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

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## Message from the Editor!

Normally we print in this corner a message from our president Larry Swan commenting on some aspect of genealogy derived from the depth of his extensive wisdom. In his absence you will find his standby, your editor.

Normally I reserve all available space in the *Back-tracker* to the material supplied by our contributors. Now that the space is available to me, I will take the opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you in the past and present who have taken the time and effort to compose material of a family history nature for our quarterly journal. It could not have been done without you.

When I assumed the editorship in 2001 it was my intent to turn this publication into a medium that would specialize

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## Introduction to article

*By Michael Brownell*

*The PSGS Cemetery Project was formed in 2005 to preserve the records of all cemeteries in Kitsap County. While working on the Brownsville Cemetery, it came to our attention that the last trustee of the cemetery was Lawrence Browne (later changed to Brownell). His son, Michael Brownell of Virginia, received all of the records of the Brownsville Cemetery Association from his father. In order to preserve these records, Mr. Brownell gave the records to the Kitsap Historical Museum. PSGS now has copies of those documents in their Cemetery Project Files. Mr. Brownell has expressed concern regarding the preservation of the cemetery since his grandmother, Emma Browne Applegren, is buried there. Sandie Morrison.*

## My Finnish Relatives and Mayflower Ancestry *By Michael David Brownell*

It all began when my grandmother, Justina Emelia Rislachius, was born on November 8, 1875 in Isokyrö, Finland. Emma had four brothers and four sisters, most of whom died in childhood. She emigrated from Finland at age twenty arriving at Ellis Island on August 7, 1896 as a steerage passenger aboard the ship *St. Louis* that had departed from Southampton, England. Most likely she traveled by ship from Hanko, Finland to Southampton. Her final destination was listed on the ship's manifest as Portland, Oregon and she proceeded to make her way to Portland. She changed her name to "Emma Risla" upon entering the USA. I had her name carved in the Wall of Honor at Ellis Island and you can find it at <http://www.wallofhonor.org/>.

She met Ralph P. Browne in Portland, Oregon. He was the son of Charles H. Browne and Arlette P. Brown. Ralph was born on March 6, 1879 in Roscoe, Illinois and was a veteran of the Spanish-

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**In Memoriam**  
**Dr. George M. Dibblee**  
 Born Seattle September 12, 1911  
 Died Bremerton February 10, 2007  
 Husband of  
 Gertrude Phelps Dibblee  
 PSGS Charter Member

**In Memoriam**  
**Edmund Carter**  
 Born Missoula, Montana  
 November 15, 1923  
 Died Bremerton, March 7, 2007  
 Husband of  
 Mary-Jane Mosher Carter  
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- *Washington State Veterans Home Cemetery, Retsil,  
Washington, Index.*
- *The 1920 Journal of Olive Mullenix — Continuing  
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 PSGS membership for 2007!**

## PSGS Obituary Index

BERNTSON	Bertha
BERRIGAN	William
BERRY	Alfred W.
BERRY	Ethel J.
BERRY	Florence Mary
BERRY	G. Elizabeth (Odland) "Liz"
BERRY	Linda Valborg
BERRY	Ruth
BERRYHILL	Ralph D.
BERTOLACCI	Nedda
BESANA	Manuel B.
BESEL	Ed
BESS	Amber
BESSMER	Dorothy E. (Winkler)
BEST	Fred R. "Bob"
BEST	Joseph William
BETHGE	Cornelia A. "Connie"
BETHKE	Gary W.
BETTAREL	LeAnne Richards
BETTES	Robert Charles
BETTLE	Leslie Karen Piercy
BETZING	Louise (Garnett)
BEVER	Marie
BEVIS	Elizabeth Catherine
BEYER	Frank K.
BICE	E. Ruth
BICE	Max H.
BICHON	Faye Wilma
BICHON	Gene W.
BICKLE	Laurence L.
BICKLER	Jane E.
BIEDEL	Herbert W.
BIEDERT	Lewis A.
BIEHL	Adeline I.
BIEHL	Robert E.
BIELINSKI	Ruth Naomi Harmon
BIELMEIER	Augusta Louise
BIELMEIER	Max
BIENEK	Sylvia J.
BIGBY	Mabel Marie
BIGELOW	Vernon Goodrich Jr.
BIGGS	Alfred H.
BIGGS	Betty Rusher
BIGGS	Dorothy V.
BIGLER	Everett C.
BIGLER	Michael F.
BIGLER	Shirley Bethene
BIKLEN	Ellamac (Bomke)
BILADEAU	William S.
BILINSKI	Coral E.
BILL	Emil A.
BILLE	Betty Louise
BILICK	Ronald Lee
BILLINGS	Burt M.
BILLINGSLEY	Dewie F.
BILLINGSLEY	Rondle Lee
BILLINGTON	Norman James
BILLY	James
BILODEAU	Leo Edward
BINNIE	Maria Ilona
BINNS	Hazel I.
BINNS	Terry William
BIRD	Ethel F.
BIRD	Frank C.
BIRD	Pamela Anne Clark
BIRD	Victor C.

BIRDSALL	Julie Ann (McCausland)
BIRKENFELD	Gertrude
BIRKENFELD	Isabelle G.
BIRKHART	Edward C. Jr.
BIRKHOLZ	Harriet
BIRKHOLZ	Oscar H.
BIRKLAND	Simon "Sam"
BISHOP	Alfred D.
BISHOP	Daryl Dean
BISKEBORN	Alice L.
BISSELL	Bill
BISSON	Beulah
BISSON	Eleanor Jane
BISSON	Mabel M.
BISYAK	Betty I.
BITNEY	Belle
BITTLE	Clara V.
BIXBY	James Lyle
BIXENMAN	Lester L.
BIYEU	Rupert A.
BJORBACK	Ollie Amos
BJORGEN	James L.
BJORK	Eddie
BJORK	Oscar
BJORKHEIM	Erick
BJORKHEIM	LeRoy P.
BJORKLUND	Agnes E.
BJORKLUND	David B.
BJORLEE	Gustav Martin "Gus"
BJORLING	Marie H.
BJORNSON	Emma
BLACK	Edward Philip "Widge"
BLACK	Frances Frykholm
BLACK	John A.
BLACK	Pauline R.
BLACK	Robert J.
BLACK	Ruth Eliz.
BLACKBURN	Catherine Reed
BLACKBURN	Vivian
BLACKMAN	Felix Hays
BLACKMAN	Marcia Jones
BLACKMER	Charles Lewis
BLACKMON	Joan (Griffith)
BLACKMORE	Thomas O. Sr.
BLACKORBY	Lynne Susan "Blackie"
BLAHM	Ted C.
BLAIN	Wilford Hoyett
BLAIR	Bettie Ella
BLAIR	Cecil
BLAIR	Charlotte Lee (Simmons) Summers
BLAIR	Corene A.
BLAIR	Darlene V. "Billie"
BLAIR	Donald L.
BLAIR	Judith Anne
BLAIR	Marjorie
BLAIR	Sarah Eva
BLAIS	Lawrence H. Jr.
BLAISDELL	Dwight G.
BLAISDELL	Truman Lloyd
BLAKE	Colleen Ann
BLAKE	Freida Caroline (Hirsch Korn)
BLAKE	Naomi Emma
BLAKE	Susan M.
BLAKEFIELD	Elizabeth Hamilton
BLAKELY	Eugene A.
BLAKELY	Margaret
BLAKELY	Mary Ann Kast
BLAKESLEE	Chauncey

BLAKEY	Minnie V.	BOATMAN	Thomas E. "Boat"
BLAKEY	Theodore Raymond	BOATWRIGHT	Willard
BLAKNEY	Goldie	BOBLET	Wilma
BLAMEY	Alfred	BOCK	Opal Blanche
BLAMEY	Effie J.	BOCKELIE	Dagny L.
BLAMEY	James	BODDY	Ferne Norie
BLAMEY	James R.	BODE	LeRoy L.
BLANCAFLOR	Donna	BODE	William Ray
BLANCHARD	Florence W.	BODLORICK	Margaret Elizabeth "Margie"
BLANCHARD	Hazel	BODNAR	Ethel May
BLANCHARD	Horace "Tom"	BOE	Agnes
BLANCHARD	Hubert C.	BOE	Alfred J.
BLANCHARD	Lois K.	BOEHM	Pamela Marie
BLANCHARD	Winnie Bell	BOEHM	Richard Thomas "Tom"
BLAND	Harmon K.	BOEHME	Herman O.
BLAND	Kathryn Mae (Stuart)	BOEHMER	John M.
BLANDFORD	Marie Irene	BOELKE	James Wesley
BLANDFORD	Thomas	BOEPPLE	Rodney Roy
BLANKENSHIP	Albert L.	BOEPPLE	Walter W. Dr.
BLANKENSHIP	Effie R.	BOETTCHER	Esther
BLASKE	Roy E.	BOGAN	Willa B.
BLASKE	Scott Edward	BOGARD	Myra M.
BLASS	Johnny Vincent	BOGERT	Lawrence C. Jr.
BLATTE	Julius	BOGGS	Harold A. Jr.
BLAY	Henry S.	BOGGS	Lotus (Roark) "Lou"
BLAZICK	Leopoldina	BOGGS	Mary Elizabeth
BLEDSON	James C. "Popeye"	BOHLIN	Margaret H.
BLEDSON	Ruth May	BOHLMANN	Daniel J.
BLEES	John	BOHN	Dorothy
BLEIL	Darlene E.	BOHOLST	Amado Crino
BLEILE	Martin	BOICH	Miro M.
BLESIE	Kathy Sanford	BOIKE	Diane L.
BLESSING	Cleo H.	BOINK	Roland
BLEVINS	Andrew L. "Joe"	BOJARSKI	Linda Maiden
BLEVINS	Gregory S.	BOLDIN	William C.
BLEVINS	James W. "Jim"	BOLDT	Herman E.
BLEVINS	Jordan Alan	BOLEN	Ralph Edwin
BLIEFFERT	Carl	BOLIN	Dorothy Jane
BLIEFFERT	Gertrude H.	BOLLING	Fred M.
BLISS	Arimathea "Mattie"	BOLLINGER	Annaburt
BLISS	C. E.	BOLLINGER	John Albert
BLOCH	Noretta Haas	BOLLINGER	John E.
BLOCHER	Marie H.	BOLLMAN	Betty
BLOCK	John V. "Tim"	BOLSHAZY	Karen Rosemary
BLOCK	Robert N.	BOLTON	Mark J.
BLOCKHUS	Carl M.	BOMSTAD	Vic
BLOMBERG	Theodore C.	BONAR	Helen
BLONDHEIM	Betty L.	BOND	Debra Kay
BLONG	Caroline T. (Olson)	BOND	Gladys Naomi
BLOOM	Eleanor L.	BOND	Jay Ronald
BLOOM	Richard James	BOND	Melvin R.
BLOOMGREN	Carl J.	BONDS	Arthur Lee
BLOOMQUIST	Selma E.	BONDS	Doris
BLOOMQUIST	Selma H. "Sally"	BONE	William E. "Bill"
BLOOMQUIST	Selvin	BONETA	Kathryn C.
BLOSSOM	Dale	BONEY	Alice B.
BLOSSOM	Denise Marie	BONEY	Mabel L. (Aune)
BLOWERS	Raymond M.	BONHAM	Ralph L.
BLUHM	Elmer R.	BONNEMA	Gerald J. "Doc"
BLUHM	Laura Ellen	BONNER	Ethel M. Olsen Freeman
BLUM	Waranna R. "Anne"	BONNER	George R.
BLUMBERG	Munson C.	BONNETT	Frank E.
BLUNT	Bernard	BONNETT	Nancy Patricia
BLUNT	William Jr.	BONNEY	Clarence Frances
BLYE	Alice (Cameron)	BONNEY	Virginia K.
BLYE	Mark "Pogo"	BONNICI	Sharon D. (Glaser)
BOAD	Roy A.	BOOK	Ada B.
BOAD	Wilma R.	BOOK	Blanche E.

BOOK	Jacob E.	BOWERS	Pearl Elizabeth
BOOKER	Judy Ann (Davis)	BOWERS	Thomas Andrews
BOOKER	Roger Travis Jr.	BOWLES	Glenn
BOON	Newell Eugene	BOWLES	Montie C.
BOONE	Earl H.	BOWMAN	Adella Leona
BOONE	Joann	BOWMAN	Alice T.
BOOTH	Dora	BOWMAN	Delbert Allyn
BOOTH	Merl L.	BOWMAN	Elsie
BOOTH	Nona Avis	BOWMAN	Harry Arthur
BOPP	Alice (Paulsen)	BOWMAN	John Wesley Jr. "Jack"
BORA	John James Jr.	BOWMAN	Lowell Clarence
BORAH	LaVern A.	BOWMAN	Sue Cee (Shaw)
BORCHERS	CynthiaAnne	BOWSHER	Robert S.
BORCHERS	Iris J.	BOX	Adeline Emma
BORCHERS	Myrtle Francis E.	BOX	William Michael "Mike"
BORCHERS	Theodore R., Sr.	BOYD	Charles H.
BORDEN	Clifton R. "Cliff"	BOYD	Frank A.
BORGE	Anna M.	BOYD	Gene
BORGEN	Bernice J.	BOYD	Robert M.
BORGEN	Elmer A.	BOYDON	Juanito Gavino
BORGEN	James E.	BOYER	Atlanto A.
BORGEN	Manfred Raymond Jr. "Matt"	BOYER	Charles William "Bill"
BORGESON	Doris M.	BOYER	Elna E.
BORJA	Francisco C.	BOYER	Jeamine Ruth (Ross)
BOROUGH	Elaine Joyce (Stokke)	BOYER	Roscoe "Rocky"
BOROUGH	Steward	BOYES	Carol Ann (Stewart)
BOROVIKOFF	Ella Kathleen McCord (Aust)	BOYLE	Beulah C.
BORST	Robert Charles "Bob"	BOYLE	Edward D.
BORSTAD	Sadie	BOYLE	Leona I. "Patti"
BORTEL	Delma I.	BOYLE	Rose E.
BOSANKO	Robert J.	BOYLES	Nona E.
BOSIK	Kathleen Ann	BOYNTON	Cora May
BOSLEY	David A.	BOYSEN	Scrafima "Sima"
BOSLEY	Dolores Maxine	BRAATEN	Austen Ole
BOSTON	Mary C.	BRABHAM	Justin M.
BOSTRUM	Douglas Byron	BRADBURY	Doris
BOSWELL	Edna Opal	BRADBURY	Jerry C.
BOTKIN	Janine	BRADBURY	Mae
BOTTEGA	Evelyn A.	BRADBURY	Margaret M.
BOTTOMS	Jon Denison	BRADFORD	John Lewis
BOUCHARD	Novella Bentley	BRADLEY	Bradley A.
BOULANGER	Katelyn Michelle	BRADLEY	Helen C.
BOULDS	Mary Ellen (Gohlke)	BRADLEY	Margaret H.
BOULIER	Ronald H.	BRADLEY	Raydon Elizabeth
BOURBOULIS	Bertha	BRADLEY	Robert W.
BOURG	Louella	BRADLEY	Sam
BOURGEOIS	Helen Mae	BRADSHAW	Howard L.
BOURNE	Arthur L.	BRADSHAW	June
BOUSE	Floyd E.	BRADSHAW	William
BOUTHILLIER	Vincent Edward	BRADY	Charlotte Lee
BOUTILIER	Lyda Florence	BRADY	Hudson D.
BOUTON	Vernon Wendell	BRADY	Mavis D.
BOUVIER	Laura Iola	BRAENDLEIN	Agnes
BOW	Elinore "Norie"	BRAENDLEIN	Bonnie May
BOWDEN	Thomas Homer	BRAENDLEIN	Dorothy E.
BOWDEY	Bessie F.	BRAENDLEIN	George A.
BOWDEY	Walter A.	BRAENDLEIN	George A. Jr.
BOWDOIN	Damon R.	BRAENDLEIN	Robin K.
BOWEN	Ethelmae	BRAENDLEIN	Ulysses W. "Mike"
BOWEN	Harold Eugene	BRAENDLEIN	Vera E.
BOWEN	Shirley Mae	BRAILE	Louis Dr.
BOWEN	Susannah M.	BRAINERD	Merle Clark "Mickey"
BOWER	George W.	BRAKEBILL	Jack A.
BOWER	Lois J.	BRAMAN	Margaret V.
BOWER	Richard L. "Roy"	BRAME	Clyde Jesse
BOWERMAN	Reo James Jr.	BRAMWELL	Frances (Campbell)
BOWERS	Billie O.	BRANCH	Amy Frances
BOWERS	Leona J.		

In 1869, the canal had fallen into disrepair and was subject to costly breaks that flooded the countryside and needed extensive and expensive repairs. In 1895, New York voters approved \$9 million for improvements. An investigation revealed that all but \$25,000 of the money had been spent but only one-third of the work had been done. In 1898, John Partridge was hired as superintendent of public works and he hired The Pinkerton Detective Agency to investigate where the funds had gone. He had heard that breaks in the canal were not accidental and that the repairs required were all in the Forrestport area and would benefit Forrestport itself. Some fifteen or twenty persons were arrested; one of them traced to Michigan and was brought back. A grand jury of Oneida County indicted thirteen of them. One was found guilty and given four years in prison. One was found guilty and given three years in prison, three were found guilty and received sentences of one year each and the rest received heavy fines. At one point, it was thought that every grown man in Forrestport was involved to some degree. After the convictions, all serious breaks stopped.

My ancestor, Nelson Hemstreet was born July 17, 1828 in Oneida, N. Y. He married Mary Ellen Ash, born December 13, 1829 in Port Leyden, Lewis County, N.Y. Died on July 4, 1849 in Forrestport, Lewis County, N.Y. The Black River Feeder line was commenced in 1829, the same year that Mary Ellen was born, so I'm sure that her family was influenced by the construction and that is probably why Nelson was in Forrestport. (This was well before the scandal of the breakage.) Some of the prod-

ucts hauled on the canal were farm goods on the way to the cities, lumber for building, coal for fuel, wood ash for soap making as well as people moving back and forth. Many, many new immigrants found their way to Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota by taking a canal boat to the Great Lakes and then on west.

Nelson and Mary Ellen Ash Hemstreet had nine children, all of them born in New York. Frances Eugene, born August 26, 1851 in Madison County; Mary Ellen, born August 29, 1854 in Madison County, died 1857; Albert Nelson, b. September 17, 1856 in Forrestport, Lewis County, married Delia Salome Thayer in Ames, Iowa on February 13, 1881; George Franklin, born. October 14, 1860, married Augusta E. Moore, died June 5, 1931 in Port Leyden, N. Y., but buried in Will Springs, Howell County, Missouri; Calvin Sylvester, born May 11, 1863 and died in California after 1909; Sarah Anne, born. July 6, 1865 married Elmer H. Smith, September 28, 1882, died. October 16, 1945 in Dunlap, Iowa; Emma Belle, born. May 28, 1868, married (1) Ed Conard, (2) Mr. Crane; Charles Edward, born. November 24, 1870, married Ella Wray, died. August 1, 1940 in Newport Beach, California; Hannah Cornelia, born. March 14, 1873, married James E. Moore, February 19, 1891 in Wells, Minnesota, died August 25, 1949.

Marshall joined the 157th New York State Volunteers to serve in the Civil War and attained the rank of Lieutenant. The unit served in many battles including Gettysburg where there are three different markers of their battles. He received a pension in later years. He married Pluma A. Williams in New York and began his move west, first to Minnesota where his son, Fred, was born in 1868. Then they moved to Ames, Story County, Iowa where Anna L. was born in 1870, Mary Rose in 1873, Robert W. in 1876 and Mystic in 1878; another child was born to them on 2 January 1883 according to the Story County birth records. He worked at many things but in the Story County 1898 Directory, he is listed as a Real Estate Agent. He died in Story County on February 8, 1908.

The following are excerpts from a story by Jessie Wilkinson Hein, a grandchild of Albert Nelson Hemstreet: In 1883, Nelson and his brother, Marshall were living in Story County, Iowa. Nelson's son Albert Nelson and Albert's wife, Delia Thayer Hemstreet were living near what is now Nevada (but it was not a town then). They had been married February 13, 1881. In her (Delia's) diary during 1884, she

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### In Memoriam

Alton Nicholas "Al" Gathings

Born Monument, Eddy County, New Mexico

January 1, 1915

Died Clermont, Florida

March 13, 2007

Husband of PSGS Member

Joan Esther Van Houten Gathings

### Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to:

Frank and Yvonne Weir

Of Port Townsend

Married at Reno, Nevada

April 1, 1957

American War. Arlette Brown was the daughter of Laurens (Lawrence) A. Brown (born New York) and Charlotte Brown of Roscoe, Illinois. Charles Browne apparently left Arlette soon after Ralph was born because she is listed on the 1880 Federal Census as living at home with Ralph (age one) and her family and he is not there.

Charlotte Brown was the daughter of Leonard Brown (born New York) who was descended from Stephen Hopkins who came to America on the Mayflower. I am a 9th generation Mayflower Descendant although I have not yet proven my lineage. The first six generations have been documented by the Mayflower Society. I am working on documenting my Mayflower connection to include Leonard Brown's ancestors Sparrow Snow and Lucretia Knowles. Prior to living in Roscoe, the Brown fam-



*Photo of Lawrence (age 6), Emma and Ralph Browne  
from 1909 Kitsap County Plat Book.*

ily lived in Oneida County, New York next to the Oneida Indian Reservation.

Arlette was born on February 14, 1858 in Rockford, Illinois and died on April 4, 1933 in Portland, Oregon. Her second husband was Lafayette Lawrence who was born in Connecticut or Rhode Island on October 20, 1856 and died in Portland, Oregon on March 2, 1935. "Lafe" lived in Connecticut before moving to Roscoe, Illinois and marrying Arlette. They came west in 1884 and lived in Chehalis, Washington and Woodburn, Oregon for many years. Lafayette was mayor of Chehalis at one time. He was also a member of Knights Templar. They are buried in Belle Passe Cemetery in Woodburn, Oregon.

After Emma married Ralph Browne on May 3, 1902 in Seattle, Washington they moved to Browns-

ville, Washington (near Bremerton) where my father, Lawrence Arthur Browne, was born on April 6, 1903. Ralph Browne left Emma in about 1910 and she later married Oscar Applegren and became Emma Applegren until her death in 1942. I had no knowledge of any of this as a child growing up except that one time my father mentioned that he had a step-dad named Applegren. However, he was not adopted and retained the surname Browne. My father, Lawrence Arthur Browne, changed his name to Brownell in 1934 according to records at the Kitsap County Courthouse. Connie Lenzen, a Certified Genealogist in Portland, Oregon, was very helpful in researching my Browne ancestry.

The Applegren name turned out to be the key to my finding Emma. Her death certificate said only that she was born in Finland (no city was listed). Using the Rislachius name, I was fortunate to find out that this name was very rare in Finland and that the family was most likely from the Isokyrö/Ylistaro area. The Institute of Migration in Turku, Finland was very helpful and provided me with a copy of Emma's passport to America dated July 23, 1896. Her other records were lost in a fire. A member of the staff at Suomi College (now Finlandia University) helped me translate her passport. I subsequently attended an event at the Embassy of Finland where some nice people told me more about Isokyrö.

The Institute of Migration suggested that I contact the church office in Isokyrö to see if I could get more records. I found that the church had records on the Rislachius family back to 1400. After wading through all of these records and posting them on my Family Tree Maker software, I wrote to the church secretary again to see if she knew if I had any living relatives. That resulted in a letter from Elsa Lehto that was translated by her grandson Juho Nieminen inviting us to come to Finland for a visit.

Janell and I went to Finland in 1996 with the family tree chart that we had prepared. We found about 40 relatives waiting for us in the church parking lot. They all had cameras and we spent the first few minutes taking pictures of each other. Then we spread out the family tree chart on a picnic table and they all came over to find their names on the chart. Initially there were a few skeptics that weren't sure about all this but when they saw their names on the chart and talked with the others they were convinced. Juho's mother Helena even had a photo of Emma that was taken in Portland, Oregon in about 1900 that matched one that I had in my files. After attending church in the historic (1304) Old Church in Isokyrö, they took us to a hall that they had rented for a welcome reception.

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My newly found cousin Hannele Norja later took me to the church office in Isokyrö and luckily the church had complete records of the Rislachius family back to 1400 which I was able to examine personally and make copies.

My father, Lawrence Brownell, died on October 22, 1983 and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Bremerton, Washington along with my Mother, Agnes Cosette Mercer, who was born in Prosser, Washington on February 6, 1910 and died in Bremerton on September 16, 1967; and her parents John Roland Logan Mercer who was born on March 4, 1874 in Custar, Ohio and died on January 19, 1960 in Cabazon, California and Alice May Griffiths Mercer who was born on February 26, 1881 in Hastings, England and died on May 14, 1943 in Bremerton, Washington. Ralph P. Browne died on May 25, 1951 in Multnomah County, Oregon and is buried in the VA Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

Emma Browne Applegren, Baby Applegren, and Oscar Applegren were cremated by Lewis Funeral Home and are buried in Brownsville Cemetery in Bremerton. Copies of Brownsville Cemetery records are on file at the Kitsap County Historical Society Museum in Bremerton. Unfortunately, vandals removed their metal grave markers and there is no map of the cemetery plots. Brownsville Cemetery is currently being restored and cared for by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society.

Janell and I have been back to Finland several times since and have gotten to know all of our Finnish family really well. We like them all very much and they have bent over backward to open their homes to us and show us the best of Finnish hospitality. One trip we took Mindy, Jay, Sandi, and Rob along to tour Finland and meet their Finnish relatives. We went to everyone's home and got to taste lots of wonderful Finnish food.

Many of our Finnish relatives have come to visit us in Alexandria and stayed in our home while we toured them around the D. C. area. Thanks to e-mail we are able to be in regular contact with them.

This is the story of my Finnish and Mayflower ancestry as of March 14, 2007. □

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speaks of two children, "Gene and Bertha" (my Jessie's mother). A second daughter, Maude Gracina, was born 23 December 1886 in Story County.

Albert was first of all a farmer, but he often worked at other things. After the crops were harvested, he and his brother-in-law, Will Thayer and father-in-law, Harvey Gardner Thayer drove draft teams to coal fields where they strip-mined, and hauled coal to sell in town (which may have been Ames). These must have been busy happy times--he was road commissioner, but this simply meant organizing the neighbors to bring teams and a scraper and to donate their time and labor to repair the roads.

He played the fiddle and accordion and sometimes would get broken instruments to repair and resell them. Delia's folks lived across the road and Will's family not far away. They often did 'things' together. Her father 'Gard' and Albert were often gone in late summer and fall, thrashing. They had their own rig and thrashed all over for wages and also for part of the grain. Delia kept a daily diary telling what she did, cooking, washing, cleaning, entertaining visitors, and of course, caring for the children.

Excerpt From Delia's Daily Journal: *October 31st, 1885 Saturday. Rainy and Albert and Will plowed in forenoon and went to town this afternoon got Bertha a little knife and fork, Sold 5 dozen eggs-14.cents a dozen.*

Jan 26th, 1886 Tuesday. Snowed most all day.

Albert and Pa got home from the coal bank about three o'clock, I have made 8 pillowcases today and helped Mag (Delia's sister-in-law) some.

Jan 30th, 1886 Saturday. Today was quite changeable. Albert took his load of coal to town; he traded most six dollars today. Got sack of flour, himself a pair boots and rubber overshoes and some apples. 20 yards of muslin and some beefs liver. I have churned.

I don't know when they went to Michigan, but Grandpa Albert once told me that he's had a nice little place on what was then the outskirts of Detroit. But after awhile got word of greener pastures where the winters weren't so fierce, so they headed south. The trouble with farmers is that they have to stop during the growing season and "make a crop". They stopped in Labette County, Kansas and on July 15, 1892 had Sidney Earl.

But they must have been to Oklahoma before that because Sherman Leland was Born March 8, 1890 in Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma Territory. A

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## The 1920 Journal of Olive Mullenix Part II

Courtesy Clarence Mullenix  
And Marie Mullenix Spearman

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Mag went to Ray's and back. I cleaned the up stairs and set a hen on bantam eggs.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard went down the Sidney road. Stopped at Cox's to register. Was at Gert's for dinner. Estel went in the eve to register. Saw a bear when he came home.

May 7<sup>th</sup> – I churned. Mag cleaned the up, pantry and kitchen. We cleaned the Grainery in the after noon.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – We cleaned the yard and hoed the potatoes. I mopped the kitchen and baked bread and a cake. Estel went to Burley in the after noon.

Sun. May 9<sup>th</sup> – Estel and I went down to see the slashing in the fore noon. Estel went to Ray's in the after noon. Mr. Barth came.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – We washed in the fore noon. Went to see the slashing in the after noon.. Came by Barth's when we came home.

May 11<sup>th</sup> – I ironed in the fore noon. We hoed our garden in the after noon.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Planted Mangels all day. Baked bread and mopped the up stairs. Mag mopped the kitchen. Estel put the garden machine to gather.

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. Got the horses shod. The heifers both had calves out in the woods. Had to carry them in. Got thru with our chores and supper at 9 o'clock.

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Planted pole beans. Churned and mopped the kitchen. Set two hens on Minorca eggs. Set Irene's bantam hen on 10 eggs.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Finished planting beans. Sowed pear. Planted sweet corn and finished the rest of the garden. Mrs. Kolstad and George came after the two calves.

Sun. May 16<sup>th</sup> – Mag and I went to bed in the fore noon. Mr. Barth came in after noon. Stayed for supper.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – I washed and mopped. Lonzo came to borrow some powder. We planted field corn. Estel plowed his new ground for potatoes.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – I ironed. Mag hoed in the garden. We planted potatoes in the new patch in the after noon. Got it all finished.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – I cleaned the upstairs. Mag cleaned the dining room. I trailed up the moon vine, hoed some in the garden. Estel is hauling manure.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. It rained

and was very cold. Eat luch [lunch] at Emma's.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – I churned in the fore noon, worked in garden and set out cabbage plants. Estel plowed the quack grass patch. The slashers came to say they had finished the slashing. They talked all after noon.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – I mopped the kitchen and baked bread and a cake. Had a cream pie for dinner. Ray came, was here for dinner. He and Estel went to Burley. Paid the slashers. Bro't Ray's stove from Vic Smith's to our place. Mag went to work in the garden in the after noon. Oliver Jones bro't the powder home. Ray stayed all night.

Sun. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ray and Mag took Nellie and Maud and went down to get Emma and the children to come for dinner. It was rainy. Mr. Barth came in the after noon, was here for supper. Ellen stayed to visit us.

May 24<sup>th</sup> – I washed and mopped in the fore noon and got dinner. Mag went to bed. I slept in the after noon. Meg worked at her quilt. Ellen played.

May 25<sup>th</sup> – I ironed in the fore noon. Slept in the after noon. Mag worked in the garden. Ellen lay down with me. A little bird hatched. I ripped my dress to fix over.

May 26<sup>th</sup> – I baked bread. Mag cleaned the up stairs in the fore noon. We all went to the garden in the after noon. Mrs. Austin came up for a while. We all came to house. A second bird hatched.

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. Ellen went home. A third little bird hatched.

May 28<sup>th</sup> – I churned and plowed potatoes in the fore noon. Mag got dinner. I fixed my dresses in after noon. Mag patched Estel's over all's and made a quilt block.

May 29<sup>th</sup> – I mopped the kitchen and baked a cake. Mag did the dusting. Ludwig came for beans. Vera came to visit us.

Sun. May 30<sup>th</sup> – Estel went to Beckwiths. Bro't them out to stay till Mon. The colts got out and I chased them back. Mr. Barth came over and stayed to supper.

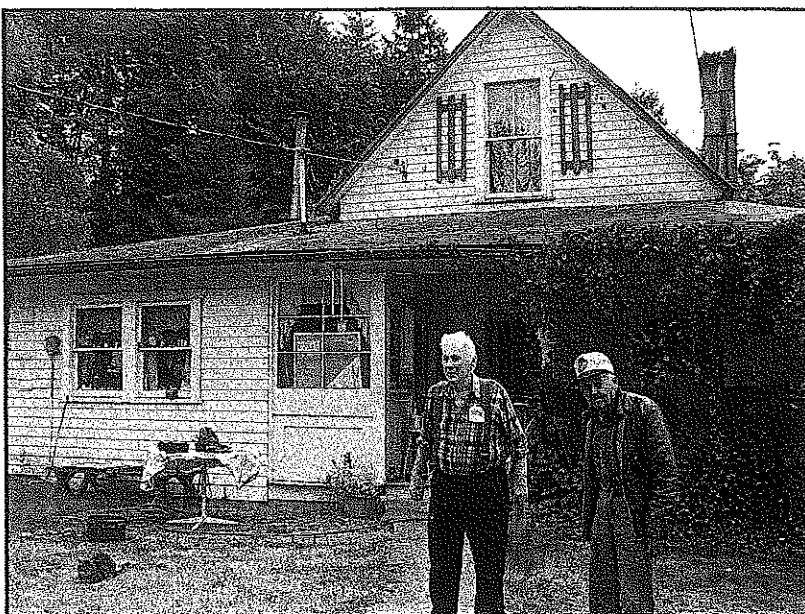
May 31<sup>st</sup> – I washed. Vera mopped the kitchen. Gert, Vera and I went to take a walk. Went by Mr. Barths. Then went on to grandma Jones' to get some flowers. Ray came down and Estel and Beck went with him to see about his slashing. Mag had dinner for

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- them. Estel took them home drove Maud.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - I ironed and baked bread. Mag worked in the garden. Then we went in the after noon to vote about bonds. Took flowers and stopped at the cemetery on the way back.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mag walked to Burley to see about tomatoes and cabbage plants and get some. I cleaned the up stairs and mopped the kitchen and patched my dress. Sowed some peas and beans in the after noon.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. It was very warm. Came back and eat lunch at Emma's. Put the cows in the pasture.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - I churned. Put out cabbage plants and run thru the carrots and Maugels with the garden machine in the after noon.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - I went to Burley in the morning. Mag baked bread and mopped the kitchen. I baked a cake and worked in the garden after noon.
- Sun. June 6<sup>th</sup> - It rained all fore noon. Estel drove to Ray's and took his sack of feed. Mr. Barth came stayed to supper.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - I washed Mag helped. Mag mopped. Worked some in the garden in the after noon.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - I ironed. Ironed the upstairs curtains. Patched Estel's under clothes. Made me a couple of waists. Estel went to Pt. Orchard took the cream and eggs and took Old Bob. Irene came home with him.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - I cleaned the up stairs and put up the curtains. Mag mopped the kitchen. We worked in the garden in the after noon. Estel and Irene plowed potatoes. Alice Marie came to stay all night.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Estel took chickens to Bremerton, 100 hens. I went to Pt. Orchard to take care of the horses. He did not get back till 4:30. Got home at 7.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Estel had to go back to Bremerton to get his money for chickens. Irene went with him to watch Nellie. Mag and I put out cabbage plants. It rained. I baked bread.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - Irene and I went to Burley in the fore noon. Estel helped did [dig] Billie Ballew's grave. Worked in the garden in the after-noon. Ray came to stay all night.
- Sun. June 13<sup>th</sup> - Ray and Estel went to meet Nelson's. Ernest Holman came for dinner. Billie Ballew was buried. Mr. Barth came. Lonzo and Gordon came in the eve.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - I washed and baked bread. Mag took the cream to town. Got a good soaking. I mopped the kitchen and old house. Mag cleaned the pantry in the after noon.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Mag and I worked in the garden all day. Irene ironed and got dinner.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> - Irene churned. I tended the butter and tended the birds and mopped the kitchen and got dinner. Irene and Mag worked in the garden. I worked in the after noon.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - I went to Pt. Orchard. Took Bob and the buck board. Emma rode down with me. Got home late.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Hoed field corn and worked in the mangler.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> - Mopped the up stairs and kitchen and baked bread in the fore noon. Worked in the garden in after noon. Mag and Irene worked all day in the garden.
- Sun. June 20<sup>th</sup> - Mr. B. and I went to Rays for dinner. Went by the old place. Took some pictures.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - Washed and Mag mopped the kitchen. Estel and Irene plowed potatoes. We worked in the garden in the after noon.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Irene ironed I hoed corn. Mag was in bed in fore noon. We worked in garden in after noon.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - I baked bread. Mag worked in garden. I churned. Worked in garden in after noon. Irene fished.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> - We went to Pt. Orchard. Took Gerts screen door. Went up there for dinner. Irene went home, came back with us again.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - Mopped the kitchen. Mag cleaned the up stairs and other room. Estel disced his ground across the creek and moved hay in the after noon. I washed my head. Estel went to Burley. Alonzo and Gordon came in the eve.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Mag went to see Mrs. Ballew. I baked bread. Mopped the kitchen in the after noon. Had our first young chicken. Irene went home to get ready to go to Seattle with Estel. Estel took Crazy to Oscar's.
- Sun. June 27<sup>th</sup> - Estel and Irene went to Seattle. Ray and Ellen came for dinner. Brot some strawberries. He and Mag went to look at his slashing in the after noon. Had chicken for dinner. Mr. Barth came in the after noon.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - I washed. We hoed in the garden in the after noon.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> - Estel and Irene plowed potatoes and corn. Mag and I worked in the garden. Finished the Maugels and hoed the carrots.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - Irene churned. Mag worked in the garden. I molded the butter. Worked in the garden in the after noon. Mr. Crymer came, stayed all night. Came to see about S.S.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> - I went to Pt. Orchard. Irene went home.

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- Went to Gerts for dinner. Henry and Clara were there to come up with me. Mag and Estel hoed the field corn. Went to church in the eve to organize a Sunday School.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - thinned Maugels. Mag hoed corn. Estel raked hay. Henry helped us some. He and Estel went over to the Jones mill in the eve. I went to Billie Mills a while.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> - I baked bread. Mag mopped. I washed windows. We worked in the garden. Henry went home. Ray came to stay all night.
- Sun. July 4<sup>th</sup> - Ray and Estel took a drive with Maude and Bob. I took Nellie to S.S. I slept in the after noon. Estel went to Ray's to stay all night.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> - I washed. Mag mopped. Estel came about 12 with the ice cream. He went to the Hall in the after noon. He went back in the evening. I took a walk in the after noon. Mag hoed in the garden.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> - Estel went early to meet Beckwith. He came to help in the hay. I baked bread. Mag worked in the garden all day. I worked in the after noon in the garden. Clara weeded the carrot rows for Mag. Beck and Estel plowed potatoes after supper.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> - I churned and washed some of Clara's clothes in the fore noon. Got dinner. Mag went to the mail box. I stuck the pole beans in the after noon. Mag mopped the upstairs. Beck and Estel hauled rye grass in. Beck went home in the eve.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> - Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. Mag went to Seattle took Clara home. Beck came home with me to help Estel in the hay.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - Beck and Estel hauling hay. I took a walk. Entertained in the after noon. Mag still in Seattle.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - I baked bread and mopped the kitchen. Mag still in Seattle.
- Sun. July 11<sup>th</sup> - Went to Sunday School. Estel and Beck took Pansy to Oscar. Estel took Beck home. Mag came home. Mr. Barth came.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> - Raining. I washed. Estel to [took?] the cycle bar to town to get mended. Worked on Irene scrap book.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> - Estel went to Burley in the fore noon. Mag and I put out rutabaga plants. Plowed potatoes and corn in the afternoon. Mag put out cabbage plants.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> - I ironed. Mag churned. Estel mowed the piece out by Larsons. Had our first new potatoes.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> - Mag and I went to Pt. Orchard. Got the horses shod. Went to Belle's for dinner. Got my dress patern.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> - We cleaned up the house in the fore noon. Hauled hay in the afternoon. Worked till almost 10 o'clock.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - I baked bread. Mag helped plow potatoes. Estel went to Ray's in the after noon to help haul his hay. Shattuck came to look at Bessie. We hoed corn in the after noon. Estel stayed all night at Rays.
- Sun. July 18<sup>th</sup> - Sent to Sunday School. Ray and the children came home with Estel. Mr. Barth came in the after noon. Ray and Estel went to the Lake. Mag took the Grippe.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> - I washed and mopped and got dinner and helped two little loads of hay. Mag still in bed all day. Billie Mills came to look at Bess. Estel mowed the side hill. Had to fix fence for Lewie.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Didn't do much in fore noon. Mag better. Helped unload hay. Hoed in garden in after noon. Mag put out cabbage plants. Estel went to mail box in evening.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> - I churned and baked bread and cleaned the up stairs and emptied Mags straw tick. Brod the cot in the kitchen for Mag. She was worse. Came up a big thunder. Estel went to see Saur in the evening about helping with the hay. Lonzo came in the eve.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Went to Pt. Orchard with Bob. Mag still poorly.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mag and I picked peas to can. Cut out a waist for Mag in the after noon. I ironed in the fore noon.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> - Mopped the kitchen and pantry and baked huckle berry pie. Estel got Kolstead to help haul hay. Lonzo was here to stay all night.
- Sun. July 25<sup>th</sup> - I went to Sunday School. Rode up with Lon. Estel went to Pt. Orchard church with Lonzo. Mr. Barth came in after noon. Daisy had a calf.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> - I washed and wash 4 old comforters. Hulled peas to can.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> - Mag picked cherries. I canned peas. Seeded some cherries.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> - Canned 14 qts cherries baked bread and churned. Estel went to Burley.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> - I went to Pt. Orchard. Mag picked peas. I stopped with Emma for lunch as I came home. ■



*The front of the Mullenix home is current resident, Ernest Lund and Clarence Mullenix, grandson of James Mullenix and Margaret Ellen Parkinson Mullenix.  
Photo by Marie Mullenix. Spearman.*

## PSGS Cemetery Project Report

To our delight, the Port Orchard Rotary Club has given our project a grant of \$250.00 this year. We used the money to purchase a digital camera and accessories. We will use the camera to photograph old tombstones, the ones that are crumbling and will be difficult to read in the coming years. This will enable us to preserve the information and have it long after the stones have perished.

We are working on our Knights of Pythias Cemetery Tour which will be on Saturday, August fourth. We are researching selected people that are buried in the cemetery and then will find someone, either a descendant or one of our genealogy society members, to portray that person for the tour. They will be in costume and tell about the life of the deceased.

We have walked several cemeteries in the county and are transcribing the information found on the tombstones. Colby

is one that we are finishing up and will have a plot map completed soon.

The Sidney Cemetery is a large overgrown wooded 5.56 acre lot today. In 2000 the owner wanted to log it off and build a house on it but that was stopped with the aid of our court system and concerned citizens.

The Brownsville Cemetery sign that we installed last fall looks very good after its first winter and the cemetery is being cleaned up by Michael, a grandson of one of our members. Thank you Michael.

If you are interest in being on this committee, please contact me. We can use the assistance. Especially with the Knights of Pythias Cemetery Tour.

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*Hemstreets From New York West — Part II*

third daughter, Verna Bell was born July 12, 1896 in Noble County, Oklahoma.

They found pockets of soil and made a garden and got it planted near Perry, Oklahoma, Indian Territory. Gram Delia and the kids took care of weeding and picking, etc. They must have had some stock, but I've no idea how much, though there is some mention made of breeding dates and other data in Grampa's diary. This is an old spelling tablet with notations, reminders, grocery lists and prices and information on who owes whom—much other worthwhile and pertinent stuff—such as his reaction to Verna's birth and the circumstances surrounding that memorable event (She was to become his 'little pet'.)

He earned what cash they had by cutting ornery, knotty oak and peddling it in town for firewood--1 load a day; or carpentry when there was a neighbor building something. To put their economy into perspective: he got a dollar a load or a dollar for a 12 hours a day of carpentry, but a pair of child's shoes cost a dollar!

Later he bargained for a place that was flatter and had better soil, but only half as large. There he built a large building, which he used for a blacksmith shop. This was near a crossroads and I was told that it was now covered by a lake where a dam is backed up. His grandfather had been a blacksmith and I suppose his father must have known enough about that trade to teach him. In 1904 they moved to Dewey County, to

Webb near Camargo, where they raised wheat that he hauled to Leady across the Canadian River at low water. He raised hogs and peanuts and melons and great big white mules. Their story is continued in the Dewey County, Oklahoma Historical Book. □

*(To be continued.)*

*Note: Part I of this article regarding the Hemphills inadvertently stated that the author was Sue Helen Hein Plummer. The author's name should have been stated as Sue Hein Plummer as it was for this episode. Editor.*

## Finding the Reeder Stories by JeDene Reeder

When I was twelve or so, my mother answered a genealogical ad in the Fort Worth, Texas (where we had just moved) *Star-Telegram*. The man who came to the house turned out not to be a cousin, but he showed us a chart that explained all this "2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, twice removed" and "6<sup>th</sup> cousin" business. That chart



*William Harrison and America Alice (Leedy) Reeder. She hated her first name, so went by "Allie". Her name is recorded on her tombstone in the Tacoma Mausoleum as Alice A. Reeder! Photo circa 1920's.*

stuck in my head and, I suspect, was a major seed in what became my interest in genealogy.

The summer I turned twenty I came out to Lakebay, Pierce County, and spent it with my grandparents, since my parents were in transition and I needed a summer job. That was the year the seed

sprouted and bloomed. My grandparents were living on property acquired by my great-great-grandpa William Harrison Reeder in 1911. My grandfather's cousin Lavern lived on the portion that had come to her through her mother, in the summer home built by "W.H." Photos of my thrice-great-grandparents were in her living room. When I expressed interest in



*Olga and Audra Reeder, known as The Reeder Twins (twins not being common on that side of my family!). Aged four years, circa 1900.*

knowing more of the history of how our family had come to be in Western Washington (up to then, I thought my dad's family's roots were firmly in Northeastern Oregon), my grandma dug out the photo album her mother-in-law had given her. My grandfather had had a stroke by then with the result of aphasia; he knew the answers to my questions, but was very limited in how much he could answer.

One of the pictures in that old photo album was of "The Reeder Twins" as babies. (Twins apparently are quite rare on that side of my family.) It turned out that Lavern knew them; the three of them attended 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tacoma, where "W.H." had been a member. So one day Lavern took Grammie and me to see Olga and

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### 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](mailto:morrison_61@msn.com) or give me a call at (360) 275-4990.

Thank you, Sandie Morrison

# The Library Report Marjorie Menees

According to our sign-in sheets, total attendance has been as follows: January - 95 members and 2 non-members; February - 124 members and 14 non-members; March - 132 members and 13 non-members.

This count is not as accurate as I would like as there have been workshops and classes for which not all attendees have signed The Book and there are often drop-ins, both members and nonmembers, who do not sign in.

I have been concerned that it is thought the library is not being used as much as it should because we do not have a large non-member count.... It occurs to me that we should take stock of why we have a library. Is it for our members to use or is it for non-members? We encourage non-members to join our society with one of the perks being free use of the library. That raises the question of why are we worried that more non-members are not coming in. I think we should be wondering why more members are not taking advantage of the wonderful collection of research material at hand. The Internet (which library patrons can use in our film room) is a treasure, a wonderful aid, especially appreciated by those of us who were early genealogists BC (before computers). However, the Internet simply does not have the details and color that the printed pages offer.

For example, I am thinking of an instance the other day when a gentleman was looking for a family ancestor with only a pretty good idea of a state in which the family had lived, the family name, and a given name. Of that state we had three books.... One had chapters about certain cities ---- he looked in that --- found his ancestor in detail in one of the cities....Hooray!

In my own experience, I had no idea where some of my paternal grandfather's family had come from - or for sure many of their given names. A cousin who heard I was interested, sent me a little book one day. He said it had been his mother's, was written by "an uncle or a cousin or someone," and had been given to our grandfather - for on the fly leaf was written "Presented To George Williams By The Author This the 5th day of October 1916"--- Indeed it was a tiny little book written by Reverend Jesse Williams, printed and published in Labette Kansas. I had never heard of this place but after looking it up in my Atlas, decided to go to our library to see if we had anything about that town and perchance MY elusive Williams folk although quite certain that we did not for this was a family that seemed to be really out of the picture and certainly the places in which they had lived..... But! We were there - at least one of us! Not only that, but our library's entire Kansas collection consisted of ONE book - "History of Labette County, Kansas" and there I found information that gave me a picture of where this part of my family lived and a lead to further paths I had thought never to be trod by me.

It really wasn't too hard to make that trip to the PSGS library --- I didn't even have to leave town --- just go up

the hill a few blocks.. Had I depended on the Internet, I probably would never have found this pointer. Having spent much time looking and searching my Williams family on the Internet, I can report that it had been an endless quest, frustrating and often fruitless..

Having pointed out two instances of what the library has to offer, it is hard for me to understand why more members do not take advantage of the privilege they have in their own yard so to speak. There are not only books of people, of localities, of history, of families, of eras, of "how-to," of townships, or of census indexes, and more. Without being facetious, I might add, browsing for your own answers in our materials, can lead you into reading that may or may not fill your needs but will make some very engaging time spent.

In the back room we have a cupboard bursting at the seams with more materials to be logged in - but no place for them.... If we ever get the needed shelving we will be able to get those out for your use. Meantime, we have a book case of "new books" and a large number of logged in books on our shelves (approximately 270) now that are just waiting for you to use and enjoy them. They are not in our old catalog or the in-process catalog both of which are on the top of that case for your use. Instead, you must engage in a bit of browsing for them. Who knows what else you might find?

Following is just a short list of some of these:

- GUI 035..Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790 to 1920,  
Thorndale and Dollarhyde
- GUI 073 State Census Records, filling federal census gaps  
Lainhart
- SCO 021 Who Belongs to Glasgow, two hundred years of  
migration Edward
- PA 069 York County Church Records of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century,  
Vol. 1, also vol. 2 and vol. 3  
Bates and Wright
- CAT 013 Immigrant Passenger Arrivals, a guide to world-  
wide sources and migration patterns  
Nat'l Archives and Trust Fund Board
- CHT 029 Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families  
Davis
- WA 229 Pioneer Dreams - Histories of Washington Terri-  
torial Pioneers Spargo and Sandbloom
- AK 009 Russian America - The Great Alaskan Adventure  
Chevigny
- HIS 039 The Loyalists in the American Revolution  
Van Tyne
- HIS 073 Mohawk Valley in the Revolution  
Penrose
- HIS 083 The Minute Men and their World Gross
- IND 004 Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee  
Brown

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# PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

The following is a correction of the text that appeared in the March 2007 Backtracker Potpourri Column for: "Zilpha Sabin, married Abijah SEARLES July 2, 1767. Their son John (next to the youngest of 8) married Sybil Rose. John & Sybil's son was Edward Rose Searles. Edward Rose Searles married Sarah Woodin and their son Edward James Searles was my grandfather. Abijah Searles's second wife was Jemima Sabin, daughter of Zilpha's brother Elisha, Jr. They had two children that we know of. Zilpha and Lemuel." **Phyllis Wahlquist**.

**Bruce Ramsey** has submitted more money to the Family Tree DNA program and matched 67 markers with Elmer Ramsey. He is now communicating with Susan Campbell of Georgia. She is Elmer's niece and together, she and Bruce will attempt to solve the Ramsey mystery of their common heritage.

Several of our PSGS members have discovered common names and may develop a connection.

**Bruce Ramsey** and **Sue Plummer** have been working on the brothers Thayer in 1640 Massachusetts. **Donald Lindquist** has the Lindquist family line from Finland. **Barbara Chesley** has maternal Lindquist grandparents from Sweden. **Bob Edwards** has been researching his Edwards line in Brunswick County Virginia. His ancestor, Benjamin Pugh Edwards and **Jackie Horton's** in-law ancestor, Amos Horton lived in the same county in the 1700's

**Lonnie and Susan Gehring** are taking four of their grandchildren to Bend, Oregon in July. Dustin, Amber, Stephanie, and Kaitlyn will be searching for the gravesites of Susan's maternal grandparents. Keller and Haynie are the ancestors of Susan Potts Gehring, the daughter of Helen Keller Potts of Bremerton.

**Susan Gehring** and I have the Keller name in common as my mother was Ruth Eleanor Keller Magee. Our connection must be back in Germany as my Keller's settled in New Jersey and are still in New Jersey. □

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The Library Report.

MEX 002 LAZARA – The Mexican Adventure  
Steiner

NJ 033 Forgotten Towns of New Jersey  
Beck

VA 077 A History of Rockingham County, Virginia  
Weyland

WA 223 Early History of Silverdale  
Craig

One of the latest books to be logged in and put on

## Educational Film Series

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society educational film series runs from September 2006 through June 2007. No films are shown in July or August.

Each film showing begins at 1:00 pm and lasts approximately one hour. There is no charge to view the films; however, handouts covering each film's topic are available at each session for a small donation. Filmgoers are welcome to remain after the film for informal discussion and personal research. Films are shown in the PSGS Research Library, East Port Orchard Center, 2501 SE Mile Hill Drive, Suite A-102, in Port Orchard.

Following is the educational film schedule for – 2007:

10.) Friday, 15 June 2007

Research in England and Wales Part III - Census and Probate Records

No Film in July 2007 or August. □

## Annual PSGS Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday

July 20th and 21st

The PSGS Garage Sale will be earlier this year so we need to start getting ready now. First, mark your calendar for the week of July 16 - 21. We will need help unpacking, sorting, pricing and setting up on Monday through Thursday and also on the sale days - Friday and Saturday, July 20 - 21. We need each PSGS member to help if possible, so plan now to help sometime during that week. The location will be the same as last year at 9093 Glenwood Rd. SW, Port Orchard.

It is time now to start searching your home for "treasures" to donate. When you do your spring house cleaning look for things you haven't used during the past year and probably will not use in the future. Think about dividing some of your plants and bring them to the sale. If you need help picking up items call Dorothy or Don Lindquist at (360) 876-4320. Last year we found that luggage and electronics were not in demand so we will probably not ask for these items this year since it costs money for us to recycle these items.

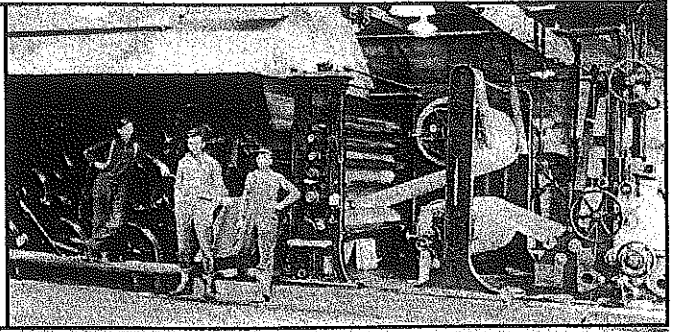
Thank you, Dorothy □

the New Book Shelves is "Recording Your Family History: A guide to preserving oral history by video tape and/or audio tape." We all know how important this is to do. Here are pages of ideas and help.

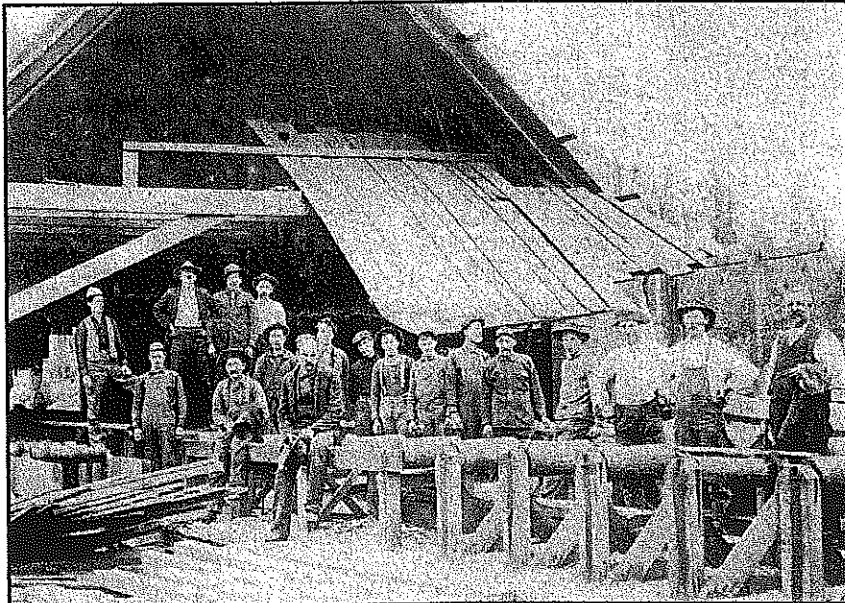
On 22 June from 11:00 to 2:00, we will be resuming our Fourth Friday State Days. Our opening topic will be the state of Virginia with the sharing of members' information and books. There will be special volunteers with knowledge of Virginia research to assist those who need it. Plan to come and join in this sharing time. Bring your lunch or purchase a snack from our kitchen supply. □

# PSGS Photo Page

*Crown Zellerbach Paper Mill  
Camas, Washington  
The boy in the photo  
Is my father, John Ashton.  
He went to work when he was twelve  
Years old. His mom had died when he was ten  
And he joined his dad and went to work.  
Courtesy, Ida Mae Swedberg*



*The Hilstad Homestead  
Circa 1903  
The Hilstad family at their home  
On Central Valley Road,  
Poulsbo, Washington.  
Left to right: Elmer Palmer Hilstad, Peter George  
Hilstad, Theodore Benjamin Hilstad, (young woman)  
Ranguld Howen (Ranga?) She's a relative of  
Mrs. Ann Peterson Hilstad from Norway,  
(young man) Robert Oscar Hilstad, (young man)  
Christian Stener Hilstad, (young woman) Miss Gina  
Amanda Hilstad), (father)  
Gilbert Ole Hilstad, (girl sitting)  
Ruth Ann Hilstad. Gilbert Hilstad owned most of  
Brownsville (nearby area). He was from  
Norway. They met in Minnesota, U.S.A. Gilbert Hil-  
stad was at different times: county assessor, assistant  
assessor, retired farmer. This information supplied by  
Mrs. Ruth Ann Hilstad Johnson in 1986.  
Courtesy Donna Munro.*



*The Weidler Mill,  
Portland, Oegon  
Great grandfather,  
John Kane,  
On far right  
was part owner.  
Photo circa 1912.  
Courtesy Ida Mae Swedberg.*

## PSGS Membership Activity For 2007

Anne M. Johnson  
 Elizabeth Ann Burdyslaw  
 JeDene Reeder  
 Mary Jane Carter  
 Roger Aemisegger  
 Leila Bashans  
 Lura Bashans  
 Kara Wodyga  
 Carol Caldwell  
 Marilyn Burt  
 Pat & Christine Carey  
 Barbara Chesley  
 Bonnie Chrey  
 Myra J. Doles  
 Ken & Pat Eder  
 Emilie Garcia  
 Priscilla Greenlees  
 Esther Hunsaker  
 Margaret Lentz  
 Lorraine Magee  
 Patricia Powell McGuire  
 Linda Morgan Durbin  
 Ruth & Walt Manning  
 Edith McKelvy  
 Sharon Newell  
 Marilyn Roberts  
 Terry Mettling  
 Akiko Morrison  
 Beverly Nelson  
 Dorothy Reinhardt  
 John E. Rose  
 Lester A. Schmuck  
 Leora June Sherman  
 Debra Scott  
 JoAnn Housen Scott-Smith  
 John & Susan Stack  
 Linda Smyth  
 Louise R. Sweatt  
 Lorrin & Nila Walsh  
 Lila Williamson  
 Phyllis Wahlquist  
 Cyril Taylor  
 Cheryl Bartholomew  
 Yula May Harris  
 DeLana Cox  
 Betty Ekman  
 John and Grace Kopperstad  
 Philip Warren Beauchene  
 Jean E. Lenihan  
 Jack L. Jones  
 Bruce Ramsey  
 Martha A. Smith  
 Jean Grimaud  
 Elayne Stodola  
 Gary D. Walker  
 Paul & Rose Walker  
 Judith Wood  
 Cheryl Ball  
 Devi B. Greer  
 Nora Hoover  
 Don Winter  
 Paulette Waggoner  
 Betty Burton

## Belfair Bulletin by DeLana Cox

On May 8 th--We had a Workshop with Harry McConnell on Photoshop Elements. We all came away with new helpful information and ready to try something entirely different.

The trip to Salt Lake City was a good one. Those who attended went to a lot of good workshops.

### Meetings

June 5<sup>th</sup>--Larry Harden will be talking on Census Records

July 10<sup>th</sup>--Connie Bailey on Colonial America.

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>--Field Trip to Seattle Public Library

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>--Rehearsal for Cemetery walk at Twin Firs Cemetery.

Sept 15 Cemetery Walk at Twin Firs Cemetery--10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Two cars and five people set out early in the A. M. on March 31 for Salt Lake City. It's a beautiful time of year there--beautiful flowers everywhere, blue skies and warm sunshine. Things keep changing at the library. There are many more computers on every floor and usually all busy. Negotiations were going on between the library and the new owners of Ancestry . com and it was a big question if it would continue to be available. Classes are offered each weekday and some were very good. "Ancestry .com Alternatives", "Scrapbooking Family History", "British Ancestry. com Alternatives" and "Weird Indexing" were ones we attended. **Jackie Horton** found her 4th great-grand-grandfather's death record in Virginia in 1882. This is part of her Mitochondrial line. **Linnie Griffin** took her Ipswich Maine Perkins line back to England. **Marlys Marrs** and **Jan Stevenson** found some little

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### 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

**Ida Mae Swedberg, [ashton@tscnet.com](mailto:ashton@tscnet.com).**

No doubt about it,

**You are a genuine genealogist!**

**Now that you have admitted  
to this truth concerning 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.**

**Your writing ability will be valued  
by our readers.**

# PSGS

## Periodical Exchange Notes

### Jackie Horton

**AMER** American Canadian Gen. 33:1 (Issue 111) Finding Adonijah part 1; Corrections to the Soldats married to Filles du Roe.

**AMER** Everton's Gen Helper (Nov-Dec 2006) Obsolete Names and Abolished Counties; US Genweb Project Guide to Finding Canadians in Canada; Directory of Gen. Soc. And libraries - Part two.

**AMER** Ibid (Jan/Feb 2007) Historic Maps can help; Conquest of Ireland; Directory of Gen Soc and Lib Part One

**AMER** Family Chronicle (Apr 2007) Revolutionary War Records online; English Baptism Records; Family History Legends.

**AMER** History Magazine (May 2007) Drama on the High Seas (Civil War); The Winds that Blew History Off Course.

**AMER** Internet Genealogy (Mar 2007) 23 Websites to fire up your family history; Finding and using old maps online.

**AMER** Ibid (Mar 2007) Unlocking Your Gen; Scots-Irish Ancestors.

**FAM** Haskell News 16:1 (Mar 2007) Monumental Inscriptions in Donhead St Andrew's churchyard; Do you have an ancestor in the Texas Rangers?

**IL** Clay County Gen Soc 19:1 (Spring 2007) Clay county Deaths; Duncan House; Stephen Kincaid pension papers.

**IL** LaSalle County Genealogy Guild (Dec 2006) Membership listing with surnames they are researching.

**MA** Berkshire Genealogist 28:1 (Winter 2007) Gradates of Pittsfield High School 1870-1894; Pittsfield Young Ladies' Institute 1877-1883.

**MD** Frederick Co Reflections of the Past (The Frecogs newsletter) 20:1 (Feb 2007) The Linton Index; Abstracts and Transcriptions.

**MD** Ibid Volume 19 2006 Index of the newsletters.

**MI** Family Tree Talks 34:1 (Mar 2007) WWI draft registration cards 1917-1918; Muskegon Heros of the Great War.

**MN** Crow Wing Gen Soc 29:1 (Spring 2007) Crow Wing--Twsp 44 No, Range 31 Index of residents 1913 Atlas

**NM** New Mexico Gen Soc Journal 46:1 (Mar 2007) Gold Star Mothers of WWI; Record of Interments Taos, NM (cont).

**MO** Scotland county gen soc 21:2 (Apr 2007) Scrapbook Obituaries index Book E-G, Wayland Station.

**MT** Dawson Co Tree Branches Gen Soc 16:1 (Mar 2007) Glendive Streets named for early RR men, Death Notices in area newspapers (Jul-Dec 1006).

**OH** Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints 34:Index (Jan-Dec 2006) Index to past years periodicals.

**OH** Ibid (2006) Membership and Surname Directory

**OH** Ibid 35:1 (Jan, Feb, Mar 2007) Nov Election held in West Ward Perry twp 1888; Divorce Notices 1873-1884; obits 1871-1872.

**OR** Beaver Briefs Willamette Valley Gen Soc, Inc 39:2

(Spring 2007) Marion co Applications for the Soldiers' Home, The "Gazelle" Tragedy.

**OR** Bulletin of Gen Forum of OR, Inc 56:3 (Mar 2007) Ancestors' Stories.

**OR** Willamette Valley Gen Soc Newsletter 29:4 (Apr 2007) Geographic Areas being researched by members.

**PA** Past Times Mercer co Gen Soc 27:2 (Mar 2007) Persons Liable for income tax in 1864.

**PA** Ibid 27:3 (Apr 2007) Persons Liable for income tax in 1864 (cont).

**WA** Big Bend Register Grant Co Gen Soc 28:1 (Mar 2007) List of ancestors contributed; 2004 obits.

**WA** Olympia Gen Soc Quarterly 33:2 (Apr 2007) Thurston Co Marriage Returns 1895 (Sep-Dec); Olympia City Dir 1902-3 (cont).

**WA** Tri City Gen Soc Bulletin 47:1 (Mar 2007) Golden, or greater, Wedding Anniversaries published in Tri-City Herald.

**WA** Yakima Valley Gen Soc 39:1 (Mar 2007) Yakima Valley Gen Soc Surname Files; Ahtanum School (cont); School census 1914; Wills never filed.

**WV** The Journal of the Kanawha Valley Gen Soc 31:1 (Spring 2007) 1877 Kanawha co death records, 1849 tax records.

#### NEWSLETTERS WITH SOCIETY INFORMATION

**CA** Sequoia Gen Soc 34:1 and 2

**FL** Pastfinder of South Lake County

**KS** Jefferson Co Historical Soc

**IL** The Genie's View LaSalle co

**OR** Willamette Valley Gen Soc

**WA** Jefferson co. Gen Soc

**WA** Fiske Gen Foundation Seattle

**WA** Manette History Club

**WA** South King County Gen Soc

**WA** Washington State Gen Soc □

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bits of info to help fill out their charts. **Madi Cataldo** spent a lot of her time in Italy--found another death record and has found all she can find in the records that are available. As one gets to the difficult stone walls the searching is much more intense and not as productive. The secret of a successful trip is organizing your finds once you get home. It was a fun filled good trip and enjoyed by all. □

If you have knocked down a  
Genealogical brick wall  
in your haste to overcome  
a family history obstacle,  
we want to read about it  
in the *Backtracker*.

## Generous Genies Donors to the PSGS Research Library

Donations from December 2006  
To

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Patricia Powell McGuire		X
Terry Mettling	X	
Akiko Morrison	X	
Bruce Ramsey		X
Lester Schmuck	X	
S.W. Smith		X
Leora June Sherman		X
Martha Smith	X	

\* Indicates Non Member.

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

(Continued from page 25) A Message from the Editor.  
in publishing family history stories written solely by our PSGS membership. Stories written by them about their genealogical exploits or about their personal ancestry. In addition I hoped to encourage them to research and write about the pioneer families of the Kitsap Peninsula.

For the most part I have succeeded in obtaining this objective.

I will continue advocate the writing of family history material pertaining to our West Sound Community as long as I retain the editorship of the *Backtracker*.

When will I resign the editorship? This I cannot predict, but it is probable that in the next two or three years I will pass the reins of our journal over to someone with the talent and energy to take the *Backtracker* on into the future.

If you have ever desired to edit a newsletter like ours, please express that interest in a short communication to me. Tell us about your experience in the publication field and outline for us what you would accomplish if you were to take over management of the *Backtracker*. Your imaginative response to this query will be of value to those of us who will judge your reply.

Cyril

### PSGS Sunshine Committee.

If any member knows of another member who is in the hospital or ill at home, please notify Marilyn Roberts (mickimjr@wavecable.com) or any officer so that a "get well" card from PSGS can be sent. Also, please notify Marilyn 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.

## Susan's Select Web Sites

By Susan Evans.

Where did people with your surname live in 1840, 1880, or 1920? How many families had the name?

Check it out here:

<http://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts/fact.aspx?fid=7&ln=&fn=>

By now, you've probably heard that Ancestry.com is no longer available at the LDS Family History Centers. New management and the lack of a formal agreement led to this loss. From one of my Rootsweb lists, I found these free substitutes for some of the records at Ancestry.

**Arizona Birth and Death Certificates:**

<http://genealogy.az.gov/>

**California Births:**

<http://www.familytreelegends.com/records/calbirths>

**California Death Records:**

<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

**Illinois Statewide Vital Records Databases:**

<http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

**Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing System:**

<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/search.htm>

**Wisconsin pre-1907 vital records index:**

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>

**Minnesota Birth Certificates Index:**

<http://people.mnhs.org/bci/search.cfm?bhcp=1>

**Minnesota Death Certificates Index:**

<http://people.mnhs.org/dci/search.cfm?bhcp=1>

**Missouri Birth & Death Records Database:**

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/>

**Death Certificates:**

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>

**New York City Vital Records Index:**

<http://www.italiangen.org/databaselist.stm>

**North Dakota Public Death Index:**

<https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>

**Ohio Death Certificate Index:**

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/>

**Oregon Historical Records Index:**

<http://genealogy.state.or.us/>

**South Dakota Birth Records:**

<http://apps.sd.gov/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp>

**Western States Marriage Records Index:**

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>

Try this one, it has links to quite a few states:

<http://www.deathindexes.com/>

**US Genealogy Sleuth -**

<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>

**International Genealogy Sleuth -**

<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthi.htm>

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

There are undoubtedly others. Happy hunting!

# Members' Surname Interests

DeLana D. Hawkins Cox, 3340 N E Wise Street, Bremerton, WA 98311, [delanad@comcast.com](mailto:delanad@comcast.com).

**Hawkins** NY 1810, VT 1840, WI 1860  
**Lyckberg** WI 1844-1911  
**Buzzard** PA 1810  
**Shaw** NY 1810 — PA 1810  
**Husk** NJ 1810  
**Campbell** PA 1820

Jean E. Lenihan, 1550 Seasons Lane NW, Silverdale, WA 98383, [jelenihan@aol.com](mailto:jelenihan@aol.com)

**Lenihan** **Butler** **Moore**  
**Meiner** **Christensen**

Gary D. Walker, 5451 Crane Avenue E., Port Orchard, WA 98366, [garwalker@gmail.com](mailto:garwalker@gmail.com)

**Walker** MO 1800's  
**Daman** ENG 1700's Kent  
**Damon**

Cheryl Ball, 11043 Horizon Lane East S E, Port Orchard, WA 98367, [darkempress@wavecable.com](mailto:darkempress@wavecable.com).

**Hromadik** **Toms**  
**Campell** **Zente**

Devi B. Greer, 6521 S E Mile Hill Drive, Trlr. #6, Port Orchard, WA 98366, [beckiesplace@msn.com](mailto:beckiesplace@msn.com)

**Hromadik** **Campbell** **Bartley**



(Continued from page 37) *Finding the Reeder Stories.*

Audra. They were excited to see the old photo album, were able to identify a few of the unidentified ones, and were able to add some names to my growing collection of papers. Better, they also told stories of



*Daniel A. and Eliza K. (Crossley or Crosley) Reeder.*

*Photo Circa 1870's.*

"Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Allie" (America Alice née

Leedy; she apparently really hated her first name). They also knew, most importantly, how the family came to the Pacific Northwest. Daniel A. Reeder and his eldest son (Wm. H.) came by ship around the Horn to San Francisco and up by wagon to Oregon. The rest of the family – including the twins' father, the youngest of the children – came across country by train in 1877.

Over the next couple of decades, I had only sporadic time to devote to genealogical research. Back at college, I did find a book on Brethren church history in my university's library that told how my great-great-great-grandfather Leedy brought his family by wagon over the Oregon Trail and so became the first Church of the Brethren minister in Oregon Territory; later I got a copy of the source document from the church headquarters. But while I was busy as a young adult is, one of my great-aunts by marriage spent a lot of time tracing her husband's Reeder ancestry. She sent to me what she had – mostly names on a tree, with little history except what she wrote up on her father-in-law (my great-grandfather Othello "Otha" Reeder) and no sources.

So for that line of family research, my energies are going towards confirming the information on the family tree Aunt Vernita Reeder collected, and finding the stories that make them more than names. Two family members have published limited family histories that tell some of the stories, but again, rarely with independently-verifiable sources listed.

While going through the Kentucky section of the PSGS library looking for records of those on my tree known or believed to have been born, married, died and/or buried there, I came upon confirmation of a marriage, with a full date and a full name where I'd just had an initial. Oh, the joy of such small pieces of information!

Then one night I was looking at Heritage Quest through the KRL (Kitsap Regional Library) website, and decided to see if, perchance, a search of their books would turn up anything on pre-1850 ancestors. Bingo! A story telling how the Toliver Craig family was involved in a Revolutionary War action, the Defense of Bryant's Station in Kentucky was there, referred to in several different works! My 6th-great-grandmother, Mary "Polly" Craig, was one of the girls who fetched water for the fort along with her mother. The only difficulty? I haven't yet found confirmation that Polly grew up and married my 6th-great-grandfather Francis Gholson! So the search for confirmation that these are my family's stories goes on – with the help of the resources of the PSGS and the Kitsap Regional Library. Thanks to you both!



# PSGS Calendar

## June 2007

- Jun 2 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jun 4 – 10 am Workshop “Census Records”
- Jun 5 – 12:30 pm – Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair Community Baptist Church, Belfair – Larry Harden Census Records
- Jun 7 – 10 am – Cemetery Committee
- Jun 9 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jun 11 – 10 am WSGS District 3 meeting
- Jun 15 – 1 pm – Film 9 “Research in England and Wales Part III - Census and Probate Records”
- Jun 16 – 10 am to 1pm - Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Port Orchard with Sandie Morrison - \$30.00 per person includes lunch.  
9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jun 18 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee  
11 am – Grant Committee  
12 Noon – Exec. Board & Committee Chairs
- Jun 23 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jun 25 – 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG  
1 pm – Legacy SIG
- Jun 27 – 1 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Montgomery, Bremerton – Sandie Morrison presents “Coming to America”
- Jun 30 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers

## July 2007

- Jul 2 – 10 am Workshop “Research the Courthouse” Sandie Morrison
- Jul 5 – 10 am – Cemetery Committee
- Jul 7 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jul 9 – 10 am – Obituary Project  
10 am – Education Committee
- Jul 10 – 12:30 pm Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair Community Baptist Church, Belfair – Connie Bailey on Colonial America
- Jul 14 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jul 16 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee  
11 am – Grant Committee  
12 Noon – Exec. Board & Committee Chairs
- Jul 20 – No film scheduled
- Jul 20-22 – 9 am to 4pm – Second Annual Garage & Garden Sale at 9093 Glenwood Rd, Port Orchard
- Jul 21 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jul 23 – 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG  
1 pm – Legacy SIG
- Jul 25 – 1 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Montgomery, Bremerton \*
- Jul 28 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Jul 30 – “Piles, Files, & More” Organizing your research Michelle Gilles

## August 2007

- Aug 2 – 10 am Cemetery Committee
- Aug 4 – 1 pm-3 pm - Historical Walking Tour of Knights of Pythias Cemetery – No fee, Donations welcome.  
9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Aug 6 – 10 am Workshop “Probate and Wills” Instructor Lillian Schauer
- Aug 7 – Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair Community Baptist Church, Belfair - Seattle Public Library field trip
- Aug 11 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Aug 13 – 10 am Obituary Project  
10 am Educational Committee
- Aug 16 – No film scheduled
- Aug 18 – Olalla Bluegrass Festival – information Table  
9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Aug 20 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee  
11 am – Grant Committee  
12 Noon – Exec. Board & Committee Chairs
- Aug 25 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Aug 27 – 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG  
1 pm – Legacy SIG
- Aug 29 – 1:00 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Montgomery, Bremerton\*

## September 2007

- Sep 1 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Sep 3 – 10 am Workshop “Land Records”
- Sep 4 – Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair Community Baptist Church, Belfair – Rehearsal walk for Twin Firs Cemetery
- Sep 6 – 10 am Cemetery Committee
- Sep 8 – PSGS Seminar – Speaker Mary McEwan – at the Silverdale Community Center\*  
9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Sep 10 – 10 am Obituary Project  
10 am Educational Committee
- Sep 15 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers  
Belfair Cemetery Walk “Twin Firs”
- Sep 16 – 10:30-1 pm Boat Cruise of the Historical Mosquito Fleet
- Sep 17 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee  
11 am – Grant Committee  
12 Noon – Exec. Board & Committee Chairs
- Sep 21 – 12:30 pm Film “From Rivers to Trails to Roads to Canals to Trains” by Dr. Schweitzer
- Sep 22 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers
- Sep 24 – 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG  
1 pm – Legacy SIG
- Sep 26 – 1:00 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Montgomery, Bremerton
- Sep 29 – 9-3 Farmers Market – need volunteers

Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place at the PSGS Library.

TBA = To Be Announced. Call the PSGS Library for the latest information.

# Puget Sound Genealogical Society Executive Board

## Meetings

Meetings are held at **The Gateway Center, Sixth and Montgomery, Bremerton** on the fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December. The December meeting date and time is announced each year at the October meeting. Times for meetings are 1:00 to 3:00 P. M. from January through November.

The programs are varied and include workshops, question/answer sessions and talks, both by outside speakers and by our own members. Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.

The Belfair Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 P.M. in the Belfair Community Baptist Church - Library, 23300 N. E. State Highway 3, Belfair, Washington

## Membership Fees

**Single membership is \$25 and family membership is \$40 per year.** Membership includes free use of the library and a yearly subscription to our newsletter *The Backtracker* which is published four times per year. Send membership application and fee to PSGS Membership at our Business Address: Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Post Office Box 1931, Port Orchard, WA 98366-0805.

## The Cindy Shawley Spore Memorial Research Library:

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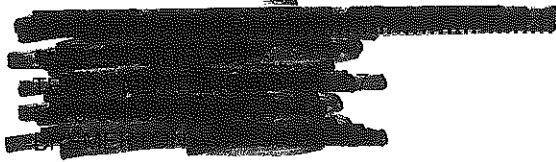
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