



THE BACKTRACKER



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The Library Partnership

by Linda Webb and Mary Ann Wright

A Genealogy Center, established as a result of a new partnership agreement between Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) and the Kitsap Regional Library System (KRL), is scheduled to open at the Sylvan Way Branch in East Bremerton in January 2012. The executive boards of both organizations approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in July 2011. Under the terms of the MOA, KRL is providing this space at no cost to PSGS. In return, the PSGS collection of genealogical books and materials will be housed in a secure location in the Sylvan Way Branch and will be available to Library patrons as a non-circulating reference collection. KRL will catalog the materials in such a way that they will be easily identified as belonging to the PSGS collection. If any research materials PSGS provided are deemed surplus, they will be returned to PSGS. Additionally, PSGS has a designated office space to house its business files and has phone and computer network support.

The agreement also establishes a liaison role to ensure a smooth transition. PSGS Librarian Mary Ann Wright and KRL Reference Department staff member Elisabeth Demmon are working together to manage the details of the move. In addition to her position at KRL, Ms. Demmon is an experienced genealogist and a member of PSGS. Her understanding and appreciation of the collection is a great added benefit. In addition,



Signing the Memorandum of Agreement, L to R are: Mary Ann Wright, PSGS librarian; Jill Jean, Kitsap Regional Library Director; and Linda Webb, PSGS President

Mary Ann will work with the KRL staff on an on-going basis to manage the collection and to facilitate future growth of the research materials.

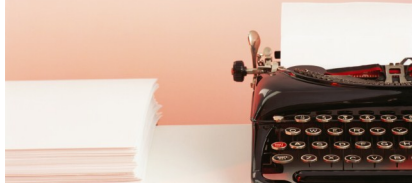
The Genealogy Center will be conveniently located adjunct to the mainstream area of the library. Renovations include new shelving to line the room, with shorter shelves extending down the middle of the space. Once the books and materials are in place, signs will be posted identifying the various sections of the collection. Space for two computers, a desk for the volunteer librarian, and a work table with chairs will complete the room. A bank of windows keeps the room light and cheery, and visitors can look out on a woodland scene, complete with resident squirrels.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



This space is usually designated for your letters, but I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you about some changes to *The Backtracker*. I have become the new editor of *The Backtracker* after Shanda Hoover's resignation this past August.

I am pleased to announce that Terry Mettling and Mary Ann Wright have agreed to be Associate Editors who can take over as editors at any time, should the need arise, so this will be a team effort to ensure you receive a quarterly newsletter.

Shanda set a standard of excellence that will be difficult to follow. Fortunately, she will continue her other activities with PSGS.

We have had only about 3 weeks to get this edition to press, instead of the usual 3 months, and I have not been editor of a similar publication for over 15 years, so please be patient with us; we will only improve. Thanks and kudos to all who contributed so quickly to this edition.

The Backtracker will go online on our website, www.pusogensoc.org, with this edition. We will also mail this edition one week prior to our meeting in October. Since *The Backtracker* will be available through our website, we will cease mass mailings beginning with the January edition. However, if you wish to continue to get the newsletter by mail, please contact Terry Mettling (tlmettling@wavecable.com) and we will be happy to send you one.

Gentle criticisms with concrete suggestions are always welcome. Let us hear from you!

Fran Moyer
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Presidential Ponderings

By Linda Webb, PSGS President

As our eventful 2011 begins to wind down I reflect on all the things we have achieved, or survived, and speculate on what the future may bring. It has been an exciting two years as president and, despite the challenges of budget concerns, fund raising events, lease and building changes, and the many small details that crop up and require attention, I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure.

Our successes are many and are a tribute to the hard working team of officers and committee chairs. Among our boasting rights is an Antique Show that started out great and got better each year, a 2010 seminar that drew a large attendance and provided both new information and motivation to continue with our personal research, yard sales that, despite the tremendous work load, always got done and added to our

revenue, a bulletin that was on time and kept us up to date about events and other timely matters, a library that was well staffed and open to the public, a newsletter that challenged our abilities and exceeded our expectations, and general meetings that featured fascinating programs, good food, and a chance for us to join together in our passion for genealogical search.

As PSGS goes forward into its 39th year we are honored to partner with the Kitsap Regional Library in creating the Genealogy Center in the Sylvan Way branch. This will take our society forward into a whole new era and it will be exciting to see what lies ahead. I will miss being president (well, a little bit) but I'm looking forward to working with the incoming slate of officers as we continue providing a priceless community service and a warm welcome to all who want to know more about their families.

The Library Partnership (continued from page 1)

Key to the operational success of the Genealogy Center will be the skilled volunteer librarians from PSGS. The Genealogy Center is expected to be open six days a week, for a total of 36 hours weekly, so additional trained library volunteers will be critical. An orientation/training session is in the planning stages and will be offered to all current and new library volunteers later this year. (Please see related article on page 11.)

The Grand Opening, planned for mid-January, has been more than two years in the making. Both KRL and PSGS shared a vision of providing research, educational, and genealogical information to the community at large. Beginning in June 2009, the Kitsap Regional Library and Puget Sound Genealogical Society began to explore a partnership that would make the PSGS collection more accessible to the public by creating space in one of the KRL facilities. The two years were filled with many conversations, both internal to PSGS and with KRL representatives, to explore the benefits and identify any potential roadblocks to an agreement. Through an on-going spirit of cooperation all the concerns were addressed and resolved.

The partnership became a reality in July 2011 and the PSGS collection began moving to the Sylvan Way Branch shortly thereafter. Future plans are to expand the genealogical classes offered by PSGS using the space, computers, and equipment located at the Sylvan Way Branch. KRL has also offered to provide public relations support to advertise upcoming programs and classes, further promoting the collection and society within the county. General monthly membership meetings will continue to be held at the Sylvan Way Branch as well.

It is a new chapter and an exciting time for PSGS. The possibilities for community outreach and service, unencumbered by financial obligations, are unlimited. One thing is certain—PSGS will continue the work and dedication that founded the society 39 years ago.



Introducing Elisabeth S. J. Demmon KRL Liaison to the Puget Sound Genealogical Society

I am delighted to introduce myself to you all as the Liaison from the Kitsap Regional Library. I look forward to helping you as much as I can during not only the transition but when you move in! I have been a member of the Kitsap Regional Library staff since January 2001. In my present position in the Reference Department, one of my responsibilities is to answer obituary requests for folks from all over the country; your website is a great resource so I appreciate all your hard work.

I spent my early years in Canada. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the History of Art from the University of Victoria, B. C. Canada, where I obtained a solid education in History, Classics, along with History of Art. I have lived and worked in Canada, Scotland, England, Italy, and now the USA. My husband Bill and I have lived here in Kitsap County since 1987; we have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren (so far...).

I have been researching my family history since 1991. One day my mother casually mentioned that her great-great grandfather was an American Patriot who fought in the American Revolutionary War. I was amazed at this statement because as far I knew, my mother was a 2nd generation Canadian with parents who came from Scotland; my father had moved to Canada from England after the end of World War II. Mom's statement, combined with my love of history and just plain curiosity, started me on a winding and never-ending journey that has led me to all kinds of answers (along with the brick walls!). I did find out that our Patriot ancestor was actually a Hessian from Saxony with an interesting marital history but this isn't the place for that!

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A Field Trip Well Worth the Wait: Heritage Quest Research Library

By Jean Yager

After a long delay, the PSGS members finally went on a field trip! Their destination was the Heritage Quest Research Library in the quaint little town of Sumner. On Thursday, September 22, 2011 eight PSGS members met at the PSGS library, figured out who would drive, and left for a day of research.

Jim Johnson, the Executive Director, gave us an overview of the library. We were then left to our devices; some of us immediately started setting up our netbooks, while others rushed to the book shelves.

We had all brought our lunches and had seriously planned on eating there, but after Jim explained some of the wonderful local eating establishments, it didn't take us long to change our minds.

Heritage Quest Research Library is a genealogical library that recently moved into a bigger facility and is now located at 1007 Main Street in downtown Sumner. They not only have books and microfiche on several genealogy subjects, they have an obituary collection on Pierce County. If you need a short break from research, you can check out their bookstore where they sell genealogy books, forms, software and supplies. They also offer classes similar to the ones we offer at PSGS. The library is entirely managed and staffed by volunteers. It cost \$5.00 to use their facility unless you are HQRL member. If interested, check out their website at www.hqrl.com. Like so many others, I just started finding information when it was time to leave, therefore, the Heritage Quest Research Library will be on my list to return.



L to R: Ann Northcutt, Mary Ann Wright, Linda Webb, Jean Yager, Linda Wilson, Dorothy Lindquist, Alta Drane, Jim Johnson, Johnny Wilson

PSGS Goes to the Fair



L to R: Theresa Adams, Hazel Thornton, Elayne Stodola

PSGS shared a booth at the Kitsap County Fair with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) this year, and it proved to be a very busy booth. We had more

people stop and talk with us than ever before.

The interest in genealogy research has spiked tremendously recently and the booth proved that true. Many visitors signed our contact book and are eagerly awaiting notification of our completed move into the library on Sylvan Way.

A Wine, Chocolate & Art Fundraiser for PSGS



L to R: Don Lindquist, Sandie Morrison, Dorothy Lindquist



Holly & Larry Harden relax after hosting the event

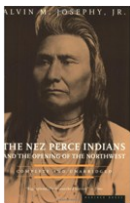
On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in September, Holly & Larry Harden hosted a fundraiser for PSGS at the Ollalla Valley Vineyard and Winery. It was a sold out event where PSGS members enjoyed wine tasting and wonderful food inside the wine gallery and in the beautiful sun-drenched gardens.

Library Report

by Mary Ann Wright



This quarter's review of new acquisitions covers a variety of resource materials. Three of the 31 new titles joining our Native American collection since April 2011 include:



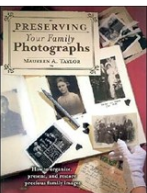
The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest (IND 053), by Alvin M Josephy, Jr; *The Cheyenne Way* (IND 061), by Karl N Llewellyn and E Adamson Hoebel; and



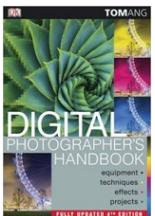
The Indians of the Great Plains (IND 063), by Norman Bancroft-Hunt.

Many other titles cover topics such as spirituality, prose and poetry, Indiancraft, clothing, artifacts, Indian societies, and songs and legends of various Native American tribes. Each of these books helps the reader better understand Native American lives, customs, and beliefs.

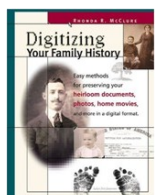
In addition, several guides that focus on digital photography and preserving family photographs and heirlooms join the collection.



Maureen Taylor's work, *Preserving Your Family Photographs - how to organize, present, and restore precious family images* (GUI 112), guides the reader through some basic conservation techniques, organizing the family photo archive, and safely displaying photographs.

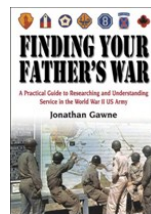


Tom Ang's *Digital Photographer's Handbook* (PHO 007) and Julie Adair King's *Digital Photography for Dummies* (PHO 011) are excellent guides that take the mystery out of digital photography.

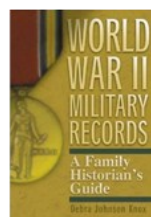


And, Rhonda McClure's *Digitizing Your Family History* (INS 027) ties it all together in an instructive guide to the tools and techniques necessary to keep photos, documents, and other family heirlooms preserved for future generations.

After her presentation at the May membership meeting on World War II and Korean War Records, Kathy de los Reyes parted with several books from her private collection to assist our members with their military research. These donated guides include:



Finding Your Father's War - A Practical Guide to Researching and Understanding Service in the World War II US Army (GUI 114), by Jonathan Gawne;



World War II Military Records - A Family Historian's Guide (GUI 115), by Debra Johnson Knox; and *A Civilian's Guide to the U.S. Military - A Comprehensive Reference to the Customs, Language, and Structure of the Armed Forces* (GUI 116), by Barbara Schading, Ph.D.

In addition to Kathy's books on World War II, the Kitsap Historical Society donated a two-volume set on British Regiments, *In Search of the "Forlorn Hope" - A Comprehensive Guide to Locating British Regiments and Their Records (1640-WW I)*, (ENG 35A and 35B), by John M Kitzmiller II.

And, finally, members with ancestors hailing from northwest Missouri will appreciate Karen Wheeler's recent donation of several books, which include: *History of Linn County, Missouri* (MO 015), compiled by the Linn County, Missouri Historical Society; *Marceline Township Cemeteries, Linn County, Missouri, Vol 1* (MO 017), by May Bartee Couch; *Buchanan County, Missouri Cemetery Records - Bloomington, Rush, and Wayne Townships Vol II* (MO 018), by Martha McDaniel Thompson; and four books published by the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society (NMGS) - *Buchanan County, Missouri Marriages 1839-1912* (MO 019), *Buchanan County, Missouri Probate Index 1839-1912* (MO 020), *Buchanan County, Missouri Will Index 1839-1910* (MO 021); and *Index of Deaths Taken from The St Joseph Daily Gazette, July 1, 1868 to December 31, 1880* (MO 016).

A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



July 27

Burials for Kitsap County Indigents

presented by Kitsap County Coroner Greg Sandstrom

Among its many duties, the coroner's office in every county must bury every indigent person (less than \$1500). In many cases no family had been found. In an attempt to help Mr. Sandstrom and the county locate family of the deceased, six of our PSGS members took three names each and, using their genealogical skills, researched and provided to Mr. Sandstrom as much family information as they could find using Ancestry.com, Obits, county history and the Internet. With little to go on other than name and date of death, and in some cases date of birth, they were able to find information on several of the names, including living relatives. Mr. Sandstrom stated that information was extremely helpful to his office and he was very grateful for our assistance.

August 24

Canadian Research

presented by Barbara Chesley

Canada as we know it today has ten Provinces and three Territories. Land-wise, it is the second largest country with a population about the size of California. Aboriginal people are a combination of the First Nation people, the Eskimo and a mixed race people who were dislocated by fur traders and moved West. Large populations of aboriginal peoples are located in Nanavut area. The first settlement was at Port Royal in 1541.

The first place to start your research is the Canadian Library and Archive site. This site is a Canadian government site with much information. <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy> .

There is a genealogy search engine just for Canada, at <http://www.thatsmyfamily.info/Metamoteur/explications>, that helps you locate all the Federal Records and searches six of the Provinces.

September 28

A Family's Story: "Out of Germany to America after WWII"

presented by Ursel Krumme

Berlin at War! Starvation! A near death experience! These were all memories shared by PSGS member Ursel Krumme at the September meeting. She and her family were stranded in Berlin at the start of World War II because re-entry to the United States was blocked. Eventually, the family relocated to the U.S. after experiencing a harrowing life in the German city. Ursel displayed a well-organized notebook with vital documents that reinforced the stories relayed to her.

For German research, Ursel recommended: Brandt, Edward R. *Germanic genealogy: a guide to worldwide sources and migration patterns*. St. Paul, Minnesota: Germanic Genealogy Society, 2007; Moorhouse, Roger. *Berlin at War*. New York: Basic Books, 2010; Ozan, Ruth S. *Forget-me-not: Memories of Germany 1939-1946*. Philadelphia: Xlibris, 2003.

Website recommended: Berlin Civil Registration Districts-Jurisdictions for Vital Records (Birth, Marriage, Death) <http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/berlin/bercrint.htm>.



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

October 26

1PM Sylvan Way Library

“It’s Not A Family Tree, It’s A Bramble Bush!”

presented by Terry Mettling

How many times have you looked at trees on the internet and found that you or others are related to famous people? Upon doing your own, deeper research you learn that mistakes had unintentionally been made that proved otherwise. But some of the time...?

Also, how many have found locales that have a few instances of cousins marrying? In some places in early American history, it was the only way to keep the villages going and eventually everyone from that village and/or several surrounding villages wound up being related to each other. Just think how that’s going to look on your family tree!

November 16

1PM Sylvan Way Library

“ How to Get the Most out of Using Find A Grave website”

presented by Shanda Hoover

Are you overwhelmed at the offerings at the website, www.findagrave.com? Learn how to navigate through this website by taking an active approach to it. It is more than a place to look for cemetery transcriptions.

By registering (for free) learn how to create memorial listings and request photos. You will be shown how to have listings transferred to your account for you to manage.

By being proactive, you can potentially acquire a complete photographic record of your ancestors’ tombstones.

Come and learn from someone (Shanda) who has been having a great deal of success doing this.

December 7th

11:30am to 3pm



PSGS Annual Holiday Party

Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW

All members are welcome to this time of celebration and fun. We will be honoring our outgoing officers, and the installation of our new officers for 2012 will take place.

We will announce our **Member of the Year** and will present a plaque with his/her name inscribed. Be sure to vote at the October or November meeting.

Please bring a gift (\$10) for the Yankee Exchange and enjoy a buffet lunch provided by the PSGS. A non-perishable canned goods donation for the Food Bank is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sandie Morrison (Morrison_61@msn.com) if you want to help on the party committee.

Putting Down Roots

A Tale of Two Wives — Part One

by Linda Webb



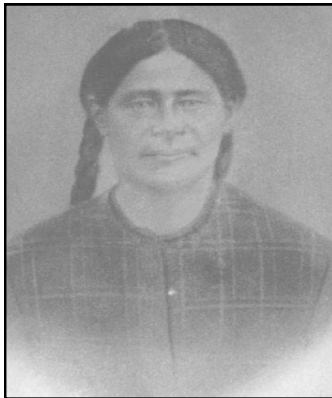
At the request of my nephew (by marriage), I offered to look into his family line of Ainsworth. He knew very little about his ancestors and, with the upcoming birth of their first child, I thought it would be fun to give him and my niece a start on their own genealogy. Little did I know that I would uncover a remarkable story, one which would consume me for weeks. The following is only a small excerpt from what I have discovered.

The time is August 24, 1870 and the ninth federal census is underway in rural Mississippi. James Mangum, assistant US Marshall and appointed census taker, methodically goes from residence to residence recording the head of households, family members, and other occupants. The job is easier than in previous decades since it is no longer necessary to keep separate tallies of slaves. The Civil War changed all that and the culture of the South as well.

As he approaches dwelling number eight, he notes that the large house belongs to Sampson Ainsworth, a long time property owner in Smith County. He and Sampson exchange some pleasantries and he duly records that Sampson, age 68, is the head of the household along with his wife Anna, 61. Many of their ten children are grown and gone, but the house is still full with two remaining teenaged sons, a married daughter with her husband and two year old child, and Sampson's 87 year old father, Thomas. There are four generations living together in the rambling structure, not unusual for a close southern family.

His job finished with the Ainsworths, he moves down the road to the next two homes, completing his

duties of counting and recording. He pauses at dwelling number eleven. It is a modest cabin, snug and well maintained, located on a parcel of land belonging to Sampson Ainsworth. A tall middle-aged woman with strong dark features and long braids answers his knock and invites him in. In response to his official questions, he learns that her name is Martha Ann Ainsworth; she thinks she is about 45 years old, born in Vir-



Martha Ann Ainsworth

ginia, and she cannot read or write. She is the head of the household and has five children, ranging in ages from 24 years to one month. Counting the young black woman she has taken in to help with the farm work and her two year old son, there are eight people living in the cabin. Martha reports that her occupation is farming and her personal estate is valued at \$475, a significant sum for post war Mississippi.

When asked about a husband she replies that she is the wife of Sampson Ainsworth and he is the father of her five children. Until 1865 she was his slave, simply known as Martha Ann, but now that she is free she has taken the name of Ainsworth and she continues to live in the cabin he provided and farm the surrounding acres.

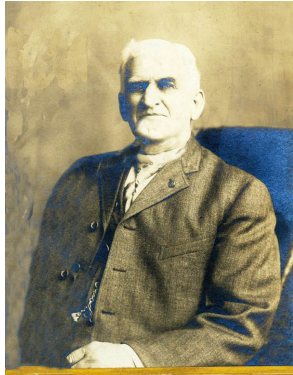
This is not a unique situation since the end of the Civil War, and the census taker takes it in stride. He fills in her family name as Ainsworth and marks the color description as mulatto. Little would he know (or care) that he was creating a confusing and conflicted family history that would continue into the 21st century.

*To be continued in the next issue of **The Backtracker**.*

Putting Down Roots

In Search of the Family Farm

by Judy Joaquin



Charles Thompson

"I was born on a farm in Middleborough MA, July 7 1842, a son of Philander Thompson and Eliza (Giles) Thompson, one of a family of three sons and five daughters. The farm was a part of an original purchase, which had passed through several generations of the Thompson family, located on the western side of Thompson Street,

one of the first roads in Middleborough, extending along the western side of Bartlett's Brook toward Boston, substantially as at present. The Thompson Farm was a part of a purchase made March 7, 1661 by Captain Thomas Southworth, acting in behalf of the Court for the jurisdiction of Plymouth, bought from Josiah Campau, Indian Sagamore. The land has always been known as the Twenty-six Men's Purchase. After survey it was apportioned among the proprietors for whom it had been purchased. A list of the proprietors in 1690 show that part of the Twenty-six Men's purchase allotted to Francis Cooke to be in possession of Lieut. Thompson and Adam Wright."

My great-grandpa Charles Thompson wrote these enticing words in 1924 sitting in his room at the Retsil Veterans home in Port Orchard. When the document came into my possession several years ago I dreamt of going to Middleborough to find the Thompson farm on Thompson Road. Would Bartlett's Brook still be in existence? And if so, would there be a sign? How could I tell if the house was still standing? It was certainly worth a try!

In preparation for this adventure I wanted as much information as possible. I searched the Internet and was able to download the church membership of the First Church of Middleborough from 1694-1853. From

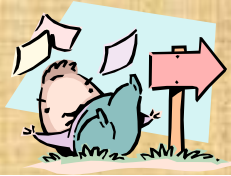
this I realized the Thompsons had worshipped there since the church was built! A cemetery across the road from the church is where most of the Thompsons are buried. The 1860 census revealed that many Thompsons lived next door to each other.

We flew to Boston for a two week trip. It was a lovely New England fall morning when we headed our car towards Middleborough with my great-grandpa's directions in hand and great hope in my heart.

We found Thompson Street, which is now just off the freeway, but could not find Bartlett's Brook. I stopped at one of the houses and showed one of the women the directions written years ago.-She was amazed at seeing the directions and said most of the houses along Thompson Road were built by the Thompsons, and her house was one of the original ones and could possibly be THE house. The woman's parents lived in another Thompson house down the road. When we arrived at that home the woman's father was actually researching the layout of the original Thompson farm because he was conducting a study for the city.

We were unable to ascertain which house was my great-grandpa's but the search goes on. I will continue to look for a deed for the house and perhaps another trip will unearth more. The fun of genealogy is not always the find but the quest and adventure it entails.





A Cautionary Tale...

or don't believe everything you read!



Genealogy & DNA by Mary Ann Wright

Mary Ann Wright was very pleased to discover through her research on her maternal ancestor, Matilda Wright, that she was distantly related to George Washington (yes, THAT George Washington!) through Matilda's ancestors, Francis Wright and his wife Anne Washington (aunt of George).

As with many other researchers, Mary Ann discovered the Washington-Wright connection through well-researched and well-documented works by Charles Arthur Hoppin, "Some Descendants of Richard Wright, Gentleman, of London, England, and Northumberland, Virginia, 1655" and "The Washington-Wright Connection and Some Descendants of Major Francis and Anne (Washington) Wright," both published in *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine* in 1919 and 1923, respectively, and reprinted in *Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, published by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1981. Mr. Hoppin's extensive research has been widely accepted and, most likely, contributed to the information Mary Ann also found in the book, *Some Very Fine Folks* by George Royalty Hopson, published in 1972, that she wrote about in the July 2010 issue of *The Backtracker*. Both of the Hoppin works provided convincing evidence to support their cases. It seems that both now were in error.

A chance browse through Ancestry.com's surname message board discovered postings related to a Y-DNA project that now confirms that Mary Ann's 2nd great grandmother Matilda's great grandfather John Wright was NOT a grandson of Francis Wright and Anne Washington. A book by Robert N Grant, *The Identification of 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County, Virginia, as Not the Son of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, Virginia*, sorts out the misidentification of the Wright families and examines the Y-DNA

results of a Wright DNA project. The book is fascinating and points out all the weaknesses of the research done by Hoppin. In her communications with Mr. Grant, he cautioned that Hoppin's work must be read very carefully to work through the absence of evidence and the misuse of evidence and outright falsifications.

Mr. Hoppin's error came in misidentifying Francis Wright's grandson, John (who died in 1792). The confusion arose because during the time of John Wright's life there were three other John Wrights living in the same area. Mr. Hoppin detailed his case that none of these three other John Wrights could conceivably be related to Francis Wright, and his judgment has been widely accepted until now. It appears that Hoppin was trying to please his patron who was paying for the research by connecting John Wright to Francis and Anne (Washington) Wright and thus to George Washington. Hoppin's work misled and misdirected researchers for decades, and still does as evidenced in the numerous family trees on Ancestry.com.

Hoppin stated that Francis Wright's grandson, John Wright (d. 1792), was the second son of his father John Wright (d. 1729/30). However, the results of the Y-DNA project prove that Francis Wright's son John (d. 1729/30) had only one son and that son had only daughters, so there are no sons surnamed Wright who descend from Francis Wright's first wife, Anne Washington. All males surnamed Wright who descend from Francis Wright were from his second wife, Martha (Cox) (Wright) Howell.

Mary Ann states she was initially delighted to discover the possible connection to George Washington, but since that connection is now a work of fiction she has no choice but to say, "Farewell, George!"



Calling All Volunteer Librarians by Linda Webb

A training/ orientation session for all prospective library volunteers will be held **December 12, 2011** at the **Sylvan Way Branch**. The purpose of the day-long event is two-fold. First, volunteers will receive a general orientation from the Kitsap Regional Library (KRL) staff encompassing KRL procedures followed by a tour of the library. The second part of the day will be devoted to learning how the new Genealogy Center will operate and becoming familiar with the location and layout of the Center.

To aid volunteers, a "Librarian's Handbook" is being jointly developed by the Education and Library Committees.

As the hours of operation expand, more library volunteers will be needed. Please contact the volunteer coordinator, Charlotte Long-Thornton (gramapeach@wavecable.com), and plan to attend the orientation and training.

Salt Lake City 2012

The annual PSGS genealogy research trek to Salt Lake City is now in the planning stage. The trip coordinator, Larry Harden, has reserved a block of rooms at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square beginning Sunday, 05 Feb 2012 through Sunday 12 Feb 2012. (www.plaza-hotel.com) The Plaza Hotel is next door to the Family History Library.

Rooms are \$85 a night for Single/Double, \$95 a night for Triple, \$105 a night for Quad, and \$10 for each rollaway bed, plus tax. The package also includes a free one hour class.

Those interested in going or who would like more information, please contact Larry Harden prior to 30 Nov 2011 at: leharden@wavecable.com or 360-895-3181.

State Convention News: "Building Ancestral Bridges" was the theme for the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference held in Richland, Washington, on September 16-17, 2011. Patricia Walls Stamm was the featured speaker for the conference.

On Saturday the participants were treated to three separate programs by Ms. Stamm. In between programs, each attendee was able to choose from five different breakout classes presented by local and out of town genealogists.

Gail Reynolds was pleased to represent PSGS at the Conference and she accepted the awards for outstanding contributions by both Mary Ann Wright of our PSGS Chapter and Jacquelyn Perkins-Horton of the Belfair Chapter of PSGS. They were both commended for their extra time and commitment to genealogy and the Society as a whole.

Introductions by Carol Caldwell

We Welcome Our New Members since June 2011

Jack Merrifield – Jack was born in Seattle, raised in Bremerton, and currently lives in Purdy. He has been researching his family line for fifteen years, but just recently began using the internet. One interesting fact he discovered is that his grandfather had a ticket to sail on the Titanic. His boss convinced him to stay in England another week, so he sailed on Titanic's sister ship, the Adriatic. The surnames he's looking for are Merrifield, Westaway, Bage, Steites, Weiser, and Thomas.

Kim Dupell – Kim was raised in Montana, graduating from high school in Libby. Jobs brought her to Washington and eventually to Port Orchard. Her father introduced her to family history twenty-five years ago. Before his death she was able to take a trip with him and her husband to eight states in family research. In a small Illinois genealogy library, two ladies introduced her to a friend of one of her g-g-grandfather's sons who showed them the land her ancestors farmed. Her surname research is on Felton, Stead, Kellogg, Hukill, Gothier, and Tabacchi.

Mary Lou Splett – Mary Lou is originally from Wisconsin. Her husband's work brought them to Bremerton over 30 years ago. She had always heard family stories from her parents, but when her father died, she started sending away for death certificates. Everyone else in her family stayed in Wisconsin and she feels doing her family tree is a way she can stay connected. She met a 5th cousin on the internet and visited her in New York. They have since become good friends. Surnames in her family tree are Bogenschutz, Constance, Kukul, Mohr, Powers, Reff, Smithlin, and Stehlik.

Janet Felty – Janet was born in Copenhagen, Denmark where her father worked as a physicist. Her family was from Ohio, but moved often. Her Navy husband brought her to Bremerton. She inherited an interest for genealogy from her parents. Her mother researched her family tree, and her father's background is Quaker where there are extensive records. Her brother developed a genealogy website that was eventually bought out. Janet came to PSGS by seeing an advertisement in the paper. Her surnames are Felty, Daniels, Jeffery, McGee, Wood, Way, Jantzen, and Niekamp.



Meanderings edited by Margot Filley

A family reunion offers many opportunities to do family research as Kathy De Los Reyes discovered when she traveled this summer to her hometown of Hastings, NE, where she lived until she was five years old. None of her immediate family still live there but she does have many cousins who live in the area. The family occasion was a celebration of one of her cousins' 80th birthday. She arrived early to visit with some of her cousins and help with the party preparations, but they kept her arrival a secret from the guest of honor until the party began when she surprised him with her appearance. One of her cousins brought a stack of old photos and Kathy was pleased to see some photos that she had not seen before. She was able to identify some of her relatives in the photos, which generated many conversations among the cousins about their family.

Kathy's main objective on this trip was to discover information about the family cemetery. She is writing a history of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the cemetery in the Logan township. She tried unsuccessfully to locate the person who keeps the records for the cemetery. The local priest was not helpful either. Kathy is trying to get records to document the names of the people buried there, which include Kathy's great grandparents as well as several other family members. The cemetery has thirteen headstones, plus at least five unmarked graves – some of which Kathy believes are members of her family. Kathy and her cousin repaired one metal grave marker about 10 years ago. The cemetery is fenced and is located in the middle of a cornfield, but has been the target of vandalism and encroachment in the past.

Kathy also attended an annual Pow-Wow at Kearney in which one of the local Native American tribes is featured at a homecoming each year. This year the tribe featured was the Otoe Missouri tribe from Oklahoma.

Introducing Elizabeth Demmon (continued from page 3)

I am a member of the PSGS, the New England Historic Genealogy Society, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society among others; I subscribe to far too many Genealogy databases and magazines; I have attended plenty of wonderful genealogy workshops and own too many genealogy books, a habit I cannot drop. I use the computer for a lot of my research and try to keep it all organized in Family Tree Maker; most of my research is in Canada, USA, all of the UK, and Germany.

I look forward to getting to know all of you in the days ahead!

Yours Sincerely,

Elisabeth Demmon

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Fran Moyer

Member since 2010

Fran was born in Beacon Hill, Seattle, but lived in Maryland, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and California before returning to Western Washington in 1993. Fran met Bob at a Boy Scouts meeting when the two had children working through their badges in Troop 202 located in Oakland, California.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: I always loved history but it was the receipt from a distant cousin telling me she was writing a book on her lines, which included the Carr family, that really spurred me on. I purchased her 600 page book and it is one of my most cherished possessions.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

A: I had been doing my own genealogy but was hitting so many brick walls I was getting frustrated. I attended a PSGS meeting in 2010 and joined on the spot. I have learned so much from other members, and the camaraderie of those whose interests are similar to mine is a pleasure. I am in good company and have the more experienced members to learn from.

Q: What are your research goals?

A: My maternal records have gone back to the mid 15th century on one line and to the early 16th century on the other line. Research has taken me to France, England and Scotland just on mom's side of the family. My paternal side has been more difficult. I have my work cut out for me!

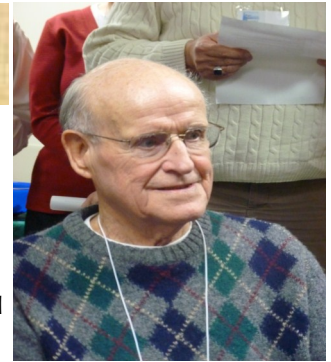
Q: Do you have any surnames or locales of special interest?

A: My lines are Carr, Wyant, Miles, Williams, Perry among others. Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Kentucky, Ohio, Wales, Scotland and England so far. Those, of course, are the countries I know and suspect are important.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

A: I am a facilitator for the Native American SIG, I serve on the board as the member-at large, I am a staff writer for *The Backtracker*, and was the Committee Chair for the Friday Night Preview Party of the Antique Fair. I also serve as a duty librarian.

Side By Side



Dr. Bill Richardson

Member since 1975

Bill hails from Everett, Washington, and attended medical school in Chicago and Michigan before returning to Seattle where he married Cathryn in 1950. He was on staff at Children's Hospital, taught at the UW, practiced pediatrics in Bremerton for 35 years, and retired as Emeritus Clinical Professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital.

Q: How did you get started doing genealogy?

A: My grandmother got me interested when I was a teenager. She told me stories and I decided to take notes. I found that some of the tales were true and others provided clues to do more research. I even discovered my grandfather's grandmother's family came to America on the ship Anne I in 1630.

Q: How did you come to join PSGS?

I met Marlys Marrs who was the Assistant Business manager at the Doctors' Clinic. She got several of the doctors to join PSGS. I am proud to say that I and my good friend, Dr. Drew, were two of the doctors who helped PSGS get started in the late 1970s.

Q: What are your research goals?

To achieve my goals of ancestry research, in 1991 I took a three-month, 14,000 mile genealogy trip to all of the states where my ancestors had lived, stopping to do research along the way. My ancestors immigrated from Switzerland, France, Germany, Scotland and Ireland. Both of my parents were born in Washington.

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

The surnames I am researching are Richardson, Ferguson, Gill, Harris, Nigh, Kindig, Phillips, Stover, Rinehart, Zimmerman (became Carpenter in U.S.)

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I helped start and build PSGS and served in many ways to make it what it is today. I have served as Secretary, VP, Program Chairman, Bylaws committee member, and President for two years. I also organized research trips to Salt Lake City.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

We started off in June with one of the most interesting speakers in our PSGS family. Barbara Chesley came to show us what questions to ask to compose a personal timeline. Sometimes we are so often sticking to the facts of our genealogy research that we forget the stories and the memories. Barbara made us remember our childhood, schools, favorite teachers, moving to a new house and many other memories that influenced us throughout our lives. Barbara stimulated our memories; I think she was a bit overwhelmed by our response!

In July and August, we began a short research project into the "pioneer families" of Belfair. We each took a couple of prominent figures in the area and looked into their past and how it influenced the development of the Belfair area. We were encouraged to keep on researching in our August meeting so that we would have material to donate to the Mason County Historical Society in Shelton.

In September, we spent a most interesting time in the Mason County Historical Society going over the material they have displayed and discussing what we had learned about "our" people. The information we gathered was donated to the Society for use by others doing research or just exploring the area. If you have local ancestors, please try to add a copy of the information you have gathered to the Mason County Historical Society. If you have the time, please visit them. They are located in Shelton at 427 West Railroad Avenue. Please call 360 426-1020 for hours.

It is October already and our chapter is helping the Mason County Genealogical Society with a seminar on October 15 in Shelton. We really hope to see you all there. All in all, we have been very busy.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 1 at 12:30 p.m. at the Timberland Library located in Belfair. We are going to pretend it's Christmas and have a potluck and gift exchange celebration. Hope you can come since this will be our last meeting of 2011. Our next meeting will be in February.

~Gail Reynolds



Member of the Year

It is time once again to choose the Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) **Outstanding Member of the Year**. This annual award is presented to the individual who has made the most significant contribution by volunteer service and/or innovation to the society in the past year, as determined by popular vote. The recipient is honored at the December general meeting and his/her name is engraved on a plaque. Please remember that past recipients, including Dorothy Lindquist, Marjorie Menees, Sandie Morrison, Larry Harden, Terry Mettling, Shanda Hoover & Jean Yager, are ineligible to receive this award again. Voting will take place at the October and November meetings. Write-in ballots are available at each meeting. Even though there are multiple voting opportunities, please be sure to vote only once!

Schedule of Classes

Saturday, October 22	10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 102 – “Tracking Your Family Through the Census”
Linda Webb , instructor		
Monday, November 7	10:00 – 2:00	Powerful Presentations
Jean Yager and Linda Webb, instructors		
Saturday, November 19	10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 103 – Vital Records – Birth, Marriage and Death
Dorothy Lindquist, Instructor		

NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER

All classes are held at the PSGS Library, 2501 SE Mile Hill Drive, Port Orchard
 Contact person: Jean Yager, Education Committee Chair – E-mail: jjyager@wavecable.com

Schedule of SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

All SIGs meet monthly at the PSGS Library, 2501 SE Mile Hill Drive, Port Orchard, unless otherwise noted

Ancestry.com SIG	Shanda Hoover, facilitator	E-mail: niledesign@totacc.com
2nd Friday	10am-12:00pm	
Family Tree Maker SIG	Jeanne Menchenton, facilitator	E-mail: jjmen@wavecable.com
2nd Friday	12:30-2pm	
Legacy Family Tree SIG	Barbara Chesley, facilitator	E-mail: bchesley@comcast.net
4th Monday	1-3pm	
VA,NC,SC,GA,KY,TN SIG	Sandi Morrison, facilitator	E-mail: Morrison_61@msn.com
2nd Wed., alternate months	10am-2pm	
Native American SIG	Kathy de los Reyes, facilitator	E-mail: kwajkat@comcast.net
2nd Wed., alternate months	10am-2pm	
Photo Editing SIG	Dorothy Lindquist, facilitator	E-mail: dorothyindquist@yahoo.com
4th Friday	10am-2pm	Harry McConnell, instructor
Swedish Ancestry SIG	Dorothy Lindquist, facilitator	E-mail: dorothyindquist@yahoo.com
3rd Thursday	10am-2pm	Valerie Newquist, instructor
<u>Meets at the Family History Center, 2225 Perry Ave. Bremerton</u>		
British Isles Research SIG	Dorothy Lindquist, facilitator	E-mail: dorothyindquist@yahoo.com
1st and 3rd Tuesdays	10am-2pm	Carol Johnson, instructor
<u>Meets at the Family History Center, 2225 Perry Ave. Bremerton</u>		

Coming soon: Military Records Research



The Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution

One of the newest members of the **JOHN PAUL JONES CHAPTER** is our own PSGS member John W. Smith. John's 3rd G-Grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War with the 1st Massachusetts regiment in 1775.

Chapter President Doug Nelson officiated at John's induction ceremony, which was the first general meeting in January 2011.

The SAR meets at the All Star Bowling Lanes in Silverdale at 9am on the 4th Saturday of each month (except June-August).

Classified Ads

The Kitsap Antique show in 2011 drew over 1,500 people, which was an increase of 600 attendees over the previous year. We want to increase that by another 600 in 2012.

Among the "treasures" viewed this year by the appraisers were a pocket watch likely owned by George Washington, Chinese ivory snuff bottles, a walrus tusk cribbage board, and a foil by Sidney Lawrence.

Twelve dealers' booths have been added for the 2012 show. This fast growing show is quickly becoming THE antique show to attend in the Pacific Northwest.

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