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Kitsap Antique Show Returns “History & Heritage 2011”

By Sandy Morrison & Shanda Hoover

The 10th annual Kitsap Antique Show “History & Heritage” will return to the Kitsap Fairgrounds April 1–3, 2011. For the second year in a row, the show will open with a special Preview Party & Auction on Friday, April 1, from 6–8pm. Co-organized by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and the Kitsap County Historical Society, this annual fund-raising event has grown to be one of the largest antique shows in the area and attracts a vast number of respected dealers and knowledgeable collectors from around the Northwest.

Tickets for this year’s Preview Party & Auction, themed “A Stroll Down Memory Lane,” are \$25 and include admission to the Antique Show throughout the entire weekend. The preview event is a fun-filled evening of sparkling refreshments and tasty hors d’oeuvres featuring a Silent Auction for items donated by Kitsap County businesses including artwork, antiques, vacation packages, chocolates and many others. In addition, preview

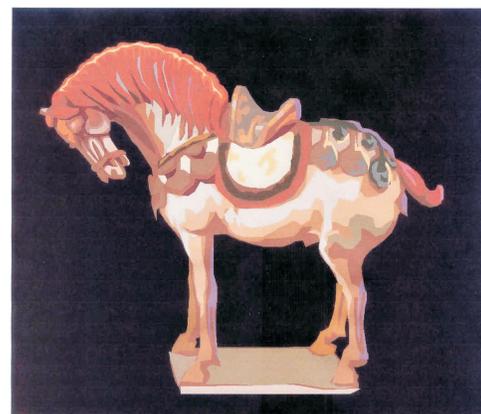
guests will have the opportunity to view and purchase in advance of the general public any of the fine antiques and collectibles offered by the many dealers.

The Antique Show itself begins on April 2 with doors opening 10am–5pm and continues on Sunday from 10am–4pm. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is just \$5 per person.

**Preview Party & Silent Auction
April 1 • 6–8pm**

One of the highlights of the Antique Show is the opportunity to get a verbal appraisal from one of the expert appraisers on hand. The fee for appraisals is \$5/item with a limit of 5 items per person. Other show highlights are the free lectures presented by experts on a number of topics of interest. For a complete list of appraisers and the appraisal schedule, or a schedule of free lecture topics and times visit the Antique Show’s website at www.antiquesthowskitsap.com.

In addition, the local Lion’s Club will host a food court again this year for the convenience and enjoyment of the



Of special note, Karolyn Grimes, the child actress who played the part of Zuzu Bailey with actor Jimmy Stewart in the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life,” will be at the Antique Show again this year. This will be Karolyn’s second visit as a dealer. She will be selling books and photos and talking with fans of her many movies.

The three-day event will once again be held in the President’s Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Complex located at 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, Washington.

Volunteer workers are desperately needed; please see the classified ad in this issue for details. For more information, contact Sandie Morrison (360-433-2102/morrison_61@msn.com). ■

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Thanks to All of the Volunteer Librarians

I want to thank all the Volunteer Librarians for their involvement in 2010. The time you volunteer is really appreciated. It is rewarding to know that each of you are eager to come forward and help out when one of the volunteers is unable to make it in on his/her scheduled day. The following volunteers kept the PSGS Library open 191 days out of 200 days that the Library scheduled to be open in 2010: Barbara Chesley, Bob Edwards, Madge Norton, Susan Evans, Nancy Ladenberger, Dorothy Lindquist, Charlotte Long-Thornton, Jean Yager, Loraine Magee, Frances Moore, Sandie Morrison, Ann Northcutt, John Smith, Chuck Palmer, Rosalie Palmer, Paulette Waggoner, IdaMae Swedberg, Marilyn Roberts, Linda Wilson, Bruce Ramsey, and Mary Ann Wright. You are a magnificent group. I have enjoyed working with you and I look forward to working with you in 2011. Don't forget to pick up your Certificate of Appreciation at the PSGS Library.

Charlotte Long-Thornton
Volunteer Librarian Manager

Love the Newsletter Cover-to-Cover

Received my Backtracker in the mail, and I love it! I sat down and read it cover- to-cover and will reread it. Thanks for your hard work on *The Backtracker*; it is a great newsletter.

Rosalie Palmer

Thanks to Two Outstanding Members

To: Shanda Hoover & Terry Mettling

I want to once again congratulate you both on being recognized as the Outstanding Member of 2010 by all of us at PSGS.

Shanda, your obvious skill and dedication to improving *The Backtracker* is evident. I know that it takes much of your discretionary time to plan, write, edit, and layout the newsletter. Despite other obligations, including a young family, you have always been prepared and professional in all your efforts, and each edition just gets better. I'm especially grateful that you continue to be innovative with distribution and cost saving while never sacrificing quality.

Additionally, you continue to contribute to PSGS in many other ways, including hosting a very popular SIG, teaching classes, and preparing flyers to promote our educational offerings. You generously share your computer expertise with those of us less talented and do that in a way that makes it easy to learn.

Terry, too often the work you do is overlooked as much of it takes place privately and without any fanfare. I'm glad this year that wasn't the case.

As Membership Chair you have consistently

provided timely and accurate member-ship lists, improved the members' booklet, and made sure all necessary applications, funds, and other nitty-gritty details were managed seamlessly.

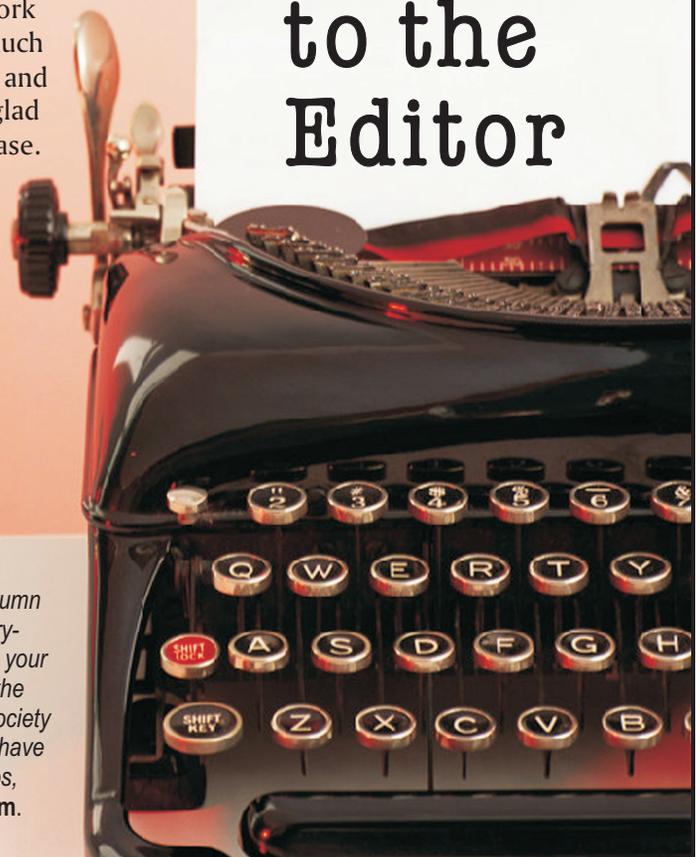
You also have stepped up and volunteered for several tasks, such as the nominating committee, budget preparation, and upgrading our equipment to bring the library resources into the digital age. I know there are more, but these have been especially important to keep our society on track.

Shanda and Terry, your recognition was well deserved and I am pleased that so many others felt the same way. You are both great members of the team. Thanks again.

Linda Webb

Letters to the Editor

The **Letters to the Editor** column is a forum that is open to everyone. Please feel free to share your thoughts and opinions about the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and/or this publication. If you have comments, criticisms, or kudos, email niledesign@totacc.com.



Swedish SIG Launched

By Shanda Hoover & Dorothy Lindquist

On December 29, 2010, a new Special Interest Group (SIG) was launched. Spearheaded by Dorothy Lindquist, the newest SIG on the block is for researchers with ancestors who came from Sweden. Working collaboratively, the group hopes to expand their understanding of their Swedish heritage and the intricacies of Swedish research. The SIG's goals include: learning more about naming patterns (how and why names were changed); learning how to understand church records by recognizing key words in the Swedish language and recognizing the differences in handwriting and pronunciation; and learning how to determine which local parish to search for records by understanding the geographical and church-related jurisdictions.

Ten enthusiastic researchers participated in the first meeting held at the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Library (PSGS) where Kari Trogdon, Director of the Family History Center (FHC) in Bremerton, introduced some of the tools she has discovered in her more than 20 years experience doing research in Sweden. She also demonstrated how to find the local parish and then locate birth, christening, marriage, death and emigration records for a family.

On January 19, the second Swedish SIG meeting was held at the FHC, where the group met again with Kari Trogdon. With Kari's help and the help of other assistants at the FHC, eight members of the group were able to locate records for members of their families utilizing the Genline subscription service on the center's computers. The group plans to visit the FHC again in the future to follow-up on the research they started.

The next meeting of the Swedish SIG was Wednesday, February 16 at 11:30am at the PSGS Library and featured a presentation by Barbara Chesley, who has done extensive Swedish research. Barbara demonstrated her step-by-step approach to finding Swedish ancestors, how to use Swedish resources effectively, and also shared some tips she has learned on how Swedish sources should be recorded.

Future meetings of the group will be at the PSGS Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30am unless otherwise noted. If you are interested in researching family members from Sweden, please contact Dorothy Lindquist by phone (360) 876-4320 or email dorothy_lindquist@yahoo.com. ■



Don Lindquist and Dave Langberg compare notes at the first meeting of the Swedish SIG at the PSGS Library.

2011 Election of PSGS Officers

At the general meeting on October 27, 2010, by a unanimous vote, the members of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) elected the slate of officers submitted by Larry Harden, chair of the Nominating Committee. The slate of elected officers for 2011 is unchanged from 2010 with the exception of the office of Member-at-Large, with Fran Moyer replacing Hazel Thornton who did not seek re-election. Returning officers include: Linda Webb, President; Sandie Morrison, 1st Vice President; Terry Mettling, 2nd Vice President; Larry Harden, Treasurer; Ann Northcutt, Recording Secretary; and Paulette Waggoner, Corresponding Secretary.

All positions for office were unopposed except for the Member-at-Large, which was contested by Margot Filley and Fran Moyer. In a vote by a show of hands, Fran won by a narrow margin, receiving 16 votes. The installation of officers was on December 8, 2010, at the annual PSGS Christmas party.

Subsequent to the election of officers, President Linda Webb confirmed the appointment of several new Committee Chairs for 2011 including: Jean Yager, Education Committee Chair; Margot Filley, Publicity Committee Chair; and Mary Ann Wright, Website Committee Chair. A new Ways & Means Committee Chair is sought and remains vacant at this time. ■

Record-Breaking General Meeting Attendance

By Mary Ann Wright & Shanda Hoover

Record-breaking attendance marked the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's (PSGS) inaugural general membership meeting at their new meeting site at the Sylvan Way Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library. On January 26, 2011, 75 attendees gathered in a packed meeting room to listen to a presentation by guest speaker Scott Bartlett, curator of the Kitsap Historical Museum.

Scott's presentation covered how the Museum handles donations related to Kitsap County's history, including the process of evaluating, cataloging, and preserving artifacts, as well as preparing items for permanent display. Scott also treated his audience to a preview of upcoming exhibits and gave them a peek into the Museum's storage area.

If attendance is any indication, there appears to be a great deal of excitement about the change of venue for the general meeting and about PSGS in general.

In addition to seeing many familiar faces that haven't been seen in some time, there were a number of new faces and by the end of the meeting six new member applications were received.

PSGS's next general meeting is Wednesday, February 23, beginning at 1pm. The February program will feature a "show and share" presentation by PSGS members who have recently returned from a week of research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Come early for fellowship and refreshments. ■

Silent Auction, Potluck, Yankee Swap, & Santa— Oh My!

By Shanda Hoover

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society's (PSGS) Christmas Party was a tremendous success again in 2010. Fifty-some members were in attendance at the December 8th event including notable guests Dr Bill Richardson, Marly Marris, and Santa Claus. The revelers enjoyed an abundance of delicious food contributed by those assembled as well as a spirited "Yankee Swap" gift exchange.

In addition, there were ceremonies to recognize PSGS's outgoing officers, install the 2011 PSGS officers, and honor Outstanding Members of the year Terry Mettling and Shanda Hoover.

The afternoon culminated with the announcement of the Silent Auction winners. Thanks to the generous contributions of Barbara Chesley, Bob Edwards, Susan Evans, Linda Webb, Judy Joaquin, Linnie Griffin, Shanda Hoover, Dorothy Lindquist, Terry Mettling, Sandie Morrison, Rosalie Palmer, Paulette Waggoner, and members of the Belfair Chapter there were 31 auction items. The bidding was silent, but fierce for many of the items—the top-earning item, Dorothy's family tree quilt, garnered \$100! Total proceeds for the Silent Auction were an impressive \$583.

Thanks to all the organizers and participants who contributed to the success of this perennial favorite. ■



Marlys Marris and Dr Bill Richardson

Presidential Ponderings Reflections On Our Future

By Linda Webb

2011 has started out as a challenging year for me as I juggle caring for my mother during her stroke recovery and continuing my duties as PSGS President, albeit long distance from the high desert country of Utah. I am very grateful to PSGS's elected officers and Executive Board who have stepped in and kept the society functioning and improving. Thank you everyone.

I have often heard the saying "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." This is a humbling reminder that even the best-laid plans often have to change depending on what life deals us. With that in mind, I have been reflecting on the future of PSGS and which long and short-term actions will best support our purpose of genealogical education and research while taking us into the future.

As President, one of my personal goals is to get more members involved in sharing ideas and shaping our plans and path for the coming years. Many businesses and non-profit organizations hold an annual "planning retreat," and it may worth considering for our group as well. I would like to hear your feed-



PSGS President Linda Webb

back about this. It's been my personal experience that a lot of good ideas can come out of brainstorming among a diverse group of individuals.

Some of the goals that I have been mulling over as I go about my daily care-giving duties include a thorough review and revision of the

bylaws and standing rules (already in progress) that will expand the vote to all officers, standing committee chairs, and other key positions when making decisions and conducting business; finding new and less labor intensive ways to raise money; getting our irreplaceable records collected in a central location and figuring out how to preserve and ultimately digitize them; and last, and certainly not least, finding ways to encourage our talented and dedicated members to come forward and take leadership roles as we move ahead.

I am looking forward to this coming year, and together I know we can do whatever needs to be done. One of my favorite sayings is "none of us is as good as all of us." All of you prove that true every day. ■

Did U Know



Have you ever worried about the preservation of your precious pictures and documents? **Did you know** that you can get a free brochure explaining the proper way to handle and store your priceless collections of documents, photographs, books, and textiles?

Gaylord, a well-known source of library and archival supplies, has published a *Guide to Collections Care* written by conservators. This invaluable guide, as well as Gaylord's *Bookcraft* (a how-to reference for book maintenance and repair) can be downloaded as a PDF file or mail-ordered in print for free from the Gaylord website (www.gaylord.com/catalog.asp?).

Outstanding Member Times Two!!

By Fran Moyer & Shanda Hoover

For the first time since its inception, the vote for the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's (PSGS) prestigious Outstanding Member of the Year Award resulted in a tie. The dual honorees, Shanda Hoover and Terry Mettling, were announced at the PSGS Holiday Party on December 8 by Paulette Waggoner and together were presented with a plaque bearing both their names.

Paulette, who was in charge of the award this year, stated that the voters' ballots lauded both recipients for their efforts on behalf of the society.

Some voters extolled Shanda's efforts on updating and publishing a revised edition of the PSGS Obituary Index, her contributions teaching classes and facilitating the Ancestry.com Special Interest Group, and her willingness to assume the role of editor of the PSGS newsletter

when it became vacant as well as the high quality of *The Backtracker* under her leadership. Other voters praised Terry for his long record of hard work, dedication, and leadership in serving PSGS in the roles of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and President, and complimented his work as the former Program Committee chair as well as his consistent support as a volunteer at PSGS events such as the Seminar and Antique Show. Both honorees were applauded for their enthusiasm for all things genealogical and as a source of inspiration.

When asked to comment about the award, Shanda said,

"It feels great to be appreciated. I really enjoy being involved and I'm very proud to be recognized for my contributions." Terry stated, "I am very pleased to be honored for this award by a vote of my fellow members. I don't expect that this recognition will slow down my efforts." ■



Outstanding Member of the Year honoree, Terry Mettling and Shanda Hoover proudly display their plaque.

Ancestry.com Expands Its Reach With Footnote Acquisition

By Jean Yager & Mary Ann Wright

Ancestry.com Inc announced on September 23, 2010, that it had entered into an agreement to purchase the iArchives company, including its extremely well-known website, Footnote.com.

Footnote.com, a leading American history website, is noted for its digital images of historical records of individuals involved in the Revolutionary War, Continental Congress, Civil War, Dawes Packets, and other U.S. historical events such as the Apollo missions of the 1960s. Footnote also includes photo archives of several presidents and a Historical News Archives that contains selected newspapers from 46 states, with various dates available. To date, iArchives has digitized more than 72 million original source documents.

According to a statement made by Tim Sullivan, President and CEO of

Ancestry.com, the addition of Footnote will greatly complement Ancestry.com's online family history offerings by expanding its reach among researchers who are concentrating on early American records. Sullivan also noted that iArchives' outstanding image-viewing technology and content digitization capabilities would be a valuable addition. Sullivan believes that the purchase of iArchives will improve Ancestry.com's leadership position in bringing valuable historical records to the market.

Ancestry subscribers who were hopeful that the iArchives takeover would merge Footnote's records into Ancestry's data collection will be disappointed to learn that no such blending of the two websites appears to be forthcoming. Cross-promotion of the two services seems to be the order of the day with current members of the Ancestry com-

munity already being encouraged to explore Footnote via advertisements on Ancestry.com. Although access to Footnote.com won't be free for Ancestry subscribers, for a limited time Ancestry is offering a one-year membership to the Footnote service for a discounted fee of \$39.95.

Overall, 2010 was a year of growth by acquisition for Ancestry.com Inc. In July, they purchased Gensline.se, the leading Swedish family history website, with more than 17,000 paying members, providing access to 26 million pages of digitized Swedish church records from the 17th to the 20th century. Then, in August, Ancestry.com made known their purchase of Progenealogists.com a leading professional genealogy research firm known for their research work in connection with the popular NBC program, *Who Do You Think You Are?* ■

Mary Ann Wright's

Library Report



We are pleased to announce that the library has purchased a new computer and a wireless color laser printer! The new wireless printer will allow library visitors to use their own laptop to print a document on the printer from anywhere in the library—a great resource for instructors, meeting organizers, committee members, and researchers. The new computer comes loaded with the latest software to help PSGS maintain important documents in one location as well as serve as a central repository for class outlines and handouts. We're also in the process of ensuring all of our research CD collection can be accessed on our second computer (donated by member Cory Freed in December 2009).

This past quarter, our society was greatly benefitted by a generous donation from Kathy de los Reyes to the PSGS Library's Native American collection. Also joining the Library's collection last quarter are two new family history books. PSGS member Judy Joaquin donated a copy of her family history, *The Descendants of Edward and Cora Coleman Wright* (FAM 191), which is the story of her grandparents and their descendants. The other book, *The Story of the Bloods* (FAM 190), by Roger Deane Harris, chronicles the Blood family from its first arrival in Massachusetts in the early 1600s.

Another resource dealing with immigration records should prove very helpful to researchers. *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records & Ethnic Origins* (IMM 25), by Loretto Dennis Szucs, offers an historic framework of the citizenship process and suggests ways to find naturalization records. In addition, the author recommends alternative sources for finding an immigrant's origin in case naturalization records can't be found. For American History fans, Ms Szucs includes an Immigration Chronology, beginning with the arrival of French

Huguenots in North Carolina in 1562 and ending with immigration legislation in 1990, which is found in Appendix A.

If you have ancestors hailing from New York, you might be interested in reading *Historic Catskill* (NY 16), by J VV Vedder, which takes the reader on a rich journey through the establishment of the pioneer settlements in the Catskill region and Greene County, New York, beginning in the early 1600s. This book was originally published in 1922; the author, whose ancestors were very early settlers in the area, was the founder of the Greene County Historical Society and author of *History of Greene County, 1651-1800*.

Another look at the history of our state was published by the Seattle School District in 1977, and includes numerous photos, a selected reading list, a glossary, and an index. *The Washington Story: A History of Our State* (WA 266), by Ruth Pelz, is an easy to read resource that includes information about the role of ethnic minorities and women in the historical development of Washington State.

Speaking of strong women, *Lillian Walker: Washington State Civil Rights Pioneer A Biography and Oral History* (WA 281), by John C. Hughes, explores the inspirational life story of Lillian Walker, a charter member of the Bremerton branch of the NAACP. Her responses to the biographer's interview questions offer a candid look at life in Kitsap County for African Americans.

In addition, our weeders have prepared several abstracts of newsletters and periodicals to assist us in our research.

These are just a few of the reference materials that were added to the PSGS Library in the previous quarter. I can't say enough about the generosity of our donors and the outstanding efforts of all our volunteers to make our Library such a vital resource for all members. Thank You. ■

Did U Know ?

Did you know that an updated list of all new acquisitions is available on the Library page on the PSGS website? The Library's online catalog is also updated quarterly to include recent additions.

The new acquisitions list is also found

at the back of the printed library catalog along with previous quarterly acquisition lists. Since the Library catalog was published in February 2010, 70 new titles (including five family history books, books on six countries and nine states, five history books, seven guides or instruction books, and sixteen books on Native Americans) have been added.

Swedish Special Interest Group

Mar 16 • PSGS Library • 11:30am

Have Swedish ancestors but don't know how to start your research?

Join this exciting new SIG and collaborate and learn from fellow researchers. Future meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am at the PSGS Library unless otherwise noted.

Contact Dorothy Lindquist 360-876-4320 or dorothy_lindquist@yahoo.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN RESOURCES

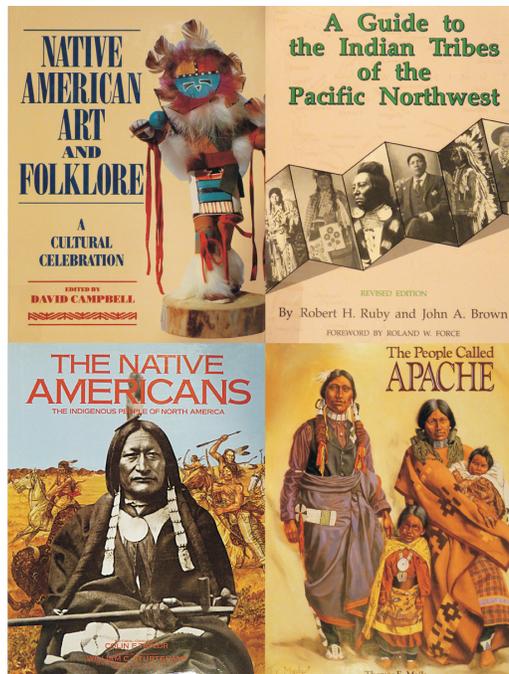
Thanks to the generous donation of Kathy de los Reyes and her family, there are now a dozen new titles in the Library's fast-growing Native American Collection that can help researchers understand the rich history, tribal customs, and culture of the many diverse tribal nations found in America. The donation of Native American resource materials is especially timely given the January 2011 launch of PSGS's Native American Special Interest Group (SIG), and should help this SIG with solving some of their research challenges. A few examples of the Native American Collection's new acquisitions are below.

The first book, *A Guide to the Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest* (IND 39), Revised Edition, by Robert H Ruby and John A Brown is devoted to those tribes that are located in Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho. By describing the histories and cultures of the more than 150 Pacific Northwest tribes in an alphabetical format, the authors provide a comprehensive description of the various tribal populations, including a pronunciation guide, alternative names, tribal leaders, and significant migrations and settlements. (This book is a companion to *Indians of the Pacific Northwest* (IND 32), by the same authors, already in the Library's collection.)

The People Called Apache (IND 44), by Thomas E Mails, is an account of the past and present lives of the four Apache groups now settled in Arizona and New Mexico, commonly called the Western Apache, Chiricahua, Mescalero, and Jicarilla. This hefty resource of over 550 pages provides a rich understanding of the history, life, and ceremonies of these people and is complemented with the generous inclusion of photographs and drawings of people and artifacts.

For a look into the lives and experiences of the nine Native American cultural groups—Southeast, Southwest, Plains, Plateau and Basin, California, Northwest Coast, Subarctic, Arctic, and Northeast—the book, *The Native Americans: The Indigenous People of North America* (IND 41), Colin F Taylor, Editorial Consultant, and the companion book *Native American Myths and Legends* (IND 42), Colin F Taylor, Editorial Consultant, will surely fit the bill. Both books are filled with color illustrations, maps, and artifact depictions arranged by tribes. The first book chronicles the lives of Native Americans and how they have adapted to their environments, and the second concentrates on the groups' rituals and ceremonies.

The importance of art and literature in the Native American culture is explored in *Native American Art and Folklore: A Cultural Celebration* (IND 45), edited by David Campbell. Art takes the form of beadwork, instruments, jewelry, pottery, basket weaving, and ceremonial objects and are handed down through the generations. Native American folklore is filled with legends featuring heroes and heroines, villains, and spirits endowed with magical powers. This resource has 175 color and 75 black and white images. ■



On the Trail of a Train Wreck

By Mary Ann Wright

While researching my great-grandfather Robert Durham Compton, I discovered a source stating his death in 1892 had resulted from being involved in a train wreck while traveling on business from Tennessee to Texas. Although I had an upcoming research trip that would provide a perfect opportunity to search old newspaper files in Tennessee and Texas, since I did not know exactly where the train wreck had occurred I didn't have much hope of finding a news article about the accident.

Then, while reading through an old issue of *Internet Genealogy* (November 2007), I found an article about a website devoted to disasters. The GenDisasters website (www.gendisasters.com) compiles information on historic disasters including: accidents, mining disasters, air disasters, floods, building collapses, earthquakes, hurricanes, storms, fires, tornados, explosions, drowning, shipwrecks, and train wrecks. The information about these events comes from newspaper articles and sometimes pictures that are submitted by member researchers. The information on the site is updated frequently and can be browsed by disaster type and/or by state.

Intrigued, I went to the website and clicked on the train wreck disasters link. From there I searched alphabetically through the states most likely involved on a train route between Tennessee and Texas. The Arkansas page provided links to articles on 14 train wrecks. One of the links was dated May 1892. Could this be the one? The link, entitled "Humphrey, AR Train Wreck, May 1892," included three news articles describing the events surrounding a passenger train that was hit by a freight train on a trestle. Each article had been researched and transcribed by Stu Beitler and were from the *Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette* (Iowa), *Galveston Daily News* (Texas), and *Daven-*

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Putting Down Roots

The Search Goes On

By Nyla Walsh



I have been on the trail of my early Crawford ancestors for as long as I can remember. So far, I have compiled documentation back to 1750 when James Crawford was born in Augusta County, Virginia. There's no information beyond that point that I can find. No father or mother, brothers or sisters. Some researchers would disagree with that assessment, however, and there is certainly a lot of misinformation out there that mixes other families with similar names and birth dates, who were living in the same area during the same time period, to support their theories. It has been said that due to the close-knit family groups immigrating and settling in close proximity during this time, it may be impossible to untangle these families.

It appears that my James Crawford moved from Augusta County, Virginia where he was born, to Orange County, North Carolina in his early twenties. There he married Margaret (Fraser) Frazier, raised a large family, worked his land, and lived out his life in relative comfort. Some information indicates that he participated in the Revolutionary War. I have found three versions of his will, dated 1811, that names some of his family. All three versions are similar in wording and are likely handwritten copies given out to family members mentioned in the will. I've also found an 1800 census from Orange County, North Carolina with his name on the roster. On the census, the letters "H R" appear after his name. While some researchers have interpreted these to be his initials, I believe that they stand for "Haw River"

where he may have lived at the time.

In the book *Kansas in the Sixties*, written by Samuel J. Crawford (third Governor of Kansas and my James Crawford's grandson), James's heritage is mentioned in the preface, which read in part:

The author of these memoirs was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, April 10, 1835; was reared on a farm, and educated in the public schools, the Bedford graded school, and the Law School of the Cincinnati College.

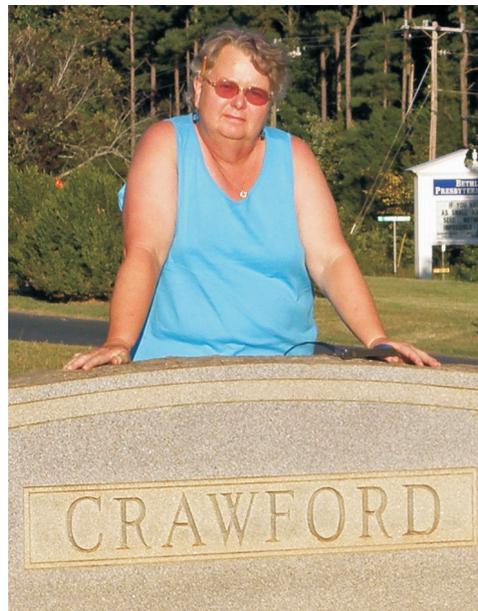
His parents, William and Jane Morrow Crawford, were born in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1788 and 1792, respectively; were reared on plantations, educated in private schools, married in 1810, and emigrated to the Territory of Indiana in 1815. His grandfather, James Crawford, was born in Virginia, emigrated to North Carolina, married Miss Margaret Fraser, served in the Revolu-

tionary War, and lived to a ripe old age.

The ancestral line of the Crawford family is traceable to a remote period in Scotland-beyond, which it may not be prudent to go, since members of the clan, by reason of their clannishness, lost their heads in the Tower of London.

One would think that with this kind of information, it would be easy to find more family history. But, as you all know, nothing is so easy. I found this especially true with my Crawfords! Records, if there were any in the first place, were destroyed during times of conflict, fires, floods and the like. Not to mention, that in the 1700s, Augusta County, Virginia and Orange County, North Carolina reached from the East Coast to the Mississippi River, no small area to search!

For years, I've dabbled in the hunt for my ancestors. I have gathered family data, fact and fiction, dug into countless libraries and all forms of historical collections from the West Coast to the East Coast. Despite all of these endeavors I do not consider myself a "genealogist" by any stretch of the imagination. I am just trying to solve the puzzle of my family history. In my experience, the highs of finding a tidbit of truth outweigh the volumes of misinformation that I've had to wade through even though more often than not each new bit of information has led to more questions for me to answer. That's what it's all about, isn't it? ■



Nyla Walsh



Putting Down Roots

Pieces of Patchwork

By Fran Moyer

Like designing a patchwork quilt, piecing together the history of one's ancestry that distills the authentic from the fantastic is a very tricky process. For Native American ancestry the process has been made even more difficult due to forced migrations and the suppression of language and culture.

I have hit a brick wall in researching my own Native American ancestry. Not until I began my genealogical journey did I find that my Great Grandfather, Frank Huston Miles, had another wife before his marriage to Canadian Indian Cora Bowers. Although my grandpa, Robert Grover Miles, always believed that Cora was his own mother, his real mother was Frank Miles' first wife, Kate Linton. Robert was the single issue from Frank's first marriage to Kate. I haven't been able to find any more information about Kate who was also a Canadian.

Over the past few months other members of PSGS have shared similar stories with me about their search for their Native American roots. Some have just begun to research the stories passed down to them about their "Indian" ancestors, while others have had moderate to considerable success tracking down their forefathers.

Margot Filley shared that she is trying to find proof that the story she was told by her mother that she has "Indian blood" is true. The only supporting evidence that Margot has is a Chippewa basket, made in the 19th century that has been handed down to her. Margot knows that several of her mother's ancestors were early settlers of the Canadian frontier, so the mingling, by marriage, of Native American and Western

European is altogether possible.

Terry Mettling's story is nearly the same. Terry's wife, Stella, has a picture as her only evidence of Native American ancestry. According to Stella's third cousin, Lillian (Oxley) Brady, Stella's 5th Great Grandfather, John Oxley, married a Cherokee Indian woman called Jane. If true this would make Stella's 3rd Great Grandfather, Lewis Binley Oxley (grandson of John Oxley) one-quarter Cherokee. Although Terry has found U.S. Census records from 1850–1880 for Lewis, his wife Jemima, and their nine children, these records offer nothing to substantiate his ethnicity as Native American. While the photograph of Lewis with his wife Jemima is clearly suggestive, it is not proof, so Terry's investigation of his wife's pedigree goes on.

Then there is Rosalie Palmer. Rosalie has always known she is Native American and she knows the tribes to which she owes her origins—her mother was Potawatomi and her father was Muscogee Creek. She is enrolled in her father's maternal roll number and her mother was enrolled through her paternal line of the Potawatomi.

Historically, roll numbers were assigned when tribes were removed from their original lands. The Dawes Commission enrolled some tribes and others were counted and enrolled depending on the U.S. Government's policy at the time.

Thanks to the French Jesuit influence and their tradition of record keeping as they worked among the tribes in the

Great Lakes area, Rosalie has had an easier time determining her Potawatomi heritage. However, on her Creek side Rosalie has hit a brick wall due to inconsistencies in the spelling of names and because the elders who kept the oral history are now gone.

For those interested in treading the same path—trying to separate fact from fiction in rumors of their Native American ancestry—I offer these suggestions. Find out where the supposed "Indian" ancestors were living and research what tribes were in that area. If you suspect your ancestors may have belonged to a specific tribe, contact the headquarters of that tribe; they might have records that will offer more clues. Remember that due to persecution and discrimination, many families did not reveal their Native American heritage to census-takers, so don't assume that a record reporting "white" for race is true. Also, be sure to look for extended family names when searching records, and realize that many orphaned children adopted the name of the family that cared for them. For additional help with Native American research, be sure to check the PSGS Library's Native American Collection.

Perhaps the best suggestion I can offer to those who are working on the patchwork quilt of their Native American ancestry is that you join the new Native American Special Interest Group (SIG) and collaborate with researchers



Rose Ann and Daniel Narcomey

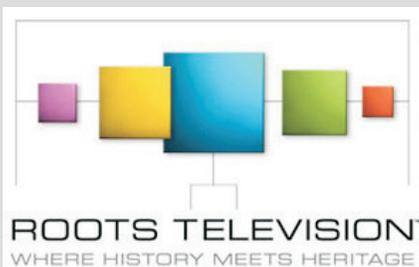
who are tackling the same obstacles. The SIG meets the second Wednesday, of every odd month, at 10:00am at the PSGS library. ■

Did U Know

You may have watched the occasional Internet video on your computer, you may even be a YouTube junkie, but **did you know** that there is a web-based service dedicated to providing online video programming on genealogy topics? It is known as Roots Television™ (www.rootstelevision.com).

The Roots Television™ service offers a full range of quality programming (such as the popular PBS series *Ancestors*) from a variety of sources including TV shows and films licensed from talented producers around the world, in addition to airing exclusive original programming. A quick review of the Program Guide shows a comprehensive list of videos of varying length covering topics such as using Google, Native American research, photo editing tips, a how-to series, and more. The videos range in length from about 7 minutes to 30 minutes or more. While the majority of the videos are free, occasionally the producers offer a pay-per-view option or download-to-own option for special programming.

Beginning this February, the PSGS 2nd Saturday Matinee will be showing the second season of the popular series *Ancestors*, through Roots Television™. The series runs through July and the topics include genealogy and technology, vital records, religious records, cemetery records, and census records to name a few. For a complete series schedule, visit the PSGS website and follow the link on the Calendar page for the 2nd Saturday Matinee.



TOP 10 WEBSITES:

0 Death records are an excellent source of information for the genealogy researcher. For instance, tombstone inscriptions not only furnish a birth and death date, but can also provide additional details such as birth and death location, familial associations, religious or fraternal affiliation, occupation, interests, and accomplishments. In addition to tombstone inscriptions, other death records include interment records, obituaries, and death certificates.

Included in this month's top picks are content-based websites that contain collections of death data compiled from information submitted by individual researchers (e.g., tombstone transcriptions), as well as directory-based websites that furnish links to external sources where death records can be found.

1 Interment.net is one of the better-known websites providing online cemetery data. Their free searchable data collection includes cemeteries in all 50 states in the U.S. as well as cemeteries in Canada, the UK, and a limited number of other countries worldwide. The site also features special cemetery collections including Woodmen of the World, California missions, flooded cemeteries, and National Cemeteries. It is important to note that not all cemetery listings include the same level of detail. Data usually provided includes GPS coordinates, historical description, tombstone transcriptions, and sometimes driving directions, cemetery photo, and/or headstones photos. [www.interment.net]

2 The most significant feature of the Find A Grave website is their free database containing 52 million grave records. The database can be searched by surname and by cemetery name or browsed by U.S. County. Record content varies and includes memorials (with or without photo), burial/cemetery information, tombstones transcriptions, and tombstone photos. Other noteworthy features of the website include a listing of recent obituaries (with external links), the option to search for a deceased individual by date of birth or death, and the option to post a request to the extensive network of volunteers for photo of a particular tombstone. [www.findagrave.com]

3 Individuals with U.S. veterans in their family tree should visit the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs website and check out their Nationwide Grave-site Locator. The gravesite locator searches for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries, and for veterans buried in private cemeteries after 1997 when the grave is marked with a government grave marker. Search options include cemetery, name, and birth and death date. [gravelocator.cem.va.gov]

4 For researchers whose ancestors were early settlers of the New England area (including New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont) the creators of the A Very Grave Matter website provide a pictorial and historical study of colonial cemeteries and gravestones dating back to 1647. The homepage has links to cemeteries with photos and tombstone transcriptions, organized by state and town. In addition, check out the "Epitaphs" page for fascinating samples of 17th, 18th, and 19th century tombstone inscriptions, and the "Quick Tidbits" page for sourced biographical sketches on numerous individuals categorized by occupation, oldest graves, and manner of death. [gravematter.com]

5 The Ancestors at Rest website has a variety of offerings, including excellent explanations that help differentiate between death records such as tombstone inscriptions and interment records, as well as descriptions of more

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obscure sources like cenotaphs and coffin plates. The site offers several small databases and/or searchable blogs for memorial cards, family bibles, etc., that provide transcribed details, a photo, or both. In addition, under Cemetery Records there are tombstone transcriptions from cemeteries in 21 states in the U.S., as well as a large sample of cemeteries in Canada and a few other countries. [ancestorsatrest.com]

6 The Tombstone Transcription Project (TTP) is a volunteer effort with the objective of transcribing tombstone inscriptions and preserving the information in an easily accessible archive for future generations that is organized under the sponsorship of the USGenWeb Project. The State Projects portal on the TTP webpage provides links to all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. In addition, there are currently links to two military cemeteries and to two foreign cemeteries where Americans are buried. The Tombstone Transcription Project is an ongoing endeavor; not all cemeteries are included or have complete transcriptions. [usgwtombstones.org]

7 The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is one of the largest and easiest to access databases used for genealogical research. The Rootsweb website provides free access to the SSDI with a straightforward search form, and search results can be sorted by name, birth date, death date, age, last address, last benefit, issuing state, and SSN. Rootsweb will also generate a print friendly letter from the results page that can be used to request a copy of an individual's Application for a Social Security Number (SS-5). A copy of the SS-5 can provide critical information such as the applicant's complete birth information and the maiden name of the applicant's mother. [ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com]

8 A foremost resource for individuals researching their ancestors in the state of Missouri is the Missouri State Archives Digital Heritage website, which offers a searchable Death Certificate database with viewable images of death records from 1910–1959. Images of death certificates can be downloaded and saved as PDF files for free. [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates]

9 The Old Obits website has a searchable database of U.S. and Canadian obituaries, death notices, and death-related news stories from 1890–1920. Copies of original articles can be ordered for a modest fee of \$4.50 per item or in exchange for S-credits earned by submitting obituaries to the site. In addition, the homepage offers articles on the evolution of the obituary, common causes of death, and misspelled names as well as a timeline for 1890–1920. The website is owned by a Wisconsin-based company and the database is heavily predominated by obituaries from Wisconsin. [www.oldobits.com]

10 The Legacy.com website is another resource for obituaries. This site's database has millions of obituaries, ranging from 1930 to the present, from more than 800 newspapers in the U.S. and around the world. The database can be searched by person or by source. Results include deceased's name, newspaper name, publication date, typically the first two lines of the article, and sometimes a photo. The complete text of the obituary is available to view, print, or share for free unless archived. Archived obits can be restored allowing access for 24 hours for a fee of \$2.95. [www.legacy.com]

Navigating Irish Roadblocks in Allyn

Steve Morrison, of the Washington State Genealogical Society, will present a special program on “Detours Around Irish Roadblocks & Stonewalls” on April 16, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. This presentation is of particular interest to family history researchers who have lines that go back to Ireland. The event, hosted by the Belfair Chapter of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society, will be held at the North Bay Lutheran Community Church on Lakeland Drive in Allyn. The program is open to the public and is offered for free, although donations are gladly accepted. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linnie Griffin at (360) 275-3770. ■

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port Daily Leader (Iowa). One of the two Iowa articles was an early dispatch with limited information and the other Iowa article, while more complete, did not have the entire official list of those killed or injured in the accident. The Galveston article, however, gave a complete list of individuals who were killed or injured as provided by railway officials. Among those listed as killed in the Galveston article was my great-grandfather. Next, I searched the newspaper database on Ancestry.com to see if another corroborating source was available and located an image of the original article from the *Galveston Daily News*.

While I'm thankful to learn the details of the tragic accident that cut short my great-grandfather's life at the age of 56, I'm sad for the wife and six children he suddenly left behind (including my grandfather Charles Coates Compton, who was just 10 years old).

If you have an ancestor who may have been the victim of a disaster, try searching the GenDisasters website—another useful tool in the researcher's arsenal. ■



Dorothy Lindquist, Madge Norton, Mary Ann Wright, and yours truly boarded the 8:45am Bremerton ferry to Seattle on October 15, 2010 destined for the Fiske Genealogical Library (aka the Fiske). On the other side, Bob Edwards was waiting to join us. Together, we walked up to 1st and University and caught the #11 bus and about a half hour later we were at the Fiske. Gary Zimmerman, President of Fiske, greeted us as we entered the doors and then gave us an informative presentation on the library's holdings. After his talk, Gary turned us loose to pursue our research and we got right to work. Knowing our time at the library was short, most of us had already utilized the online catalog on the Fiske website (www.fiskelibrary.org) to make a list of books to examine at the library. The group also agreed to bring bag lunches so we wouldn't have to waste time going out to eat. Thankfully, the Fiske provides a dining area where visitors can eat so we didn't even have to leave the building. We worked until 2:50pm when we packed up our copied treasures and made our way back downtown by bus where we caught the 4:20pm ferry back to Bremerton. All in all it was a great day. ■



L to R: Bob Edwards, Dorothy Lindquist, Mary Ann Wright, Jean Yager, and Madge Norton

Introductions...

The Introductions column presents new members who have joined Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) in the quarter prior to publication. On behalf of PSGS, *The Backtrucker* welcomes the individuals featured below, as well as Sherill Baur and Valerie Swinnerton who have joined since October 2010. Due to time constraints not all individuals could be interviewed. If you are a new member and would like to appear in the Introductions column, email niledesign@totacc.com.

Leroy & Sherry Gilbert – Leroy and Sherry have lived in Port Orchard for 35 years. He is originally from Wenatchee, Washington and she is originally from California. Sherry says that their interest in genealogy was inspired by other family members who were doing family history research. They have been researching for seven years; working to confirm sources for the information they've been given going back to 1618. Surnames they are looking for are Perry, Britton, Gilbert, and Jeffries.

Kathy Lahti – Originally from Seattle, Kathy has lived in Port Orchard over 20 years. When she retired she began writing a Lahti family history for her two daughters. Her sister is doing Kathy's side of the family. She came to the PSGS Library Open House and signed up for the Genealogy 101 class. After attending the class, Kathy thinks it is going to be a great hobby and feels she is just scratching the surface. The surnames she is working on are Lahti, Loghry, Lotter, and Robertson.

Julie Lindmark – Julie came to Silverdale from Seattle. She readily admits to being addicted to genealogy after 20 years of research. She was invited to join PSGS by a friend in her Bible study class. Recently, Julie worked as a census-taker and knows firsthand how hard a job it was long ago and still is today. Planchich, Lindmark, and Garbarino are the surnames she is working on.

Lynda Peel – Lynda was born in Bremerton, Washington and lived in Bremerton with her husband when they were first married before moving to Burien and later to Kent. They moved to Grapeview last June after retiring. Lynda was previously a member of the South King County Genealogical Society. She has already done extensive research on her husband's family and has decided to work on her lineage now. The surnames she is looking for are Liner, Campeau, Breeding, Peel, and Adams.

Stephanie Satter – Stephanie lives in Bremerton where she was born. Her interest in genealogy was ignited by her mother's stories of their "scumbag" ancestors, the notorious "Younger" outlaws whose father was the brother of Stephanie's great great-grandfather. Stephanie had benefitted from the extensive research done by a cousin on her Galbraith family. Currently, she is researching the surnames Younger, Galbraith, Hong and McFarland.

Kari Trogdon – Kari came to Washington from California by way of Utah. At present she lives in Port Orchard. Her interest in genealogy began when she was 14 years old. It bothered her that the only family information her father knew was the names of her grandparents. Her father's line is Swedish and, through research, she has developed a love for the country. Her research focuses on the island of Oland, off the east coast of Sweden where many families are inter-related.

Wendy Walker – Wendy was raised in La Habra, California, and now lives in Olalla. A novice to genealogy, she has taken PSGS's Genealogy 101 class and is looking forward to getting guidance from PSGS on the best way to do her research. Wendy knows many bits and pieces of information that need to be fitted into her family history puzzle. Her surnames are Miller, Stewart, Walker, Hull, and Bardine (which was changed from Colombardino when the family emigrated from Italy).

Karen Watson – Eleven years ago Karen moved from Puyallup to South Colby. She's been involved in family research for 30 years. She was encouraged by Cyril Taylor's

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Side-by-Side



Barbara Chesley

Member since 2000

Barbara (Richards) Chesley was born near Boston in Arlington, Massachusetts, and lived there until she met and married her husband Edgar

Chesley in 1957. Since Barbara's husband was in the military they lived in several different parts of the country including Mississippi, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma before settling in Kitsap County, Washington in 1969. The couple has three grown children who all live in different parts of the U.S.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: I wanted to find out where my Grandparents came from in Sweden. Since my mother couldn't help me I decided to attend a couple of PSGS's meetings to find out how to get started in my research and where to go for the information I needed. Ultimately, I learned how to do Swedish research by reading the book *Cradled in Sweden*. When I discovered the name of my Grandmother's parish in Stockholm I didn't realize that there were two churches on the confirmation certificate. Once I finally found the microfilm with her record, I also discovered my Grandfather and his family in the same parish. Thankfully, Swedish records are very easy to work with because they always list the wife's maiden name.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

A: I saw ads in the newspaper and went to a meeting at Givens Community Center with a friend. The next year I decided to join PSGS.

Q: What are your research goals?

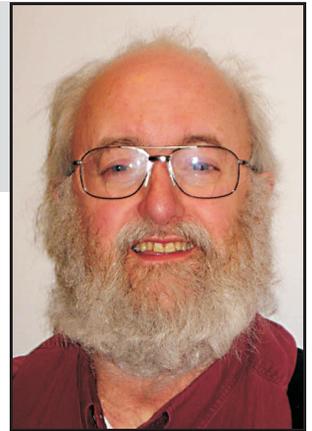
A: I am currently working on my cousin's family. I am trying to find where my husband's mother's line came from. I have traced the line to somewhere in New York City. The person I am trying to find is James Henderson whose wife was Mary. I have found five people by that name and I am hoping that one of them is the right one. Eventually, I want to trace all my lines back to when they came to the United States.

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

A: I am still researching the Chesley family and I am also researching ancestors who came from Scotland and initially settled in New Hampshire and then migrated to Canada.

Q: How have you participated in the Society?

A: Currently, I facilitate the Legacy Special Interest Group, participate in fundraising, and teach classes on using Timelines and conducting Canadian Research. Previously, I have served as the PSGS Treasurer and led the Canadian Special Interest Group. ■



Bob Edwards

Member since 2006

Bob Edwards was born in "the other" Washington, Washington D.C., and grew up across the Potomac River in Arlington, Virginia. After serving in the USAF, Bob came to Kitsap County in 1978 and worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard until his retirement in 2004. He and his wife Mary-Cathern currently make their home in Manchester.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: My parents talked about wanting to do "the family history," but it never got off the ground. When I was a child, my father, the family historian, would relate obscure details about our ancestors to my brother and me. Back then I felt they were only boring tales, and I didn't really care. Little did I know what a gift I was being given. Years later I became interested in learning more about my family.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

A: My wife told me about a genealogical society booth she saw at the Port Orchard Farmer's Market. That led me to the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Library to attend a Genealogy 101 class. It turned out that the class had been cancelled, but I met Larry Swan, the librarian for the day, and he shared the benefits of membership with me and I signed up.

Q: What are your research goals?

A: In addition to searching for the Native American ancestor I've heard about, I'm interested in learning about my ancestors who served in WWI, the War Between the States, the War of 1812, and the Revolutionary War, as well as tracking my ancestors back to the "Old Country."

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

A: I'm researching Edwards, Lynch, Clary, Lawrence, Brown, Moseley, and Whalin surnames. I've discovered an enormous number of my ancestors in Southside Virginia, (largely in Brunswick County, Virginia, about 75 miles Southwest of Norfolk on the North Carolina border) from the late Jamestown Colony era (1607-1699).

Q: How have you participated in the Society?

A: Soon after joining PSGS, I assumed the Webmaster duties and created a new version of the PSGS website. Since then I have helped to train additional webmasters. I am affiliated with the Belfair Chapter, and I participant in several SIGs, including Family Tree Maker, Ancestry.com, and the VA-NC SIG. In addition, over the years I've attended many of the Education committee's genealogy classes. ■

Milestones

By Paulette Waggoner

There have been several landmark birthdays celebrated these past few months. Particularly exciting was the birthday celebration for Madi Cataldo (80) and Maryls Marrs (81). The Belfair Chapter organized a “Timeline Class” this past December that was really a surprise party for the pair of them.

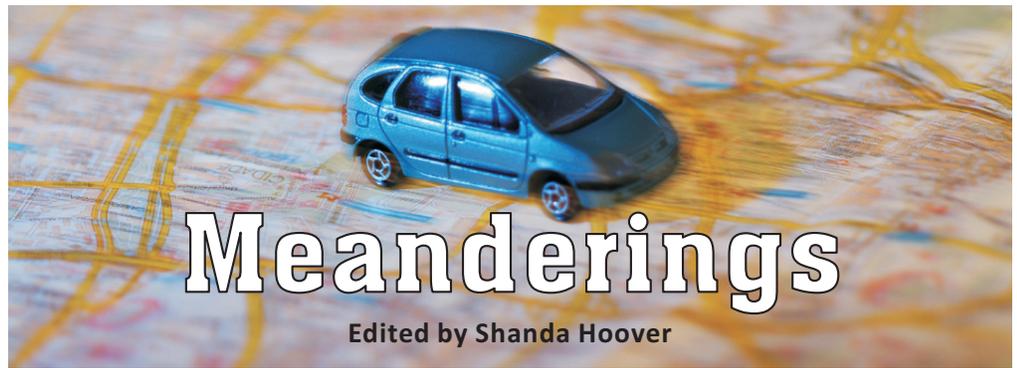
In November, Fran Moyer had her 65th birthday. Guess there is now one more of us that qualifies for Medicare. Mary Ann Wright was the person who notified me of Fran’s special birthday and included the fact that she was 3½ days older than Fran. What a cute and clever way to say you, too, are 65, Mary Ann! We extend many happy returns to all the birthday girls!

Congratulations also go out to Mary Ann and Dan Wright who had their 45th wedding anniversary in February. They will commemorate their anniversary by sharing a special dinner or taking a trip within the next month!

Ken Thornton continues to go back to Harrison Hospital to have his medication changed and undergo numerous other medical procedures. Enough visits to the doctor and Harrison, right, Ken? You’re in our thoughts and we send you all our “get well” wishes.

A host of other members have had a heaping helping of health woes this winter. Madge Norton suffered with a bout of pneumonia, but is now fully recovered and, according to her husband, is out gallivanting. Arlene Lind underwent surgery and Hazel Thornton struggled with vertigo. Our own Backtracer editor Shanda Hoover threw her back out just after the first of the year and was out of commission for three weeks. She recovered just in time to go on the PSGS group research trip to Salt Lake City. Terry Mettling also nearly missed the trip to Salt Lake because of a case of cellulitis on his foot that confined him to bed or the recliner for over a week. His doctor cleared him to travel the day

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For Judy Joaquin the phrase “It’s a small world after all” has new meaning. While Judy and her husband were on a recent cruise to Alaska they met a couple from Vermont. Their new acquaintances were very surprised when Judy, a woman from Washington of all places, identified the county where their hometown was located! Judy explained that her mother’s family had settled in the same area of Vermont in the 1760s and that descendants of her family were still there. Upon request Judy told the couple that the family name was Orvis. This brought a laugh from the couple who were very familiar with the name Orvis—not only had they gone to school with and were neighbors of Orvis’s, one of their closest friends was Kathy Orvis!

Judy exchanged email addresses with the couple in the hope that Kathy Orvis will contact her and that she can further her research in Vermont and also have a chance to acquaint Kathy with her “Western” family.

Last August, when Shanda Hoover convinced her husband, Eric Anderson, to join her on the PSGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City in February 2011 she thought that they would just be spending a week sitting in the Family History Library (FHL) squinting at microfilm and pouring over books. However, as the months passed and the story of her husband’s family continued to unfold it became evident that traveling to Utah presented a very real opportunity for some field work in the area surrounding Salt Lake including Union, Murray and possibly Smithfield.



Murray City Cemetery

After spending a full day in the FHL researching where all of Eric’s many Griffiths and Smith relatives were buried they rented a car and headed out to search several nearby cemeteries. The first stop was the Murray City Cemetery. After a fruitless half hour of searching, complicated by some patches of snow from a light snowfall earlier in the week, Shanda visited the Cemetery Office and with the help of the staff they were able to locate all 20 of his relatives buried there. Oddly enough, even though 90% of the tombstones were bare, all but three of the stones that they needed to photograph were under snow and ice! Without any tools the task of clearing the stones became a time-consuming job that took up the better part of the day, leaving just enough time to visit the Union Fort Pioneer Cemetery.

Established in 1851, the cemetery was badly neglected and then restored in 1951 by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Sadly, all but a few of the original headstones were lost and only a few have been replaced. Out of 27 relatives buried at this cemetery Shanda and Eric were only able to take pictures of three original stones that have been preserved, three individual stones, and two group monuments.

By the time they finished up at Union Fort they didn’t have enough daylight left to visit the Smithfield or the Salt Lake City Cemeteries. They both agreed that it was a silver lining since it meant they would have to make the trip again. ■

Gail Reynolds'

BELFAIR BULLETIN

Greetings! Well, I have a lot to cover so here goes... November 2 was the Belfair Chapter's Christmas party, a potluck held in the Belfair Public Library. The people walking by wanted to know what was cooking—it was great food and wonderful companionship, including new member Lynda Peel.

There is not supposed to be a December meetings, but (note tongue in cheek) Linnie was able to find a "speaker" for December and told Madi that a meeting was scheduled on December 17. The rest of the chapter knew the "meeting" was a ruse—the real agenda was to celebrate Madi's 80th and Marlys' 81st birthday. Not only was Madi conned, but also Marlys Marrs who thought she was going to a party for Madi. What a surprise for both of them! In addition to many well wishes, Maryls received a lovely bouquet of flowers. Madi's gifts ranged from 80 buttons to 80 note cards to 80 balls of yarn to 80 autumn leaves to remind her of New England. Guests included some grown up Girl Scouts from the troop Linnie and Madi had co-led.

From February 2 to 6, Judy Joaquin and I visited Salt Lake City to spend time at the Family History Library. Boy, was it a fruitful trip for me. I found a collection of nine books on microfilm written by Roger Mourning Waddell. I so wanted to stop and read the books but was determined to take a copy of each book home (as you know, the LDS Library frowns on taking a book with you out of the library), so I spent one whole day copying each page onto my memory stick. The highlight of Judy's trip was watching the "Who Do You Think You Are" telecast and learning that Vanessa Williams' great-great-grandfather, David Carll, fought in the same Civil War regiment as Judy's great-grandfather, Franklin Keese Orvis, during the Battle of Bloody Bridge. Judy leapt up and posted the news on Facebook so that friends and family would be sure to watch.

At the February meeting Ken Dunlap presented a great program about the ins and outs of land records. I missed the meeting and I'll have to ask Ken for a private lesson since

I have lots of landowners in the state of Illinois.

Our next meeting will be held upstairs at the QFC in Belfair at 12:30pm on Tuesday, March 1. *Hope to see ya there!*

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before the trip! Bev Nelson did miss the SLC trip at the last minute and ended up spending five days in the hospital. Bev is up and about and was recently sighted at the PSGS Library.

While in Salt Lake City, Jean Yager and Terry both experienced unfortunate, but thankfully short-lived, illnesses. Terry did end up losing a whole day of research time, but the worst part of all was that he missed out on his favorite lunch at the cafeteria—Prime Rib! We are very thankful that everyone seems to be on the mend as we head into spring.

We extend our sympathies to our President, Linda Webb, who missed the SLC trip due to family commitments per-

taining to her mother's recent stroke. Linda has been in Utah taking care of her mother since early January and isn't expected back until mid-March. You were missed in Salt Lake, Linda! We hope your mother's recovery is speedy and you can return to us soon.

Also missing from our ranks are Rosalie and Chuck Palmer. They have had an extended stay with family in Texas due to their grandson's prolonged hospitalization. Thankfully, after seven weeks, Zander was released from the hospital and is back home. The Palmers send thanks to everyone for the prayers and encouraging words. Hurry home guys; we look forward to seeing you soon. ■

Executive Board Blotter



Meeting of November 15, 2010

The PSGS Finance Committee presented their budget proposal for 2011. Projected income compared to projected expenses for 2011 leaves a deficit of \$2,870. This can be made up if the projected income for the Kitsap Antique Show and the garage sales is higher than expected, or by having additional fundraisers. A motion was made to approve the budget as written. **Motion passed.**

Meeting of January 17, 2011

Proposed amendments to the 2011 Annual Budget were made to include reducing the PSGS equipment allowance to \$1,000 instead of \$1,700 and to include the Post Office Box Rental for \$58. Motion was made to accept the 2011 Budget as amended. **Motion passed.**

There was discussion as to whether we should keep our Post Office Box in Port Orchard now that we have a new locking mailbox at the PSGS Library. A motion was made to keep our current Post Office Box for six months to smooth the transition of changing our address and at the end of the six months to review the need for the Post Office box. **Motion passed.** ■

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wife to join PSGS when she first moved to the area. After an absence of several years she rejoined the society at the PSGS Seminar last September and is very excited about taking classes and becoming more involved. Her research is centered on the surnames Salvesen, Amundson, Ericksen, and Johannesson.

Mary Whittlesey – Mary lives in the Manette neighborhood in Bremerton, but was born in Florida and grew up a Navy brat. She is new to genealogy, an enduring interest she hadn't had time to pursue until she retired. Since a relative has already published a book on her father's Whittlesey family (that came to the U.S. in the 1600s) Mary is presently focusing on her mother's side of the family. The surnames she is researching are McCahon (from Ireland) and Thomas (from Nova Scotia). ■

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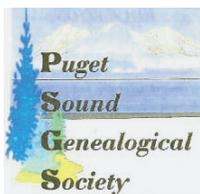
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