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Let Us Gather at the Church For a Genealogical Seminar

When you search for records for your ancestors, do you think about churches? Well, you should! Before state governments were required to record the births and deaths of its citizens, churches were the record-keepers. So, how does one determine which church an ancestor attended, and where? For answers, check out the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's biennial seminar—*Let Us Gather at the Church*—on September 25. The seminar, aptly held at the First Christian Church (Port Orchard, WA), begins at 9:00am.

This year's Seminar theme was selected in response to frequent requests from members for classes dealing with the challenges of locating church records. The 2010 Seminar Chair, Sandie Morrison, and the planning committee searched extensively to find a speaker with expertise on church records and were excited to find Mary Kozy. Kozy is a Kent resident and 30-year genealogy veteran, who is currently serving as Education Chair on the Washington State Genealogical Society's Board. Mary not only will be lecturing on the topic of church records, but also agreed to speak on organization techniques and on advanced Internet searching.

While past seminars have had just one presenter, this year's planning committee decided, in addition to offering a special guest speaker, the seminar would be a great way to showcase the talents of PSGS member instructors. After polling the PSGS members for topics of interest, the committee selected 14 instructors to lecture on the following topics: Irish Research, Canadian Research, Norwegian Research, Cemetery Research, Land Records, Vital Records, Using Census Records, Wills & Probate, U.S. Ports Of Entry, Citing Sources, Solving Brick Walls, Scrapbooking Heritage Photos, Ancestry.com, and LDS Resources. Attendees at the seminar will be able to self-select from an exciting selection of these educational one-hour lectures

that will be provided between each of Mary Kozy's spotlight lectures.

While education is a big part of the day, fun and food are not absent! Seminar attendees receive a goodie bag of items (donated by area merchants and organizations) ranging from practical to frivolous along with their packet of information about the seminar. Representatives from HeritageQuest will be on hand with a selection of books for purchase, and other genealogical exhibitors are available all day to provide information on goods and services. Raffle tickets (for a Western Digital "My Passport Essential" 500 GB portable hard drive) are pre-sale only. The drawing will be held at the end of the day, and you must be present to win. Coffee and pastries are available prior to the start of the seminar; and lunch is available on pre-order or at nearby dining establishments.

Registration forms, class descriptions, and instructor biographies are available now on the PSGS website found at www.pusogensoc.org/psgsseminar2010. Course outlines will be added to the website as they are finalized. The registration fee prior to September 10 is \$30; after September 10 the fee is \$35. Onsite registrations will begin at 8:00am. Agendas and maps are provided free to everyone. A booklet containing instructor biographies and course outlines for all of the available classes, plus a contact list of exhibitors, and the agenda and map of the building is available for a nominal fee of \$2 to cover the cost of printing.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with this event, contact Sandie Morrison at Morrison_61@msn.com.



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Letter to All Members Regarding Oct Election of Officers

There is a very important election coming this October even before all the sound and fury of the political races in November. I'm speaking of the PSGS election of officers for 2011. Just as on the political scene, it really does matter who we elect to manage our society. These elected officers make decisions and set policies that keep PSGS true to our mission while also taking care of the business side of running a major genealogical library and education endeavor. Fortunately, we have a great deal of talent and dedication upon which to draw.

This is an open letter to all members asking you to consider throwing your hat in the ring for one of the elected offices. But if you are like me, you like to know what the job entails before you take it on, so here is brief job description of each.

- ♦ The **President** has the overall responsibility of managing the society and presides at all Executive Board and General meetings.
- ♦ The **First Vice President** organizes the programs for the general meetings, serves as Chair of the program committee, and fills in for the president when necessary.
- ♦ The **Second Vice President** takes care of all the membership related activities, such as collecting dues, issuing membership cards, and maintaining the membership list.

- ♦ The **Treasurer** handles all the financial matters including preparing the budget, paying the bills, managing all incoming monies, and keeping all financial records up to date.
- ♦ The **Recording Secretary** takes minutes at the General and Board meetings, and maintains permanent files as required by the State of Washington.
- ♦ The **Corresponding Secretary** handles all incoming and outgoing correspondence and mail for PSGS.
- ♦ The **Member-at-Large** serves as an independent voice to bring any issues or concerns of the general membership to the attention of the executive board.

So, if one of these jobs interests you, just let one of the Nominating Committee members know and they'll do the rest.

On a personal note, I have had a lot of fun being president this year, along with a steep learning curve. Being an elected officer or committee chair of PSGS is often amusing, sometimes de-

manding, but above all, very rewarding. Please consider joining a great team and add your name to the ticket for 2011.

Linda Webb
PSGS President

Enjoyed First Edition

I really enjoyed reading your first *Backtracker*. You and your staff did a fine task creating your first edition.

Cyril Taylor

Newsletter Impresses

Just got our mail an hour ago. I've read the first 5 pages of the Backtracker and wanted you to know how impressed I am. Great job!!

Madge Norton

The **Letters to the Editor** column is an open forum. Everyone, members and nonmembers, is invited to utilize this forum to express their thoughts and opinions about genealogy-related topics and PSGS activities. The Backtracker's editorial staff encourages individuals to write to the Editor at niledesign@totacc.com and share their kudos and compliments, as well as their criticisms and concerns about PSGS's newsletter, classes, committee projects, special events, field trips, library, policies, the members and executive board, etc. We also want to hear what you think about genealogical topics outside of PSGS, including other societies and organizations, products, services, trends, and other research libraries and facilities!



Letters to the Editor

Proposed Dues Increase Vote in Sep

By Linda Webb & Shanda Hoover

At their meeting on May 17, 2010, the PSGS Executive Board approved a proposal to increase the society's annual membership dues beginning January 2011. As a matter of procedure, the Bylaws require the Board to review the dues structure each May and determine whether changes are needed to support the ongoing needs of the society. Also in accordance with the Bylaws, any proposed changes in the dues structure made by the Executive Board must be approved by the general membership before they become effective. Therefore, a vote on the dues increase proposal will be held at the general meeting on September 22, 2010.

This year, after much discussion, Board members acknowledged the need to plan now for predicted increases in operating costs for 2011. While fund-

raising events continue to provide most of the revenue necessary to sustain the society's expenses, there is a growing concern that these events may not be as profitable in the coming years. Recognizing that members are experiencing increased costs in many areas of their lives, the Board was determined to keep the increase to a nominal amount. After weighing the pros and cons, the Board voted on a proposal to increase the annual dues for both the individual and the family membership by just \$5. The dues increase proposal passed by a narrow margin of 5–4.

The Board remains confident that even with a \$5 increase, a PSGS membership continues to offer a great "return on investment." For about the cost of a restaurant meal, members get informative monthly general meetings with speakers, a subscription to the *Backtracker*, free monthly genealogy classes on a variety

of topics, and access to the PSGS Library. Irrespective of a dues increase, the Board continues to be committed to working on financial strategies that will keep PSGS self-supporting into the foreseeable future.

Potluck Success Despite Dash of Disappointment

By Gail Reynolds

The Belfair chapter of PSGS hosted a potluck and membership drive on May 4, 2010. About 20 people—a combination of chapter members and their guests, attended the event, which was held at the North Bay Lutheran Church in Allyn.

After a special presentation by guest speaker Tames Alan (renowned actress and historian), those assembled enjoyed a variety of potluck dishes provided by the members of the Belfair chapter.

Although the food and fellowship were excellent, the highlight of the event was Tames' informative talk on how a formal table was set for an extensive dinner menu in the Victorian era.

The elaborate table setting Tames laid out demonstrated that the Victorian diner had to be well trained in the etiquette of which utensils and wine glasses to use for each course. Tames also described in detail the many different kinds of food on the Victorian menu and explained that though there were many choices diners were only served about two ounces of food per course. (A sample menu along with recipes is on her website, livinghistorylectures.com.)

Even without any new member sign-ups, thanks to a good turnout and Tames' wonderful presentation the overall consensus of the Belfair members was that the event was a real success.

Packet Packing Potluck

By Linda Webb

Who says life has to be all work and no play? Not PSGS members! Getting a job done while having fun doing it is the spirit behind the upcoming Packet Packing Potluck to be held Sunday, August 15, beginning at 2:00pm. What exactly is a Packet Packing Potluck? Simply put, it is many hands making short work of preparing registration packets for PSGS's upcoming Genealogy Seminar followed by an alfresco potluck meal.

Conceived and organized by the Seminar Committee, this first-of-a-kind event is part work party and part summer social. The price of admission is a dish to share, beverage of your choice, and a willingness to join the assembly line. Potluck attendees will "work for their supper" by preparing bags that will be given to seminar participants in September and then enjoy a potluck buffet and time to mix and mingle with other PSGS members.

Mark your calendar, whip up your favorite recipe, and put on your casual clothes. Everyone is invited and guests (spouses, significant others, friends and potential members) are welcome—the more the merrier—for this afternoon of easy labor, good food, and great PSGS fellowship.

PSGS President and Seminar Committee member Linda Webb will host this double-duty function on the deck of her McCormick Woods home at 7121 Killeen Place SW, Port Orchard. For driving directions or more information contact Linda Webb by email at lcwebb@wavecable.com or by phone at (360) 895-3190.

Orientation Held for Class Host/Hostess

By Shanda Hoover & Dorothy Lindquist

The Education Committee held its first Class Host/Hostess Orientation on Friday, July 9. The idea of holding an orientation came out of the Education Committee's desire to create a substantial pool of volunteers who can confidently and consistently perform the simple yet vital duties of class host/hostess for the classes held on the first Monday and third Saturday of each month. Hosting a class is a great way to "sit in" on a class that may otherwise be at capacity with a long waiting list, and it is an easy and rewarding job that only requires a minimal time commitment a few times a year.

Since the Education Committee provides 20 or more classes every year the demand for hosts is ongoing. Until now filling the need for hosts has not always been easy. Equally problematic, new volunteers are often unaware of the extent of their responsibilities, which leads to a lack of continuity and tasks being left undone.

Three aspiring hostesses attended the recent training, which provided a hands-on walkthrough of the various duties carried out by a class host. At the orientation, they learned that being a class host is more than just greeting the attendees and assisting the instructor as needed on the day of the class. Prior to the class, the host is responsible for emailing class reminders, requesting confirmation of attendance, and filling vacancies from the waiting list, as well as communicating with the instructor regarding any special needs (room arrangement, equipment, handouts, etc).

On the day of the class, the host is also charged with arriving at the library early; turning on the lights; preparing name tags; arranging the room and setting up equipment (if necessary); making photocopies of handouts (if necessary); collecting class fees and membership dues (if any); and at the end of the day putting the equipment away, taking

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Journey of Discovery

By Jean Yager

Mark your calendars and get ready for a "Journey of Discovery!" PSGS Field Trip Coordinator, Jean Yager, is organizing a group to attend the 2010 Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) Annual Conference on September 17–18 at the Assembly of God Bethel Church (132 Kirkland Rd, Chehalis, WA). The cost of the seminar is \$45 to the general public (or \$40 for WSGS members). A block of rooms at the Best Western Park Place Inn & Suites in Chehalis has been reserved for this event. The rates (tax not included) are \$89 for a room with a king-size bed and \$96 for a room with two queen-sized beds.

Steven W Morrison, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a former past President of the Olympia Genealogical Society will be Friday evening's speaker. He will share one of his favorite interests, "Outlaw Genealogy – Finding the Outlaw in Your Family." This bonus session is from 7:00–8:30pm and is limited to the first 140 registrants.

On Saturday between 8:00am–3:45pm, featured speaker, Diane VanSkiver Gagel, a retired college instructor, freelance writer and professional genealogist, will provide lectures on four different topics including: "No AAA? How did our Ancestors get there?" "Women and the Law: Researching our Female Ancestors," "Ancestors in the Attic: Finding and Sharing Family Photographs," and "Social History and Genealogy: Filling in the Gaps."

The WSGS Conference, which is being co-hosted by the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/) and Lewis County Genealogical Society (www.walcg.org) has a lot to offer. In addition to Diane's sessions and Steven's bonus session, there will be vendor tables, raffles, door prizes, freebies and much more! Raffle tickets are \$1.00, giving participants a chance to win one of five prizes (see websites for details). In addition, attendees will have two chances to win an Acer Netbook, sponsored by the makers of Legacy Family Tree. Registrants also have the opportunity to submit their surnames, migration routes, and dates to the "Surname Board"—a great way to connect with prospective cousins!

Additional information, speaker bios, raffle descriptions, and printable registration forms are posted on www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs. Anyone interested in joining fellow PSGS members in attending this conference should email Jean Yager by August 15 at jyyager@wavecable.com.



Speaker, Diane VanSkiver Gagel

Twin Firs Cemetery Walk on August 7

By Gail Reynolds & Shanda Hoover

On Saturday, August 7 starting at 10:00am, Puget Sound Genealogy Society's Belfair Chapter is hosting a Cemetery Walk. The Walk will be held at the Twin Firs Cemetery located off Sand Hill Road in Belfair, Washington.

Volunteers from the Belfair Chapter as well as relatives of the "residents" of the cemetery will be on hand during the day to describe a number of persons of

interest and their history in connection with North Mason County. Many of North Mason County's pioneers are at Twin Firs and our knowledgeable volunteers are eager to share interesting stories that honor these notable first citizens who shaped the area's history.

History buffs and genealogists with relatives from the area are sure to be delighted by this very entertaining and educational event. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

2011 Salt Lake Trip in February

By Larry Harden, Shanda Hoover, & Mary Ann Wright

Planning has once again commenced for PSGS's annual trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. In 2011 the outing has been slated for February 6–20, a change up from years past. Typically, the annual pilgrimage to this favorite research mecca is scheduled for the second and third week of January. However, in 2011, the third week of January was unavailable. By moving the trip forward into February travelers will retain a two week window for research (versus a single week in January) as well as have more time to recover from holiday activities and prepare for the trip. Prior to the trip, Larry Harden will provide an orientation that covers how to prepare before-hand and how to get around the library once there.

For new members and those who have never made the journey an explanation of what makes this annual trip such a special research opportunity is in order.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah has the largest and most extensive genealogy collection in the world. Comprising five floors, it is the world's most popular destination for genealogical research. The Library's database contains over a billion names taken from thousands of original records including births, deaths, marriages, census data, and patron contributions. Holdings also include genealogical records for 110 countries, territories, and possessions. This data can be found on microfilm rolls, microfiche, family and county history books, city directories, periodicals, and more. Patrons of the Library have access to numerous microfilm/microfiche readers and printers and computers that are pre-loaded with subscriptions to major genealogical websites. Furthermore, in addition to offering free genealogy classes, the Library has hundreds of staff members and volunteers available to assist patrons with their research and offer assistance in reading and translating genealogical documents in several languages.

Without a doubt the Family History Library is a great research destination worth visiting, and traveling with the PSGS group only sweetens the deal. One of the advantages of being in the company of other PSGS members at the Library is that although they're busy researching their own family history, most are willing to take time out to share their experience and expertise and some will go out of their way to help. In addition, it is a great way to get to know Society members, whether discussing the day's objectives over a quick breakfast before the Library opens, enjoying dinner together and recounting the successes of the day, or doing a little room hopping in the evening to unwind with a game of cards, there is a lot to be said for the camaraderie and bonding these groups enjoy.

Members of the PSGS group can select from a block of reserved rooms at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel (conveniently located around the corner from the library entrance) offered at a group rate of \$85/day for a single/double room and \$95/day for a triple room. (Taxes not included.) While the block of rooms is reserved for two full weeks, those who wish to make the trip are free to spend anywhere from one night up to 14 days—stay five nights and the sixth night is free! On Monday nights the hotel provides a complimentary one to two hour genealogy class. Everyone is responsible for reserving and paying for their own room, as well as providing their own transportation. Currently, airfare is available through Delta Air Lines for \$177 round trip. Other airlines serving Salt Lake City include United, Alaska Airlines, US Air, and Frontier.

Participation is not limited to PSGS members—all are welcome! Interested parties are asked to sign up now to assist with determining the number of rooms to reserve so that information can be conveyed to hotel management as soon as possible. Early sign-up does not obligate individuals to go, however, a firm commitment is required by November 30, 2010. Contact Larry by email (leharden@wavecable.com), or phone (360-895-3181), or sign up at the PSGS Library if interested.

Is Third Time the Charm for Trip to NARA?

By Mary Ann Wright

Field trip coordinator Jean Yager has once again scheduled a PSGS field trip to the National Archives in Seattle. Despite strong interest from PSGS members in visiting this genealogical gem of the Pacific Northwest, last minute conflicts have plagued this trip, causing the planned outings in May and July to be postponed. The new date for the outing is August 20, 2010.



The National Archives is a wonderful repository of original documents from Federal Agencies located in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and parts of Montana. Records at NARA include photographs, correspondence, maps, forms, reports, drawings, blueprints, lists, and much more. Of special interest are naturalization, census, military, land, immigration, and Native American records. With over 75,000 rolls of microfilm, visitors can review copies of records created by Federal Agencies throughout the United States and U.S. consulates abroad.

Those interested in going, please contact Jean at jyyager@wavecable.com for complete details. For more information about NARA's collections, visit www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle.

Orientation Held...

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out the garbage, turning off the lights, and locking up the library.

Since there are already five more interested individuals waiting in the wings, The next Class Host/Hostess Orientation will be Friday, July 30 at 10:00am at the PSGS Library. For more information or to sign-up for the next orientation, contact Dorothy Lindquist at 360-876-4320.

Antique Show Keeps on Growing

By Shanda Hoover & Sandie Morrison

The 2010 Antique Show began a day early this year with a special Champagne Preview Party on the evening of April 16. Preview attendees were greeted with a glass of champagne (or sparkling cider) and a tasty buffet of catered hors d'oeuvres that included a variety of finger sandwiches, cheeses and crackers, meatballs, and more. This gala new event enticed around 150 attendees to come out for a first chance to browse and buy the wares of over 40 antique dealers and the opportunity to take part in a silent auction for numerous works of art. Proceeds from the silent auction exceeded \$700.

On Saturday, April 17, the doors of the Antique Show officially opened to the general public. Over the next two days attendees had the opportunity to shop at 40 plus dealer booths, attend informative lectures, purchase tasty

snacks from the Lion's Club, or for a small fee receive a verbal appraisal on the value of their personal treasures.

Since its inception in 2003 the Antique show, which is held in cooperation with the Kitsap Historical Society, has been an event that has steadily expanded in popularity. This year the Antique Show organizers took that expansion to the next level with expanded hours for appraisals, an expanded vendor's area, and an expanded format (from one day to two days plus a preview party). Based on the resulting increase in show attendance, as well as the increase in proceeds, all this expansion was worthwhile. After splitting the proceeds with the Kitsap Historical Society, PSGS's share was over \$4600, an increase of about 25% over last year. As an added bonus PSGS garnered several new members during the course of the show!

Beyond the numbers, the planning committee felt that all aspects of the show were hugely successful this year—from the guest speakers whose lectures were well attended, to the new food vendor whose concessions were well received, to the smiling faces of the satisfied customers leaving the appraisal area; it was apparent that months of hard work by the organizers had paid off.

Plans for next year's Antique Show are already underway. If you are interested in joining the 2011 Antique Show Planning Committee, contact Sandie Morrison at Morrison_61@msn.com.



Left to right: Don Lindquist, Bob McGinnis, Larry Harden, & Linnie Griffin

Presidential Ponderings

By Linda Webb

Wow! Three down and one to go... fundraisers, that is. It is a fact of life for PSGS, unlike many other genealogical societies, that we must pay rent and other monthly costs to stay alive and well. We do this through membership dues, donations from generous members, monthly meeting raffles, and other creative means. However, the lion's share of our income comes from our annual fundraisers. Without these events, our wonderful library would not have a home, members and guests would not have a place to meet or attend classes, and our presence in the community would cease to exist. What a loss that would be!

Thanks to many hours of planning and preparation and great teamwork the Antique Show and our two garage

sales were very successful. As president, I breathed a sigh of relief when the treasurer reported that the proceeds would cover our costs for the upcoming months. It certainly made my tired feet and aching back seem worthwhile.

Now we are gearing up for the last major fundraising event of 2010—our biennial seminar. This fundraiser is near and dear to our genealogical hearts and minds since it directly supports our mission of providing genealogical education to the community, while adding to our fiscal bottom line. For a whole day we can enjoy classes on many fascinating topics, check out what's happening in the world of genealogy research, and swap stories of our successes and brick walls still to be climbed.

So, my fellow family historians, please



PSGS President, Linda Webb

come out and support PSGS one more time. Register now for the Genealogy Seminar on September 25 (it's the best bargain of the year), and please volunteer to assist in any way that works for you. I look forward to seeing you as we "Gather at the Church!"

Top 10 Websites: Universities

Most genealogists are familiar with library Internet sites, either looking through the catalog or looking for digital material. Often overlooked are university libraries with their donated historical collections. Here we present 10 universities and their libraries' digital collections.

Western Universities

1 The Brigham Young University library's digital collections has many options for the genealogist at lib.byu.edu/digital. Under *Family History* you can search on surnames through the Family History Archive link. In the *Western History Collection*, you can find *Overland Diaries & Letters (1846-1869)* and the *Upper Snake River Valley Idaho Pioneer Histories*. Under Maps you can find pre-WWII maps of Germany.

2 The University of Washington library's digital collection at content.lib.washington.edu has numerous collections on 14 broad topics, such as Alaska and the Yukon, Ethnic Groups, Pacific Northwest, and Seattle. Within these topics are additional collections featuring offerings such as the *Albert Nelson Jr. Diary, 1897-1899, mining for gold; Klondike & Nome Gold Rushes, 1897-1900; Early Seattle Maps; and American Indians of the Pacific Northwest*.

3 The primary special collections library at the University of California, Berkeley is the Bancroft Library accessed at bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections. The included *CalHeritage* collection has more than 30,000 images of California history and culture. Some of the images found are views of Hawaii from the 1790s and early images of Yosemite Valley. In a collection titled *Land Case Map* there are private land grant case maps of California from the 1800s.

Mid-Western Universities

4 The University of Wisconsin has several interesting digital collections including the *WWI Collection* and the *History Collection*, which contains 487 documents on negotiations on treaties relating to *Indian Affairs*. There is also an *Atlas of the German Empire* from 1883 with downloadable maps and a group of images of *Belgian Americans*. These collections can be found at digicoll.library.wisc.edu/History.

5 Cornell University library's 'Windows on the Past' digital collection is found at cdl.library.cornell.edu. The opening page describes the various collections, including the *New York State Historical Collection*. Some jewels found here are *Early Long Island Wills of Suffolk Co. 1691-1703; Genealogy of Ezra Cornell Family; and Alleghany County and Its People*. Another collection that may be of interest is the *Huntington Free Library Native American Collection*.

6 Founded in 2001, the University of Missouri Digital Library provides a repository for over 20 text collections and 23 image collections, including collections from 15 libraries around the state of Missouri. Access these collections at digital.library.umsystem.edu. Some of the more intriguing collections include the *Sanborn Maps of Missouri*, the *Civil War in Missouri*, and *Plat Books of Missouri*.

Eastern Universities

7 The digital collections found at the University at Albany library site include various photo collections located at library.albany.edu/speccoll/photocollection/welcome.htm. Among these is the *University Archives Photo Collection* with 138 pictures of former students and other notables such as Joseph Alden, 1807-1885. There is also an alphabetical list of archived papers at library.albany.edu/speccoll/list.htm. Many are digitized, but not all.

8 Digital collections at the University of New Hampshire Library, accessed through www.library.unh.edu/diglib, include the *New Hampshire History Bookshelf* and *Historic USGS Maps*. The Bookshelf collection includes the *New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers*, the *Revised Register of the Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire in the War of the Rebellion*, and a selection of New Hampshire town histories. The Historic USGS Maps collection has more than 1500 USGS topographic maps of New England and New York from the 1890s to 1950s.

Southern Universities

9 You can browse and search the University of Alabama library's digital collection at www.lib.ua.edu/digital. One interesting inclusion is a newsletter put out by the Alabama Institute of Aeronautics for British Cadets at Tuscaloosa from 1941-1942. The newsletter has pictures and brief bios on the cadets. Other digital records include wills, business papers, photos, and yearbook pages. An online exhibit includes *Historic Postcards of Alabama* and the *Warner Map Collection*.

10 The University of Florida has several digital collections of interest including The *History and Heritage Collection* found at ufdcweb1.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc. There are three sub-collections: *Florida & the Civil War*, *Florida History & Heritage Collection*, and *U.S. History Collection*. There is also a link to the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History with historic photos such as the George S Baker photo album from 1907 showing early scenes from Washington, DC and plantation life in Florida. You can also find images of the Spanish American War of 1898 and the Mexican War of 1916.

Putting Down Roots

Grandpa's Gold Watch

By Dorothy Lindquist



Family heirlooms often have wonderful stories to tell about the people who owned them. Handed down from generation to generation, they offer a glimpse into the past and can reveal interesting insights and facts about our ancestors if we look closely. For instance, Don's Grandpa's gold watch has an exciting story to tell of a real-life adventure at sea and another on land.



Shreve & Co Watch

It all began during the Alaska Gold Rush...

In the spring of 1903, a group of prominent businessmen were on board the SS St Paul on a return trip to Alaska. These businessmen had traveled to Alaska on the SS Portland with the same captain, Charles E Lindquist, the previous year. The businessmen were eager to reach the gold fields as early in the season as possible, so they were delighted when they discovered that the ship was leaving a month earlier than the previous year. It turned out to be a fateful journey that could have ended in disaster when the ship became stuck in a floating sea of icebergs. The passengers on board the SS St Paul feared the worst and were sure that they would not survive. The ship drifted helplessly as the sea currents carried it, along with the icebergs, 300 miles north of their intended destination and into the Bering Sea.

Captain Lindquist, however, remained calm and kept the passengers from giving up hope of reaching their destination. To alleviate the tedium he had the men play games on the ice while he waited patient-

ly for his chance to carefully maneuver the ship through the icebergs to safety. After two long months, the SS St Paul and the businessmen finally reached their intended destination. The passengers all praised the captain for his skill that had brought them through perilous waters to safety.

The passengers were so very grateful they wanted to give something to the captain to express the depths of their gratitude. Therefore, the businessmen commissioned Shreve & Company of San Francisco to make a special gold pocket watch in Captain Lindquist's honor engraved with his initials on the outside and on the inside with an inscription of their appreciation.

Don's Grandpa kept the watch with him for a couple of years, but he was so proud of this gift that he was afraid something might happen to it. Ultimately, he decided to put it into a safe deposit box in San Francisco.



SS St Paul stuck in the ice.



Captain, Charles E Lindquist

Then, in April 1906 when first an earthquake and then fire devastated the city of San Francisco, the entire building where the watch was stored in a vault burned to the ground. Don's father remembered walking down the streets of San Francisco with his dad (Captain Lindquist) after the fire and seeing the vault in plain view and his father saying, "My watch is in that vault but it is probably melted by the fire." However, when the vault was opened the watch had survived unharmed.

Eventually, in the 1940s, Don's Grandpa presented the watch to his son, Charles E Lindquist Jr and, in time, Don's father passed it on to him as his grandfather had wished. Since it has been kept in a safe deposit box for many years it does not run, but it is still a priceless heirloom that will be passed on to our son, Alan Lindquist and someday to Alan's son, John Lindquist, all of whom will keep the treasured memory of Captain Charles E Lindquist alive.

Putting Down Roots

Wright Results Exciting

By Mary Ann Wright

My search for my mother's ancestors has been slow. I didn't have any information on her maternal great-grandparents and was stymied by the lack of Internet resources for the Mississippi area where they lived. I didn't know where mother's paternal great-grandparents lived, though some of her grandfather's siblings lived in Texas and Tennessee. Without a lot of hope, I entered what I knew from her notes into Ancestry.com and began to search.

A clue to the identity of her paternal great-grandparents appeared in the census records, but there was more than one possibility. Nobody ever said this was easy! Unable to decide which family was the correct one, I thought I would look on Ancestry's OneWorldTree to see if anything interesting related to this family. With a healthy dose of skepticism, I clicked on one of the names from the earlier census record and to my surprise appeared the names of mother's grandfather and his siblings! This can't be true, I thought. I clicked on each name and the spouses and children listed matched those in my mother's notes.

As I continued my search on this tree I found a quote that described the circumstances of my mother's grandfather's death. The source of this quote was cited on the page. A quote from the same source on another page mentioned that my mother's grandmother was living with her daughter, my grandfather's sister, when she died. I decided to order the source, a compiled record, through the Interlibrary Loan program.

After three months, this marvelous book arrived in March, and I have spent several dollars copying relevant pages.

My great great-grandparents, Reuben W Wilkinson and Matilda Wright, are prominently featured. The title of the book is *Some Very Fine Folks*, written by George Royalty Hopson and published in 1972, and is a history of the Hopson family. Edelle Cox Hignett, who has an impressive resume that includes Ex-State Regent-Texas Division, National Society, Magna Carta Dames; Ex-State President-Texas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century; and Ex-DAR Regent wrote a foreword to the book.

In her Foreword, Ms. Hignett writes,

There are few families that I know of which have a more impressive background than that of this one. It is most fitting that these people should have their story told so that their contributions to the fabric of history may be made known to some who now live and to many who are not yet born.... He [Mr. Hopson] has obtained his material from the most acceptable sources of information available and has always been ultraconservative in making claims to any ancestral line where such claims could not be doubly verified or authenticated. Those who read this treatment of the past may be assured that no attempt was made to impress them with the prominence and valor of their ancestors beyond that justified by the records of their deeds.

In his Introduction, Mr. Hopson states,

The material recorded herein is taken from generally accepted and reliable sources used by professional genealogists. The family lines are recognized as being correct by the Daughters of the American Revolution and by the Sons of the American Revolution. Several in the family are members of these organizations.... Included in this work will be the names of ancestors who settled this land and those who fought in the American Revolution to secure independence from England. Even beyond that period, ancestors of our bloodline were kings on most of the thrones of Europe for

hundreds of years, even back to and including the Caesars. We can claim at least twelve ancestors among the Barons who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta in 1215. We also have Thomas Holland who was one of the original twenty-five Knights of the Garter. In more recent times, we can trace our lineage to men who fought in the war between the States.

Wow, I thought, who is this Hopson guy and can he really be related to me? Well, an examination of his pedigree chart shows that his grandmother and my great-grandmother were sisters. Their mother, Matilda Wright, has *"the most impressive genealogical background of all our ancestors,"* according to the author, and *"We are most fortunate to have a line that goes back through the Washingtons of Virginia."* He further notes that during a conversation with a DAR genealogist (about 1971) this genealogist stated that 35 women had been admitted to DAR on Matilda's line. Pretty heady stuff!

So, what's next for me? I plan to contact the OneWorldTree owner, introduce myself, and see which documents she will share. This book has hardly any information on my great-grandfather's descendants so I have something to trade. I've ordered a death certificate for my great-grandmother hoping her parents are listed on it to prove the link to me. I also found the name of my grandfather's sister listed as a member on the DAR website and have ordered her application papers. I'll look to see if another edition of this book exists that might provide additional clues.

While I wait for these documents to arrive, I am enjoying reading the book not only for the clues to my ancestors but also for the glimpses into history the author provides. My advice to others is to seek out information in compiled sources, using that information as a guide to focus your research and investigate more clues. In my case, the clues abound. I just have to prove my link to them!



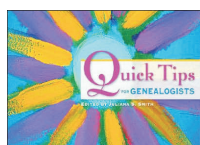
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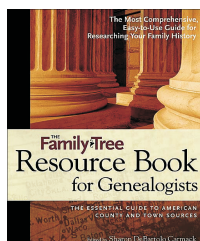


PSGS members have recently donated a number of genealogical treasures to our library. Joanne Housen Scott-Smith has compiled another wonderful family history book, packed with information on her Smith/Fitch family. Her book, *Smith/Fitch (Schmidt) Family Ancestry* (FAM 188), is her most ambitious effort to date and a source of inspiration for anyone contemplating creating their own family history book.

This quarter, we have added research books on Ireland, Scandinavia, Russia, and Italy. If English royalty is your heritage, you might be interested in reviewing a biography on the Queens of England (ENG 029), written by Norah Lofts. Need more information on Colorado? *Colorado, A History of the Centennial State* (CO 006), written by Carl Abbott, explores Colorado's growth from first explorations to the present.

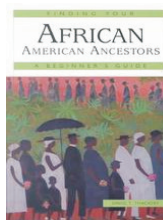


We all love how-to guides that provide inspiration and *Quick Tips for Genealogists* (GUI 098), edited by Juliana S Smith, is full of innovative solutions submitted by seasoned researchers.



Another guide, *The Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists—The Essential Guide to American County and Town Sources* (GUI 097), edited by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and Erin Nevius, is arranged alphabetically by states and includes detailed county-level data and maps; contact information for libraries, archives, genealogical soci-

eties and historical societies; and unique records in each state, such as Georgia's Civil War salt allotments.



And, finally, *Finding Your African-American Ancestors – A Beginner's Guide* (AF-A 005), written by David T Thackery, includes a list of the expanding resources for researchers, such as plantation records and census schedules, case studies, a thorough bibliography of sources, and a guide to available African American Internet resources to conduct successful research.

We've also added to our vital records collection with birth and marriage license reports from Kitsap County newspapers during 1991–1993 (WA 070 A & B), death certificates from 1908–1947 for Kitsap County residents who are identified as being from Finland (WA 256), an index of Kitsap County cemeteries dated 1817–1988 (WA 240), and a printout of Port Orchard residents from the 1900 federal census who may have been members of the Bethel Church (WA 244).

Special kudos go to our weederers who continue their work of abstracting important information from the many periodicals and newsletters we receive. Their latest efforts have focused on the Sangamon County (IL) Genealogy Society's newsletter, "Circuit Rider," (IL 12 A-D) and The Nova Scotia Genealogist (CAN 11). Their hard work makes our research a bit easier. Thank you, weederers! If you're curious about what is involved in "weeding" contact the librarian.

Family History Month Open House

This October Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) will host an Open House in celebration of Family History Month on October 2, at 1–3pm at the Cindy Shawley Spore Memorial Research Library in Port Orchard.

Why is there a Family History Month? Credit the Monmouth County Genealogy Society (NJ), which has been promoting the month of October as "Family History Month" for the past 20 years. Since their first efforts, local and national societies and libraries across the U.S. have sponsored special events during October.

Numerous county and state governments annually issue proclamations in support of Family History Month. Due to recent television programs spotlighting family history and ever-expanding Internet resources, interest in learning about our ancestors' lives and our own heritage has exploded.

The Open House will showcase the Library's extensive collection of over 3600 titles of books, microfiche, microfilm, and CDs. In addition, volunteers will distribute free "getting started" packets and provide information on

membership benefits and upcoming classes, such as our popular Genealogy 101–103 series.

October is a perfect time to promote interest in family history and to celebrate your own family. Some easy, family-oriented activities that commemorate heritage include: organizing and identifying family photos, creating a cookbook with grandma's recipes, identifying family heirlooms and recording their history, storytelling about grandparents, planning a vacation to areas where ancestors lived, or crafts such as a photo calendar or holiday ornaments.

For more information on the Open House, visit www.pusogensoc.org or call 360-874-8813.

IMMIGRATION RESEARCH RESOURCES

Recently, participants in the “Coming to America” class looked closely at some of the hardships experienced by our ancestors in the “old country” and explored the various reasons that prompted them to immigrate to America. Deciding to make the journey was just the beginning, as the travelers endured long sea voyages with less than ideal onboard conditions and then faced more challenges as they attempted to integrate into American society.

For those interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the immigration process, or who want to investigate various ships’ passenger lists, the PSGS Library has a number of useful resources.

A good place to start is two compilations of Ellis Island immigrant stories. In these resources, *Island of Hope, Island of Tears – stories of immigrants through 1892-1950*, Ellis Island, by David Brownstone & Irene Franke (IMM 014), and *Ellis Island Immigrants Tell Their Own Stories in Their Own Words*, by Peter Morton Coan (IMM 015), migrants recount their hopes and fears for their new lives in America, as well as their adventures during the crossing. Another option is, *Ellis Island: Tracing Your Family History Through America’s Gateway*, by Loretto Szucs (IMM 024), which includes an overview of the history of immigration, a description of the process immigrants endured at Ellis Island, and basic instruction on determining if an ancestor came through Ellis Island.

For more help with your records search check out *They Came in Ships – A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record*, by John Colletta (GUI 091). This book navigates you through records, ship passenger lists and indexes, naturalization and immigration records, and genealogy websites to help you acquire the information needed to search for passenger lists. The book also includes hints on determining your ancestor’s probable point of departure and arrival, and suggestions for finding a picture of the ship bringing your ancestor to the New World.

The Library’s resources of ships’ passenger lists include a three-volume set of passenger lists, *Passenger & Immigration Lists Index*, by P. William Filby, with nine supplements (SPL 004 A-L), the *Mayflower Index Vol I and Vol II*, by William McAuslan, (SPL 007 A-B), and other books and CDs on this topic.

Another book, *Crossings – The Great Transatlantic Migrations, 1870-1914*, by Walter Nugent (HIS 049) traces the migrations of more than a dozen national groups from Europe to the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Argentina, and tells the stories of multiple crossings and human experiences.

Additional books in our collection refer to the Jamestown voyages, the foundation of Jamestown, and the early history of the Jamestown colony, *The Jamestown Voyages Under the First Charter, 1606-1609, Vol I and Vol II* (HIS 024 and HIS 025), as well as a book on the Mayflower descendants, *Mayflower Descendants & Their Marriages for 2 Generations After the Landing Including a Short History of the Church of the Pilgrim Founders of New England*, by John Landis (SPL 009).

101–103 Series: Three Times the Genealogy Fun

By Shanda Hoover

Starting last February, the Education Committee launched an exciting three-part educational series designed to better support beginning genealogy researchers. Dubbed Genealogy 101, Genealogy 102, and Genealogy 103, the three-part series was developed to expand on the successful Genealogy 101 class, which has been offered since 2008. In response to overwhelming feedback from 101 class participants requesting more information, the Education Committee created two additional classes. The two new classes build upon the basics covered in the 101 class and lay a foundation for beginners to continue on to more in-depth research.

The 101 class, taught by Sandie Morrison, covers how to utilize standard forms such as the ancestor chart and family group sheet, as well as basics like listing sources, conducting family interviews, organizing paperwork, and a look at how genealogy software and the Internet have revolutionized family history research. The new 102 class, taught by Linda Webb, demonstrates how to use U.S. Census records to track ancestors through the decades and how to use details gleaned from the census to target other areas of research. The new 103 class, taught by Jean Yager, emphasizes where to locate and how to use a wide variety of vital records (such as birth, death, marriage, court, etc.) to expand a family history, as well as a look at how to write source citations.

The original 101 class (which is offered free of charge) was conceived to attract individuals in the community with a budding interest in genealogy. With the extension of the series, the Education Committee feels there is a great opportunity to not only meet the needs of these aspiring new genealo-

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Did U Know ?

Did you know that you can do a surname search of over 2000 volumes of genealogy materials for Southeastern states (including deeds, marriage, death, and court records) at the Mountain Press Publishing website?

Since 1983, Mountain Press Publishing has special-

ized in publishing “primary” research material for the historian and genealogist. The majority of their publications provide information for southeastern states from Pennsylvania to Texas, with the heaviest concentration of materials for Tennessee and Virginia.

Mountain Press’ complete catalog can be found at www.mountainpress.com. You can browse their offerings by category or by state, but of greater significance, since Mountain Press has created a searchable surname index for every book in their catalog, you can perform a surname search that will report every volume in their catalog that contains the sought after surname. What a tremendous benefit for researchers of Southeastern states.

Speaker Spotlight Mary Kozy

Mary Kathryn Kozy, a 30-year genealogy veteran and the current Education Chair on the Board of the Washington State Genealogical Society, will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming PSGS Genealogy Seminar, "Let Us Gather at the Church," on September 25.

Mary became interested in family history research at the age of 13, shortly before becoming a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Since that time her dedication to genealogical research has led her to volunteer at the Puget Sound Regional Archives and serve as her LDS Ward's Family History Consultant. In addition, she has served stints as Webmaster and as Education Chair for the South King County Genealogical Society. Mary has also been involved with the USGenWeb project and at one point was the coordinator for 5 different GenWeb pages in Illinois and Georgia. In recent years, Mary has gone on to teach a number of classes in the community and to genealogical societies.

Another notable endeavor of Mary's is her work on behalf of the Washington State Digital Archives, extracting early King, Pierce, and Kitsap County naturalization papers as well as older Washington State census records to be added to their searchable database.

This September, Mary will present three lectures at the PSGS Genealogy Seminar at the First Christian Church in Port Orchard. Her first topic will be "Finding and Using Church Records," followed by "Organizing Your Family History in Order to Stay Sane," and concluding with "More Genealogy on the Internet—Beyond the Basics."

Introductions...

The Introductions column is a new feature debuting this issue that introduces members who have joined PSGS in the previous quarter with the hopes that, knowing a few facts about these new members, current members can find common ground with which to engage them and make them feel welcome.

Ron Bay – Ron was born in Luverne, Minnesota. In addition to genealogy, he is interested in collecting old music records and researching naval history from WWII to the present. Ron began his family research in 1984 after attending a family reunion. The surnames Ron is researching include Watts, Garlejo, Pacht, Slechts, Hovland, Bay, and Baccus. Ron is planning a trip to the Midwest in September to take cemetery photos and do some research in Kansas and Missouri.

Dennis Happy – Dennis was born in Tacoma, Washington, but he was raised on a homestead at Happy, Alaska, outside Fairbanks. Besides genealogy, he enjoys fishing, walks, coffee, church, and spending time with his 90-year-old stepfather and his dog. He is researching surnames Happy from Belgium, Barre from Canada, Pesinger from Switzerland, and Cooper from Ireland.

Theresa Lokites – Theresa was born in Port Angeles, Washington, and is a citizen of the Cherokee nation. She became involved in researching her family origins three years ago when a friend recommended Ancestry.com. The surnames she is researching are Tiesky, Tieaskie, Petty, Tyree, and Van Ausdile. In September, she plans to continue her research by visiting her mother's hometown in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Shirley Meyer – Shirley grew up in Inglewood, California, where she was born. She enjoys beading and personal counseling by phone. She is a Mormon and started researching her family history in 1955. Her surname research includes: Livingston, Hoffman, Davis, Heath, Selleriea, Costellanos, Ogden, Kissan, Weaver, Monroe, and Hita. She is glad to be doing genealogy again after being away from it for awhile and her goal is to put her family records on the computer.

Fran Moyer – Fran was born in Seattle, Washington and her interests are sailing, reading, traveling, and history. In 2008, she began tracing her ancestors whose origins are in Wales, England, France, Germany, and Scotland. The surnames she is currently researching are Williams, Carr, and Miles.

Ina Raelene Wilson Smyth – Raelene is a former native of Vallejo, a town in Northern California. Her hobbies are genealogy, scrapping, and sewing. She began her family research in the year 2000. The surnames she is researching are Slankard, Wilson, Waldon, Young, Stark, Lahar, and Hessong.

Vincent Spinelli – Vince was born and raised in Meriden, Connecticut. After WWII, he went to college in Maryland and then worked for GE in Minneapolis, Minnesota until he retired and moved to Florida. Vince became interested in genealogy about 2001. His surnames include: Spinelli, Sloop, Adorno, Dick, Davis (NC), Wynecoff, Beaver, Di Persio, and Albright (NC).

Did U Know



Genealogy enthusiasts in the greater Seattle area are privileged to have a unique research destination available to them, the Fiske Genealogical Library (FGL) located in Seattle on the lower level of Washington Pioneer Hall. The Fiske Genealogical Library, which derived from the Fiske Genealogical Center founded in 1971 by professional genealogist Arthur D Fiske, is a non-profit educational institution whose mission is to provide ongoing educa-

tion in genealogical research techniques and to create a library of genealogical material not readily available elsewhere. **Did you know** that you could enjoy the benefit of FGL's special genealogical holdings without making a trip to Seattle? Thanks to FGL's participation in the Inter-Library Loan system, you can request book selections from FGL's vast collection and have them sent to your local library. To browse FGL's catalog, visit www.fiskelibrary.org.



Member since 1998

Side-by-Side

Sandie Morrison

Sandie was born in Tacoma and lived in Spanaway during her childhood. Sandie was working as a Property Manager in Tacoma when she met her husband, Jim, at a singles' club.

When she married Jim, Sandie retired and they moved to Tiger Lake in Belfair. Sandie and Jim will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary next January.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: In 1998 Jim wanted to go to Salt Lake to visit his sister, Pat, and while there we visited the LDS Family History Library. The volunteers at the library made it look so easy to find my grandfather and great-grandfather on the census that I was really hooked. Back home I took a class on genealogy from Marlys Marrs and have been doing genealogy ever since.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

A: When I took the genealogy class from Marlys, she mentioned the genealogy society and library in Port Orchard. It was located at Givens Community Center at that time. I attended a meeting in 1998 and decided to join. I have been an active member ever since and enjoying every minute of it.

Q: What are your research goals?

A: Tracing my father's Valor line back to Norway, which I have done. I have all I need to write a Valor family history at this point—I just need the time to do it. As for my mother's line, Oakes, I have taken it back to 1640 in King William County, Virginia. I can't get it back over the big pond to England, but I am still working on it. The DAR accepted me for the Boyd branch of my mother's line, which was a great thing for me.

Q: Do you have any surnames or locales of special interest?

A: My surnames are Oakes, Boyd, McIntire, Warner, and Gaut in Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Kansas. Surnames on my father's side are Valor and Ulseth in Minnesota.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

A: I am PSGS's 1st Vice President and I am the Chairperson for both the 2010 Seminar Committee and the Cemetery Project. I am also a duty librarian, teach classes for the Education Committee, facilitate the Virginia Special Interest Group (SIG) and am a member of the Future Planning Committee. Through the years I have been the PSGS President; co-chaired the Seminar Committee; served as chairperson for the Ways & Means Committee; and I have also chaired the Antique Show Planning Committee for several years now. In addition, I've been a speaker at the general meeting; overseen the Library's snack bar; and been in charge of the Library's window display.



Member since 2006

Shanda Hoover

Shanda was born and raised in Oregon and moved to Seattle in 1987 to attend college. After graduating from Seattle Pacific University,

Shanda remained in Seattle where she worked as an executive assistant and a graphic designer. In 1995 Shanda met her husband, Eric, and the couple married in 1999 in Grenada. They moved to Port Orchard in 2003 when they bought their first home.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: I was always curious about my mysterious ancestors, and loved stories about the rumored "horse thief" and Cherokee Indian wives in our family tree. Around 1997, Eric bought me Family Tree Maker and I used it for awhile, but became frustrated because it seemed like in order to get any information it cost money. So my research was put on the backburner. Then in June 2006, I signed up for a free trial on Ancestry.com and immediately started having a great deal of success finding records for my ancestors. That's when I really got the bug.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

A: When my son started preschool, I was advised to "get out" and do something for myself. After subscribing to Ancestry.com I had become completely enthralled with genealogy, so when I found out that there was a genealogy society in the area I went to a general meeting. Despite being the youngest person in the room, I immediately felt at home so I jumped in with both feet.

Q: What are your research goals?

A: When I started, I could barely fill three generations on my pedigree chart and the fourth generation had gaping holes in it. I would love to trace all of my lines back at least five generations and eventually get to the ancestors who first immigrated to America and determine where they came from.

Q: Do you have any surnames or locales of special interest?

A: Missouri and Kansas have been the most significant states in my research, but I'm also interested in Oklahoma, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. This year I've focused on my Blankenship and Hoover lines, but I'm also involved with researching Tatham, Baker, Sellon, Quivey, Feger, Cantwell, and Powell.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

A: Last February I took on the role of Editor of the *Backtracker*. In addition to that job, I facilitate the Ancestry Special Interest Group (SIG), manage the Obituary Committee's database, and design the Education Committee's flyers. I am an active member of the Obituary and Education Committees and teach 2–3 classes a year. This year I'm teaching at the PSGS Seminar.

Milestones

By Paulette Waggoner

Congratulations to Bruce Ramsey and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated in April with a 19-day tour of China visiting all the major sights. Bruce reports that one of their most amazing adventures was a ride at 180mph on a maglev train! (When it's not rush hour, it goes 240mph.) Sounds like an amazing journey—the 50 years of marriage and the trip to China, too!

Our congratulations also go to Gail Reynolds and her husband for 40 years of marriage. They celebrated in June by flying to Chicago for five days where they hooked-up with their Allyn neighbors and explored the city. They had a wonderful time walking, shopping, visiting museums, and taking a city tour. Imagine flying to Chicago to spend time with folks that they can talk with over the fence!

A big "shout out" to Jeanne Menchen-ton, who recently traveled to Corona, California, to attend her 63rd High School Class Reunion. More than 30 classmates out of a class of 95 attended! While there Jeanne met with a local genealogy society regarding replacing the headstone on her great-grandfather's grave (he was a Civil War veteran). She also visited with her friend's mother who will celebrate her 100th birthday in December.

A couple of our members have been on the move recently—moving to a new home that is. We'll miss seeing Phyllis Evans as she has moved from Poulsbo to Bellingham to be nearer her daughter and family. In addition, Bev Nelson has also changed addresses, moving to Park Vista in Port Orchard. Now that she's closer to the PSGS Library she can zip down and work on her obituaries even more often than before!

Chuck Palmer has been dealing with some health issues recently. First, he had successful surgery for cataracts in both eyes, and then he had a complex surgery on his right big toe. For 14 weeks he couldn't put any weight on his right foot! After two additional months of recovery, he'll finally be able to walk

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Gail Reynolds'

BELFAIR BULLETIN

Hello again from the Belfair group! Lots of things have happened since my last report.

In May, we had Tames Alan come to our meeting, which was a potluck and membership drive. Tames set a sample table for a grand Victorian feast. I know that I would have to study long and hard to figure out just what fork, knife or spoon to use for each part of the meal. What a turnout—about 20 people—members and guests both shared lots of food and fun! We just need to have most of them come back soon.

In June, we focused on the upcoming Cemetery Walk our chapter is hosting on Saturday, August 7 at the Twin Firs Cemetery off Sand Hill Road in Belfair. Last year I celebrated my birthday with a cake (made by our own Judy Joaquin) right there at the cemetery. We were huddled under our blankets and coats since it was cold and windy. Hopefully, this year the weather will be a lot better. Keep your fingers crossed!

The July meeting was a real treat since Bob Edwards showed us some of the research he has been doing in the area of Brunswick County, Virginia. Did you know that Virginia is one of four commonwealths in the United States? The other three are Kentucky, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. See...I paid attention and even did follow-up research. Thank you, Bob, for sharing.

We will be having another planning and book-sharing meeting on Tuesday, August 3 at the Belfair Library at 12:30pm. Hope to see you all there as well as At the Cemetery Walk.

~ Gail Reynolds

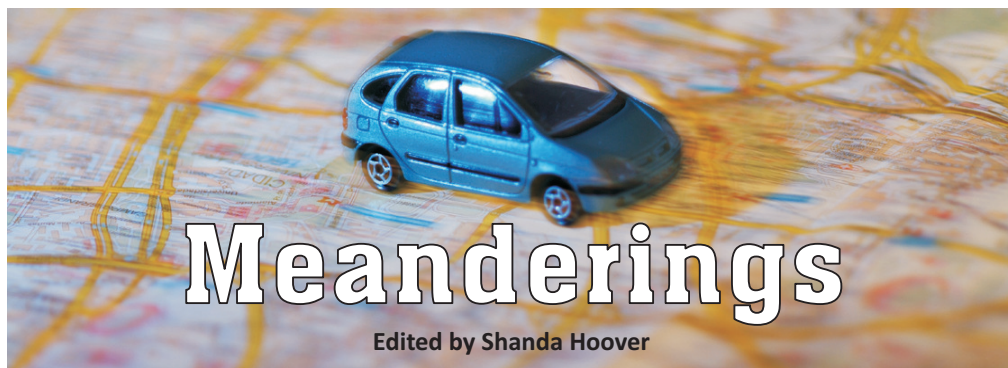
Successful Again in 2010

Thanks to everyone who helped make the PSGS Garage Sales a big success again this year. A grand total of \$2730 was generated by the two sales—just under last year's earnings of \$2800, but \$230 more than the budgeted amount income for 2010!

Successful garage sales require many hands to share the load. It would be impossible to individually name everyone who donated items, assisted with unpacking, sorting, and pricing merchandise, and helped to run the sales, but the Ways & Means Committee extend their heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and all of those who provided donations—it was truly an example of teamwork in action. A special word of thanks must go to Larry Harden and Dorothy and Don Lindquist for once again hosting the PSGS Garage Sales at their homes—without their generous contribution of space and time this annual fundraiser wouldn't get off the ground.

There was an extra abundance of items for sale this year, thanks to Jean and Rick Yager who hauled multiple trailer loads of items donated by the family of their neighbor, as well as a load of fabric donated by a friend of Clara Jane and Bob Goux. Rick also helped by borrowing clothes racks for displaying the clothes. Thanks, Rick and

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Mary Ann and Dan Wright's vacation plans began innocently enough...a trip to Memphis, Tennessee to attend a niece's wedding. But eventually their plans expanded into an ambitious cross-country expedition that included sightseeing at eight National Parks, meet-ups with family and friends, and multiple stops for genealogical research. When all was said and done, their 30-day road trip took them through 17 states and covered 7250 miles!

The sightseeing portion of Mary Ann and Dan's trip included Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, the Grand Canyon and lots in between, and was filled with majestic peaks, incredible vistas, and wondrous beauty. Their niece's outdoor wedding—an evening ceremony held in an exquisite garden—was enchanting. But the genealogical research portion of the trip turned out to be the most rewarding.

While in Memphis, Mary Ann's sister Sarah, a Memphis-area resident, joined her and together they visited two local churches where their father's Corbett relatives appeared in page after page of marriage and baptismal records. Mary Ann's most exciting find turned out to be a marriage record for her great grandparents, which included the names of both the bride and groom's parents. Since Mary Ann's great grandmother Johanna arrived in the U.S. in 1870, finding the names of Johanna's parents, Thomas and Anne Pendergrast, is a huge step forward in her research in Tipperary, Ireland. Another surprising find was the baptismal records of Mary Ann's great grandfather Edward's siblings' children, who were previously unknown.

After the wedding, Mary Ann and Dan began their return trip accompanied by Sarah, and together the trio traveled on to Byram, Mississippi. Using Byram as a base of operations, Mary Ann and Sarah went on to explore the courthouse in Raymond, a part of Hinds County, Mississippi her grandmother Emma, and Emma's parents hail from. At the courthouse Mary Ann found some tantalizing information in the will records for a couple of her relatives. Next stop was the nearby town of Terry where Mary Ann located the graves of her great-grandparents, Judith and Bryant Wolfe, and some other relatives in the town cemetery.

The following day was spent at the Mississippi Department of Archives & History in Jackson where Mary Ann and Sarah viewed several rolls of microfilm and searched through various records, including a history of the Civil War regiment Mary Ann's great great-grandfather, George W West, served with. After four hours in front of a microfilm reader without much luck, a stop at the reference desk to get some advice on newspaper archives led to the biggest find of the day. When the librarian searched for Mary Ann's great great-grandfather's surname on the computer, she found George's name in a biographical account of his brother Richard D West's family in *Goodspeed's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*. This find is even more remarkable since *Goodspeed's* original index did not include George's name, but thanks to a more thorough indexing project conducted by the Archives staff in the 1930s George's name appeared in a comprehensive index on the Archives computer. The reference listed George's parents and the names of his six brothers, including Richard, as well as his two sisters! On top of this, the librarian also found a newspaper that recorded the announcement of George's death in 1880!

After these exciting finds Mary Ann, Dan and Sarah went on to make three more stops at cemeteries in Gatesville, Salado, and LaGrange, Texas, where they success

fully located and photographed grave markers of several more relatives.

In addition to all their successes, Mary Ann shares that the trip taught her several valuable lessons: 1) always seek information from the staff at archives departments—they like to help; 2) check the histories of churches in your search area to see if records have been moved; 3) don't rely on copy machines—make notes in case the copies are poor; and 4) you can never be completely prepared, so relax and have fun!

Successful Again...

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Jean! There was an incredible assortment of books, clothes, household items, and a variety of other donations from PSGS members, which contributed to the overall success of our sales this year.

Looking ahead to 2011, the Lindquist's (after years of selfless hospitality) have decided to retire from hosting a garage sale at their home. As a result a new location will be needed. Hosting a garage sale is a great way to get better acquainted with other PSGS members as well as support the PSGS Library, which is sustained by our fundraising efforts. Parties interested in hosting a garage sale should contact the Ways & Means Committee.

Milestones...

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with a real shoe on his foot on August 1. He hopes it will be worth the wait.

Recently Ken Thornton's health took a turn for the worse and he had to spend a second stint at Harrison Hospital. Doctors worked hard to find a solution to the challenge of treating Ken's COPD, CHF, A-fib, and diabetes. After determining Ken's problems were being caused by his medications the doctors gave him all new meds, and on July 17, equipped with oxygen, Ken got to go home! Thank goodness and may he continue to improve.

And finally, our condolences go to Rosalie Palmer and her family on the passing of her brother in June.

101–103 Series...

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gists but also to encourage the conversion of these individuals into active members of PSGS.

Each four-hour class in this three-part series is held on the third Saturday of consecutive months, and the complete sequence is offered at least three times a year. Although the intent was that the classes be taken in sequence, each stands on its own merit and can be taken separate from the others. Parties interested in taking the 102 or 103 class should complete the Genealogy 101 course first or have a basic grasp of genealogy skills. It should be noted that even though they are geared towards newcomers all three classes also provide an excellent opportunity for anyone involved in genealogy to review and refresh basic skills.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

SPECIAL NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Important Change of Date!!

The November General Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov 18 at the Gateway Ctr (6th & Montgomery, Bremerton). Regular time.

Mark your calendars!

HELP WANTED!!!

Hosts & Hostesses Wanted

Persons needed to serve as Class host/hostess. Must be available a couple times a year to sit-in on genealogy classes (held 1st Monday or 3rd Saturday of the month).

Duties include: sending emails, making name badges, helping with handouts, and more. Orientation provided.

*For details call Dorothy Lindquist
(360) 876-4320*

HELP WANTED !!

Volunteer workers urgently needed to help with PSGS's Genealogy Seminar!

September 24 & 25

Set-up on Fri & early Sat AM. General help throughout Sat between classes. No special skills required—just a can-do attitude!

Email Sandie at Morrison_69@msn.com

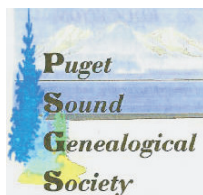
HELP WANTED!!!

IT'S FAIR TIME

8/25 to 8/29

PSGS needs volunteers to staff our booth at the 2010 Kitsap County Fair. Workers meet and greet fairgoers and talk about researching their family history. Come share your knowledge with others. It's a lot of fun.

*Sign up at the PSGS library or email
Elayne Stodola at estodola@hotmail.com*



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