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KITSAP ANTIQUE SHOW History & Heritage 2015

Many of you may have seen the recent Kitsap Sun article about a young “antiquer” who found a WWII diary written by a young soldier, contacted him and returned it to him. The young student is a granddaughter of Betty Nave, one of our show’s most stalwart vendors.

Betty visited her granddaughter in Bellingham and one of the first things they did was to head to one of their favorite antique malls. Brittany was looking in the book section and came upon the diary. She looked inside and found the soldier had been from Bremerton.

She went to Betty and said, “Grammy, I think his family would want to have this.” So she posted the diary on the Kitsap Sun’s Facebook page and waited to see what, if anything, would happen.

Shortly after, she received a “hit” on the FB page to the name of a 90-year-old man who lived in Belfair that a neighbor would talk to. At first, the veteran did not remember writing it and was a bit hesitant for a meeting. But a few days later he told the neighbor he would meet her at the Airport Diner at the Bremerton Airport.

Sure enough, it was his and he was delighted to have it back and was amazed at the thoughtfulness of Brittany and Betty.

Being the Dealer Chair for the past few years, I have come to know many of our dealers and the passion they have for “antiquing.”

After all, we love history and especially family history, and our dealers understand how precious these family heirlooms once were to the original owners.

That is why our Society and the Kitsap Historical Society joined together to put on this large event. Not only is this our only fundraiser and one of many for the Historical Society, it benefits our entire community.

All of you should join us for this major county event, not just to support our organizations, but the Historical Museum in Bremerton and our county, as a whole.

Tell your friends to join you so that you can marvel at the wonderful items that are sure to bring back memories from some other time and place.

Our 2015 Antique Show is February 28th and March 1. It is held at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in the President’s Hall. The doors open at 10AM and close on Saturday at 6PM and on Sunday at 4PM.

By Fran Moyer

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Milestones

by Judy Joaquin

Welcome to the NEW YEAR! I am going to take my lead from the television news programs and reflect on the old and look forward to the new. (I'm not sure I will make any major predictions!)

2014 has been very good to PSGS. Our monthly meetings have been well attended and informative. Our leadership has provided us with a wonderful conference, Antique Show and, of course, the Genealogy Center is doing well--and that is due to the faithfulness of all of YOU who volunteer each day! Those of us who participated in the Salt Lake City research trip have fond memories and some positive research results. There is still time to sign up to come with us to SLC in March.

Thankfully, I haven't been kept too busy writing get-well notes this past quarter (or I've not heard). Please let me know via email (member-at-large@pusogensoc.org) if you or someone in the Society has been ill or has re-

ceived some exceptional good news. Frances Moore's husband had been in the hospital and we trust he is on the mend.

Jean Yager and her husband, Richard, became grandparents for the 6th and 7th time. Jubilee Olivia (daughter of Darin and Sarah Brill) was born August 30th in Burien. James Joseph III (son of Jimmy and Amanda Picard) was born October 19th in Carlsbad, CA. We offer congratulations to parents and grandparents and Great-Grandma Alta!



James Joseph, Grandma Jean Yager and Jubilee Olivia.

Happy New Year!

Genealogy Center Report by Mary Ann Wright



As 2014 came to a close, I reflected on the generosity of our members and supporters who donated a record number of books and periodicals to our Genealogy Center's collection. Some of the donations were duplicates and our members were able to purchase them for a nominal price at our general membership meetings last fall. Those that remained were donated to the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle. Even so, more than 225 titles were new additions! A few of them are still being processed but the majority are now on our increasingly crammed shelves. . . a very happy situation to be sure!

In addition to the new titles, our visitor count increased to just shy of 1,000 patrons looking to explore their family history. I can't help but believe that the helpfulness of our outstanding volunteers keeps them coming! We have a number of library patrons who are now "regulars" to the Genealogy Center, checking out our re-

search collection and exploring internet databases. Our 27 active member volunteers generously cover, on average, 46 shifts spread over 6 days each week. This means more than 2,600 hours per year. We are always looking to add members to our volunteer team. If you'd like more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator/Trainer Charlotte at: gc_volunteer_coordinator@pusogensoc.org.

Speaking of our volunteers, they recently received via email a revised handbook of duties and responsibilities that should make their time in the Genealogy Center easier. A copy of the revisions is in the Volunteer Handbook as well as on the desktop screen of the computer. In addition, I've also added to the desktop links to the FINAL Obituary Index as well as a newly published Index of Funeral Home Records from the Pendleton and Lewis Funeral Homes. Having both of these indexes quickly available will help them answer patron questions about the existence of a particular record. Come visit us!



Member of the Year Award

by Ann Northcutt



**Member of the Year
Johnny Wilson**

In making the presentation of the award, the President of PSGS said, "the member that we are honoring this year has been such a key player on so many levels throughout the year. Always willing to help, quiet, cheerful, helpful and kind.

A member of the Education Committee, Program Committee, Seminar Committee, Ancestry SIG, Website Committee, Teacher Assistant,

Executive Board member, and a weekly Genealogy Center volunteer...the member of the year is Johnny Wilson."

Johnny is a willing volunteer for anything needing to be done...no complaints, no drama, he always offers support and encouragement while proposing thoughtful and well thought out comments during committee meetings. He takes his responsibilities seriously and works hard.

As webmaster, he is always making updates, corrections, and additions to our website with no complaints, even when we change our minds several times.

One thing I am always in awe about Johnny, whenever a discussion at one of our committees comes up and we are looking for information on a particular topic or subject, and we all say "we need to go home and research" it never fails, within an hour or two we always receive an e-mail from Johnny with all the information that we were looking for...and it just doesn't come all at once; it goes on for a couple of days. We keep getting all this information that we need.

"Johnny, you are such an asset to our organization and this award is our way of saying, 'Thank you.'"



Johnny & Linda Wilson



PSGS Officers for 2015



Keeping up the outstanding work they have been doing for many years, our leadership team is as follows:

President: Ann Northcutt

1st Vice President: Karin Burke

2nd Vice President: Terry Mettling

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Secretary: Jackie Horton



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Is Your Genealogy Ready for a “Do-Over”?

With each new year, many consider making changes in their lives such as losing weight, getting more exercise, etc. Even genealogists like to get in on the act and in 2015 there's a special online educational program that can help you get rid of “bad research habits” and learn some new tricks.

The **Genealogy Do-Over™** is the brainstorm of genealogy author and educator Thomas MacEntee and since its announcement in mid-December 2014, has attracted over 1,000 participants from around the world. And the best part? The entire 13-week program which starts on January 2, 2015, is FREE. Visit the Genealogy Do-Over at <http://www.genealogydo-over.com> to see the announcement and the latest news.

Genealogy Do-Over: A New Journey of Genealogical Discovery

Here is the short summary of **Genealogy Do-Over** as Thomas sees it:

I set aside everything* related to my genealogy research including notebooks, papers, and even digitized files and my genealogy database files and START OVER. I'm hitting the reset button. I'm allowing myself to have a do-over!

(*certain items such as vital records ordered and paid for or research gathered on a long-distance trip will be retained).

Since genealogists started their research 10, 20 or 30 years ago (or more), much has changed in the areas of genealogy research methodology and education. Many now realize the need to collect facts and track them properly, including the use of source citations. Many understand the process of analyzing evidence and proving facts to reach a conclusion. In essence, as Thomas puts it: “I know a lot more about the ‘process’ of genealogical research and I want to put it to use.”

How Does the Genealogy Do-Over Work?

The Genealogy Do-Over journey is constructed of 13 mileposts or journey markers spread out over 13 weeks. Participants can choose any pace they want, and even spread the topics out over the course of a year. Or some may decide to drop some of the less important tasks and add different topics. The goal is to do whatever it takes to ensure that firm footing to finding ancestors.

A synopsis of the planned route – the Schedule of Topics – can be found at <http://www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-doover-schedule-topics/>. As each week progresses, participants will continue researching and add more and more skills and areas of focus including citing sources, tracking searches, building a research toolbox, creating an educational plan, researching offline as well as online, and more.

By the end of the 13 weeks – or 13 journey markers – the group will have covered a firm foundation in genealogy and family history research. For individual participants, some focus areas may differ; participants have the freedom to add or remove content from their own Genealogy Do-Over plan. As Thomas says, “This program has to work for you and not something that you dread each week or that you find you are working against.”

What's the Cost? What's the Catch

There is no price. A journey that could very well revolutionize the way you've been doing genealogy research is priceless. When you join the Genealogy Do-Over (see below), you'll receive weekly updates about the current topics, you'll be part of an active and passionate collaborative group sharing genealogy tips and tricks, and more.

Legacy Family Tree is hosting a FREE webinar entitled **My Genealogy DO-Over -A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes** (<http://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=461>) presented by Thomas MacEntee on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

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Genealogy “Do-Over,” (cont’d from page 4)**Here’s How to Be a Part of the Genealogy Do-Over**

Visit the following sites to get involved and set out on your own Genealogy Do-Over journey in 2015!

- **Website:** <http://www.genealogydo-over.com>
- **Facebook Group:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogydoover/>
- **Email List (weekly updates):** <http://www.genebloggers.com/gendo-over-emails>

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Schedule of Topics – Genealogy Do-Over**Week 1 – January 2-8, 2015**

- Setting Previous Research Aside
- Preparing to research
- Establishing Base Practices and Timelines

Week 2 – 9-15 January 2015

- Setting Research Goals
- Conducting Self Interview
- Conducting Family Interviews

Week 3 – 16-22 January 2015

- Tracking Research
- Conducting Research

Week 4 – 23-29 January 2015

- Managing Projects and Tasks
- Tracking Searches

Week 5 – 30 January-5 February 2015

- Building a Research Toolbox
- Citing Sources

Week 6 – 6-12 February 2015

- Evaluating Evidence
- Reviewing Online Education Options

Week 7 – 13-19 February 2015

- Reviewing Genealogy Database Software
- Digitizing Photos and Documents

Week 8 – 20-26 February 2015

- Conducting Collateral Research
- Reviewing Offline Education Options

Week 9 – 27 February-5 March 2015

- Conducting Cluster Research
- Organizing Research Materials – Documents and Photos

Week 10 – 6-12 March 2015

- Reviewing DNA Testing Options
- Organizing Research Materials – Digital

Week 11 – 13-19 March 2015

- Reviewing Social Media Options
- Building a Research Network

Week 12 – 20-26 March 2015

- Sharing Research
- Reviewing Research Travel Options

Week 13 – 27 March-3 April 2015

- Securing Research Data
- Reviewing the Journey

Editor’s Note: thanks to Mary Ann Wright for submitting this article. It is especially timely for Ann Northcutt’s January 28th program “New Year’s Genealogy Resolutions.”



Welcome & Introductions

by Carol Caldwell

Marsha Caldwell – Marsha, originally from Casper, WY, lived in a variety of places before coming to Kitsap County in 1967. Her mother’s interest in family history sparked her own desire to learn more about her family. Family stories had her Grandfather Walker dying in 1945, but she discovered that he lived until 1949. Sadly he died of the same disease Marsha has. When she was diagnosed with it, her father was the angriest she ever

saw him. She learned about PSGS from doing her research and enjoyed Elizabeth Demmon’s presentation, “Write Your Own Obituary.” The surnames she is researching are Walker, Wyer, Dickerson, and Cooper.

Robert Crump – Robert was born and raised in the Bremerton area, attending schools in Tracyton and Central Kitsap. Twenty years in the army took him many

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A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



Oct 22 **“Write Your Own Obituary”** presenter: **Elisabeth Demmon**

Elisabeth showed several examples of obituaries, ranging from the very brief that give no insight into the life of the deceased to those full of personal information that honored the memory of the loved one. She also provided a handout to help us write an obituary, either our own or someone else’s, from a genealogical point of view for our future descendants. A handy template can be found at: howtowrite.weebly.com/hot-to-write-an-obituary.html

Nov 19 **“Fold3”** presenter: **Gary Zimmerman**

Gary showed us how to effectively use the search function in Fold3 (www.fold3.com) and noted many of the records are free. He also described the types of records available from Fold3, including the non-military records such as homestead files, bounty land records, naturalization records and town records. He encouraged users of Fold3 to go to the Training Center for more information on how to find documents relevant to your research and how to retrieve copies for printing or saving.

PSGS Christmas Party Images 2014





Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Jan 28 **“New Year’s Resolutions for Genealogy”** presenter: **Ann Northcutt**

Ready to refocus your genealogy? Ann Northcutt will present several easy-to-do New Year’s resolutions designed to help us take our research to the next level.

Feb 25 **“Evernote for Genealogy”** presenter: **Jean Yager**

Have you heard about Evernote? Jean Yager will highlight the basics of this free application and how you can use it for genealogy.

Mar 25 **“Hidden Keys using Library Cards”** presenter: **Jim Johnson**

Can’t afford subscriptions to popular genealogy databases like Genealogy Bank or MyHeritage or Newspaper Archive? Join Jim Johnson as he shows us how to unlock all of these (and more) for FREE right from our own home using library cards.

Schedule of Classes — January through March

Jan 24	Saturday	10AM-Noon	Flip-Pal Basics Presenter: Jim Johnson
Feb 3	Tuesday	10AM-Noon	Finding and Using Historic Newspapers Presenter: Claudia Breland
Feb 24	Tuesday	2PM-5PM	Gen 101: Beginning Genealogy @ Poulsbo Library Presenter: Jean Yager
Feb 28	Saturday	10AM-Noon	Lost in the Colonies; maybe your ancestor was a Quaker Presenter: Steve Morrison
Mar 3	Tuesday	10AM-Noon	Evernote Basics Presenter: Jean Yager
Mar 24	Tuesday	2PM-5PM	Gen 102: Using Census Records @ Poulsbo Library Presenter: Mary Ann Wright
Mar 28	Saturday	10AM-2PM	Exploring FamilySearch.org Presenter: Mary Kathryn Kozy

Unless noted, all classes are held in the Heninger Room at the Kitsap Regional Library,
1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton

Contact: education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org

Putting Down Roots

My Bean Scottish Roots by Jeanie Schulze

Part Two



Three generations of Daniel Beans: Daniel Frohock Bean Sr., & Jr., and Daniel Hartfor Bean. Daniel Frohock Bean's father Joel served in the Civil War.

There are three kinds of people who created our nation. Explorers who made maps and the first contacts with Native Americans. Pioneers who hacked farms out of the wilderness. Settlers who came later to grow established communities. When John Bean put down roots in 1651 in Exeter, New Hampshire he was a pioneer on the frontier of a new nation and focused on building a new life for his family. He didn't know what challenges each future generation would face, including massacres, kidnappings, and war.

For John Bean and his children, the French and Indian Wars from 1688 to 1748 were very real. John's daughter Hannah and three of her children were massacred on the farm her family carved out of the Massachusetts wilderness. Daughter Catherine's three children were kidnapped by Indians in 1712 and taken to Canada. They were to walk after school straight to the Gilman Garrison house in Exeter—only they stopped to play and were captured. There is a record of their father pleading with the council for funds to ransom the girls. He brought one daughter back, but the others didn't return until years later. The oldest married an Indian during her captivity and eventually she went back to Canada when the townspeople treated her badly.

One of John Bean's granddaughters married into the Webster family and was the great-great-grandmother of Daniel Webster. Daniel studied at Exeter Academy—a brilliant but an overly sensitive student, he was known for "country manners." His landlord was afraid to correct him so he corrected another boy with similar problems. Daniel observed and subsequently changed his behavior. The desk he studied at is still in the Gilman Garrison House.

One of the books published from family reunions has a speech stating the Beans were noted for their "industry, frugality, liberality, good morals, and integrity." It also states, "Beans have ever been equal to the occasion from the throwing overboard of the tea in the Boston Harbor... to the blowing up of the 'Maine' on the Spanish Coast of Cuba in 1898; including the scene of Bunker Hill, the March to Lexington, in 1776, and the ever-to-be-remembered siege of our Civil War."

Beans did serve in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars—but I don't think they blew up the Maine and the battle was at Breed's Hill not Bunker. My great, great Grandfather Henry and my great Grandfather Joel served on Navy ironclads during the Civil War. One blew up and they were left stranded in the water. They also served on the ironclad that accompanied Abraham Lincoln to Richmond shortly after it surrendered.

Across the generations there were farmers and teachers with the occasional politician, judge and business owner and, yes, I am related to L.L. Bean. Henry Bean left school after the eight-grade and started in the textile mills in New England. He worked his way up to sorting cotton and managing mills. It was a family career right through to my grandfather Frank Bean who lost his job as the mills moved south to be closer to the cotton.

The Beans live on—but the surname from my branch stops at my mother's generation. My mother's cousin Daniel Bean was the last male Bean. He once owned the Sleepy Hollow Motel in New York's Catskill Mountains. (As a child, I was afraid the Headless Horseman would attack us.) My cousin Barbara and my four sisters are all Beans and so is the next generation and the next. We trace our roots back to the original John Bean, a courageous Scotsman who was one of our nation's earliest pioneers.

Putting Down Roots

Tragedy at Sea & A New Life

by Vicki Bushnell



My grandfather took his place beside his own father, his legs far apart for balance as the ship leapt and surged, cutting through the raging open sea. A few feet away, the captain's muttered prayer was lost to the creaking of the masts, straining against the howling midnight wind. His frozen hands clutched the German bible. It was his first burial at sea, and bad luck for the ship and her crew.

My 16 year-old grandfather watched in horror as the box splashed into the waves. Below decks, the younger ones were huddled two and three to their beds, the stinking wool blankets pulled up past their chins despite the strangling heat. In the dark their eyes were wide open. Their ears strained for the sound of their mama's coffin as it hit the water. They would remember the dark and the smell and the fear for the rest of their lives, but when they thought of *moder*, they remembered love.

Anna never knew her photograph would someday grace the wall of a distant daughter who would fly like a bird over the sea that swallowed her. That over a hundred years into the future, I'd find her on a yellowed ship's manifest where the captain's shaky handwriting survived the years to tell the story: She died from a fall one day into the voyage that would keep her sons safe from Kaiser Wilhelm's war.

The SS Lessing arrived in New Jersey without another disaster. Peter and the children found shelter with other immigrants and set off to roam America in search of a home. Nearly a year later a letter from their eldest son found them in Chicago – all of them as gray and spent as the coal soot that rained down from the dirty city sky.

"Come to Nebraska where the soil is good and the land is free for the asking," he wrote. In December of 1885 Peter packed up the children and their few belongings and headed west in an immigrant car.

They hunkered down for a wet winter in Chappell. All around them the rivers, creeks, and gullies swelled from the snowmelt, overrunning the banks and taking all the newly established seedlings with it when it washed back into the downstream flow. With no firewood, Peter and the children filled gunnysacks with buffalo chips and bits of coal that blew off the passing trains.

They trudged along the track through the winter and spring, against battering snow and wind. Then one July day, Peter set out to hunt rabbit and prairie chickens. And he just kept going.

He let his horse lead the way up a rise, closer to the clear blue Julesburg, Colorado sky. Planting his feet on solid ground and turning in a slow circle, Peter saw forever across the golden grass. With his hat in his hand and his heart in his throat he spoke to the wind. Anna, he said, this is the place. I found America.

He thought of her as he raised their sons and daughters in a sod house. He witched for water, planted beets, and healed the sick. He learned to speak English and argue American politics.

The younger girls went to a one-room farm school with the little boys they would someday marry. My grandfather Americanized his name. He built the first Post Office in a settlement called Sedgwick, where the Union Pacific train stopped for water on its way across northeastern Colorado. He married the schoolmistress and together they raised four sons. Peter lived a long life on the prairie and died a naturalized citizen in 1929, his children and grandchildren surrounding him in the hillside cemetery. A gravesite where I stood by him some seventy-five years later.



Anna Otzen Jensen



Peter Jensen Sr.



Salt Lake Trip to the Family History Library

Come and join the Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) on our annual trek to the Family History Library at Salt Lake City.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square www.plaza-hotel.com

from Sunday March 15, 2015 to Sunday March 22, 2015.

Rooms are \$85 a night for Single/Double Plus 12.761% tax (subject to change).

\$95 a night for Triple

\$105 a night for Quad

Plus \$10 for each rollaway bed

Participants take care of their own transportation and provide a credit card for the room on arrival.

A firm rooming list needs to be provided to the hotel by January 31, 2015.

All those interested in going or who would like more information please contact :

Larry Harden prior to January 23, 2015 at: treasurer@pusogensoc.org

Exciting finds from the Family History Library



Larry Harden

I first made the trip to Salt Lake City with the PSGS group in January of 1996. I went for ten days and I remember thinking, "what am I going to do there for ten days." Well, not only did those ten days go fast but I've returned with the group for seventeen of the last twenty years. Some of those trips were for two weeks.

The library in Salt Lake City doesn't have everything microfilmed but it certainly is a good place to start your research. They recently started to digitize their vast collection, index it and provide it free online.

The Library doesn't take the place of actually going to the courthouse but it does have advantages. You don't have to wait in long lines if the courthouse staff is busy, you're not limited to their short hours and if you happen to find you have the wrong county courthouse you don't have to drive 75 to 100 miles to the correct one; just walk a few feet and pull another microfilm off the shelf.

The information found in the Library enables a person to organize their material and shorten the amount of material needed at a courthouse.

I haven't been able to break through any brick walls on any of my SLC trips but I have added valuable information to collateral lines, which has opened doors to further information.

Jackie Horton

(Jackie's story cont'd on page 11)

I thoroughly enjoy being with other researchers doing what I love to do – family research. I love the classes the Library has and have found websites I did not know were on line. Three of my grandchildren have heritage in Denmark and all the church records for Denmark are online and free to research, as well as research in France and England at the library. The staff are always very helpful answering questions and helping you find information.

My one big find last time was the information on my husband's Horton line. I published a *Horton of the South* newsletter for seven years and with that and the addition of being the DNA coordinator at FamilyTreeDNA, we had traced this family to Surry County, Virginia in the early 1700s. Our DNA showed we were not related to any other Hortons in the US nor England. Most of the Hortons taking the DNA test fell into four distinct groups – my husband's line (Amos Horton), the Thomas Hortons of New England, Isaac of Virginia, and Barnabus of Long Island. Before the DNA testing we had thought we belonged to the Barnabus line – not so!

There were and still are Horton researchers who have Amos Horton's mother as Martha Timms who married Daniel Horton in Surry County, Virginia. I had a problem with that since Daniel died abt 1716 and I believed Amos

Jackie Horton, FHL, (cont'd from page 10)

was born abt 1718 or 19. The 1720 land records for Surry County are missing but changes in county boundaries put the Horton family into Brunswick County, Virginia. There we found a record of Amos Horton selling back to Amos Timms land that had been given to him for love and devotion. Thus everyone picked Amos Timms as Martha's father.

When I was on the Salt Lake City trip I decided to research Amos Timms as part of our Horton descendants. I found him arriving on a ship in 1699 and the Captain stated "Amos Timms was about 13 years old!" I further researched Amos Timms and found his birth in England in 1685 and his marriage in Surry County about 1708. How could he be Martha Horton's father – impossible since she was married to Daniel before 1716. I had already known, because of DNA, that our DNA matched with a Timms researcher's DNA. I feel this shows Amos Timms was actually Amos Horton's father and we no longer know who Martha's parents are. Other researchers refuse to accept this evidence – even though doing a time line clearly indicates the incapability of the scenario they wish to believe.

Mary Ann Wright

I had long heard about the strong women in my mother's family, the Wolfe gals. My Mom and her sister had both survived challenges, and their Mom, one of 6 daughters, had become a single mother in 1915 after the death of her husband, struggling to raise 3 young children in rural Mississippi. So imagine my delight as I was researching the Wolfe surname at the Family History Library to discover information in the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research* about Zibilla Wolfe, a widow from Switzerland, who emigrated with her sons and other Swiss settlers in the mid-1730s, to settle in the Orangeburgh District of South Carolina. Since my Wolfe surname is also from South Carolina, and the names and dates appear to match, my upcoming trip to Salt Lake City will send me back to research South Carolina records to try and confirm my connection with this "Wolfe gal" – a fitting legacy, for sure.

The Tale of the Jesse James Train Robbery

by Vicki Bushnell

I was twelve when my father gave me a box of very special, delicate jewelry.

"Your grandma's sister was married to the Sheriff back in the 1800s. When they recovered all the jewelry from a Jesse James train robbery, they didn't know who to give some of it back to, so they kept it. It is now time for you to have it. Guard it and take care of it all your life."



And I did. I hand-carried it every time I ever moved. I wore it to decades of weddings and even made up my own superstition that it was good

luck for the bride and groom if I just wore those earrings.

Forty years later I took them to an appraiser and to my surprise she said, "Oh wow! I have this same exact jewelry. We bought it in Mexico in the 1960s!"

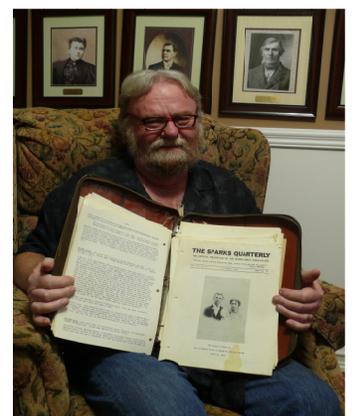
I asked my aunt, "Where did my Dad get this jewelry? Was it from a Jesse James train robbery?" She burst out laughing and said, "No! He picked it up in Mexico back in the '60s." It looks like there was more than one scoundrel in this story.

John Bushnell's Big Breakthrough

by Vicki Bushnell

John began researching his genealogy in 1979. Without the Internet, he researched microfiche census records at the LDS and PSGS libraries, wrote letters on a manual typewriter, and probed *The Genealogical Helper* for ads about his Sparks line.

Several years and countless hours into this, he received a call from his aunt who said she suddenly remembered she had many years' worth of *The Sparks Family Quarterly* his grandfather had collected and he could now be the keeper of them. This information got him back to 1764 on the Sparks line, and from there he documented his collateral line of Howe back to 1121!





Meanderings: Finding George Gilpin

by Terry Mettling



Gilpin storefront today. He lived on the 2nd floor.

In late October, my wife Stella and I made our only genealogically related stop on our seven week road trip in Washington D.C. We journeyed to Old Town Alexandria where we wanted to visit 206 and 208 King Street, which had been the shop and living quarters of her 5th great grandfather, Colonel George Gilpin.

George Gilpin was born in Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland in 1740, the son of Samuel Gilpin and the grandson of Joseph Gilpin and Hannah Glover, the Quaker immigrants.

By one account, he was raised chiefly by his brother Thomas, who was twelve years his senior. But by the time he had turned thirty, he was well established in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1770-71, he was appointed city inspector of flour and in 1774, he was among the first members of the Committee of Safety of Fairfax County. Resolutions adopted at that time were drafted by George Mason, author of the Bill of Rights. In December of that year, he was one of five members selected by the committee to assist "in measures of relief for the poor inhabitants of Boston who were sufferers from the Boston Port Bill." In March of 1775, he was reappointed city inspector of flour and in July, he was promoted from major to colonel of a regiment of Fairfax militia. He accompanied General Washington to the battle of Dorchester Heights and fought beside him through the campaign in New Jersey and at the Battle of Germantown. Born and raised a Quaker, the act of taking up arms caused him to be disowned by the Quakers.

Gilpin also served as Justice of the Peace for Fairfax County during that time. He was appointed by the Virginia Legislature as Commissioner in charge of paving and grading of the streets when Alexandria was extensively enlarged. In 1786, he was elected High Sheriff of Fairfax County. He served on various committees during this time and was also Alexandria's leading surveyor. When the Potomac Navigation Company was organized in 1784-85 with General Washington as its president, Gilpin was

one of four directors along with Governor Thomas Johnston of Maryland, Governor Lee of Virginia and Colonel John Fitzgerald. Colonel Gilpin was involved in the engineering work on the Potomac from the beginning until well into the 1790s. Early in this endeavor, he had a particular level made for General Washington at the General's request. It was apparently the first telescopic level made in America. It was later presented to George Gilpin by Washington and was one of his effects for sale after Gilpin's death in 1813.

In the late 1790s, Gilpin sold some of his properties and used the money to build and stock a shop with living quarters above at 206 and 208 King Street. In 1798, he was officially named City Surveyor of Alexandria. In 1801, he was appointed the first Judge of the Orphan's Court in Alexandria by President Jefferson. In 1809, he was appointed Postmaster of Alexandria. He was a participant with Washington at the laying of the cornerstone of the U. S. Capitol building. He was a vestryman at Christ Church in Alexandria and was a member of the Alexandria lodge of the masons. He was present there when news of Washington's death was announced and was assigned as one of the pallbearers at Washington's funeral.

George Gilpin may have been related to the Washington's through the intermarriage of the Gilpin's and Washington's in England. George Gilpin was married twice, first to Catherine Peters and after her death, to her sister, Jane Peters. They were cousins to Martha Dandridge Custis Washington so it is no surprise that the Gilpin's were frequent guests at Mount Vernon or that General Washington sometimes stayed over at their place on King Street. Gilpin was the chief buyer of the whiskey made at Washington's distillery and it was sold at his shop.

George Gilpin died on December 27, 1813 and was buried in Christ Church's section of the Wilkes Street Cemetery with masonic and military honors. This cemetery is now part of the Alexandria National Cemetery. Now, if only I had this information while we were in the area instead of finding out after our return home.

Oooh, another road trip!



Side By Side



Ed Evans

Member since 1998

I am originally from Livingston, MT, and have a B.S. degree from Eastern Montana University. Retired U.S. Air Force (24 years); retired WA State Drivers license instructor; square dance teacher and caller for 43 years to the present. Married to Susan Evans for many years!

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy?

My interest in genealogy dates back approximately 35 years. Some of my relatives had done considerable research and shared their efforts with me. I got hooked!

Q: How and when did you come to join PSGS?

Susan has been the motivator in researching her family history, and I have "tagged along" over the years. We joined the Puget Sound Genealogical Society in 1998.

Q: What are your research goals?

I have made several trips to the LDS Research Facility in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was able to obtain some very interesting data and treasures pertaining to my mother's family (the Lindekugels---immigrants from Germany approximately 1853). I want to motivate other members of the "Lindekugel" relatives to reach out to our extended family members, establish a continuous communication; encourage the younger members of our family to attend our reunions; share research data to all of the membership; and contact relatives in Germany and invite them to the next reunion in 2016.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest? The "Lindekugel" families were originally from the vicinity of Berlin, Germany, Further research is definitely needed to establish any connection between families who changed the spelling. Current statistics reveal that only thirty (30) Lindekugel families are residing in the United States.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I assist in many meetings and highly promote PSGS.



Hazel Thornton

Member since 2008

I worked in banking for about 40 years. I met my late husband in 1985 through a mutual friend and when I got the opportunity to transfer from the branch in Monroe, WA to Poulsbo WA in May of 1987 we were married. He worked at Bangor on the submarines and there are no submarines in Monroe.

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy?

I started genealogy in the early 90s from a small piece of paper written by my maternal grandmother with family information on it. I got a computer and a genealogy program. I got "hooked" and have been working on it ever since. My dad did all the communication for his side of the family and Mom started writing letters to England.

Q: How and when did you come to join PSGS?

I joined midsummer of 2008. Had previously, probably through the newspaper, heard about PSGS and thought it would be interesting to join.

Q: What are your research goals?

I want to prove the connection to Germany on my father's side of the tree. Have picked up bits and pieces of information over the years that fits in to my ideas but have been unable to tie it together with "proof."

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

My father's side would be Leise, Lease, Stilson, Mercer, Harrington and Wolcott. Areas for these would be West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota. My mother's side would be Buckley, Frith, Tasker and Tattersall and the Warburtons, all in England. .

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I was on the Executive Board and Program Committee; helped with booths at Antique Fair and Kitsap County Fair; and was in charge of the raffle ticket sales. This past year I donated almost all of my genealogy books to the Genealogy Center and I volunteer there twice a month.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Happy New Year! Hope the year 2015 will be a good one for each and every one of you.

The Belfair Chapter has been relatively quiet for the latter part of 2014 and the first part of 2015. In November 2014, we had our Christmas Party. Several of our members attended including Lynda Peel who hasn't been able to attend our meetings for a while. A good time was had by all. In the months of December 2014 and January 2015, the Belfair Chapter had no meetings per our usual schedule. We are now ready to start the new year!

On **Wednesday, February 4th** at 12:30 pm, we will have Linda Lind at our meeting. She will speak on the veterans of the War of 1812 who ended up living in the State of Washington. Sounds pretty interesting to me - always nice to be able to locate important people, heroes and veterans in one's home state. We are also looking forward to having Steve Morrison speak at our meeting on **Wednesday, March 4th**. He will be speaking about the Quakers and how to use their records for our own personal genealogy research.

On **Wednesday, April 1st -- No Foolin'** -- we will have Winona Laird, who is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Puget Sound Chapter as our speaker. She will give a presentation entitled, "Resolutions." This year seems to be starting out with a great group of speakers. We also will have a good representation of our Chapter on the excursion to Salt Lake City in March. Hope to see you there!



Pictures L-R:

Marilyn Roberts & Lynda Peel:

Madi Cataldo, Marlys Marrs,
Linnie Griffin, Jackie Horton



Introductions, (cont'd from page 5)

places, but when he retired, he and his wife decided to settle in Yelm. His mother did family research using the large tabloid family tree sheets. When she ran out of room, she put extra information in the margins. Robert was the only one who could decipher it, so he took over for her. Since he retired, he spends thirty to eighty hours a week on Ancestry.com. Even though he lives in Yelm, he joined PSGS because of family ties in Kitsap County. His research is centered on Crump, Hartford, Calhoun, Jones, Cornell, Hoag, and Lewis.

Janell Crumpacker – Janell comes from Washington State pioneers and has lived here most of her life. Her aunt introduced her to genealogy. Then her cousin Bobbi Klippert invited her to join PSGS. One incredible find in her research was an interview given in 1940 by her then 80

year old great grandmother. She told of her trip across the plains from Kansas to the Oregon/Washington Territory. Janell hopes to pass her love of family history to her children and grandchildren. The family names she is looking for are Munns, Goble, Dodson, Patterson, Johnson, Folks, Watt, Turcotte, Crumpacker, and Wheeler.

Mary Newsom – Mary and husband Len came from the San Francisco Bay area to Bremerton in 1984 with his work. They learned about PSGS through the Lady Elks of Bremerton when someone from PSGS spoke. Mary has cousins who have done a lot of research on her father's Duncan family. There are connections with the Civil War, Guano Poop harvesting, Scottish Royalty, the Trail of Tears, and the Oklahoma land rushes. Right now she is trying to fill in the holes on the Cassidys, Newsoms, and Vandusens.

Brick Walls-Separating Myths from Fact about Sarah by Jane McAuliffe



John McAuliffe, baby on the left and great-grandmother Sarah Hymer French Thing Willis on the far right

Sarah Ellen Hymer, my husband's great-grandmother, was born in 1854 in Illinois to John and Elizabeth Alfrey Hymer. Sarah had 4 brothers and sisters, Mary, Frank, Leah and George who lived

to adulthood. The family moved to Kansas from Illinois because John had consumption (tuberculosis).

Those are facts. Intruding into the rest of Sarah's history were written diaries that were fun to read, but I learned through my research to "listen to family stories, but take them with a grain of salt. However, you might find a clue or kernel of truth in them."

For example, *"When Sarah was about 6 years old, bushwackers & renegades came thru the county thieving and slaughtering the cattle. She saw her father and brother Frank killed trying to protect the family, and her sis, Mary was kidnapped. Sarah grabbed Leah and George and ran to the cornfield where they had a "dug-out." Meanwhile, the soldiers got there and Capt. John Black and others found the three children. They told her that their mother had borne twin boys and died and the soldiers were dividing the children and taking them to their homes. Mr. Johns(t)on took the twins. Another soldier took Leah and George and John Black took Sarah because he had an invalid wife and teenage son and thought Sarah could take care of the wife."*

The research shows that: John worked his 160 acres with the help of some Kentuckians who moved with them; he died of consumption, not "bushwackers" in February 1860.

Sarah's mother remarried November 25th, the same year, to Zachariah Cogswell. They had two more children but Sarah's mother died in 1867. Mr. Cogswell was appointed guardian of the Hymer children and was to care for them and their estate until they were adults.

After a couple of years, he petitioned the court out of the guardianship and moved away. Sarah and George were assigned as wards of Robert Dennis. Leah was placed with a family who had a number of boys; until her death she never spoke of that period of her life. Mary Ann, the oldest "kidnapped" had married James French in 1867.

Frank had joined the Union Army but got into trouble and was sent to Fort Leavenworth. In the 1865 Kansas State census, Frank is listed with Z.P. Cogswell's family, with the notation of "convict."

Meanwhile, I found that Sarah had married Richard French, 22, when she was 18 in 1871. That did not last long as Richard was later found living with his brother, William and is divorced. Sarah joined a wagon train, along with her maternal relatives, the Alfrey's, and went as far as Colorado Springs. She got a job and became friends with "the Spaulding Girl" at the Spaulding House, a 2-story Boarding House where she was a cook.

A pair of well known Methodist Evangelists, Sturdevant (Henry) and Murphy set up revivals in town. Sturdevant became interested in her and they were married by Mr. Murphy in 1882.

Sarah had her first baby, Sophie Amelia Sturdevant. Sturdevant died after contracting TB while Sophie was a baby.

The Spaulding girl had moved to San Bernardino, CA and asked Sarah to move to be with her. Sarah did so and met Joseph Lucien Thing and they were married. After getting pregnant by Mr. Thing, another woman claimed she was also pregnant by Mr. Thing. They divorced. A second daughter was born to Sarah in 1886.

Sarah married for the 4th and final time to Mr. Frederic Willis, an architect, in 1887 and they had two more daughters. He left her after 13 years of marriage.

My husband fondly remembers visiting his great-grandmother Sarah in her apartment in Long Beach, CA. She would prepare a snack for him and his sister of buttered bread with sugar on it.



Did You Know?

People are always looking for a way to make a copy of something they found during their research. There are cameras, hand scanners and the camera in most phones that you could use, but the thing you have with you most of the time is your phone. CamScanner is a smartphone app that uses the camera in your phone, but then converts the image into a PDF file, which can be emailed to where ever. In the conversion process it allows you to crop the image and it also sharpens it.

The FREE app is available at both the Apple and Android App stores. If you upgrade to the pay version, it has OCR, (Optical Character Recognition), software that will convert a PDF document to text.

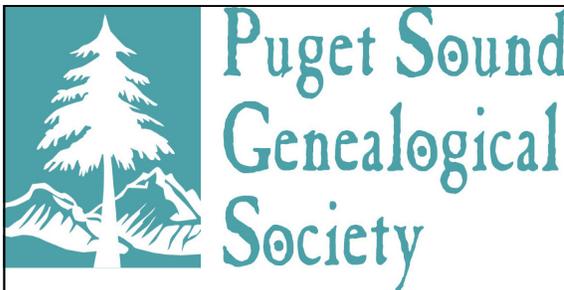
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