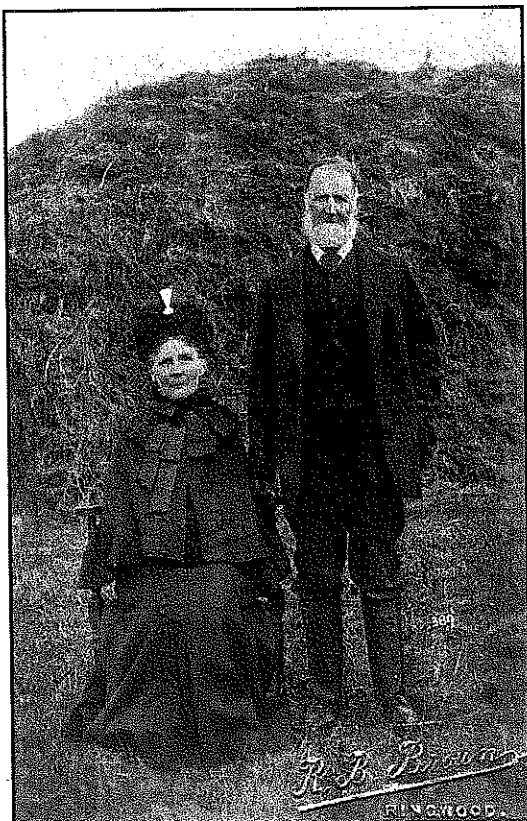
Robert Anderson
 Born October 26, 1819 Riskinghope, Ettrick Parish,
 Selkirk, County, Scotland.
 Died June 11, 1892, Cornwall, Ontario
 Occupation, Tailor.
 Married June 1847
 Mary McMillan
 Born June 18, 1825.
 Lochiel, Glengarry County,
 Ontario, Canada
 Died October 18, 1886, Cornwall, Canada
 Courtesy Jane McAuliffe.



Holm children at home. 1912.

*Isabel about 12,
 Winona about 5,
 Clarence about 8.
 Lawrence about 3.*

*Eagledale Road, Winslow, Bainbridge Island, Washington.
 Years later Isabel commented that some friends were visiting at
 this time and they took this photo. Isabel married Duncan Munro
 about 1919 is the mother of Duncan, Jr., Jean, Jim,
 Maryann and John.
 Courtesy Donna Monro.*



Dorset Gothic

Woolsbridge Farm
 Three Legged Cross,
 Wimborne, Dorset

My great-grandparents:

Mary Jane Orman

April 14, 1848 — Verwood, Dorset

January 31, 1940 — Verwood, Dorset
 and

John Henry Joy

June 22, 1845 — Cranborne, Dorset

October 28, 1922 — Horton Heath, Dorset

Cyril Taylor

PSGS Potpourri **Belfair Bulletin**

by Larry Swan by Phyllis Brown

Greetings from your new Potpourri Editor, Larry Swan.

After reading previous submissions from **Lorraine Magee**, I wondered where she got some of the material and where I could find enough to write this column.

If I had submitted it when **Cyril** said it was due, there wouldn't have been much to say except that **Patty** and I had just returned from a jaunt through China lasting 20 days. More on that later.

The latest news for those of you not in the e-mail loop is that our long-time member, teacher, seminar organizer and always willing worker, **Cindy Spore**, is recovering from a triple bypass performed at Harrison Hospital 2 May. A friend found her suffering from chest pain on Wednesday 26 April and looking bad and rushed her to the emergency room. At last report she is doing fine.

Bernard and **Gerry Koentz** dropped in the library to drop off some books which they found they could do without in their new digs. They are moving to a condo and have a lot less space. They do not yet know their new address.

Madge Norton just returned from a nursing school reunion and some research in the old home county. She reports some interesting finds in the county land records and some new to her, family pictures in the custody of a **MALE** cousin.

This submission from **Bob and Carol Caldwell**: I have one ancestor on my mother's paternal side of the family that intrigues me. His name is **Frances Musgrove Lewis**, but he was known as **Musgrove Lewis**. I guess I am interested in him partly because his name is unusual and because he was close to the generation of the "indian" in the family that I have been looking for. Musgrove was born in More County, North Carolina Oct. 2, 1810 and died in Ellis County, Texas Dec. 21, 1888. He and his wife (**Betty Hurst**) lived in Alabama for a number of years because their children were all born in Barbour County, Alabama. I got all this information from the Internet and I realize that errors are often passed off as fact. I have found a few myself.

One afternoon I decided to try another search engine for Musgrove since I had done untold searches in untold places and couldn't find anything new. So I logged onto **Alta Vista** and typed in "Musgrove Lewis".

I began clicking on likely links and all of a sudden I was looking at a very clear picture of his grave stone. I couldn't believe it! I saw that I had to adjust his death year to 1889. It is said that a picture is

The Mary Theler film program held at the North Mason Timberland Library on March 10th was a great success with more than 80 persons in attendance. **Clydene Hostelter** explained the method she had used to improve the visibility of these interesting 1930's films taken by Mary Theler.

Madi Cataldo, **Linnie Griffin**, **DeLana Cox** and **Marlys Marrs** attended the WSGS annual conference held in Olympia on Saturday, April 8.

Estelle Foster is researching her daughter-in-law's ancestors. One side of the family came from Germany in the 1800's as part of a group that settled in the Southeastern section of Nebraska. She believes the other side of the family is from England. It makes it interesting, she states!

Margaret Ardon will be traveling to Salt Lake City on June 22. She will be searching for 'that lost ancestor.' She would also like to learn more about researching in Canada.

Belfair Meeting Schedules and Programs: Meeting Place: Belfair Community Baptist Church Library, 23000 NE Highway 3, Belfair
Time: 12:30 - 2:30 PM
First Tuesday of the month

- June 6 Trip to the Sand Point Archives and the Seattle Genealogical Society Library.
- July 11 The date has been changed because July 4th falls on the first Tuesday of the month. A potlatch luncheon will be held in the gazebo at the Twin Firs Cemetery. The menu is to feature old-time foods prepared by the members.
- August 1 Hat decorating and planning for the annual Cemetery Walk held at Twin Firs Cemetery in September. □

worth a thousand words and I realize that it certainly is.

I have always maintained that people who complain about Jet-Lag are just a bunch of wimps. After our 10½ hour, non-stop from China to San Francisco, I am now a believer. It took me four days before I could drag myself out of my recliner to stumble 12 feet to the coffeepot.

I welcome your trivia. Send it to me or leave it at the library. □

PSGS Periodical Exchange Notes Jackie Horton

AMER American-Canadian Gen 32:1 Exiles Down Under (Part II) Etoile d'Acadie 1760-70

AMER Family Chronicle (Apr 2006) Runaway wives; Finding Criminals in the family tree; Murder & Mayhem

AMER GC (Genealogical computing) 25:3 (Jan-Mar 2006) Online Newspapers; 2006 Software and Utility Directories

AMER History Magazine (Mar 2006) The Battle of Santiago De Cuba; The blizzard of 1888; 1150-1199 Crusading Kings and Chivalrous Knights

AMER Ibid (May 2006) San Francisco Earthquake 100 years ago; The 1660s

FAM The Genie's View (Jan/Feb 2006) The Emigrant; Stretor Man's Strange Will

FAM Newsletter of International Haskell Fam Soc 14:4 (Dec 200) North Atlantic: Bloody Winter of 1942/43; To the Gold Coast via Fontmell

IA Boone County Gen Soc (Vol 2004-2006) Iowa Infantry Co E

ID Idaho Genealogical Soc Quarterly 48:4 & 49:1 (Winter & Spring 2005 & 2006) History of Idaho Falls; The Settling of Ammon; Bonneville county Probate Case Files 191-1924

IL The Genie's View LaSalle Co. Gen. (Nov/Dec 2005) Illinois Marriages (cont).

IL The Schuylerite Schuyler Jail Museum and Gen Center 35:1 (Spring 2006) Deaths 1879; obits 1879 Rushville Times

IL Ibid 35:2 (Sum 2006) Deaths and Obits 1879 (cont)

IN The Tri-State Packet of the Tri-State Gen Soc 29:3 (Mar 2006) St Johannes Lutheran Church Family Group Rec Wabash Co; Surname Index

KS The Seeker Crawford Gen Soc of SE KS 36:1 (Jan, Feb, Mar 2006) First Presbyterian Church Births and Baptism (1881-1914), Deaths 1940-1961; Crawford Co Marriage Book "P"

KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly 35:4 (Oct 2005) Extracts from early Topeka, Kansas Newspapers Shawnee County

KS Ibid 36:1 (Jan 2006) Extracts from Kansas Newspapers (cont); Topeka City Directory 1872 & 1873

MA Berkshire Genealogist 27:1 (Winter 2006) Berkshire Militia at Peekskill; State Census of MA 1855 Hinsdale

MI Family Tree Talk Muskegon Co 33:1 (Mar 2006) 1925 Street Renumbering Dir; Numerous obits

MI Ibid 33:2 (Jun 2006) Pioneer married Young Woman of Ottawa Tribe; 1925 Street renumbering Directory

NM The Journal of the NM Gen Soc 45:1 (Mar 2006) Columbus Delano Lockard: A NM Mystery; San Miguel del Bado Death Rec. 1829 +; Garfield Cem, Dona Ana Co

OR Beaver Briefs of Willamette Valley Gen Soc 38:1 (Winter 2006) Origin of Willamette Woolen Mill; Anti-liquor petitions

OR Big Bend Register Grant County Gen Soc 26:4 (Dec 2005) 1920 US Census Grant County; Marriage Rec Book

PA Past times Mercer Co Gen Soc 26:3 (Apr 2006) Sharon High School Alumni Record 1873-1925

TX The Explorer Texana Gen San Antonio 11:4 (2005) Review of 1885; Early Musical Groups in San Antonio

UT Crossroads Utah Gen Association 1:2 (Mar 2006) German Mercenary Deserters in Columbia Co, NY 1777; Understanding Political Parties of our Ancestors

WA Washington State Gen Soc Membership Directory 2006

WA Trail Breakers Clark co. Gen. Soc. 31:2 (Winter-Spring-Summer 2005) Old City Cemetery; Board Minutes School District 4, Mill Plain

WA Big Bend Register of Grant Co. Gen. Soc 27:1 (Mar 2005) 1920 Clark Co census record; 2005 obits

WA Olympia Gen Soc Quarterly 32:2 (Apr 2006) Thurston Co Marriage Returns Packets 1892; City Directory 1902-3 (cont)

WA The Tri-City Gen Soc Bulletin 46:1 (Mar 2006) Pioneers of Franklin Co; Benton Co Obits (Dyar to Eirich)

WA Appleland Bulletin Wenatchee Area Gen. Soc. 34:1 (Mar 2006) Evergreen Cemetery; Douglas County Old Settlers Picnic - 1913

WA Yakima Valley Gen Soc 38:1 (Mar 2006) Yakima Gen Soc Surname File (cont); Ahtanum School

WV The Journal of the Kanawha Valley Gen Soc 30:1 (Spring 2006) Marmet Cemetery; 1872 Death Rec. and 1849 Tax Rec. of Kanawah county. □

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_61@msn.com or give me a call at (360) 275-4990.

Thank you, Sandie Morrison

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Library Rental Fund Donor Form
Will Be Found On Page 47.

Have you written that article
For the *Backtracker*?

Cindy's Choice Web Sites



<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/germanlinks.html>

This site is for all the people searching German records.

<http://tiara.le/links.html>

This site is for the Irish.

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates

All three of these sites are neat. So have fun! This site was suggested by Madge Norton. I found several of my family on it. The state of Missouri has opened up their Archives.

By the way - I finally got a critique from a member on the last BIG site. Yvonne Weir from Port Townsend is enjoying it very much. Thanks Yvonne. ☐

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A Message from Our President.

meet with relatives and find my way to courthouses in both states.

This past April 27th, I had another type of adventure. We have so few volunteers from our membership that I decided to help the cemetery committee. We are trying to find and document all cemeteries in Kitsap County for our library and web site. I went on a quest for the Olalla Pioneer Cemetery on Olalla Valley Road in Olalla. Based on available information, I did find the short wooden posts with a cable strung between them. Susan Gehring and I went up a rather steep hill. We were prepared with a pad of paper, pen gloves, camera, and clippers.

Up the hill we went, over trees and bowing low under trees: Susan clipping blackberry bushes frequently. Huffing and puffing we kept climbing up, up and away from the street. We did wonder where the deer and bear were hiding. We crossed a creek and were nearly at the top. Another creek! Mud and broken boards had to be crossed. The tight cable between trees and over the fallen tree trunk was on the other side of the creek and mud. We were able to balance on the boards, then bend low under the wire and climb over the tree trunk. Finally the cemetery was in sight.

Yes, at last a cemetery with head stones, monuments and the serenity to be expected on top of a hill with the quiet of the dead. We explored, documented

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(Zhjtomir & Kiev) 1700-1900.

Remple Same as above

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Denny

Bradley

PSGS Calendar

June 2006

- **June 1**— 12:30 pm Cemetery project
- **June 5**— 10 am - Planning meeting
12 pm - Ways and means meeting
2 pm - Grant writing
- **June 6**— Belfair Chapter—The program will be a trip to the Sand Point Archives and the Seattle Genealogical Society Library.
- **June 9**— Port Orchard Walking Tour
- **June 12**— 10 am-12 Obit work project
- **June 16**— Film - England-Wales, part 3
- **June 17**— Beginning Genealogy Class, 11-2
Instructor pending, call the Library
- **June 19**— Library workshop
- **June 26**— 10 am - Family Tree Maker Group
11:30-1:00 Board Meeting
1:00 - Legacy Group
- **June 28**— PSGS Meeting 1-3PM—Speaker will be Fred Just on early pioneer Jacob Hawbty.

July 2006

Library Closed, July 1-4
No Film This Month

- **July 6** --- 12:30 pm Cemetery project
- **July 10** — 10 am - Planning meeting
12 pm - Ways and means meeting
2 pm - Grant writing
- **July 11** — Belfair meeting - Period potluck
Lunch Twin Firs Cemetery, Belfair
- **July 15** — Beginning Genealogy Class, 11-2
Instructor pending, call the Library
- **July 17** — Workshop, Land Records, Larry Hardin
- **July 24** — 10 am - Family Tree Maker Group
11:30-1:00 - Board Meeting
1:00 - Legacy Group
- **July 26** — 7-9 PM PSGS meeting, Steven Morrison from Olympia to speak
- **July 31** — Obit work project

NOTE: Time change for meeting this month only.

August 2006

No Film This Month

- **August 1** — Belfair meeting, "Creative Hat Making".
- **August 3** — 12:30 - Cemetery project
- **August 7** — 10:00 - Planning meeting
12:00 - Ways and Means meeting
2:00 - Grant writing
- **August 14** — 10 am - Obit work project
- **August 19** — Beginning Genealogy Class, 11-2
Instructor pending, call the Library
- **August 20** — Sunday, 2:00-5:00,
Mosquito Fleet Boat Tour
- **August 21** — Workshop, to be determined
- **August 22** — 11:30 - Board Meeting
- **August 23** — PSGS Meeting, 1-3 PM — Larry Swan to speak.
- **August 27** — Workshop, Susan Evans on ancestors on the Internet.
- **August 28** — 10:00 - Family Tree Maker Group
1:00 - Legacy Group
All Events Except The PSSGS And
The Belfair Meetings Will Be At The PSGS Library

September 2006

Library Closed, September 2-4
No Obit Work Project This Month

- **Sept. 5** — Belfair meeting, rehearsal for cemetery
Tour at Twin Firs on Sand Hill, Belfair
- **Sept. 7** — 12:30 - Cemetery project
- **Sept. 9** — PSGS Seminar with Donna Potter Phillips
- **Sept. 11** — 10:00 - Planning meeting
12:00 - Ways and Means meeting
2:00 - Grant writing
- **Sept. 15** — Film
- **Sept. 16** — Beginning Genealogy Class, 11-2
Instructor pending, call the Library
- **Sept. 17** — Sunday, 1:00-4:00
Mosquito Fleet Boat Tour
- **Sept. 18** — Workshop, Calendars, Jeanne Menchenton
- **Sept. 25** — 10:00 - Family Tree Maker Group
11:30 - Board Meeting
1:00 - Legacy Group
- **Sept. 27** — PSGS Meeting, 1-3 PM—speaker will be Dale Walls on German Russians

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and took pictures with our 35mm cameras. The spare film was downhill in my car that we regretted, as our mission was not completed. I would love to know the history of the people buried on a hilltop in Olalla, South Kitsap County. The names of Skar, Nelson, Larson, and Johnson were found, with many others.

The Fraola Cemetery Association manages the Fraola Cemetery and the Olalla Pioneer Cemetery. With their help, I hope to learn the history of the many early settlers of Fragaria, Olalla, and Gig Harbor. This pristine, rural area south and east of Port Orchard is my newest adventure zone. □

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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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