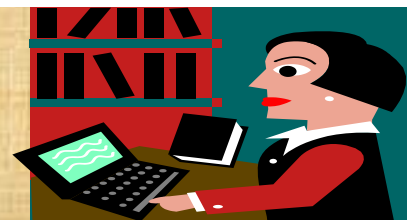




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Introducing Dear Genie

by Vicki Bushnell

Do you ever wish you could find a way to get past that brick wall? Well, now you can with our new Backtracker feature, Dear Genie.

Dear Genie is a question and answer forum for our members to get an answer to general genealogical questions at no cost, and without leaving home.

Just send "Genie" your question and Genie (a PSGS member who will keep your name confidential) will forward the question to a PSGS Dear Genie team member who is an expert in that area of research. Here's how to get started:

Submit your question by:

- * **Email to:** ask.genie@pusogensoc.org
- * **Complete a Dear Genie card at the monthly PSGS program and drop it in the handy Genie Box, or**
- * **Drop your question off at the Genealogy Center**

We'll publish the answer in The Backtracker and on the PSGS Facebook page. You remain anonymous, and there is no cost to you – ever. And just maybe - you'll find a way around that brick wall!

Remember, the questions should be general in nature as our team of experts cannot provide personal research

for you. We may not be able to answer all the questions (although we'll sure try!) and some questions may be shortened for clarity or combined with a similar question.

Read on for our very first question and answer forum:

Q. What is the best method to store my genealogy research so I can read it 10 years from now? Floppy discs are obsolete today. What is best for the future?

A: We cannot predict what our techies will come up with in ten years! However, the best way to store what you already have is always use at least two methods of storage. That could be paper and the hard drive on your computer. It can be your hard drive and an external hard drive. It can be a flash drive and the cloud. But if you have used floppy drives or CDs in the past...keep one because what is stored on them can be read today as long as you have access to a computer that can read them. In ten years, who knows what the storage methods will be but always use a back-up.

Q. What is the best way to separate all the Williams [people with the same last name] in my surname search?

A: Most of us have the same problem because children are frequently named after their father, especially. Capitalize all those in your direct line. Alphabetize first, middle and last names, then separate by birthdates and places of birth. That usually works.

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Presidential Ponderings

by Ann Northcutt



Alta surprised at her recognition
by President Ann

As most of you know, we celebrated our very first Society Gem at the May general meeting. It is my honor and privilege to announce to you the recipient of this award -

Alta Drane.

On behalf of PSGS I would like to thank Alta for all of her hard work in making sure our monthly meetings have coffee or punch and an assortment of treats and goodies. Not only that, she decorates! Always a gracious hostess

with a smile and a kind word for everyone, Alta spoils us with tablecloths and sometimes even flowers. She adds a touch of class to all of our meetings! Each month she loads up her car at home, brings in all of the boxes and sacks, sets up the table, fills the coffee pot, and then repeats the process in reverse. I also want to say a huge thank you to Alta from the Executive Board for always opening her home to us on holidays when the library is closed so we can hold our meetings. Thank you Alta for everything you do.

So from all of us, to you Alta, a huge thank you; you are truly a Society Gem!

Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright



How would you define an asset? Maybe, a house, or a retirement fund, or gold coins? What about a treasure? Does a family photograph or piece of your grandmother's jewelry come to mind? So, how does this relate to our own Puget Sound Genealogical Society, you might ask?

The answer, of course, is our Genealogy Center! It is both our major asset and our dearest treasure. Its contents represent all the stories of our members' ancestors while at the same time holding the keys to future discoveries by researchers. Our GC volunteers see this often as library patrons drop in on a whim, or on a planned visit, pull a book or two from the shelves and share their delight as they find their ancestor's name.

One of the "perks" of volunteering in the Genealogy Center is being present at those "aha" moments. For example, one of our volunteers, on her first day, hosted an entire third grade from a nearby school. Once she explained what genealogy was, one student said he didn't know families could be that old!

Another volunteer reported that usually her Tuesday afternoons in the Genealogy Center are very quiet. But, she had two visitors one afternoon. The older gentleman

found a census entry that made him quite excited. The teenager made a link on Ancestry.

One of the first places a visitor should look is at our collection of family history books. You never know if someone else has written a book about your ancestor! In addition, many of our members have generously donated a copy of their own family history book to us.



And, it's likely that visitors will be surprised at the breadth of our collection! We have genealogy and history books for every state as well as several European countries. Thanks to one of our members, Lorraine Kniert, we have an outstanding collection of early 1800s census and church records from the Ukraine/Black Sea area in Russia where many Germans settled during the reign of Catherine the Great. In addition to this, our shelves contain many guides on researching specific topics, such as Italian or Irish ancestors, finding maiden names, caring for photographs, and much more. Thanks to another member, Kathy De Los Reyes, we have an extensive collection of books on Native American culture, customs, and beliefs, including an encyclopedia of Native American tribes.

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A FUN GENEALOGY FIND

by Betty Burdyslaw

One of the most exciting times when doing genealogy is when one finds a totally unexpected connection. Just such a find happened to me recently while reading a book about an area totally disconnected from my areas of research.

My husband's Burdyslaw family seemed to all congregate in the South. I believe but have not found proof that a Martha Burdyslaw, b. 1815-d. 1893, was the sister of my husband's great, great grandfather John or Jehu Burdyslaw. Martha appears well researched and married a Henry Lechmere Cooke in Tipton County, TN in 1834.

I had recently learned of a book that was out of my normal sphere of research but sounded interesting. The book is called *For Adam's Sake* by Allegra Di Bonaventura. It is a social history of early New London, Connecticut and is based on the diary written between 1711-1750 by a middle class shipwright named Joshua Hempstead.

One of the wealthy, prominent families in this story was the Lechmere family and the name caught my attention when I recalled that Martha Burdyslaw was reported to have married a Henry Lechmere Cooke in Tipton County, TN in 1834. So how did Henry, whose family was from New England meet Martha from South Carolina?

Thomas Lechmere, b. 1683-d.1765, was born in Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, England. He married Anne Winthrop, who was a granddaughter of John Winthrop, Jr., governor of Connecticut. Their son Nicholas Winthrop Lechmere, Henry Lechmere Cooke's great grandfather, was banished and his land confiscated for being a Loyalist after the Revolutionary War.

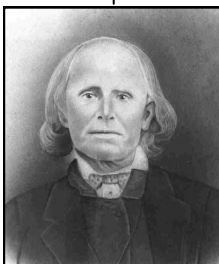
Henry's grandmother Anne, daughter of Nicholas Winthrop Lechmere, married Silas Cooke, Jr. Seven years later, in 1783, Silas Cooke, Jr., his wife Ann Lechmere and daughter Elizabeth sailed from Rhode Island to join Silas' brother John Cooke in New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina.

Henry Marchant Cooke, b. 1784-1835, was born to Silas Cooke, Jr. and Anne Lechmere Cooke in New Bern,

Craven Co., NC. He married Frances Barry Buxton and their son Henry Lechmere Cooke was born in 1809.

Henry M. worked in his father's store, in a small village. Henry moved with his brother to Tennessee in order to secure a home for the family. They remained there four years improving a farm. When he and his brother had improved the place their father and seven children came to live with them. They had only lived there one year when his father died.

The author of the book states, "Henry L. Cooke married Martha Burdyslaw on Christmas Day 1834 after-



Henry L. Cooke

wards moved to Yalobusha County, Mississippi. Here he built a home and improved a farm. After cultivating it a few years he began teaching school. He was not qualified to teach English so in order to teach, he studied ahead of his pupils, at home. He tilled the soil before and after school hours. His patrons were well pleased with his teaching and he was allowed to teach there 20 years."

In 1856, Henry's brothers, who were already in Texas, convinced him and Martha to move their large family to Ellis County, Texas. A two month trip by an ox-drawn wagon ensued. Henry homesteaded 200 acres there and began farming. An earlier settler named Thomas Neel and Henry Cooke and family joined settlements that were the beginning of what became the Bethel Community. Henry found a lack of schools for the children so again turned to teaching while Martha managed the children and farm.

Henry died in 1885 and Martha followed in 1893. Both are buried in the Boren-Cooke Cemetery in Reagor Springs, Ellis County, Texas.

Most intriguing was how much information I easily found online about someone I hadn't given much thought to and how a book totally unrelated to my area of research brought it all together.

Now if I could just find proof that our Burdyslaw ancestor is indeed the brother of Martha Burdyslaw Cooke.



Introductions and Welcome!

by Carol Caldwell

Shannon Hassebrock: Shannon was born and raised in Fife, Washington. She met her husband Marr and after they married, they moved here. Whenever Shannon and her mother got together they would talk about parents and grandparents. She learned about PSGS after looking online for genealogy societies. She came into the library to see what it was all about and she decided to join. The surnames she is researching are Lane, Brosseau, Phair, Roberts, Athey, Casteel, Bleichner, Dugdale and Myott.

Sharon Hornback: Sharon is originally from the Shoreline area of Seattle. She moved here in 1977. She got interested in genealogy when her daughters were born and she filled out their baby books. As she got closer to retirement, she got more serious about delving into the history of her family. Sharon and Mary Ann Wright worked together at CK School District and started talking about PSGS. The surnames she is looking for are Dobson, Barnes, Glosier, Weaver, Goss Neely, Smith, Partridge, Fabian, Weyrauck, Hopper, Potts, Hamilton, Marr, and Erbe.

Helen Schwartz: Helen was born and raised in Bremer-ton, moved to Guam when she was thirteen, and then returned here twenty five years ago. Her mother began the research that Helen has now taken up. She started with a tree on Ancestry, and then went to Facebook to look for living relatives, connecting her to many cousins. Her serious research focuses on Schwartz, but she also has surnames of Haddon, Riggs, and Jensen.

Fred Tumlinson: Fred is from Portland, Oregon. After serving in the military and attending the University of Portland, he went to work at Keyport. As a child, Fred heard family stories about relatives and he wanted to know more. He found PSGS from an online search. Research for “Tumlinson” led him to a website where someone listed his whole family from him to 1755. The most interesting story he found is that part of his family was part of the “Old 300” in Texas, or the original settlers who came with Stephen Austin and Sam Houston.

Whither Comest Thou? by Susan Evans

There it was right under my nose! All this time, I’ve been so close and never thought of looking for it.

“It” is **Whither Comest Thou? A Brief History and Outline of the Selders Family, Descendants of George Selders and Ann Leaper Selders** by E. F. Warner. I’m one of the descendants!

How did I come across it? I have a tattered copy from my father’s papers, but it is too fragile to be handled. I’ve seen copies in my cousins’ genealogy papers, but I didn’t think to copy them – again recognizing their fragile condition and the fact that I had a later history of the family. I’ve visited the Allen County Public Library whence this copy is located, but I was looking for missing ancestors, not the ones whose history I knew. So, why, on April 7, 2015, did I make this discovery?

Well, I was on duty in our genealogy library and decided to do a random Google search on my husband Ed’s

Lindekugel family. There were some interesting links, but nothing startling popped up.

Why not try my maiden name, Selders, and see what happens? EUREKA! Now I have a copy of the bulletin I can handle and reread. This is “Bulletin No.3,” published April 1, 1911; it only lists my grandfather with no other information beyond his parents and siblings.

The bulletin closes with a request for more information from family members who may read it and acknowledgement of family members who assisted in his research. This copy has some handwritten notes in the margins, probably written by the man who donated it to the Allen County Library.

This discovery underlines the value of revisiting sources once in a while. Now, I wonder what’s next. What did Bulletins 1 and 2 contain? Was there a Bulletin No. 4? Time to email cousins Margo and Sharon and do some more exploration in the major genealogy libraries.

Everything You Want to Know About "RootsTech"

by Leah Snider

"RootsTech," what is that? Since joining PSGS two years ago I had heard the term and wondered what it was all about. A conference some said, technology classes others said --- all true, but the underlying premise is all about family roots/heritage, and how technology can and is used in that pursuit. Finally, this past February, I had the opportunity to attend one day (not nearly enough) and find out for myself what it was all about.

Let me first say that it was somewhat overwhelming, not only for me, but (I believe) for the event organizers as well. This year the event was combined with the annual meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, so the attendee numbers were WAY up --- about 22,000 people came.

The conference included three days of classes, a variety of guest speakers, computer labs (extra cost & separate sign-up), and several special luncheons with speakers (also an extra cost). There were also evening social events, classes just for LDS members, and a family event on the last day.

Along with the educational/informational component there was a large Expo Hall filled with a variety of vendors & exhibitors. Here one could spend time in interactive areas, watch/listen to product demonstrations, and buy a lot of family history search and tech-related products.

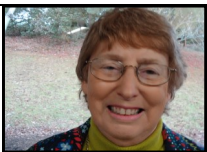
I will tell you, you can't do it all! Not even close, as a matter of fact. There are more classes offered than there are hours in the day. One must plan ahead, prioritize, make tough choices, and have a back-up plan. Know that you will have to miss out on LOTS of stuff, but enjoy and

appreciate all that you do see and hear. Show up first thing in the morning to register --- lines/people will multiply like rabbits!

Have fun meeting and talking with strangers who have a common interest --- you never know what great tip you'll get to aid in your search, or what unusual story you'll hear. Take small breaks to stretch your back/legs, and clear your head. Drink lots of water. Take advantage of downloading class information onsite --- they offer & encourage it, and you pay for it! Ask questions --- there are so many people in one place with so much knowledge, and they really do want to share it!

I had a blast and would go again in a heartbeat. I would highly recommend it to others. If you have been considering going, your next chance will be in 2016, February 3-6, in Salt Lake City. While you are there treat yourself to dinner, or lunch, at a great Mexican restaurant, The Red Iguana. Just be sure to go to the original location on 736 W North Temple.

One last note: you can watch some of the classes and guest speakers from this year's conference online, and it is free; go to rootstech.org and look for the available 2015 streaming presentations. Tan Le was one of the keynote speakers to kick off the event and she held us all in rapt attention. There was hardly a dry eye in the hall and you could have heard a pin drop while she spoke. What an amazing and truly uplifting life story she shared with us. I think you would appreciate hearing her presentation first. Perhaps, we'll run into each other at next year's conference!



Milestones

by Judy Joaquin

As we near the middle of July I trust you all are having a wonderful summer. Surviving this heat has been a challenge but one I am happy to contend with, although a little rain would be greatly appreciated.

Happy anniversaries are in order to Carol and Bob Caldwell (49 years) and Gail and Larry Reynolds (45

years). Carol tells me that next year there will be a big party! In August my husband Jerry and I will celebrate 32 years. Please keep me informed of these important dates so we can share in your celebrations.

Two of our members have had surgery recently. We trust Jackie Horton and Paulette Waggoner are on the mend!

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A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



April 22 “Sharing Family Lore and Heirlooms in Genealogy” presented by PSGS members

Members shared many wonderful stories about their family heirlooms and stories from Bob Howard, Sandie Morrison and Bev Smith are in this edition of the Backtracker, starting on page 12.

May 27 “Discovering County Histories Online” presenter Janet Camarata

Janet shared some of the history of the origins of county histories and the types of information they contained, both general and specific, ranging from the general conditions of a community to the geology and archeology found in the region. She also provided some tips on separating the self-serving “mug books” from those with well-sourced information. County histories can be found online at the Library of Congress, Internet Archive, Google Books, and the Family History Archives at Brigham Young University’s Lee Library, just to name a few sources.

June 24 “Spring Cleaning Your Genealogy” presenter Claire Smith

Claire, the vice-president of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, shared some common sense strategies to organize your genealogy paperwork and digital files. She suggested the following websites for additional tips: <http://calvingenealogy.com/filename-convention/> ; <http://aremyrootsshowing.jenny-ology.com/2013/05/29/my-digital-filing-system-for-genealogy-windows/> ; <http://geneartistry.com/organizing-your-documents/> ; and <http://www.michiganfamilytrails.com/2013/12/digital-folder-organizing-naming-made.html>

Annual Salt Lake City Trip for 2016

by Larry Harden

Come and join the Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) on their 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 February 14, 2016 to Sunday February 21, 2016**.

The hotel provides a genealogy package that includes the following: Rooms are \$87 a night for Single/Double; \$97 a night for Triple; \$107 a night for Quad; \$10 for each rollaway bed. Plus 12.761% tax (subject to change). Stay five nights and get the sixth night free.

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 **December 15, 2015**.

All those interested in going or who would like more information please contact Larry Harden prior to December 15, 2015 at: treasurer@pusogensoc.org





Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Jul 22 "Fraternal Organizations"

presenter: Elisabeth Demmon

Elisabeth will present a program on an often overlooked genealogical resource: Records from Fraternal Organizations.

Aug 25 "Jewish Genealogy"

presenter: Steve Louis

Steve Louis, secretary of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State, will present information on some of the basics of Jewish genealogy, including how to navigate through obstacles such as the lack of paper trails and surnames, foreign towns, strange spellings, and DNA testing issues.

Sep 23 "Fill Out the Paperwork—Applications vs Certificates" presenter: Deanna Dowell

Deanna will share hints and methods to finding your ancestors through the history and interesting details in Social Security, Naturalization and Homestead applications and records.

Schedule of Classes — July through September

Jul 25	Saturday	10AM-2PM	Gen 103: Finding Vital Records Presenter: Ann Northcutt
Aug 4	Tuesday	10AM-Noon	Introduction to Sources Presenter: Jerri McCoy
Aug 22	Saturday	10AM-Noon	Georgia State Genealogy Resources Presenter: Jackie Horton
Aug 22	Saturday	Noon-2PM	Illinois State Genealogy Resources Presenter: Ann Northcutt
Sep 1	Tuesday	10AM-Noon	Using Collateral Relatives Presenter: Mary Ferm
Sep 26	Saturday	10AM-Noon	Virginia State Genealogy Resources Presenter: Jean Yager
Sep 26	Saturday	Noon-2PM	North Carolina State Genealogy Resources Presenter: Jean Yager

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

Determined to Move West!

by Jeanie Schulze



Peter & Ada in 1958

When my father-in-law Forest was 95, I researched in Salt Lake City for the first time. I was armed with a history of the Schulze family coming to the United States and, for the most part, it was true. Except Forest's grand-

mother did not come from Germany as his grandfather did—Mary came from Vongruvitz, Poland. My father-in-law's reaction at this news was priceless—a look of confusion crossed his face and then amazement as I spelled out her maiden name, Wozniak—Polish not German like his grandfather Charles Schulze.

Carl, or Charles, Schulze as he was known in America, was born in Potsdam, Germany in 1849. While the story said he was an interior decorator in Germany, the passenger list of the SS Liepzig that brought him from Bremen, Germany to Baltimore, Maryland in 1873, listed his profession as a house painter. He met his wife Mary not long after his arrival. They married and lived in Baltimore where their first three children were born including Forest's father, Peter in 1876. Charles moved his family to Ohio in 1880 and began farming near Dayton. He was naturalized in 1881 and settled down to raise his growing family. He passed away at 66 in 1915 and Mary was 92 when she passed in 1943.

Peter was 23 years old when he married his first wife, Mayme Heet. While he longed to move west, he had two daughters to raise when Mayme died in 1909. Peter lived in Dayton working as a machinist at a new business, the National Cash Register Company, or NCR. He met Ada Neibert and they married in 1909. They had three children, Charles, Forest, and Mary Jane. Peter moved to a farm and supported his family by working at NCR and farming at the same time. Mary Jane left a note in a lantern, currently located on our hearth, that says, "My

mother had this on her buggy in Dayton, Ohio. She and my Dad had a farm there. She would load it up with the farm products and take it into town on Saturdays to sell at the market." Peter worked the farm and at NCR until he retired.

Leaving his grown daughters, he gathered up Ada, Charles, Forest and Mary Jane to move west in 1923. Ada was unhappy with the move but Charles was determined. He left his family for a few days to purchase a house and property in Blue River, Oregon—a tiny town in the mountains due east of Springfield.

Peter worked as a handyman up and down the McKenzie River, took care of the furnace at the school, and drove the school bus.

When Forest graduated, there were only two students in his class. Forest left for Chicago to learn refrigeration and by 1939 was working at the Schneider Brothers hardware store in Longview. He moved to Seattle to become a machinist at the Boeing Company during the war where he met and married Mildred Kirchmeier.

The last year of WWII, Forest was drafted in to the Navy in California and was trained as a cook—which he always thought was a waste of his talent. He retired from Boeing and lived in the family home in SeaTac until his passing in 2012 at the age of 96.

Throughout my husband's childhood his family would often visit Peter and Ada. They have fond memories of swimming in Blue River, hiking to the Lucky Boy gold mine, and dipping into their grandmother's bottomless cookie jar. Peter passed away in 1959 at the age of 82 and Ada continued to live in Blue River until her passing in 1980 at the age of 95.

Lantern from the buggy with a note inside

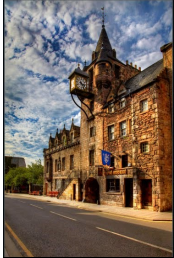


Putting Down Root

From Scotland to a Colony- 1685

by Fran Moyer

Part One



Canongate
Tolbooth
(blue flag)
still stands

“...And in regard Walter Ker, one of the said prisoners will not own the King’s authority, and refuses to declare anent his being at Bothwell Bridge, the Lords do banish him to the plantations in East New Jersey, and ordains him to be delivered to John Johnstone, druggist, upon caution in the ordinary way.”

With that declaration by the Privy Council of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1685 my sixth Grgrandfather, Walter Ker, was banished for life to the new colony.

Walter Ker was born 1656 in Lanakshire and baptized at the Middlesex Church in the Parish of Dalsert. Dalsert was half way between Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Little is known of his early life but Walter was employed as a servant by Marion MacCulloch who became the second wife to Sir James Stewart, a former member of the Scottish Parliament, landowner of multiple estates and several times was Provost of Edinburgh. He was also a Covenantor, a strict Calvinist Presbyterian who swore an oath to only observe Presbyterianism.

It is believed that it is from the Stewarts that Walter became a “heretic” or non-conformist as they were called, refusing to acknowledge the Church of England.

Intolerance towards others’ religions began again when Charles II came to the throne. From 1660 through 1690, arrests, murder, imprisonment and banishment became commonplace for heretics and is now referred to as “The Killing Time” in Scotland.

Sir James Stewart lost most of his land, was removed from the Privy Council and imprisoned for long periods of time because of his declared religion.

Walter became increasingly zealous and was arrested and taken to the Canongate Tolbooth (Jail) in Edinburgh. He was examined by the Privy Council on June 2, 1681 and it states: “The commissioners, having called Walter

Ker, prisoner, he did disown the King to be King and did not acknowledge his authority; confessed that he was at Bothwell Bridge (a band of covenantors who fought against the Scottish Dragoons) and said he is sorry for it because the cause was not God’s and gives the reason because the King, who is the enemy of God, was owned.”

Soon after his release Walter travelled West to Frost Moss and along with 4 cohorts, burned the Church of England’s Bible. It is said to have caused him a mental breakdown and he mourned that action deeply.

However, he was re-arrested in 1685 said to have been through the influence of Joseph Clell who was the curate of the Parish of Dalsert where Walter was living. Walter was tried and convicted on that third arrest and the final judgement of his banishment was given.

George Scot, the Laird of Pitlochrie, a leader among the Presbyterians, also suffered greatly for his religion. He was tortured, but he was offered to be released from prison if he would go into exile. He accepted the offer but said, “I will go to the American plantations provided I take a colony of my countrymen with me.” They agreed.

Scot chartered the ship Henry & Francis and 90 of his fellow Presbyterians volunteered to go with him. The vessel was prepared for sea at Leith Harbor in Edinburgh.

He further obtained permission to take along those 90 persons held in the Canongate Tolbooth for heresy. Many of these men had been tortured and walked from Donnotter Castle in Northern Scotland renowned for its terrible conditions. Walter was in the prison at that time and all were rowed out to the ship.

On September 5, 1685 they left and headed West. Fever struck these already sick, malnourished voyagers and over 80 died, including Scot. After 12 terrible weeks at sea, Walter walked ashore with the remaining 120 passengers in Perth Amboy, New Jersey colony with a future unknown, but hopeful of religious freedom at last.

Free Online Genealogy Education Resources

by Thomas MacEntee

Illinois State Genealogical Society Education Committee Chair Thomas MacEntee provides this list of **Free Only Genealogy Education Resources**. This resource was developed as part of a lecture Thomas delivered to the American Library Association's Mid-Winter Conference held in Chicago, Illinois on Friday, January 30, 2015.

RESOURCE LIST

- **Ancestry.com – Learning Center**
Large collection of resources geared towards beginners; start with First Step section. Some resources focus on Ancestry.com-specific tools, but the majority cover general genealogy and family history topics. Includes valuable Research Guide for specific topics, ethnicities and geographic locations. <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/HelpAndAdviceUS>
- **Ancestry.com – Livestream Channel**
Live web broadcasts as well as recordings. "Face-to-face instruction plus research advice and family history tips from the experts at Ancestry.com." <http://www.livestream.com/ancestry>
- **AncestryK12**
Classroom genealogy resources at no cost for K12 schools. <http://ancestryk12.com/>
- **Archives.com – Expert Series**
Although no longer updated, this "Learn from Experts" series of over 200 articles covers the gamut of genealogy topics from Getting Started to Research Methodology. <http://www.archives.com/experts/>
- **Board for Certification of Genealogists- Skillbuilding**
Although geared towards professional genealogists and certification candidates, this site provides valuable articles, information and lessons on genealogical research methodology. <http://www.bcgcertification.org/skillbuilders/index.html>
- **DearMYRTLE**
"Your friend in genealogy," DearMYRTLE offers many different learning channels for genealogists of all levels. Resources include a webinar archive, live online events such as Mondays with Myrt and Wacky

Wednesdays. Also visit the DearMYRTLE You Tube channel for recordings of previous live events. <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

- **Evidence Explained**
A companion site to the reference book *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, with "QuickLessons" and resource focused on historical analysis, citation, and source usage. <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>
- **FamilySearch Learning Center**
Educational resources from the FamilySearch website; "browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history." <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>
- **Genealogy Do-Over**
A free self-paced 13 week program focused on sound genealogical research practices. Lots of tips, links to resources, and even a Facebook group with over 8,000 members. <http://www.genealogydo-over.com>
- **National Archives and Records Administration – Resources for Genealogists**
A variety of resources for beginners interested in family history research. <http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>

ONLINE COURSES

- **Brigham Young University Independent Study – Online Courses**
Free, self-paced, online courses including Introduction to Family History Research <http://is.byu.edu/site/courses/free.cfm>
- **About.com – Genealogy: Introduction to Genealogy**
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Free genealogy webinars scheduled periodically and presented by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/tag/webinars/>

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- **Legacy Family Tree Webinars**
Although a subscription-based education channel with over 200 recorded webinars and over 800 pages of syllabus materials, free live webinars and recordings are provided each week. <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>
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Milestones, (cont'd from page 5)

I am sorry to report that two of our members have recently died, Lois Lynn Roark (1935-2015) and Marjorie Menees (1920-2015). Lois had lived in Port Orchard but had made Louisiana her home of late. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family.

Marjorie had been an active member of PSGS for many years. Upon retiring from teaching at East Port Or-

The Value of Collaboration by Vicki Bushnell

In 1979 I found an ad in *The Genealogical Helper* magazine from a gentleman in Salt Lake City named Lewis Parker. He was looking for descendants of his 7th generation ancestor's two brothers. Within a day of each other, another woman and I responded—we were the ones he had been hoping to find for ten years. He had traced these two lines *forward* and hit a brick wall—right where this other lady and I had traced our lines *backwards* and hit the same wall. We connected the dots and we all added many generations to our family trees, all because of that ad.

And that's not all. In 1971 Mr. Parker had also placed an ad in a newspaper in Alleghany County, New York, where he suspected the "Old Rowley Homestead" was from our line. The lady answering the ad confirmed this because she had the Rowley bible dating to the 1600s and other effects from our ancestors in her attic, including documents, diaries and letters dating back to 1851. She sent Mr. Parker the originals, and told him he could have the family bible if he'd come and get it. He used the letters and diaries to retrace, in a VW bus, the slow migration of our Rowleys from Connecticut ultimately to Washington, California, and Utah. He stopped at cemeteries and County courthouses in Nebraska, Iowa, and Connecticut before he stayed at the family homestead in New York.

Mr. Parker was born in 1915 and had no children. We lost track many years ago, and now I'm wondering who's got the bible, letters and diaries now?

Maybe I should take out an ad.

Port Orchard Elementary she devoted her time and energy to genealogy. She, along with others, was instrumental in locating our library at Mile Hill. She devoted long hours working at the library eager to help others.

Marjorie is survived by one son and numerous step-children and will be missed by many people.

Thank you to Sue Plummer, a great friend of Marjorie's, for providing this information.

Our Heirlooms

by Bob Howard, Sandie Morrison, and Bev Smith



"Well-traveled Molding Planes"

by Bob Howard

The Cabinet Maker molding planes belonged to my grandfather Manual Thomas, who was born August 11, 1867 in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He apprenticed as a Cabinet Maker/carpenter. These planes date from this time, probably 1885 to 1890, and were marked with his name to insure them in case of loss through their Guild. He subsequently left Massachusetts and by 1900 was in Honolulu, Hawaii where he married my grandmother in 1901, and would have brought these planes with him as craftsmen had to own their own tools to get employment. After the birth of my aunt in 1902 the family moved to Manchester, Massachusetts where my two uncles were born in 1904 and 1906. My grandfather's tools would have made that trip.

By 1909 the family had moved to San Bruno, California where my mother was born, and a few years later moved again to Honolulu, Hawaii, and later to Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii where my grandfather became the Master Carpenter at Lihue Sugar Mill. He retired in the early 1940s and moved back to Honolulu bringing his tools with him. He died in 1945. My mother secured these planes for me at this time. In 1951 my family moved to California, then to Texas, then to Colorado, and back to Honolulu in 1953. The planes made all these moves. In 1974 I moved to Port Orchard, Washington and I brought the planes with me.



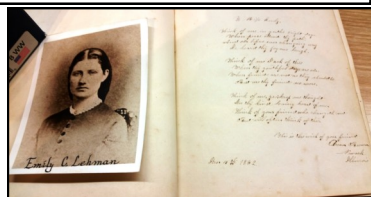
"Ceramic Rooster and Hen"

by Sandie Morrison

In May of 2004 my father asked me to make a trip to Windsor, Missouri for the purpose of bringing my mother's grade school chum Jane back to Tacoma for a visit. My mother, Janelle, was in poor health and my dad thought that seeing her old friend might cheer her up. Both of these ladies were in their eighties at this time. While staying overnight at my cousin's home in Columbus, Missouri I noticed a ceramic set of a rooster and hen. I told my cousin Barbara that I thought they were very nice and asked her where they came from. Her reply was that they were made by our grandmother, Alice Oakes, in the 1950s. I told her that I wondered why my side of the family did not have a set also from grandma. When I was home again about two weeks later, I visited with my sister Ginger in Spanaway and told her of my trip to fetch Jane to see mother and mentioned the rooster and hen set. Ginger took my hand and we went into her garage where she was setting up for a garage sale. She reached into the big pile of boxes and bags of stuff and pulled out a box. She handed it to me. When I opened it up much to my surprise and delight was a black and white set of a ceramic rooster and hen. They were made by our grandmother Alice. Sister came by them by way of our mother Janelle several years ago. My sister gave them to me to take home. I am so thankful that I visited with my sister before her garage sale!

A Treasured Book

by Bev Smith



While rummaging around the book shelves at my grandparent's home in Iowa, I came across a book *ALBUM OF REMEMBERANCES* that my grandmother told me had belonged to my great grandmother when she attended Lombard University in Galesburg, IL in the 1860s. Her

name was Emily Lehman Brown. This is a real treasure to me because I don't have very many mementoes that had belonged to my ancestors. When I was 5 years old my parents moved from Iowa to Washington. We only returned for a visit three times over the years so I did not have the opportunity to get my hands on any family owned items.

Education must have been an important part to the Lehman family since not only she but a younger sister

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Side By Side



Madi Cataldo

Member since 1978

After high school I became an R.N. Met my husband Ed at an ice skating rink and after a year's engagement we married in Brighton Mass., part of Boston. I worked until my 4th child was born and then took 10 years off. During that time Ed was transferred to the Bremerton Ship Yard and we relocated here. I returned to work in 1979 at the Mason General Hospital in Shelton until I retired in 1995.

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

My maternal grandparents were involved in their town of Brooksville, Maine's historical society and they also did genealogy. At an early age I was fascinated with looking at their findings but never thought about getting involved.

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

I didn't think about it during childrearing years. Eventually a girl scout friend, Nadine Rowan, kept urging me to join and finally I did. I've been researching ever since.

Q: What are your research goals?

I love to travel and take as many opportunities as I can. Have done some great research trips and it's so rewarding to actually walk where your ancestors walked and lived. Seems to bring them to life.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

I started going to Salt Lake City in 1980 with Jackie Horton and Marlys Marrs and a few others with Arthur Fiske, a professional genealogist. Have missed very few years since and love going; it's a beautiful city and great to do research. This last trip was just a wonderful as I found a copy of my mother's birth certificate. She had to have one made up in the 1930s as it was required to join Social Security. I also pick up some new ancestral surnames so naturally it means going back to SLC again.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

In the early days I held many jobs, as secretary, treasurer, taught classes, worked fundraisers, and helped at seminars. However, I never wanted to be president.



Bob Crump

Member since 2015

I was born in Bremerton. I lived out on the Brownsville Highway across the valley from where the Walmart is now. I went to Tracyton Elementary school and Central Kitsap Junior & Senior High. I joined the Army in 1965 and went to Medic training. I retired from the Army in 1985 and went to work for DSHS and did desktop and network computer support. I retired after 26 years and my wife and I built and live in our home in Yelm.

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

I've been doing genealogy about 23 years. My mother was collecting family genealogy information. She was entering the information on the big tabloid size trees so I bought one of the first editions of Family Tree Maker and started organizing all her information electronically. When I retired in 2011 I could work on it even more and then in 2013 I started working about 20-60 hours a week and different family surnames.

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

When I lived in the Tacoma area and went to a couple Pierce Genealogy meeting, but never joined. Since my family is from Bremerton I decided to try PSGS. After attending a couple meetings I joined PSGS

Q: What are your research goals?

To compile as much information on all of the different surnames in our family so I can pass that down to my children and grand-children.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

The primary names that I am working on are Crump, Jones, Calhoun, Wilkerson, Lewis, West, Hartford, Cornell, Hoag, Witherspoon, & Stiles.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I have been able to contribute by helping out at the Antique Show. I also help setup and tear down during some of the meeting or classes that I attend.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Hello -

Hard to believe that we have experienced more than half of 2015 but here we are in July. Hope you had fireworks and family for the 4th.

Belfair Chapter has been having some very delightful speakers at our meetings this year. In May Steve Morrison spoke about Peopling the British Isles. By talking about the genetic origins of Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England, he explained in layman's terms more about DNA and genetic tracking. One of the most amazing things I noted was that in Europe, 95% of the continent can trace its ancestry back to just seven women (Ursula, Jasmine, Xenia, Helena, Tara, Katherine and Velda).

June was one of our most populous meetings. Janice Lovelace talked about GPS which has nothing to do with where to go in your car but everything to do with the correct direction your research should be taking. GPS stands for Genealogical Proof Standard. This standard basically says that the closer you are to the source (original), the more likely the information you are using is absolutely true. As we know we must always question our sources but don't always have the original or a copy thereof.

Jim Johnson once again came to visit in July. He always brings interesting books and has fascinating subjects to speak about. His topic this month was the Huguenots. By simple definition, these people were the non-Catholic French. They mostly belonged to the Protestant Reformed Church of France. However, it seemed that if you weren't Catholic, you were persecuted.

Looking ahead to our next meetings, in August we will be having an old fashioned heritage picnic at Estelle's house. It is a potluck and we are to bring a family dish and the recipe to share. If you will be attending, please make sure to contact Madi Cataldo so we will have a count. In September, we will be back at the Belfair Library and I will be talking about why I do genealogy. For those who know my story, this should be very interesting since I seem to have a bramble bush instead of a family tree. Please check the PSGS web site to find out the program for our October meeting. See ya there!

GC Report, (cont'd from page 2)

If your roots are specific to Kitsap County, you won't want to miss our collection of cemetery records. For many years, PSGS members have researched and catalogued all of the cemeteries in Kitsap County, including many of the small, family plots mostly hidden in fields. Members of our Cemetery Committee have painstakingly walked each of the cemeteries, photographing the headstones, and in some cases, rescuing the cemeteries from destruction by others more interested in enhancing their view property.

While not physically housed in the Genealogy Center, but available in our office, our collection of obituaries from the Kitsap Sun and regional newspapers is another outstanding treasure. The collection spans more than 100 years—from 1890 to 2012—and is arranged alphabetically. An index is found on our website. Also available, but not housed in the GC, is a collection of yearbooks from Kitsap County high schools and universities both in and out of state.

Stop by anytime and browse . . . You'll be impressed and, just maybe, inspired!



Catholic parish registers in Ireland from 1740s to the 1880s are published online July 8, 2015

by Mary Ann Wright

Tracing your Irish roots just got a whole lot easier! The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland (NLI) is now available online. This will enable millions of people around the world to trace their roots in Ireland from home for FREE.

In keeping with its aim of enhancing accessibility through making its collections available online, the NLI has been working to digitize the microfilms for over three years under its most ambitious digitization program to date. A dedicated website with over 370,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded is now available at: registers.nli.ie. The website's FAQ section provides help in determining how to locate the correct parish and includes maps of both the counties and dioceses in Ireland.

These records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. The parish registers provide evidence of direct links between one generation and the next (via baptismal registers) and one family and another (via mar-

riage registers). The NLI holds copies of the registers for most Roman Catholic parishes in Ireland (including the counties of Northern Ireland) up to 1880. They cover 1,086 parishes throughout Ireland. The registers begin in the 1740s/50s in some city parishes in Dublin, Galway, Cork, Waterford and Limerick, into the 1780s/90s in Kildare, Waterford, Wexford and Kilkenny. Parish registers in the west generally begin in the 1850s/60s.

Until now, the National Library provided free access to its microfiche records at its research rooms in Kildare Street, in Dublin. However access has been hampered in recent years by high demand and increased pressure on resources. The only online access to date has been through a third party paid genealogical service, RootsIreland.ie.

While these records aren't every-name indexed, hopefully one or more genealogy organizations, such as Ancestry.com, Findmypast or FamilySearch, will start projects to index the records and make them searchable.



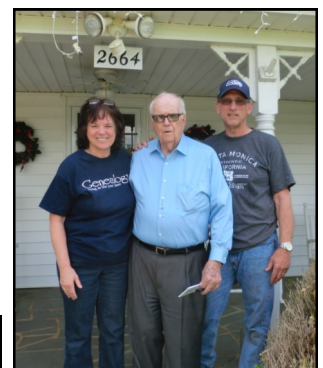
Meanderings

by Jean Yager

We discovered a small family cemetery on private land two years ago in Ridgeway, VA. We contacted the owner prior to leaving on our trip and Mr. Bill Rickman responded by saying we could come anytime and looked forward to meeting us. While I did some research at the Bassett Historical Center, Rick met with Mr. Rickman (89 years old), and learned it was his late wife's parents who purchased the property from the Nance family in 1905. He produced the deeds and other documents relating to the land. Buried in the Nance cemetery are Jean's 3rd great grandparents, Harden and Mary Nance; daughter (Mary R. King) and a granddaughter (Maud (King) Land). The last burial was Maud in 1927. This small family ceme-

tery had 3 other unmarked graves, believed to be a daughter-in-law of Harden and Mary, and two of their grandchildren. While cleaning the cemetery, a discovery was made outside the fence. Seen in the dense foliage were rows of stones that appeared to be head stones and foot stones of graves. When researching at the courthouse, documents indicated Harden Nance purchased the property sometime after 1865. We speculate those unmarked graves are slave graves from the previous owner. We spent two days cleaning the cemetery, and it looks a whole lot better, but a return trip is needed to continue the work, especially the area around the unmarked graves.

Jean & Rick with Mr. Rickman



Our Heirlooms, (cont'd from page 12)

and brother also attended the university during this time. After her schooling she married a Civil War Veteran, Walter Brown. She had two daughters, the first born died in her first year and her second child was my grandmother. Emily passed away of Bright's disease when my grandmother was sixteen.

I have enjoyed some of the beautiful script and quaint poems and messages that were norm for the time. Many years later this keepsake was instrumental in my becoming interested in the family history.

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Johnny Wilson reported that he found his great grandfather in about five minutes in the *History of Randolph and Macon Counties, Missouri* published in 1884 on this site: www.gengophers.com

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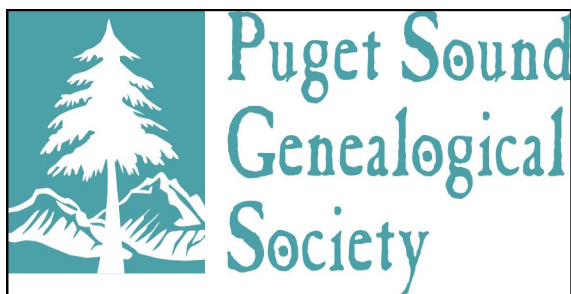
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