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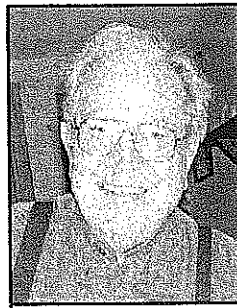
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Dig for past relatives, turn up today's cousins.

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The Prez Sez!



Larry Swan

Prez Sez
A word of caution to those who depend on Ancestry.com for family information. Beware of results found in a "One World Tree". There are problems in some of their trees that should be obvious to "Professional Genealogists." The crew at Ancestry.com has assured me that this is true by those who look after the

"WOT" program.

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The Three Musketeers By Sandie Morrison

In 1926, three little boys started school together, Rudy Valor, Don Black and Leslie Wheeler. These kids became very close friends, and were together all of their school years. They lived in Tacoma, Washington on McKinley Avenue within a few blocks of one another.

Rudy was born in Crookston, Minnesota to Rudolph and Clara Valor. The Valor family came to Tacoma in 1923 where they had three more children. Rudy dropped out of high school in 1938 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC's) in order to bring in money to assist his widowed mother with the living expenses. He married his high school sweetheart, Janelle Oakes, in 1941 in Tacoma. They had two daughters, one whom they named Sandie Leslie Valor. Rudy became an electrician in Tacoma and retired from Tacoma City Light in 1985. Rudy died in 2006.

Don was born in Pennsylvania and came to Tacoma with his parents, Woodward and Hazel, in 1922. Don was an only child. Don graduated from Lincoln High School and in 1946 he received his degree as an Electrical Engineer from the University of Washington. He married his sweetheart, Gracianna and had four children, one whom they named James Leslie Black. In the fifth grade, Leslie and Rudy were chosen as the schoolboy patrol. Leslie loaned Don his "cross chest belt" and badge once a week so he could ride the street car downtown to the YMCA free to take free swimming lessons. Don pretended not to know how to swim so he could swim every week all winter. Later in life Don received a 30-year pin for Water Safety Instruction from the American Red Cross. He was also involved with the Special Olympics swim team. Don died in 2001.

Leslie was born in Washington State and was the only child of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler. Leslie graduated from Lincoln High School as did

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Are you a historian?

You are very likely an avid reader of histories concerning your ancestral origins in Europe and exceedingly fascinated with the detail of your pioneer ancestors who set out on perilous voyages on sailing ships to the new world and the arduous treks of exploration of a little known territory of dense forests and hills seeking a place to stake out a claim for a future home for yourself and your family. If you have done all this, isn't it time to proclaim yourself a genuine family historian! You are now in a position to compose the story of predecessors, adventures I would like to hear from you and the story about your family's experiences.

The Editor.

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The Three Musketeers.

Don Leslie went to work at Safeway Stores as a butcher after high school graduation. This was during the Depression. The last week in August 1939, the three friends went up to Mt. Rainier on a camping trip. They climbed Pinnacle Peak and then the big mountain to Camp Muir at 10,000 feet elevation. When they got home, Leslie's mother told them that Hitler had invaded Poland. WWII had started.

Leslie also worked part time at a restaurant his mother had started when Leslie's father injured his right hand in a planing machine at a door company. There was an USMC recruiting office located in the same building as the restaurant. Leslie became acquainted with the recruiting sergeant and soon joined the Marine Reserves.

The day the Tacoma Narrows Bridge fell down was the day the Marine Reserves were called active duty. Leslie's train was delayed several hours and rerouted so as to avoid having to go under the crumbling bridge. After reporting to Camp Pendleton, Leslie's unit was sent to occupy Iceland, as our leaders were afraid Germany might invade Iceland to use as a submarine base. When Churchill stopped there, he spoke with Leslie regarding the weapon he was carrying at the time. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, the United States was officially in the war.

Leslie came home on leave and the three friends were together again at Easter time, 1942. All too soon Leslie was sent to Guadalcanal and his unit took part in that battle. In November of 1943, his outfit was sent to Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. The atoll of Tarawa is in the shape of a horseshoe and the largest island, Betio, is at one end. Leslie was not in the group that first stormed ashore, but went in afterwards to secure the areas inland. While they were mopping up, they walked into an ambush set up by about 200 of the enemy. The Japanese killed 33 US Marines but were all killed themselves. Leslie was hit and killed by a sniper's bullet in the neck. Leslie died on November 23, 1943 and was buried on Betio.

Leslie had written several letters to Rudy during the war and these now are in the hands of Rudy's daughter, Sandie Leslie. Sandie also has a plaque of Leslie's unit in Iceland in 1941. And of course, sev-

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
Lynn & "De" Dolores Ramey
June 28, 1958, Yakima
to
June 28, 2008, Bremerton.

eral photos of Leslie. After Leslie died, Leslie's parents gave his medals to Don who in turn passed them onto his grandson, Scot who is James Leslie Black's son. Scott is a Captain in the Marine Corp.

The Three Musketeers are gone now. Rudy and Don lived full lives and left many family members who will miss them and remember them always. Not so for Leslie. His parents died in 1969 and Leslie never married. Did Joseph, Leslie's father, have siblings and were there children who would have been cousins of Leslie?

The 1930 census for Washington shows the Wheelers in Tacoma with their son, Leslie, age 10. It shows Joseph Wheeler was born in Illinois in 1882 and is 48 years old on the census. The same information is shown on the 1920 census. The 1910 census for Pierce County, WA shows Joseph living with his parents, John and Martha, in Buckley. Joseph is 18 and single. Also living with Joseph is his sister, Lora, age 33. Next door is Le Roy Wheeler, born in 1886. So let's check out the 1900 census for Pierce County. Here we find Le Roy with his brother Joseph, his sister Lora and their parents. So now we know that Joseph had siblings that may have had children, cousins of Leslie.

Le Roy is shown on the 1930 Census in Buckley, WA with his wife Clara and two sons, Le Roy G. age 16 and Robert M. age 18. Now we are out of Census records to research. But we do have two male cousins of Leslie.

A Robert M. Wheeler is shown on the Washington Death Index as having died on 26 Sep 1984 in Tacoma. Birth date is 1912. A Le Roy G. Wheeler is shown on the index as having died on 17 Jun 1989.

Where do I go from here to see if there were any children of Le Roy and Robert? Are there records to show that Leslie would have family living today and if so, where would they be located? Is there a Wheeler family member to care about Leslie and the fact that he died for his country in the line of duty? Our genealogy research never ends. I will have to check for obits for Le Roy and Robert to see names of surviving family members. The 1940 US Census will be out in a few more years and I will have to see if it shows any Wheeler family members. □

Chocolate Fest 2008

Back by popular demand, PSGS will sponsor the second annual **Chocolate Fest** on Saturday, October 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Le Garmache Café and Catering, 1327 Bay Street in Port Orchard. Mark the date on your calendar and plan now to attend. This will be one of our major fundraisers for this year to support our library.

Local business owners and caterers will again provide an evening of sampling chocolate of all kinds. Come and taste the delicious candies, desserts and other confections. Complementary drinks will be provided including sparkling apple cider, water and coffee.

There will be door prize drawings throughout the evening and also a silent auction and boutique. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the Puget Sound Genealogical Library, 2501 SE Mile Hill Drive, Suite 102, Port Orchard.

We will need volunteers to help with the planning and preparations for the **Chocolate Fest** as well as assisting during the evening on Oct. 11. If you would like to help please call Dorothy Lindquist, 360-876-4320.

Grandpa Or Brother - Who Is This Guy?

By Judy Joaquin

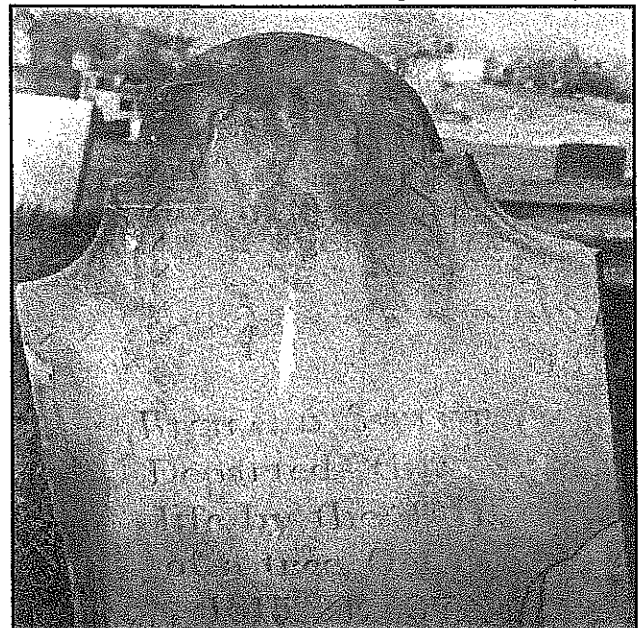
"Received of James Swift 75 cents, on his brother Isaac's estate. It being in full of all my demands." Signed by James Shaw. My eyes couldn't believe what I read on the probate record - I had concluded by **presumption** years before that Isaac was James' grandfather! How wrong I was!! James Shaw was the only one of many who identified James other than administrator. Thank you, Mr. Shaw! This self-confession of presumption and lack of true scholarship is told to show how easy it is to draw the wrong conclusions and to hopefully remind all of us to be more precise in our research. We need to also look for subtle hints to point us in the right direction.

Let me start at the beginning. My grandfather was named Dewitt Swift Orvis. It was pretty easy to figure out that his name had to be family surnames. Sure enough, I found that Jemina Dewitt married Richard Swift in 1799. (Sussex County, New Jersey Marriages) Following censuses in 1800 and 1810 I was able to locate the family in Middle Smithfield, Wayne County, Pennsylvania and in Hector, Seneca County, New York. My first mistake: The 1810 census shows that Richard and Jemina had five sons. Somehow I didn't make the connection that two sons were born after 1810! Easy math makes seven sons after 1810! I just didn't get it.

In defense of me, I found in the 1826 Index of Wills of Ohio several years ago, that Isaac Swift left to "heirs John, Richard, Benton and Hiram and also the administrator, James". Since I knew that Jemina's husband was dead, I **presumed** that this Isaac left his estate to his grandsons! So I have been on the search for an Isaac old enough to be that person. Unfortunately, I have been unable to find him. Maybe he doesn't exist!

Jemina and Richard Swift settled in Seneca County New York after 1800. Richard died in 1815 from a falling tree. (See picture of gravestone). (How I got that picture is another great genealogical story!) Jemina was left with **presumably** seven young sons. Her widowed mother, Jerusha Price Dewitt, and the young Swift family migrated to Knox County Ohio. There were several Dewitt families already there so **presumably** they moved there for the support of the family.

Last month in searching the Knox County Ohio GenWeb site I found the following "Knox County



1. RICHARD¹ SWIFT was born 1778, and died October 06, 1815 in Torrey Yates, New York¹. He married JEMINA JANE DEWITT, September 30, 1799 in Frankford Sussex New Jersey², daughter of ISSAC DEWITT and JERUSHA PRICE. She was born 1778 in Sussex County, New Jersey, and died 1837 in Niles Buchanan, Michigan. (Courtesy of Judy Joaquin).

Ohio Probate Settlements, Index of Estates". A faithful volunteer had transcribed this information and placed it on the Internet. I immediately emailed Mary Fern to ask how I could access these records. She wrote back that these records were available on LDS microfilm and gave me the film number. Before ordering the material I emailed the Probate of-

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It was all interesting-inventory, debts owed, but nothing to really tell me who he was other than related to my Swifts until I found "Received of James Swift... brother to Isaac, ..." My eyes couldn't believe it-I re-read it several times trying to comprehend what it meant. Did Grandpa Isaac have a brother James? Seemed a little far-fetched to me and what about James, the administrator. He was a brother to the others. So I went back to my many records of the Swift family and saw for the first time even though I had looked at it for years - the 1810 census shows five sons and Hiram and Benton were born 1812 and 1813. I now know the names of six sons-I will have to find out what happened to the 7th son. I am presuming he died before 1826, as he is not mentioned in the 1826 probate records.

According to the Land Grant Records in Knox County, Jemina is listed as an early resident in Sept 1817. In November 1818 she was received into membership of Old Wayne Baptist Church by letter. That little hint (by letter) infers she was a member of a Baptist Church probably in Seneca County New York.

Jemina married Benjamin Pittman December 18, 1818 in Knox County Ohio. The 1820 census of Chester Knox County, Ohio shows the Pittman family. I am still dissecting that census. B. Pitman deeded property to Isaac Swift and Richard Swift in 1824. (My source for this information is Frances Molsberry, married to a descendant of Jemina and Benjamin Pittman).

The family picked up stakes in the early 1830's and moved to Buchanan County Michigan. My ancestor, Benton Swift, son of Jemina and Richard, married Sarah Willet in Niles Michigan in 1841. (You can read about Sarah in an article I wrote for the September 2006 Backtracker".)

Jemina Dewitt Swift Pittman died in 1837. I know what happened to her sons, John, James, Benton, Isaac and Hiram. I have not found any record of Richard except for the deed in 1824. What of the other son? Did he die young? Will I never know his name? I hope so. Even as I found out about Isaac maybe something of Richard and his unknown brother will come to light.

So, Mr. Shaw, thank you again for writing that tidbit, "hint" 181 years ago. One never can tell what a simple "word" can do. □

Nova Scotia

Chapter Four

By JoAnn Housen Scott-Smith

Our trip to Nova Scotia was full of adventure. None of us had ever been there before and knew nothing about the countryside although we expected that winters were harsh with fishing and farming as the main industries. We spent the night in Bar Harbor, Maine, awaiting the morning ferry ride. Having grown up on Puget Sound where travel by ferry is common, this was a treat. The ultra-modern ferry is a catamaran (The CAT) large enough to hold 250 autos, 14 tour buses or motor homes plus up to 775 passengers. The CAT is powered by four 9500 horsepower marine diesel engines and can travel at speeds of 55 mph. The ferry has four movie lounges, restaurants and bars, plenty of amenities to keep passengers happy during the five hour crossing. We arrived in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia with enough time to explore the local scenery on our route to Annapolis County, where we hoped to find lots of ancestors.

We were fortunate as we were planning our travels to have a family letter from a distant cousin, Dale Cleveland, who described for us many of the sites we would want to explore while in Nova Scotia. In his letter, Dale described the Fitch family home in Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia. The house still stands on Fitch Road. We wanted to tour the house but had to settle for pictures of the outside as no one was home to answer our knock. We met a local farmer who told us that all the Fitch's lived in Lawrencetown and all the Cleveland's lived in Margaretsville, which became our next destination. Margaretsville is a tiny village on the Bay of Fundy, with not much in the way of modern conveniences. We found a couple of small gift shops on the water's edge and visited with some of the locals. The weather was perfect our whole trip. No rain in sight, only blue skies and sunshine.

We stopped at every historical society library that we could find, but the most knowledge was gathered in Halifax at the National Archives. There the historians have compiled family records from all over Canada and the New England States. The Canadian National census records are on microfilm and easily printed off. Copies from many of the family albums can also be obtained. Probably the most interesting piece that I gathered was an additional two generations back on the Bishop family. Abigail Bishop married into the Fitch family in 1781, making her Larry and Terry's third great-grandmother.

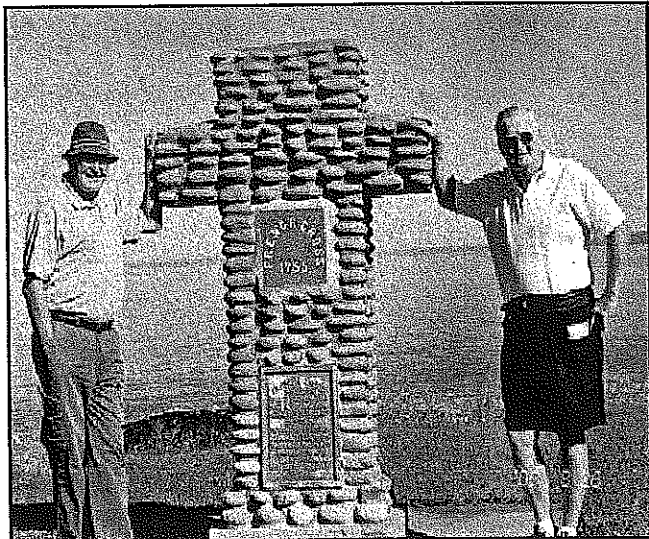
According to the documentation that I gathered,

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Eleazar Bishop, age 7, was playing on the seashore of the Island of Guernsey with his dog. It was presumably a seaport and he was playing near a wharf. The captain of a British ship noticed the dog and wanted it for his own, but the lad refused to part with it. The dog and boy were brought aboard the ship, which was bound for America. During the long voyage, the dog won the hearts of the crew and was allowed to remain aboard for the return trip, but the captain had no further use for the boy and set him on shore in New London, Connecticut. Luckily the boy found a home with a wealthy farmer, who raised him as his own. At the death of the farmer, Eleazar received a substantial inheritance, married the farmer's daughter, and established the Bishop family in America.

Terry and Larry agree that for them the highlight of the trip was walking in places where their grandfather had walked, and seeing the Bay of Fundy which is known for its extreme tide changes, as much as 50 feet between high and low slack. George Caldwell Fitch (1865-1942) would gather all his grandchildren, including Terry and Larry, at his feet and tell them stories about the Bay and his own early



Larry Smith and his cousin Terry Fitch, overlooking the Bay of Fundy

childhood. I understand that he so enthralled the children that not a peep would be heard until the tale was over.

We could have spent much more time in Nova Scotia or New England, especially at the historical museums and libraries, which were so rich in family history. But we gathered as much information as we could in the time allotted and will just have to plan on another trip some day. □

Education Committee Report

The Education Committee met October 8th at 10AM at the PSGS Library.

Attendees: Dorothy Lindquist, Marge Menees, Sandie Morrison, and Sue Plummer.

We reviewed and revised the current beginning genealogy curriculum. It will be available to whoever is going to teach the class. Since there is too much information to be covered, we will offer classes once a month on very specific subjects.

I Beginning Genealogy--Sandie Morrison--
November 17, 2007

II Introduction to PSGS Library--Marge Menees--
January 7, 2008

III Vital Records (Birth, Death and Marriage)

IV Courthouse Records I (Land and Tax)

V Courthouse Records II (Probate and Wills)

VI Internet

VII Writing Your Family History

VIII Cemetery

Teachers are still needed for Classes III through VII. Date and Teachers will be announced later.

The schedule for State Days will be the same as previously announced. The Education Committee will continue to meet the second Monday of the month at 10AM at the library and all interested members are invited to attend.

Chairperson □

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For and By the PSGS Membership**

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and study of family descent.
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**The Genealogical Newsletter
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PSGS Ways and Means

To all PSGS Members,

Thanks to all of our members who supported the Mosquito Fleet Boat Tour. The proceeds from this event will help to pay the expenses for our library. The Ways and Means Committee plans several fundraisers each year to help pay the rent and other expenses. We depend on the members to help us raise the necessary funds.

Our next fundraising event will be the Chocolate Fest that is just three months away. Please mark the date of Saturday, October 11 on your calendar and plan now to attend. Almost all of the \$15.00 ticket is a donation to for the library expenses. You will enjoy an evening of sampling all kinds of chocolates and you will be helping PSGS at the same time. Tickets will be available at our July meeting. Tell your family and friends about the Chocolate Fest, too. It will surely help if everyone can sell a few tickets.

If you are interested in helping us get ready for the Chocolate Fest please let us know. First, we are contacting businesses – restaurants, caterers, chocolate candy stores, bakeries and anyone who sells chocolate. There is no fee for vendors. We offer them an opportunity to advertise their business and in return they bring samples of chocolates for the people who buy the tickets. Do you know someone who may be interested in being a vendor of chocolates? If so, please let us know. We also need help with publicity for this event. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please call 360-876-4320. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Have a great day!

Thanks,
Dorothy Lindquist

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Official Web Site of the

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Thompson Falls, Montana 59873

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Fredi listed our

PSGS web site as a link

Thanks Fredi!

HO, HO, HO!

PSGS Celebrates 35 Years!

December 10, 2008

12:00 - 3pm

Gateway Center, Bremerton

Come join fellow members for
an afternoon of fun.

Bring a wrapped gift
for a fun game of gift exchanging
and enjoy the great lunch
provided by the Board.

Outgoing Officers will be honored
and the new Board will be introduced.

A few select items will be on display for
an auction conducted by 'Santa'.

Scrapbooks from the past
on PSGS events will be on display
and Past Presidents will join us
to tell of the beginnings of PSGS.

Please bring a donation for the
Helpline Food Bank.

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The Prez Sez.

My first surprise was a panic call from a cousin who wanted to know how I found her grandfather. The family had hired professional genealogists for years trying to find where he was born and what might have happened to him.

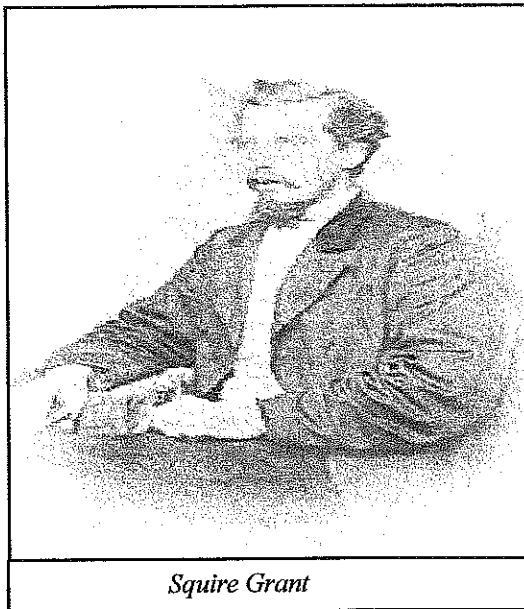
When I asked where my cousin had found his information the answer was "In your family tree at Ancestry of course." I assured her that I had not sent any such information to them and set about to check this development. I contacted them. Pulled up my tree and sure enough someone had grafted on statistics from someone else's tree concerning my cousin's long lost grandfather. Anyone who knew about our family would know these trees did not fit.

The e-mails I sent off were answered with statements like "OUR PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS DO THE BEST THEY CAN". My second round of e-mails was never answered.

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While working on transcribing the stones in the Colby Cemetery, our Cemetery Project Committee came upon the tombstone of Squire Grant. This stone is in the lower part of the cemetery in the southwest corner. The name intrigued me so much that I found myself researching the history of Colby and Joseph Squire Grant. Ann Northcutt, a member of our committee, told me of a web site, yukonharborwordpress.com, where Russell Neyman has posted information regarding the Grant family and Colby. Here is the story.

For so many decades, beginning in the early 1880's, the cornerstone of commerce in the elbow of water extending from the entrance to Sinclair Inlet to Southworth was



Squire Grant

Grant & Sons Store, located along the water's edge at the story: steamship landing at Colby. It existed and thrived during a time when the region was nothing more than settlers and homesteaders. The business was established by English immigrant William Morgan and his wife, Sarah, in 1883. The structure was, at first, a modest two-story log building, with living quarters upstairs and an adjoining stable.

Just two years after beginning the venture, Morgan sold the business to his wife's brother, Joseph Squire Grant, who came to Colby by way of Kansas, Oakland, and Olalla, just a few miles to the South. Joseph was born in 1840 in England and came to America in 1869. Joseph had built a store and post office in Olalla, but sold that to take over the Morgan venture. He took ownership, officially, in 1885, when the Morgan's moved to Seattle. One of the first things Joseph Grant did was to replace the log structure with a more con-

ventional white planked building, with a living quarters attached. He placed a large bell above the store, and rang it to announce the arrivals of the steamships and other special occasions.

Grant was a widower, his wife having died after giving birth to his third child in Kansas. He relied on his mother Sarah who was born in England in 1811 and also widowed, to care for the brood of two sons, Tom born 1875 in Kansas and Joseph Squire Jr born in 1877 in Kansas, and daughter, Annie born in 1872 in Kansas. He was a shrewd businessman, understood the importance of having a store located in the intersection of local commerce, and excelled at promotion. He quickly became postmaster.

The lumbermen, ranchers, and farmers of the Southern Kitsap Peninsula relied heavily on him to supply goods and, in turn, take their products to market. There was a large lumber mill just to the South of the store, making construction of new housing easier. Grant established ties with the various steamship companies, encouraging them to stop at Colby on a regular basis by first building a float (passengers landed on the floating dock and were rowed 'ashore) and later erecting a permanent pier. The locals came to Grant & Sons Store to pick up their mail - and that was the only way mail service was available for the first 20 years - and



*Rock of Ages Joseph Squire Grant
1840 - 1916 Colby Cemetery.*

purchase essential supplies. When the farmers needed

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to take their goods by steamer to the Seattle markets, they left their horses and oxen in the stable located next to the store. Virtually all commerce passed by the front porch.

In the early days, the business offered flour and other grains, canned goods, coffee, cured meats, fabrics, tools, and everyday necessities. Refrigeration was not available for many decades, so the selection of perishables was extremely limited. For a time the work space was nothing more than long planks placed over barrels, with floor-to-ceiling shelving behind, and a potbellied stove in the corner.

With this as a starting point, the town of Colby grew and prospered. The Anspaugh family arrived shortly thereafter, built a hotel and a competing grocery store, and several new houses. Anspaugh also built personal residences for the Grants, now expanding through marriages and births. A second Grant Store, Grant's Fancy Groceries, offered ice cream, post cards, and "fancies" was built across the street from the original Store. Other businessmen established complimentary enterprises, including a barber shop, blacksmith, and a third grocery.

By this time Joseph Grant's sons had taken the lead and the senior Grant settled into retirement. He passed away in 1916, and his oldest son, Tom, took ownership. When Tom died in 1936, his wife, Georgiana Harding Grant, became custodian of the barely profitable store. Eventually, Georgiana had the building torn down and sold the lot, and a residence is located there today.

Four generations of Grants lived in the neighborhood, but no direct links to the Grant Family reside there today. There are no remnants of the various stores, hotels, shops, or lumber mill, and barely a trace of the pier.

The story of the Grant family does live on in the old peaceful little Colby Cemetery. When one sees the tombstones of Joseph Squire Grant, Squire Grant and the recently placed stone in memory of Robert Grant, son of Squire Jr. One may pause and recall how this family brought prosperity long ago to Colby. □

White Spaces.

Greetings to the readers of the *Backtraker*. From time to time the editor has white space not yet filled with genealogical material. These unoccupied spaces may be your fault. Why do you ask? Vacant spaces require writer to take the time to compose an article about some aspect of their family history. Why don't you take the time to create a story about those who preceded you on the pioneer trail I challenge you to write for our newsletter.

Thank you, the editor. □

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The Prez Sez!

Now it comes again. When attempting to help another cousin with some family connections, I ran across a little dialog box that referred me to a screen showing the purported relationship between my family and the family of Charles Lindberg. My research corresponds to the first five generations on this screen and have been corroborated by others.

The problem is that my questionable 4th great grandmother, Elin Jonsdotter, was born and died in 1819. Even if she was born in 1819, her son, my 3rd great grandfather was born in 1757. Furthermore, if you start with the common ancestor and work forward you can find no Elin Jonsdotter. The capper was the relationship screen, which ties my family to Queen Elizabeth II.

I understand that these supposed relationships attract gullible people who have money to spend going on Ego trips and serious genealogists will find these frauds. Ancestry does provide access to data bases we never had; but it irks me that they feel they have to deal in this dishonesty. □

Reunions

Fredi Perry Pargeter.

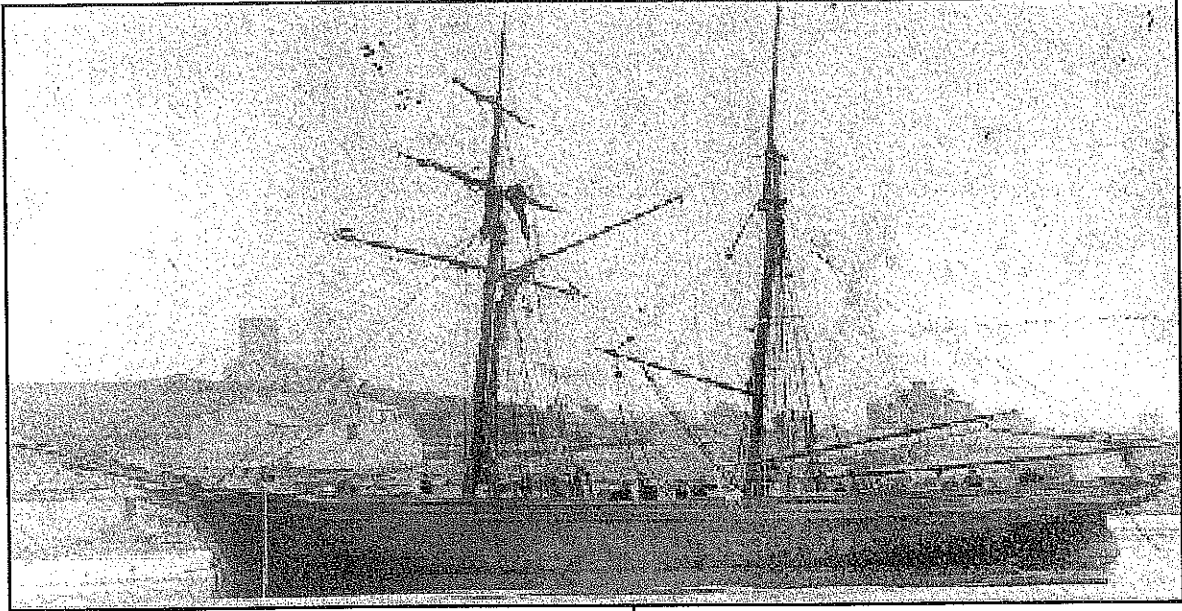
My father was born in Butte in 1914, joining an older brother and younger sister. For reasons still unknown, my Grandmother told her husband to leave and take the boys. Just 90 years ago, Grandpa John Babich hopped a freight train with two little boys, heading for Seattle and the sanctuary of his brother's humble cabin. A year later, the boys were placed in a Seattle orphanage, Children's Home Society. My father was adopted and my uncle rejoined his fisherman father.

In 1976 my father asked for a copy of my birth certificate to prove his age. I asked if he'd mind if I looked for his biological family and I remember clearly him saying, "Go ahead. But I don't care to know."

Over the years I'd heard bits and pieces of his story and knew the family name and knew where four families with the surname lived in the Puget Sound area. I contacted CHS who referred me to King County Clerk and for \$5 I received a complete copy of the adoption paperwork. I knew of four families in the northwest with the surname and wrote letters to each. One week later, to the day, I had an early morning phone call from a woman in Tacoma who said, "I believe my husband and your father are brothers." Unless you've been through this, it's im-

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The Mabel, Topsail Schooner.

The *Mabel* was owned and operated by my Great-Grandfather Henry Richard Taylor of Poole, Parkstone, Dorset, England.

(Born May 1, 1834—Kinson, Dorset) (Died October 18, 1891—Poole, Parkstone, Dorset)

This ship was built at (Garmouth) Kingstone-on-Spey, Morayshire, Scotland by Anderson & Duncan in March 1882.

Statistical Information:

Gross Tonnage: 115.84 tons

Length: 86.4 feet

Breadth: 21.45 feet

Depth: 10.3 feet

Official Number: 77532.

Captain Taylor took command on July 29, 1887 at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

He took command of the *Mabel* and commenced to make nine voyages until his last voyage was terminated at St. John's, Newfoundland on July 17, 1890.

This photograph of the *Mabel* is assumed to have been photographed at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

Captain Taylor and his wife Eleanor Kelley Taylor appear to be standing on the after-deck.



A picture of my daughter's (Debra Scott) great-grandparents, Cassius F. Scott and Minnie A. Quick, taken on their wedding day in Omaha, Nebraska, Oct 11, 1898. Courtesy of JoAnn Scott-Smith.

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Reunions.

possible to explain the emotion.

My ex-sister-in-law, born in Chicago in 1937, asked me to see if I could find her biological family. She had been adopted in 1941. Her mother's name at the time was Hazel Anderson. I wanted to do this but was puzzled about where to start. At the time I subscribed to Prodigy.com and there they had an adoption board. One of the active Chicago members was a man who impersonated a Catholic priest. He went to the orphanage in his robes and the file was opened. An unusual maiden name of the mother was in the records and background information including that the family was from Wisconsin. I made the initial phone call as I had many times before and made the connection.

Over the years I have reunited 77 families through sheer ingenuity. It's difficult to remember how these transpired. Each has been different.

The most unusual, perhaps, was a young woman in Australia who had been born in Bremerton in 1961. We had no information except her birth date. In Kitsap County it has been the policy to provide adoptees with non-identifying information. This includes age, health, education, family situation, and first name. Fortunate for us that the biological mother had an unusual first name. In tracking her, I discovered her maiden name and made a phone call to a family member saying that I had found a high school annual that had once belonged to her and wondered if I could have her current address. I was told that they had no contact with her, but last time they heard, she was living in Nevada. I subscribe to a service (Ameridex.com) that will give you the name, location and often phone number of everyone in the United States with that name and birth date. Ah hah. Found her. The reunion was at the Las Vegas airport when my Australian friend flew in to meet her biological mother and me! Great joy.

I also use other websites including Ancestry.com, a reverse address website, Google, and others.

I've branched out a little from historical research/writing and I'm now writing family histories. A local woman here in Montana hired me and among the little information on odd pieces of paper was a high school graduation photo and copy of a letter written to her now deceased mother in 1994 asking for help in locating a long missing sister who was adopted by a family sharing the family name of my friend. With a wrong name and wrong birth date, I came to an immediate standstill. But another birth date was given me but still no luck. I changed the spelling of the first name, and bingo! I found her.

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Susan's Select Web Sites

Column for September 2008

I'm back from an intense two weeks in Salt Lake City. It was mostly frustration for me -- my Millers aren't in the 1870 census although they didn't move between 1860 and 1880. Go figure! But, my sister found information to contradict some of her husband's family stories. And, we attended a series of classes on using the census and a good one on using FamilySearch.org.

Check out FamilySearch.org. Those who attended the June PSGS meeting got a good look at the changes in the LDS website. Take a look at "What's New" and "News & Events." It's not the same site you visited two months ago.

If you want a lot of possibilities at once, put a family name in www.myheritage.com. It's a mega-search engine, and the results are stunning. I got 514 hits in eight databases on Ed's Lindenkugels. Haven't had time to check them all out. Tip: Start with the surname only as it will give links to the first name, too. And, one source was a paid people-search site.

If you have German ancestors, try <http://christophstoepel.net/geogen>. You'll get a map showing where people of that name live.

Don't forget to check www.footnote.com/free.php. These links are free to anyone.

What happened during your lifetime? Create a timeline at www.ourtimelines.com/create_tl_2c.html. Makes a nice addition to a birthday card.

Do you know how to use Google for effective genealogy searches? The article at http://genealogy.about.com/od/search_tips/a/google_search.htm gives 12 clues and links to other articles with more guidance.

Then, go to <http://www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html> to put it all into practice.

Happy hunting, and, if you stumble across Henry and George Miller in Indiana in 1870, please let me know. ☐

Diner Cards

The are marked down from \$15.00 to \$10.00. Lots of good places to eat 2 to 1. For example Gino's in Port Orchard. Manchester Inn, Boat Shed in Bremerton. Yacht Club in Silverdale. Lots More. PSGS still makes \$6.00 on each one we sell. On sale at the PSGS Library.

PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

New member, Jack Eads, spent the day in our library refining his research. The Eads are from England, many centuries ago. Jack is a graduate of Bremerton High School, many decades ago. He is researching the Eads, Bryant, Anderson (Sweden) and Brehme (Germany).

I recently submitted my grandson, Michael Williams' YDNA to the Williams family tree DNA project. I requested 67 markers and unfortunately, there were no matches at that level. Many of the 504 participants did not request that many markers and the only positive match was with 27 markers. This is someone with a probable match 300 or more years ago. Some of the statistics that I learned during this process is that YDNA examines only the direct paternal line. So, at seven generations, there is less than one percent of the DNA pool. At eight generations, there are 256 ancestors putting their contributions to the genetic mixture.

Way back when the first Williams came to the USA, possibly as an indentured servant, there was a male from the Iberian Peninsula, France; or ancient Briton in his lineage who was Caucasian. This explains Michael's haplo group, R1b1b2. Over the next few generations, this white man, or his descendants mated with a woman of African heritage and now I have a grandson who has exotic brown/reddish skin and curly black hair.

I am on the Williams FTDNA mailing list and I've "met" many Williams'. Michael's grandfather was in Mobile, Alabama in 1962 when Derek Williams was born. He is on Derek's birth certificate as John L. Williams and was 21 at the time and in the Army. However, he has not been seen in 40 years and so his origins are difficult to trace because most people are willing to help with the Williams' ancestry further back in time.

I have learned that when the vital record people of Trenton, NJ and Albany, NY tell you that they do not have your records, they really don't. I recently went to New York and New Jersey to resolve brick walls. The New York State vital records and library are in the same building, the Nelson D. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza with many helpful employees and volunteers. I discovered a massive amount of books that I could have spent the summer reading, but not the death records that I wanted. There was some fascinating reading on the Albany Militia in the Revolutionary War. The Fondas, Bogards, and Rockefellers served, along with my third great-

grandpa, Nicholas Zimmerman (Timmerman). In Trenton, I went to several buildings and I accomplished was my own birth certificate and my mother's death certificate. The best part of the day was lunch on the Delaware River in Washington's Crossing Park. This is a serene, peaceful, quiet setting overlooking a Memorial Monument, the river and Pennsylvania. I loved being at the site of a famous place in American history. □

If you have knocked down an insurmountable Genealogical barrier during the course of your family history research, we want you to tell the *Backtracker* readers all about your success.

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Foster Peck
by Estelle Foster

Dear Friend --

Here it is, well into December of 1777, and husband Oliver and I have been married since 22 April 1759. Does not hardly seem possible that the time has passed so quickly. As you know, we live here in Dutchess County, New York, on inherited land that we have farmed for 18 years. Our children, Nancy, 18, Oliver 16, Joseph 14, Foster 11 (whose 12th birthday will occur in a few days), Amos 9, Ira 6, Lewis 4, and Eli 11 months, are growing up so fast. There will be a ninth child to be born next month, January, just about Eli's birthday.

It is difficult with Oliver away with the Militia so much of the time. But he says we must secure our independence from England so that we may govern selves and become a separate nation in control of our own destinies. Oliver is in Colonel Abram Brinkerhoff's 2nd Regiment -- when he left here he thought they were going to set up a garrison and defend a strategic point on the Hudson river. This would be to keep the British from going up the river and effectively cutting off a big part of New England, which they could then blockade and thus defeat the colonists. Oliver's Company is to meet up with our wealthy Dutchess County landowner neighbor Colonel Beverly Robinson's Company, which has been engaged in skirmishes with the Loyalists since last March. Oliver thinks most of the Loyalists are leaving and going up into Canada.

Oliver hopes to get home by next March to start the "sugaring off". I'm hoping he will be back by spring planting time, because although little Oliver, Joseph, and Foster are good workers, they do need their father's direction. Oliver sends word that his clothes are becoming very worn and could I please send a few things to help keep out the cold. This place where they are -- some of the Officers are referring to it as West Point -- Oliver says it must be the coldest place in New York!

He sends word to the boys that he is proud of the way they have stepped in to take care of the stock, and for little Oliver not to get excited about wanting to join up. He is needed more at home. He says for us to persevere and for the children to keep up their studies, and he will see us, hopefully, soon.

Amos and Ira are learning to read of Jesus birth as

Belfair Bulletin by DeLana Cox

WE want to invite everyone to our **September 27 th Seminar**. We have a wonderful guest Speaker **Barbara Clark Hovorka** of the Portland Oregon area. Topics: Finding the Immigrant -- Hidden Sources and Land/Wills and Probate . There will be a Surname Board so bring your names with you. **Heritage Quest** will be there with Books to sell. A Silent Auction with a lot to bid on.

5 August. Meetings will be: Will be **Tams Alan** program will be "I DO" marriage customs. If you have not come to one of her programs, you have missed out .

2 September. **No Meeting**.

27 September. **Seminar** at Theler Community Center, Belfair, Washington.

7 October. Program will be **Karen Hoff** on "Family Ties". One not to miss.

4 November, 11:30 **Christmas Potluck** and election of Officers for 2009 and Planning of Programs **PLUS FUN**

NO MEETINGS for December or January.


Meetings are at Belfair Library (unless otherwise stated)

SEMINAR 27 September 8:00 --3:15 at Theler Community Center, Belfair, Washington.


Registration Form on the Belfair web site.

Cost \$ 20,00 before 13 September then \$ 25.00 at the door.

Lunch available at \$ 6.50 pre order.

Door Prizes--- Silent Auction ---- and Lots of fun. 

told in the Bible. Lewis likes the pictures. They want to surprise Oliver with what they have learned. We pray for Christmas Blessings for our far-away husband and father, may this war come to and end -- may our new country be free.

My best regards to you and yours, affectionately,
from your friend Fear Foster Peck. 

The Library Report Marjorie Menees

Last month I spoke of the extensive use our library has with the activities that take place there. In fact, our library is the center and core of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. If we had a big enough room for our meetings and the library, that would be the ideal situation for us. Some of us, as we work, have even wished we could see us somehow expanding here into one more room or, please, enough added square feet to expand into meeting space even in this building. And on, even in our wildest dreams visualize us (can you imagine this?) owning our own building with space to expand into all sorts of wonderful activities and business. Oh, how wonderful and dreamy dreams can be...

Meantime, the library has been busy these past months with classes and state days. Since January we have highlighted Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Vermont as well as in August, Indiana. The fourth Friday of every month is set aside for special sharing times of specific states. The meetings are informal and take shape as they happen with stories, questions, helping, and sharing work about the state named for that day. Chatting, talking, and laughing also are a part of the program. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: Massachusetts in September and North Carolina in October. Although the sign-up sheet is available in the office and at the general meetings, you are welcome to be a part of these gatherings without signing ahead. We like to have a general idea of those attending prior to the day so that we can contact them if needed.

Since libraries and education are really hand in glove partners, both in spirit and in location. As temporary Education Chairperson, I have chosen to report for both the library and the education committee in this same article.

I inherited the temporary chairmanship of the education committee primarily because there was no alternative there being only four of us left to work – the others overloaded with their jobs – Dorothy as Ways and Means Chair, Web person, and a Class instructor, Sandie as Cemetery Research Chair as well as Antique Show Coordinator, and a Class instructor, and Terry Mettling, Vice President, Program Planner, and a class instructor. I figured I could do no harm as a fill-in nor would I be overburdened since the two former heads of education who had to resign due to home care health reasons (Jackie Horton and Sue Plummer) had already set up an excellent calendar of classes for the rest of the year and I need only follow along with an email or two...

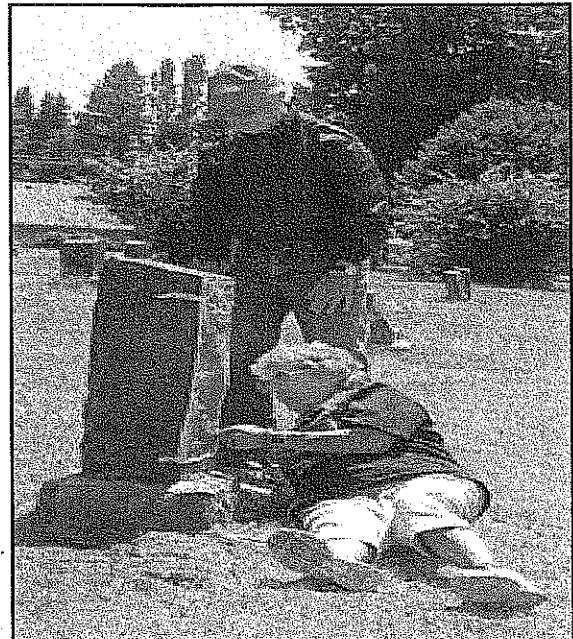
During the year we have had our popular Friday afternoon film series under the auspices of Dorothy Lindquist. The series ended in June with the film

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“Obscure Sources.” This series was generously loaned to us from her personal library by Jackie Horton.

All year we have had the Obit Records Committee working industriously to keep our files up to date. And all year our Cemetery Projects Committee has been active not only in the library as they plan projects or record information but also out in the field. Sandie Morrison, Chairperson, has allowed us to print with this article two pictures that are proof of their industrious and ardent work.

From January to June, the following classes were



*“Johnny & Linda Wilson
doing tombstone rubbing
for the Cemetery Research class”*

successfully presented and attended: Beginning Genealogy, Introduction to the PSGS Library, Vital Records (Birth, Death, and Marriage), Courthouse Records I (Land and Tax), Courthouse Records II (Probate and Wills), Using the Internet, Cemetery Research, Writing Your Family History, and a Saturday August class: Canadian Research.

Looking ahead, we have in September: Census Records with Larry Harden and Beginning Genealogy 101 (Saturday, the 20th) with Sandie Morrison. In October will be Timeline with Barbara Chesley. November has Your Ancestor’s Place in History with Sue Plummer and in December, Citing Your Sources with Madge Norton.

Good News for the new year of 2009 as it starts out in February with the class “How to Make a Memory Album” taught by Carol Clark followed in March with the class “How to print Old Pictures for Your Memory Album

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PSGS
Periodical Exchange Notes
Madge Norton

AMER Genealogical Helper (May/June 2008) Mining the Depths of State Historical Soc. Periodicals; Researching the Priests in the Family; cont. National & State Name Lists of the Civil War

Ibid: (July/Aug 2008) Germanic Research-Computer Translation of Old Church Book Entries-What Quality Can We Expect?

AMER Family Chronicle (June 2008) Only a Farmer: Researching Your Rural Ancestors; Wolf & Predator Bounties; English Parish Burial Registers

Ibid:(Aug 2008) 10 Reasons to Look For Siblings

AMER Internet Genealogy (July 2008) German Roots; African-American Research on the Net; Spring Cleaning Genealogy Style

CA Sequoia Gen. Soc 35:3 (May 2008) Old Newspaper Extracts; Death Certif. from Porterville City Hall 1912/13

Ibid: 35:4 (June 2008) Old Newspaper Extracts cont; Death Certif. cont.

Ibid: 35:5 (July 2008) Old Newspaper Extracts cont: Death Certif. cont.

ID Idaho Gen Soc 51:2 (Summer 2008) 50th Anniversary Commemorative Issue-Articles From Old Issues

IL The Schuylerite Schuyler Co Restored Jail & Gen Soc 37:1 (Spring 2008) Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

Ibid: 37:2 (Summer 2008) 1907 Marriages of Schuyler Co; Schuyler Co School Records

IL The Genies View LaSalle Co Gen Guild (May/June 2008) LaSalle & Peru Photographers 1894-1951

IN The Tri-State Packet Gen Soc (IL, IN, KY) 31:3 (Mar 2008) Vanderburgh Co IN Marriage Records; Death Notices from The Evansville Journal 1843-1854; Vital Statistics 1900

Ibid: 31:4 (June 2008) Death Notices from The Evansville Journal cont.

KS The Seeker Crawford Co Gen Soc 38:2 (Apr-June 2008) Crawford Co Deaths 1909-10; Marriages 1902,03; Civil War Vets of SE KS

KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly 38:1 (Jan 2008) Extracts From Early KS Newspapers; Lyons School Distr. #62 Students; Topeka City Dir. 1872-73

Ibid: 38:2 (Apr 2008) Extracts From Early KS Newspaper cont; Lyons School Distr. cont; Topeka City Dir. cont.

MA Berkshire Genealogist Berkshire Family Hist. Assoc. 29:2 (Spring 2008) Valuation of Town of Lee 1895 cont; Berkshire Militia Units cont; Vital Records for town of Lee year ending Mar 1904; State census 1855

MD Frederick Co Reflections of the Past 20:3 (June 2008) Abstracts of Brewer Bible; Smith Bible

MN Crow Wing Gen Soc Heir Mail 30:2 (Summer 2008) Little Pine Twsp 1913; Alien Registration Allen Twsp to Brainerd

MO SCG Soc Inc Memphis MO 22:3 (July 2008) Obituary Index; School

NM New Mexico Genealogist 47:2 (June 2008) Burial Records-St. Josephs' Apache Mission Church; New Mexicans in the Spanish-Am War

OH Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints 36:2 (Apr-June 2008) County Court Records of Petitions Vol 7 & 8; Obituaries Ohio Democrat

OR Beaver Briefs Willamette Valley Gen. Soc. 40:2 (Spring 2008) OSP Inmate Register; Marion Co Applications for Soldiers Home

OR The Bulletin of The Gen. Forum of OR 57:4 (June 2008) Indians in the OR Census

PA Past Times Mercer Co Gen Soc 28:4 (May 2008) 125 Years Ago; Immigrants to PA, 1727-1808

SD Lyman-Brule Gen Soc 22:2 (Apr 2008) John & Mary Deal Story; Presho Post 1909-10

TX The Explorer Texana/Gen. Dept San Antonio Public Lib. 14:1 & 2 (2008) Newspapers in the Texana/Gen Dept; Fiesa Chronology

VA Kindred Spirits Prince William Co Gen Soc 26:3 (May 2008) Rosehill Cemetery Burials

WA Stillaguamish Valley Gen Soc 21:2 (Mar/ Apr 2008) 1930 Census

Ibid. 21:3 (May/June 2008) 1930 Census cont.

WA Yakima Valley Gen Soc 40:2 (June 2008) Ahtanum School, Yakima cont; Cradle Roll Enrollment Cards-First Christian Bible School cont; Legal Notices 1889; Delinquent Tax Sale 1889

WA Appleland Bulletin 36:2 (June 2008) Cashmere City Cemetery cont; Manson High School 1927 Graduates (pictures)

WA Tri-City Gen Soc Bulletin 28:2 (Jul 2008) Index of Photographs, May thru Aug 1963 Newsletter, Hanford Project

WA The Researcher Tacoma-Pierce Co Gen Soc 39 (Summer 2008) Willard School Dist. 1909 Census; Directory of Puget Sound Navy Yard 1944; WW II Memorial Monument (names); Roster of United Spanish War Veterans 1942

WV The Journal Kanawa Valley Gen Soc 32:2 (Summer 2008) Graceland Memorial Park cont, Kanawa Co Death Records 1881; Early Kanawa Co Marriages 1794-1826

No doubt about it.

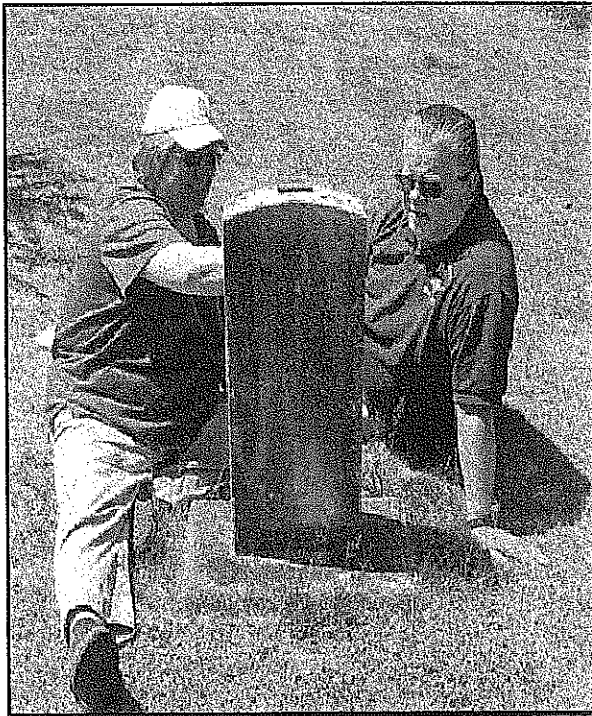
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 your word processor and write an article
 For the *Backtracker* telling us the reason
 why you became a Family Historian.
 Your writing ability will be valued
 by our readers.

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 taught by Harry McConnell.

Here's the latest attendance statistics

Library Sign-ins:	Members	Visitors
May	116	7
June	117	4
July	110	11

Now that we are open for general use only 4 days a week the count will diminish... It is my understanding that the board voted for this change in order to make it easier for the volunteer librarians to continue to donate their ser-



"Paulette Wagoner working hard on tombstone rubbing with Ken Eder supervising"

vices. We all owe a large debt of thanks to the members who continue to be here faithfully serving as volunteers so that the rest of us can come when we want to make use of the materials and equipment available and to, as well, I might add, enjoy a social call and visit.

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Backtracker Policy Statement

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

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

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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.

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Library Report.

New Library Schedule

Tuesday — Thursday — Friday — Saturday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

You always receive notice of the aforementioned activities in each monthly email calendar. They are also listed in the events on the pages of the Backtracker. All films and state days are free to attend for both members and non-members. Classes are free for members with a fee for non-members. Be sure to watch for their dates and plan to attend not only for expanding your knowledge and ability but also for the real camaraderie that exists in the Cindy Shawley Spore Memorial Research Library. ☐

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Reunions.

This is an especially poignant story as the German-born biological mother was asked to sign some paperwork to get her daughter back after the child had been in a temporary home while the mother recovered from an illness. Since she could not speak, understand nor read English, she signed the legal paperwork assuming that it would bring her daughter back, unaware that the papers were relinquishment papers.

I've never charged for this service, and have never figured out how I do it. My husband believes it's a God-given gift and I was chosen to reunite the missing.

It costs to do these searches and takes a lot of time. I think it's time to retire while I'm on a winning streak. ☐

Goosebumps Anyone?

If you have ever experienced
'Shivers or Goosebumps'
while in a cemetery?,
Please contact me.

I am looking for personal
Experiences of our PSGS members.

For use in my
October General Meeting
Program Presentation.

Titled
"Cemeteries; Shivers & Goosebumps"

Contact me at Goosebumps Anyone? At:
morrison_61@msn.com or 360 275 4990.
Thanks, Sandie Morrison

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and computers with printers
and their attachments.

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and making recommendations
for improving our technical setup
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Would you like to organize
A North Kitsap Chapter of the
Puget Sound Genealogical
Society?

NEW FILM SERIES BEGINS

In September, PSGS will begin a new film series on an interesting topic related to genealogy. This series features Dr. George K. Schweitzer who narrates the films in an entertaining and enlightening manner. The film series will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the PSGS library on the third Friday of each month. There is no fee for the film series. The schedule for September 2007- June 2008 is:

December	(No film)
January 18	<i>The Frontier Religious Explosion and Its Genealogical Effects</i>
February 15	<i>Virginia Genealogy</i>
March 21	<i>New York Genealogy</i>
April 18	<i>Ohio Genealogy</i>
May 16	<i>Illinois Genealogy</i>
June 20	<i>Obscure Sources</i>

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PSGS Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sep 2 – 12:30 pm Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair Community Baptist Church, Belfair

Sep 4– 10 am Cemetery Projects Committee

Sep 5 – 2-4 Ancestry Com SIG

Sep 8 – 10 am Obituary Project & Vital Records

10 am Educational Committee

Sep 12 – 11 am NY SIG

Sep 13 – 10-2 Census Records with Larry Harden

Sep 15 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee

11:30 am Exec. Board & Committee Chairs.

Sep 19 – 1 pm – Film series, TBA

Sep 22 - 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG

1 pm – Legacy SIG

Sep 24 – 12:30 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6th & Montgomery, Bremerton
Speaker: Sue Plummer, 'DAR and Revolutionary War Research

Sep 26 – 11 am State Day - Tennessee

Sep 27 - 8:15-3:00 SEMINAR Belfair Chapter, Theler Community Center in Belfair

Sept. 28 MASS State Day

Farmer's Market -- September 6, 13, 20, 27

OCTOBER 2008

Oct 2 – 10 am – Cemetery Committee

Oct 3 – 2-4 Ancestry Com SIG

Oct 6 – 10-2 "Timeline" with Barbara Chelsey

Oct 7 – 12:30 pm Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair
Location to be announced

Oct 10 – 11 am New York SIG

Oct 11 7-9 pm CHOCOLATE FEST 2008
LeGarmache Café & Catering,
Port Orchard

Oct 13 10 am – Obituary Project and Vital Records

10 am – Education Committee

Oct 17 1 pm – Film series, TBA

Oct 20 10 am – Ways & Means Committee

11:30 am – Exec. Board & Committee Chairs

1:00 pm – Website Committee

Oct 22 12:30 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6th & Montgomery, Bremerton
Speaker: Sandie Morrison, "Cemeteries & Ghost Stories"

Oct – 11 am State Day WY.

Oct 27 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG

1 pm – Legacy SIG

NOVEMBER 2008

Nov 3 – 10-2 "Your Ancestors Place in History" with Marjorie Menees & Sue Plummer

Nov 4 – Belfair Chapter Meeting, Belfair – Potluck Christmas Party, location ???

Nov 6 – 10 am Cemetery Committee

Nov 7 – 2-4 Ancestry Com SIG

Nov 10 – 10 am Obituary Project

10 am Educational Committee

Nov 14 – 11 am New York SIG

Nov 15 – 10-2 – Class: Genealogy 101

Nov 17 - 10 am – Ways & Means Committee

11:30 am – Exec. Board & Committee

Nov 19 – 1 pm PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway Center, 6th & Montgomery, Bremerton. Program: June Robinson, "Flushing Out Family with Old Newspapers"

Nov 21 – 1 pm Film series, TBA

Nov 24 - 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG

1 pm – Legacy SIG

DECEMBER 2008

Dec 1 – 10-2 "Citing Your Sources" with Madge Norton

Dec 2 – 12:30 Belfair Chapter meeting,

Dec 3 – 12:30-3 Christmas Auction at Gateway Center, 6th & Montgomery, Bremerton

Dec 5 – 10 am Cemetery Committee

Dec 6 – 2-4 Ancestry Com SIG

Dec 8 – 10 am Obituary Project

10 am Educational Committee

Dec 15 – 10 am – Ways & Means Committee

11:30 am – Exec. Board & Committee

1 pm – Website Committee

Dec 19 – 1 pm Film series, TBA

Dec 22 - 10 am – Family Tree Maker SIG

1 pm – Legacy SIG

(Note: for regular monthly meeting see Dec 3rd)

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

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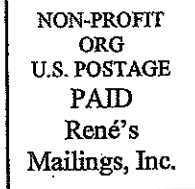
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