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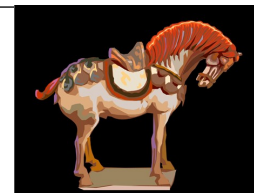
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April thru June 2012



Kitsap Antique Show

Heritage and History 2012



French lamp
Circa 1918

We had two beautiful sunny days for the annual Antique Show benefiting the Kitsap Historical Society and Puget Sound Genealogical Society.

All three parts to our fair—lectures, vendors and appraisals—saw terrific crowds of those seeking that special “something.”

Our lecturers were outstanding including Mary Lou Slaughter and Amy Burnett (shown below). Marie Adair spoke about collectible dolls, “Rhinestone Rosie” about the care and identification of collectible jewelry, and Nicolette Bromberg, UW curator of special collections, on the care of old pictures.

One of the appraisals was a French lamp (circa 1880-1920) of copper brought to the fair by the wife of the soldier who bought it for her while serving in France in WW I. It was made of copper and the plain

looking rocks circling the copper shade turned vivid red when the light was on. A graceful woman with her harp was centered within the legs. Another appraisal was a hemp and colored yarn horse bridle found to have been made by prisoners in a Montana prison circa 1910, which earned them money after time served.

This year will be hard to top, but next year’s Antique Fair will be April 27-28, 2013. Save the Date!



Wooden Pinocchio

LECTURES



APPRAISALS



VENDORS



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Presidential Ponderings

By Jean Yager, President of PSGS

I am one happy President! This partnership with Kitsap Regional Library has proven successful in more ways than one! I was super surprised when I heard we have been averaging 150 patrons a month! Our classes have waiting lists! For instance, the Beginning Genealogy classes for May and August are full! The Education Committee is working to add another Beginning Genealogy class to accommodate the overflow.

Besides the happenings at KRL, our society recently had another successful Antique Fair, co-sponsored with the Kitsap Historical Society.

But don't think PSGS is taking any breaks. Another committee has been meeting monthly making preparations for an all-day seminar. The theme will be "Digging Up Granny"... Tracking Your Elusive Female Ancestors. It will be Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the First Christian

Church in Port Orchard. Tames Alan, who does living history lectures, will be the keynote speaker. Look for more details in July's newsletter.

As many of you know, the 1940 US Federal Census was released on April 2. However, it was not indexed. PSGS has decided to join the 1940 US Census Community Project to help index this exciting source to the genealogy world. Jackie Horton has volunteered to be the Group Administrator. If you're interested in being a part of this team, please contact Jackie at projects@pusogensoc.org.

PSGS's success stems from you! Your participation is very important and if you have any concerns, suggestions or questions, I encourage you to contact our Member-At-Large, Karin Burke, at member-at-large@pusogensoc.org.

Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright



It has been almost 4 months since we opened the doors to the new Genealogy Center at the Sylvan Way Branch, and have we been busy! During the first month, even before the Grand Opening on January 25, we had 150 visitors to our new space. Since then, we have been holding steady averaging 150 visitors a month. Our 43 volunteers, just shy of 30% of our membership, log an average of 250 hours each month. If you are excited about genealogy, love to hear family stories, and are willing to provide basic assistance to fellow researchers, please consider joining our volunteer team.

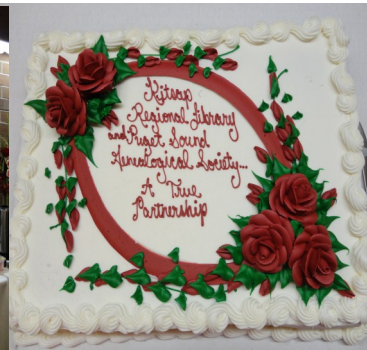
We have several regulars who come in to research in either our books or the library edition of Ancestry.com. Some visitors bring their own computers; some bring pieces of paper containing their family information. They all have stories to tell and are delighted when our volunteers point out a book, a periodical, or perhaps a

census image or WW I Draft Registration Card with the name of their ancestor. Many people started their research years ago, put it away, and now want to get back to it, especially since the Genealogy Center is so convenient for them and our volunteers are so helpful.

As we close down operations at our Mile Hill Drive location, the last of our research materials have been moved to the Sylvan Way Branch and are being catalogued and readied for inclusion on our rapidly filling shelves. We will soon start to investigate new acquisitions to round out our already diverse collection and are looking for suggestions from our members. Our Genealogy Center Committee, formerly the Library Committee, meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the Genealogy Center from noon-1pm. We welcome new members! Please contact me at gcc@pusogensoc.org if you are interested.

Scenes from the Genealogy Center Grand Opening

Pictures by David Frazier
& Fran Moyer



HEADSTONES MEET TECHNOLOGY

by Kathy De Los Reyes



It has finally happened; technology has met up with the cemetery. Traditional headstones contain names, dates and sometimes other information. Thanks to a small father/daughter company located in Grand Island, Nebraska, traditional headstones can come alive with a barcode. No longer will your loved ones/ancestors just be known by their name and birth/death dates on stone.

Eternal Headstones makes up a barcode that can be attached to the traditional headstone, urn, bench, monument, etc. When scanned with a mobile device such as a smartphone, the barcode will automatically connect to a personalized website that contains family information, videos, music, photos, or anything you add that brings your loved one alive. There is a built in link to Facebook, Twitter and Google+.

When you scan the tag with your mobile device at the cemetery, you can view the information while you are at the cemetery or send the link to your home computer. Keep in mind that anyone can scan the tag and view the information you have provided.

This technology can also be used by historical and museum applications as well. Prices start at \$125, are guaranteed for life, and will be replaced if defective. Check out the website at:

<http://eternalheadstone.com> for more information and videos of an actual



The RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake

By Jean Yager & Christine Maltby

The 2012 RootsTech conference was February 2-4 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. As PSGS member Christine Maltby scanned signs and corridors, heading for the registration desk, a blur of purple passed her that she recognized as PSGS President Jean Yager. Christine found herself in the presence of CEOs, software engineers, and entrepreneurs. Christine says if the PSGS Salt Lake City research trip was a retreat, the conference was a rush of ideas, techniques, and innovation. Or, as Jean stated, "this was one of the BEST conferences I have ever attended." There were enough sessions for both the technical developer and the genealogical user.

This meeting-of-the-minds between technologists and genealogists was developed so each group could learn from the other and find solutions to the challenges faced in family history research today. Over 4000 people from around the world were in attendance.

Jean attended every session she could (10 total). One of her favorite lectures was "loc.gov: Using Our Nation's Library Online" by Laura Prescott, a subject she would like to share with our society. Every morning there was a keynote speaker: Jay Verkler on "Inventing the Future, as a Community," Josh Coates on "Exabyte Social Clouds and Other Monstrosities," and Tim Sullivan and an Ancestry.com Panel on "Making the Most of Technology to Further the Family History Industry." Christine had recently purchased an iPad, so the last session became a priority for her, "A Dozen Ways to Use Your iPad2 for Genealogy and Writing." Both our attendees found the conference jam-packed full of opportunities of learning new possibilities in the genealogical field.

(see Christine Maltby's "RootsTech 2012: It's Not Too Late To Attend" on page 17 online Backtracker only)



Welcome to our New Members

By Carol Caldwell

Diane Haiseman – Diane is from Federal Way before it was a city. She spent some years in Port Townsend looking after family and then settled in Port Orchard. She has always been fascinated with family stories. Her mother's family in Sweden wrote stories that Diane would listen to as a child. Information about her father's family came from a school-written book titled *Centralia, The First 50 Years*, because her grandfather was one of the founders of the town. Diane came to the Open House and wants to learn how to do research. Her family surnames are Waunch, Rebholz, Ostlund, Lindstrom.

Norma Holman – Norma and John are originally from Idaho, and came here in 1964 for work. John's brother researched his family, but Norma needed poking by some cousins' questions to spark her interest. She has learned that her g-great grandparents came west on the Oregon Trail, and her great grandfather watched the battle of the Merrimack and Monitor with President Lincoln at Fort Monroe. Norma is looking for Barnes, Musgrave, Blain, Reynolds, Mitchell, Schroeder, and Holdenried.

Dorothy Royset – Northern California was Dorothy's home until she moved here to be near her children. Genealogy caught her attention in the 4th grade when she had to do a family project. She could tell some classmates were Hispanic or African-American, but she didn't know what she was. Her motto should be: you never know where you'll meet a relative. She met one while working in a library in California, and met another one at PSGS, someone who is also a new member. Right now Dorothy concentrates research on Keith and Robbins.

Christine Maltby – Christine grew up in Michigan, but a love of wilderness brought her family to Washington where she lives in Allyn. She was a curious child and peppered her two sets of grandparents with questions. She became a librarian, but is semi-retired so she can now pursue her genealogy passion. She has read extensively, traveled the region for interesting speakers and workshops, mined the internet, and contacted family. She was drawn to PSGS by the energy and blend of tradition and tech savvy she experienced. She knew her family lines were English and Polish, but was surprised to find an ancestor from Württemberg, Germany who immigrated to Detroit. Three of his sons joined the Union Army during the Civil War, two of them as musicians. Some of her family surnames are Maltby, Farmer, Cliff, Drewry, Wright, Krumbach, Szczepanska, Cizek, and Truchan.

Matt and Kathy Sinn – Matt grew up in Jacksonville, Florida and landed in Silverdale via Oregon because he likes it here. Kathy came from Seattle to Chico as a child with her family. Both of them have had an interest in genealogy. Matt's interest is more curiosity, while Kathy's paternal grandmother, who denied she was Cherokee, spurs her drive. They discovered PSGS in a newspaper announcement for a class on Ancestry. They took the Photoshop class and are now producing professional looking photos, according to a family member. They are part of the Silverdale Pioneer Cemetery SIG. Matt's surname research is for Sinn, Pischke, and Collins. Kathy is researching Hensler, Baker, Corrigan, Stark, and Anderson.

William Hippe – Bill is originally from Madison, Wisconsin and landed in Kitsap County by way of the Navy. He liked it so he stayed. His grandfather sparked Bill's interest in genealogy with his own research, which Bill has been continuing since the 1970s. He discovered PSGS through an internet search of websites. Bill isn't retired yet, so he can't take advantage of the SIGs and classes during the week day, but he feels skilled enough so far to spend his time on Swedish records. The surnames he's researching are Hippe, Utterberg, Andersson, Allison, Mellette, Bacon, Sted and Taft.

A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



*All Programs presented in the Heninger Room of KRL
January 25, 2012 Genealogy Center Grand Opening
(for more pictures, see page 3)*

PSGS President Jean Yager sharing the fun with her mom, Alta Drane, Hazel Thornton, and nearly one hundred other guests .

Commissioner Josh Brown with Marlys Marrs who became a little teary-eyed, saying "this was my dream, my dream come true."



February 22, 2012

"Are Your Ancestors in the Library?"

presented by Mary Ann Wright

Hundreds of thousands of published genealogies and local and family histories are available online and can be accessed, often for free, through many libraries and online collections. Family Search Books (www.books.familysearch.org) is a collection of over 40,000 digitized books from the archives of several major libraries. This collection can be searched and books can be downloaded to your computer.

Google Books (www.books.google.com) displays results with content matching your search keywords. Many of their books are also digitized and available to researchers. Family or local histories can also be found by searching WorldCat (www.worldcat.org) or the Family History Library's online catalog (www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlc). If books are not available as a digital copy, they often can be borrowed from other libraries by making a request through Interlibrary Loan, which is a free service offered by libraries to loan books and other materials. Interlibrary Loan is available by completing the online request form at www.krl.org/genealogy-request.
(cont'd on page 20 online Backtracker only)

March 28th, 2012

"The Long Awaited 1940 United States Census"

presented by Larry Harden

Program #1 Archives.com, FamilySearch.org and findmypast.com - plus local and national genealogy and historical societies have joined forces to create the 1940 US Census Community Project. This is a joint effort to coordinate and create online, a free, high quality, searchable name index to the 1940 US Census. Indexing will begin shortly after census images are released on April 1, 2012 by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). This index will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages. As the census is indexed, the 1940 Community Project team will publish it state by state online.
(see more websites and information on page 17 of the online Backtracker only)

Program #2 "Trials and Tribulations of re-printing the Kitsap County History Book" presented by Nina Hallett

Nina Hallett & Bonnie Chrey discussed the difficulties reprinting a book composed mostly of oral histories. The last publication was in 1977. Since that time the quality of the photographic reproduction process has improved and more research opportunities have helped enormously. To see the final product go to the Kitsap Historical Society and Museum at www.kitsaphistory.org and to view the pictures go to Photo Galleries/Kitsap Historical Book Photos at www.camerabeau.com/kitsap-county-history.



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

April 25, 2012

"That Elusive Pot of Gold" 1800s Irish records

presented by Jim Morrison

Jim will tell us what records are available to you from the 1800s to aid you in your Irish research. What records survived the fire in 1922 at the Building of the Four Courts in Dublin? Do you know of the Irish naming pattern, where to look for Irish records while in America, and where to search once you get over the pond to Ireland.

May 23, 2012

Ancestry.com: "the Library Version"

presented by Elisabeth Demmon

Join Elisabeth as she tells us how to use the library version of the genealogy web site, Ancestry.com. Elisabeth will show you how to go on-line at the library using your library card and gain access to this wonderful genealogical research tool. And it is all free!

June 27, 2012

"Coming To America"

presented by Sandie Morrison

Sandie will tell how our ancestors struggled in the old country and why they were determined to find a way to America, the land of the free. It was a long journey and meant leaving their loved ones behind and having to face the unknown. Imagine what it was like to finally see the coast line of America and to feel the excitement of stepping onto the soil of their new home.



Conferences and Program Presentations around the State

May 12, 2012: Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

"When Genealogy Meets Technology" Guest Speakers: Cyndi Ingle Howells of "Cyndi's List" and Emily D. Aulicino

Cyndi's topics: "The Internet-A Genealogist's Printing Press" & "Social Networking: A Genealogist's Water Cooler"

Emily's topics: "The Gene in Genealogy" & "Family Memories: A Simple Technique"

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Sept. 7-8, 2012

Washington State Genealogy Conference

Naval Elks Club, Port Angeles

"Armchair Genealogy from the Pacific Northwest"

Keynote speaker: Brian W. Hutchison, CEO Gen-Find Research Associates, Forensic Genealogist and Instructor.

Breakout sessions speakers include Ron Fleck, Jon Kirshbaum, Ray Madsen, Mary Kozy, Jim Johnson and Linda Starr. Appetizers and drinks offered the first evening, continental breakfast and lunch offered on Saturday. It is recommended you make an early hotel reservation in the city.

Friday, Sept 7th – 1-5PM and Saturday, Sept. 8th – 7:30-4:30PM. Registration fee: TBD

Hosted by the Clallam County Genealogy Society (contact: ccgs@olypen.com)

Washington State Genealogy Conference (contact : www.rootsweb.com/wsgs)

Putting Down Roots

A Civil War Story

by Bob Edwards



From the early years of my childhood, my father talked of his family history with my brother and I, while we paid minimal attention. My mom had some health issues, so

was at home and mentioned she'd like to start a family tree, but never did.

After my parents passed away, I found myself in PSGS, learning from some wonderful teachers.

Rummaging through estate material containing notes, photos, and address books, they held new meaning and I soon discovered that these scraps of paper were key to unlocking the stories my father had told us. I was saddened that I hadn't taken a more proactive stance; however, I was pleased that I had not forgotten all of them.

While growing up, every August the family paid a visit to my dad's relatives in the little town of Roanoke Rapids, NC. Their family had grown up there, having migrated a few miles south, from Brunswick County, Virginia, in the early 1920s.

One of the ancestors we heard about was a Civil War corporal, George Washington Clary.

George Washington Clary was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, in February 1929, to John Clary (1787-1860) and Middy Edmunds (1787-1863). The 1850 U.S. Census lists him on the Southern District, Brunswick County, Virginia.

On 22 December 1852 he married Mary Baird. The 1860 U.S. Federal Census shows them in the Gholsonville Post Office of the Meherrin Parish, in Brunswick County, Virginia. They have three children.

In February 1860, his father, John, took ill and died in May. The cause of his death is listed as a disease of the lungs. His will left bed and bedclothes to his wife and to his daughter at home. George received one of the stills, the grandson the other. Two sons received the mill (I have no idea what kind of mill it was). While ex-



aming an online satellite map, I did take note of a "Clary Mill Rd."

On 01 March 1862, George was recruited and enlisted in Captain Wiley Green Coleman's "Brunswick Rebel Artillery." Following a leg injury, Captain James H. M. Nebett relieved Coleman. I've seen it listed as both Captain Coleman's Artillery and as Captain Nebitt's Artillery.

Records show he was hospitalized from April to May 1862 with Rubeola (measles). He was promoted to corporal 26 May 1863. On 06 April 1865, during the retreat following the battle of Saylor's Creek west of Burkeville in Nottoway County, Virginia, the soldiers of the Brunswick Rebel Artillery were captured and taken prisoner. George was taken to Point Lookout, Maryland, and held as a prisoner of war until released on 10 June 1865.

Researching George has, at times, proven a challenge. The first time I hit a brick wall, I assumed simple errors. Over time, I was running across two distinct birth and death years for the person who served in the Brunswick Rebels. What I then discovered was that there were indeed two George Washington Clary's, in the Brunswick Rebel Artillery, and they were related.

George Washington Clary (b. 1829) was the younger brother of Thomas Clary, who named his firstborn George Washington Clary (b. 1833). So I learned we have George Washington Clary, the uncle, and George Washington Clary, the nephew, who was a private in the same artillery unit.

I've found the Civil War ancestor my dad told me about, and along the journey, found two more great grandfathers who served, as well as 23 others directly or indirectly related to my father.

The remaining ancestor on his side, who I expected to find, is my continuing brick wall. That's a story for another time.



Putting Down Roots

A Norwegian Journey Part One

By Mary Ann Wright



Ludwig and Caroline Ness

A dear friend, Henry (Hank) Bakken, passed away in Bremerton, Washington, on January 21, 2012, just shy of his 101st birthday. His wife, Alice Evelyn (Ness) Bakken, predeceased him on March 8, 2000. Hank and Alice loved family, though they had no

children of their own, and it appears Alice was a genealogist's dream. In sorting through papers while settling his estate, we found handwritten pages listing family members and their offspring, newspaper clippings of significant events in their or their family members' lives, photographs, and numerous documents. Among all these artifacts was a handwritten account of a family's journey in 1877 from Norway to Clifford, North Dakota. Neither the author nor the family was identified, but the story was so illustrative of the determination of immigrants to come to America for a better life that I had to figure out the mystery. And, I couldn't let this story go untold.

Fortunately, Alice left enough clues behind that with some research and detective work I believe the family described in the following story was her father's parents, Ludwig and Caroline (Ankerud) Ness. And I believe the author of the story was her father, Jens Ness. In his own words, as he wrote them, is their story.

Father and Mother left Christiana (Oslo) Norway the 24th of June 1882, took 3 days to get to Hull, England and then train across England to Liverpool where they embarked for America. It took 16 days from Liverpool to Boston where they landed. They got into ice bergs when at sea so the ship had to stop or go real slow. Train from

Boston to Norshfield, Minn where G. Braness met them and took them to their home and next day they went to mother's sister. Stopped there 7 weeks, and from there to her brother at Skyberg, Minn. Staid there one year. Then moved Kenyon, Minn and rented a house. Father's 2 brothers lived there. One of his brothers came down from Dakota Teritory and wanted them to come up there and get free homesteads. By that time they had acquired 1 horse and two cows. So they moved to St. Paul, Minn where they took an immigrant boxcar to Clifford N. Dak. Mother and us two boys came on Passenger train and we arrived 1 day ahead of father. When mother came to Casselton mother found to her dismay that she hadn't a cent on her to buy food for but lucky there was a man on the train that she knew from Norway that she borrowed a few cents from. Stayed at Clifford for 2 years. Then they heard that land was opened up for homesteading in Pierce Co, ND. In the spring they got two oxen and one horse and rigged up a covered waggon (two neighbors went with us) and drove up there. It took 14 days. At Devils Lake our cows got mixed up with a big herd of cattle that some cow-boys were tending and had an awful time to get them separated. Just a few miles west of Devils Lake we passed the end of the G N Railroad that they were building westward. A big construction camp was there.

The handwriting is that of an older adult. And with time, memory fades. Through research, I have determined that the family immigrated in 1877, not 1882. The two sons mentioned in the first paragraph actually was only one son, Jens, who was 3 years old when he and his parents left Norway. Their second son, Ole, was born in Minnesota in 1882.

(Part 2 of this story will be in the next edition of the **Backtracker**.)

PSGS Members' Trip to the Family History Library In Salt Lake City

Eleven of us made the trip this year, which was a very intense time working through our individual family histories. Searching through miles of microfilm vaults, stands of microfiche, and shelves of books on five floors was daunting but exciting. We all learned how to use the up-to-date equipment shown in these pictures. Following are our stories.

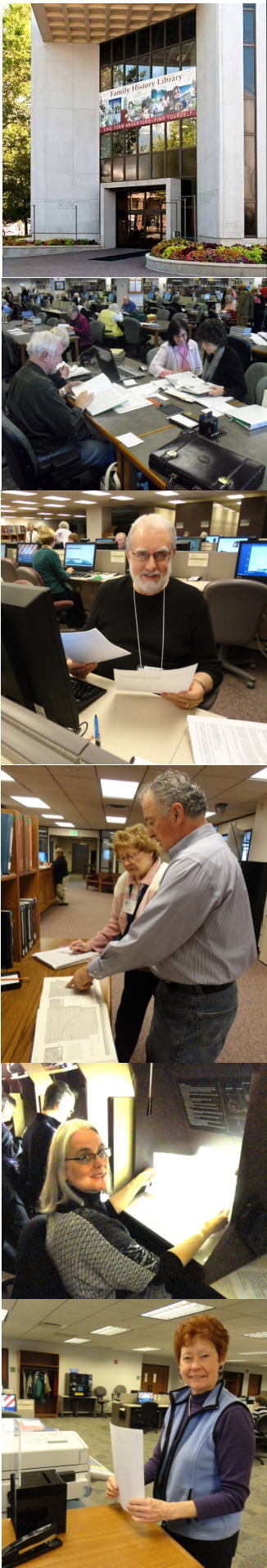
Jean Yager (shown with her relatives) set out to prove the relationship between her 3rd great grandfather (Henry John Conover) and his parents (David and Sylvia (Calkins) Conover. Spending several hours researching the states of Illinois and Wisconsin, she found a marriage record between David and Sylvia. Jean then worked on her father's lines, Manning & Cunningham, and researched sisters married to the same man at different times and in two different states. Too many discrepancies turned up that discounted what she found in both instances. Undaunted, she will return next year.

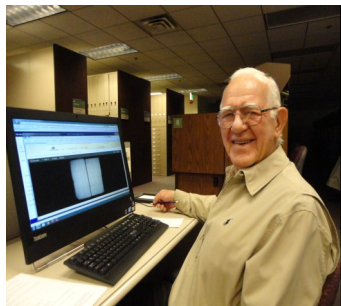
In 2011 **Larry Harden** stumbled upon some information on the internet connecting to a family he had been trying to find for about 25 years. He was successful in finding most marriage records, some death certificates and even found some newspaper information. The information he found confirmed it was the correct family and led him to Shelby County, Kentucky prior to 1850. However, after searching Shelby County records, he was unable to confirm this family was ever there. A good start, but more research will be required.

On **Pat Eder's** 15th trip to the library, she decided to find if her parents ever married. They ran away together in 1921, which she found documented in two newspapers. She was 17 and he was 23. The only glitch was that he was already married with 3 children. He and his wife divorced a few years later and by this time Pat's oldest sister had been born. A professional genealogist suggested places and time frames to search. Pat did not complete her research but is continuing at home. Pat states, "I did not find a marriage record; I know they were married in their hearts and they loved us as much as we loved them."

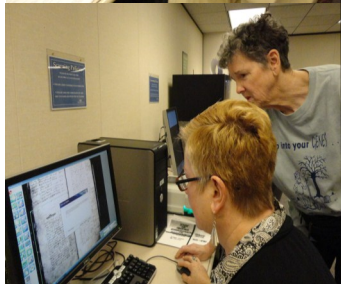
Christine Maltby never knows where her ancestors and curiosity will lead her. Constrained only by the hours of the library, she slipped away each day at noon to the organ recital in the Tabernacle. She found that her 3rd great-grandfather Julian Truchan, a church organist, emigrated from Russian Poland in 1899. On microfilm she found Grandfather Julian's birth registration written in Polish in Napoleonic format. His father Franciszek was a "gospodarz," a farmer—killed most likely in the January Uprising of 1863. As Christine mentioned to Larry Harden, she discovered that time travel is possible.

Linda Webb was determined to solve her longstanding "brickwall" and find her 2nd great grandfather, born in Kentucky in 1824. She was confident she'd find William. She checked wills, land records, neighboring states, church records, family histories, and more. William continues to be a mystery, the only family line I have not been able to trace. So, I moved on. It was exciting to find my paternal Mennonite family book on the shelf and bring home more details about the religious persecution they suffered before emigrating from Russia. I will go to Salt Lake again. After all, William is still out there.





Bob McGinnis's primary goal in the 2012 visit to the Salt Lake City FHL was to discover the probate record archives of Macoupin County, Illinois, the home of his paternal ancestors, McGinnis. After multiple searches in many different offices of Illinois records and even with the terrific help at the Library, he could not locate the records. The next step in the process will be to contact the Illinois Secretary of State's office regarding the location of the records. "I sure hope they didn't decide to burn them."



Sandi Morrison's goals were to find information on her Oakes and Boyds lines. Her 8th g-grandfather, John Oakes arrived in Virginia in 1672 from Cheshire, England in Macclesfield church records, christened on 29 March 1640. Revolutionary War Records proved Thomas Boyd, her 5th g-grandfather, enlisted at 15 to fight against the British. He fought skirmishes with the Tories and British and in the battle of Pyles Defeat under Colonels Washington and Lee.



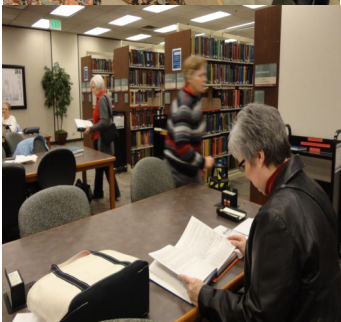
Ann Northcutt's research goals were to find her Kenney (Kine, Kinney) line. She found several family history books and pension records that led her to several family members unknown to her. Ann's most amazing find was the Towne family. William Towne was her 8th Great Grandfather. He was also the father of Rebecca Nurse and Mary Este who were hung as witches in the Salem witch trials in the 1600s. Ann did not know that a member of her Kinney family was one of the accusers that sent Rebecca Nurse to the gallows. "As you can see, it appears all of my family files were on the bottom shelf!"



Fran Moyer wanted to find her maternal 7th G-Grandfather's parents' names in Scotland and information on her paternal G-Grandparents from Wales. At first Fran found that Walter Ker had two fathers and no mother. She found on microfilm Walter Ker's christening of March 15, 1667. His father's name was John. She found her great grandparents lived in Glamorgan Wales, where Daniel Williams was a coal miner. He entered New York at Ellis Island in 1870, moved to Ohio, and then Montana, where he worked in copper mines.



Karin Burke, shown with her daughter **Alisha Nelson**, wasn't looking only for her families. She has been helping a couple of friends on their family searches. One friend knew a great uncle had died young, but didn't know why or where. Karin found many articles about his murder by a girlfriend in Germany while he was serving in the Army there after WWII. Alisha, who became interested in genealogy because of her mother's intense interest, has been to Salt Lake a few times and this time she was researching her husband's families.



Mary Ann Wright hoped to find a connection between her great grandfather, Robert, and a possible family headed by William who both lived in Kentucky around the same time. Searching through a variety of records, she was able to extend William's family back to the mid-1700s in Virginia and wife Susan's family back 4 more generations to the mid-1600s in Maryland. Was this the right family? In 1869 Robert married in Waco, Texas, and William and Susan appeared in both the 1870 and 1880 US Census living in Waco. She then found an 1882 Waco newspaper stating William "had died at the home of his son Robert." Looks like she found more ancestors!



Meanderings



Ferniehirst Castle, ancestral home of the Clan Ker, built in the mid 15th century, still lived in by the Laird of the Middle Marshes, the Marquess of Lothian.

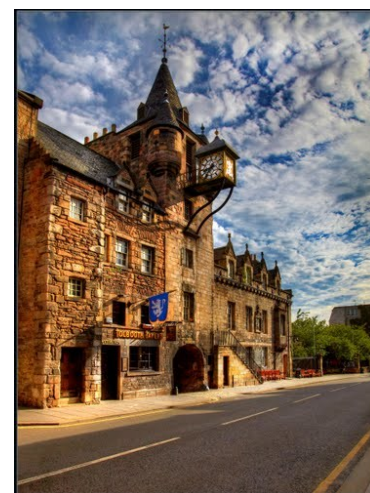
When Fran Moyer traced her maternal ancestry back to Walter Ker from the Ferniehirst Kers of Jedburgh Scotland, she, husband Bob & sister Linda made plans to visit the still-standing and lived-in castle. Fran “googled” Ferniehirst Castle, and found the castle, built around 1460, still stands and conducts tours in July. There was an email and telephone number for the tour guide. Although they visited in October, Mr. Bob Lawson gave the three travelers a full history and tour of the Clan Kers, the castle and the beautiful border town of Jedburgh.

We drove on to Edinburgh and were pleased to find the original Cannongate Tollbooth, a small building where Walter Ker was held prisoner, situated in the middle of the “Miracle Mile”... the old town of Edinburgh stretching from Edinburgh Castle to Holyroodhouse Castle.

Walter had been jailed and tortured due to his fervent Presbyterian beliefs that stood in opposition to

King James’ Anglican Church. Walter burned the bible in public and was thrown into the Cannongate Tollbooth jail in 1685, along with other Presbyterians. He was allowed to leave the jail, after having an ear cut off and losing an eye because a ship, the *Henry and Francis*, full of other Presbyterians, was leaving for the New Jersey colony. Of the two hundred passengers, 80 died before the ship landed in Perth Amboy, New Jersey colony.

Walter founded the First Presbyterian Church in Monmouth, New Jersey and lived to be 92 years old. Walter Ker is Fran’s 7th Great-Grandfather.



Cannongate Tollbooth, built in 1591. Built to collect tolls for entering the city, it includes a courthouse and jail. The original clock-tower can be seen.

Gail and Larry Reynolds’ trip didn’t start out as a genealogy adventure but Gail took a side trip to the West Valley Genealogical Society seminar. We arrived in Scottsdale two days before the seminar. Larry chose to travel around the Sun City area looking at classic cars while I attended the seminar.

The featured speaker was Kory Meyerink. This was good for me since the subjects were so thoroughly discussed, but the seminar was behind schedule before lunch. Kory covered the rest of the subjects as best he could in the time allotted. His notes and discussion outlines were extremely helpful for work outside of the lecture hall.

Each time I include a seminar or lecture in my wanderings, I am made aware that there is always something we can learn about researching our genealogy. It just brings our relatives closer to our hearts.

(see page 18 & 19 of the online Backtracker for some of the German notes from the lecture provided to Gail)

Side By Side



Karin Burke

Member Since 2003

Karin was born at Sand Point Naval Air Station Hospital in Seattle. After graduation from Lincoln High School she joined the Navy where she met her future husband. She has a married daughter in the Air Force and a married son in the Army, the father of her granddaughter.

Q. How did you get started doing genealogy?

My grandmother gave me a piece of paper on which she had listed her father's parents' names and their siblings. She asked if I could find who her grandfather's parents were and where they came from.

Q. How did you come to join PSGS?

I belonged to a great genealogy society in Virginia Beach, Virginia. When we moved back home I came to a meeting and joined PSGS immediately.

Q. What are your research goals?

I hope to be able to research back to where our ancestors came from Europe and Sweden. And I want to find more than names and dates so that family members will take more of an interest.

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

I am very interested in the 1871 Chicago fire. An old family scrapbook on the Burke side contains information about the involvement of the Connors who knew the O'Learys. I know that the Burkes lived in the same area as one of our Connors who married a Burke.

Q. Q. How have you contributed to PSGS?

I have been Secretary, Ways & Means Chairman, library volunteer, Chamber representative, member of several committees (especially the cemetery committee) and am, now, on the Backtracker staff and Member-at-Large Representative for PSGS.



Jack Merrifield

Member Since 2011

Jack was born and grew up in Seattle until moving to Bremerton to start High School. He worked for the Navy in submarine communications for 38 years. Jack and his wife Carolyn have 2 children and 4 grand-children.

Q. How did you get started doing genealogy?

I grew up around my paternal grandparents and became interested in their English heritage. My grandfather was scheduled to sail on the Titanic and I wanted to know more about his fabulous life. I have been collecting family information for 15 to 20 years

Q. How did you come to join PSGS?

I knew of the PSGS Center in Port Orchard and one Saturday morning I saw that there was a seminar on British Ancestry so I rushed in for the class and joined up that day. Every class, seminar or SIG that I attend, I come away with more valuable knowledge.

Q. What are your research goals?

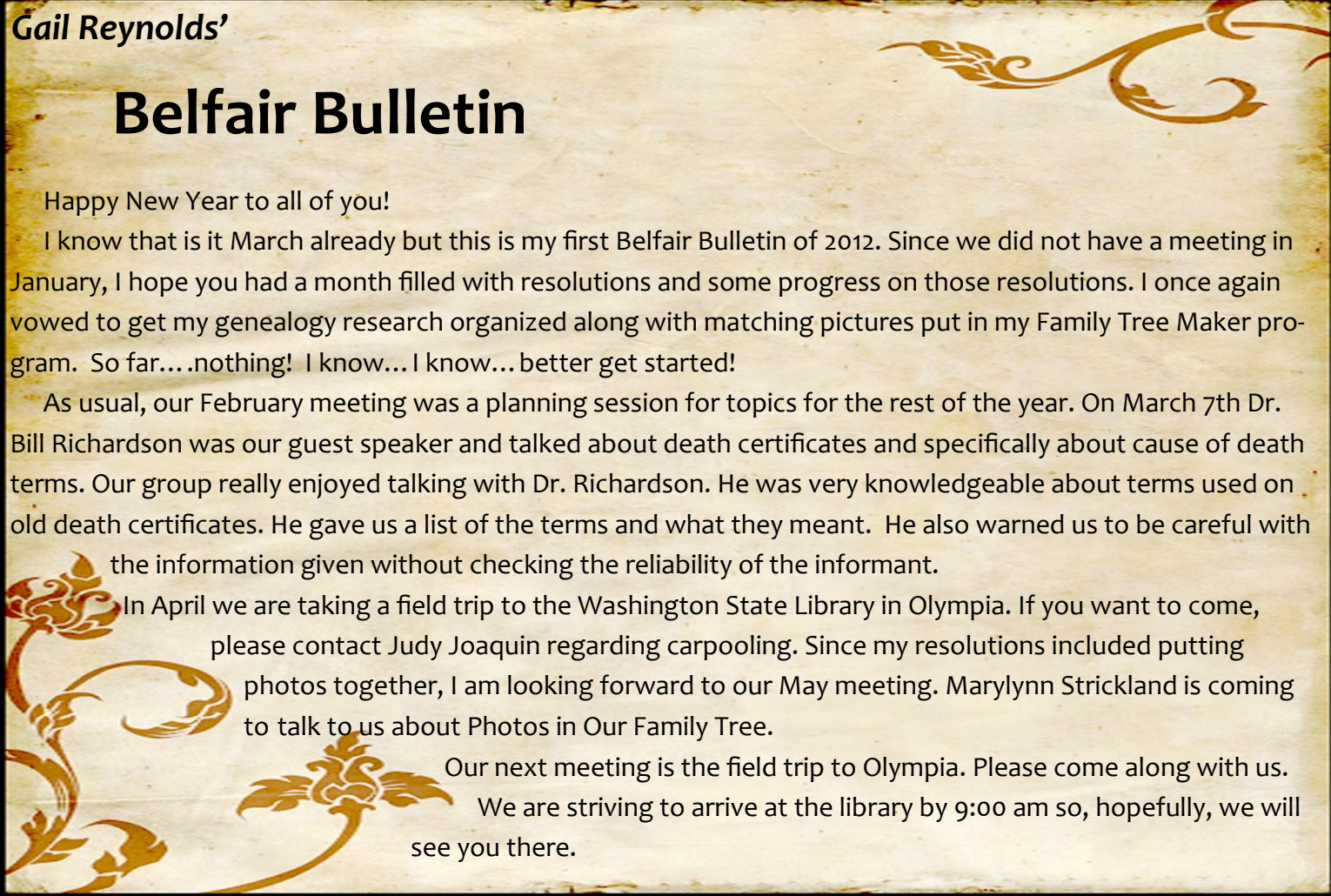
I am working on my paternal British line who emigrated in the early 1900s and my maternal line, also hailing from Britain, around 1700, but have quite a history in the US after their arrival.

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

My surnames of interest are Merrifield, Westaway, Vollett, Voisey, Stites, Bage, Moreland, Washburn, Weiser, Thomas and Christianson. My areas of interest are England, Wales, Missouri, Arkansas and others states.

Q. How have you contributed to PSGS?

As a newbie, I am trying to learn and help as much as I can, and I'm a volunteer at our new Genealogy Center at KRL.



Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Happy New Year to all of you!

I know that it is March already but this is my first Belfair Bulletin of 2012. Since we did not have a meeting in January, I hope you had a month filled with resolutions and some progress on those resolutions. I once again vowed to get my genealogy research organized along with matching pictures put in my Family Tree Maker program. So far...nothing! I know...I know...better get started!

As usual, our February meeting was a planning session for topics for the rest of the year. On March 7th Dr. Bill Richardson was our guest speaker and talked about death certificates and specifically about cause of death terms. Our group really enjoyed talking with Dr. Richardson. He was very knowledgeable about terms used on old death certificates. He gave us a list of the terms and what they meant. He also warned us to be careful with the information given without checking the reliability of the informant.

In April we are taking a field trip to the Washington State Library in Olympia. If you want to come, please contact Judy Joaquin regarding carpooling. Since my resolutions included putting photos together, I am looking forward to our May meeting. Marylynn Strickland is coming to talk to us about Photos in Our Family Tree.

Our next meeting is the field trip to Olympia. Please come along with us.

We are striving to arrive at the library by 9:00 am so, hopefully, we will see you there.

Milestones

By Karin Burke

As I write my second column, I am on the road again. This time, we are off to Italy to visit our son and his family.

Also off with family is Jean Yager, our President. Last time, I mentioned her daughter's upcoming wedding in California. Hard to believe that rain in Carlsbad, California, placed the outside wedding in-doors! Perhaps it was meant to be as Amanda is a crossing guard at the middle school in whose gymnasium the wedding took place. Seems to me, they are starting off with no pretensions. We wish them every happiness as they start their new life together.

Back home in Kitsap, our members continue on with their health issues and those of their spouses. I know we all wish Paulette Waggoner and her husband, Ross; Charlotte Long-Thornton and her husband, Ken; Mary Ann Wright and her husband, Dan; and Terry Mettling and his wife Stella quick recoveries back to good health. Please keep those cards of cheer going to Linnie Griffin as she continues on her quest for better health.

IdaMae Swedberg is suffering from a slipped disk pressing on a nerve. She has had two procedures of injections to quell the pain, mostly successful. She is feeling guilty not being able to volunteer at the genealogy center, but we just want her to get better first and there should not be ANY guilt felt at all.

See you next time. As they say in Italy, "Arrivederci".

Postscript: Our erstwhile Milestones reporter, Karin, did not mention that she suffered a bad fall in Italy. Thankfully, she did not break any bones, but this did require a detour to an Italian Emergency room. She went back to the condo where her daughter-in-law encased her face in ice. Karin has only a slight pea-green patina on the right side. Venice was missed, but, fortunately, she returns to us a bit bruised but healing. Welcome home! Fran Moyer, editor

Saturday, April 28, 10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 103 – “Vital Records: Filling in the Blanks” <i>Dorothy Lindquist, instructor</i>
Tuesday, May 1, 10:00 – 2:00	Exploring Your German Roots <i>Aaron Hill, instructor</i>
Saturday, May 26, 10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 101 – “Beginning Genealogy” <i>Jean Yager, instructor</i>
Tuesday, June 5, 10:00 – 2:00	Gateways to the American Frontier <i>Dorothy Lindquist, instructor</i>
Saturday, June 23, 10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 102 – “Tracking Your Family Through the US Census” <i>Linda Webb, instructor</i>
Tuesday, July 3	NO CLASS
Saturday, July 28, 10:00 – 2:00	Genealogy 103 – “Vital Records: Filling in the Blanks” <i>Dorothy Lindquist, instructor</i>

All classes are held in the Heninger Room at the Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton.

Contact: education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org

Schedule of SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

All SIGs meet monthly at the Genealogy Center, Sylvan Way Branch, unless otherwise noted.

Ancestry.com SIG	10am – noon on the second Monday of each month Contact: ancestry.sig@pusogensoc.org
Family Tree Maker SIG	noon – 1pm on the second Monday of each month Contact: ftm.sig@pusogensoc.org
Legacy Family Tree SIG	10am – 1pm on the fourth Thursday of each month Contact: legacy.sig@pusogensoc.org
Military Records Research SIG	10am – 1pm on the second Thursday of even months Contact: militaryrecords.sig@pusogensoc.org
Native American SIG	10am – 1pm on the second Thursday of even months Contact: native_american.sig@pusogensoc.org
VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, KY, TN SIG	10am – 2pm on the second Thursday of odd months Contact: va_wva_nc_sc_ga.sig@pusogensoc.org

Did U Know



Books from the National Genealogical Society's collection, amassed over 95 years and formerly restricted to NGS members only, are now available to the general public through inter-library loan (ILL).

Housed at the St. Louis County Public Library since 2001, this extensive collection includes more than 6,000 family histories; state, county, and local histories; abstracts of records of cemeteries, churches, courts, deeds, marriages, wills and other probate records; and features strong holdings for states along the East Coast and New England.

Begin your search at the St. Louis County Library catalog at: <http://webpac.slcl.org>.

Classified Ads

Instructor needed:

The "Exploring Your English / Welsh Roots" class is looking for a presenter to teach the September 4, 2012 class. If you are interested or have a recommendation contact the Education Committee chair at:

education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org

Volunteers needed:

PSGS volunteers keep the genealogy center open for visitors to browse our collection, or do internet research using the library edition of Ancestry.com or other genealogy websites. We are available 6 days a week during regular library hours. If you are interested, please contact Charlotte, the PSGS Volunteer Coordinator at

gc_volunteercoordinator@pusogensoc.org



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ROOTSTECH 2012: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND

Do you wish you could have attended RootsTech 2012 in Salt Lake City? Well, in cyberspace, it's still possible!

All of the sessions that were held in Salt Palace Convention Center's Room 155 were live-streamed. Most notable are the keynote speakers including: Josh Coates, futurist and entrepreneur; the Ancestry.com team monitored by President and CEO Tim Sullivan; and Jay Verkler, President and CEO of FamilySearch. Recaps are still available at <rootstech.org> and videos are forthcoming.

For a myriad of other informative sessions that were not videotaped, here's my approach:

1. Simply go to <rootstech.org> and click on *Schedule*.
2. Click on *Sessions* (in red).
3. Click on *Thursday, Friday, or Saturday*, and scroll through your choices.
4. When you click on the session, you receive information typical of conference programs. Look for *Syllabus*.

Most presenters have one posted in a .pdf or other format.

5. Click and you'll have an outline or article written by the presenter.

6. In the spirit of collaboration, it's yours to print or save to your computer for personal use, while respecting copyright.

7. If you find it useful, consider sending an email thank you to the presenter.

YouTube fan? Search under RootsTech, and some video footage from both 2011 and 2012 will come up.

Tips for first-timers from a first-timer. Don't be intimidated. The conference is structured for both Developers and Users (that's us). The sessions in each of these tracks are labeled Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced.

I booked my flight early in the fall when prices are at their lowest. Southwest allows one to switch flights (if the need arises) without penalty and gives full credit toward a new fare. No charge for one piece of checked baggage. The conference fee was \$149 early registration.

Attendance at the conference more than doubled this year, with 4500 attendees by Saturday. The third Roots-Tech Conference will be held March 21-23, 2013. If you can't attend, tune in.

by Christine Maltby

National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) has a host of helpful resources that can help you prepare and learn more about the 1940 Census. You can find these resources at:

www.archives.gov/research/census/1940

www.1940census.archives.gov

Go to the Online Public Access (OPA) catalog at: www.archives.gov/research/search/

Volunteers can find an Internet application and sign up to create a 1940 US Census Index at:

www.the1940census.com

Use the Steve Morse Search Utilities at: www.stevemorse.org/census/

You can access and search Ancestry.com's 1940 Census Substitute at: search.ancestry.com/search/grouplist.aspx?group=1940census **NOTE:** There is no WWW in front of this link

Details for the 1940 Census can be found at:

Family Search International's Website Page: www.familysearch.org/1940census

Archives.com's Website Page: www.archives.com/1940census

Findmypast.com's Website Page: www.findmypast.com

Ancestry.com's Website Page: www.ancestry.com/1940

By Larry Harden

German Research -Cont'd from Gail Reynolds' Meanderings column on page 12

Internet Sources for German Research

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Internet research for German ancestors is not as fully developed as it is for North American or British ancestors. There is only one significant subscription site, and only limited indexes, original or compiled, records online. Indeed, very few actual records are online. But, the trend is growing. Many German genealogy sites are "reference" sites, which provide important information about places or sources, while not actually including those sources. However, your research will suffer if you don't use the Internet for your German research.

"Full-featured" sites

(instruction, links, some data, etc.)

Genealogy.net. The number one source in German genealogy. Includes a "wiki" structure for some pages, inviting all to contribute.

316 Online "Ortsfamilienbücher" with 4 million entries

350 city directories

Index to German genealogical literature (periodical articles, etc.)

Researcher index and contact database

GEDCOM database with 9.5 million people

Webpages from about 50 regional genealogical societies, with their databases

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html>

Ancestry.com. The world leader for online genealogy has a growing German collection.

Germany Databases at Ancestry.com:

600+ City directories

Baden, Brandenburg and Wuerttemberg Emigration Indexes

Bavaria WWI Personnel Rosters

World War I Casualty Lists

Brandenburg and Mecklenburg church record transcripts

Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 (indexed for 1877-1914)

Mecklenburg-Schwerin 1819, 1867, 1890, 1900 censuses

Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire

Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research

Swiss Emigrants in the 18th Century

45 million Germans in Public Member Trees

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/locality/dbpage.aspx?tp=3258&p=3253>

Also has a "German Research Center"

http://www.ancestry.com/learn/learningcenters/default.aspx?section=Research_EN_DE

GeneaNet.org European oriented genealogy site with 900 million entries in various databases

Ahnenforschung.Net The German Genealogical Web Directory (German only)

German Research- Cont'd from Gail Reynolds' Meanderings article on page 12

Specialty Sites

German Roots, by Joe Beine, Webmaster

<http://www.germanroots.com> The best English language website for German research. Includes "Basic Research Outline for German Genealogy: A Step by Step Guide for Americans of German Descent"

Germany GenWeb Project by David Samuelsen, Coordinator [last update, 25 August 2007]
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wggerman/

Federation of East European Genealogical Societies Umbrella organization of societies.
<http://feefhs.org>

Palatines to America [Major American genealogical society]
<http://palam.org/>

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe
<http://www.sggee.org/index.html>

AmRev-Hessian Mailing List Website (Hessians in the Revolutionary War)
<http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~bonsteinandgilpin/index.htm>

Directories:

Links to other sites:

GenWiki Linkliste

<http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:Linkliste>

Cyndi's List: German Sites

<http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm>

German Genealogy Bridge

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/1538/german.html>

German Genealogy Resources

<http://www.feefhs.org/links/germany.html>

Internet Sources of German Genealogy by Andreas Hanacek [last update, December 1998]

<http://home.bawue.de/~hanacek/info/edatbase.htm>

How-to (Instructional) Information

"German Genealogical Research before the Church Records Begin" by Lisa Petersen

<http://www.kinquest.com/degenealogy/researching.php>

Germans to America – 50 Volumes That Are Not to Be Trusted

http://www.uni_oldenburg.de/nausa/pitfal.htm

Cont'd from Mary Ann Wright's presentation described on page 6

Family history collections may be found online for free at:

- ✓ Family Search Books at: www.books.familysearch.org
- ✓ BYU Family History Archive at: www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php
- ✓ HeritageQuest Online via KRL website: www.krl.org
- ✓ Internet Text Archive at: www.archive.org/details/genealogy
- ✓ Canadian Local Histories Online at: www.ourroots.ca
- ✓ Hathi Digital Trust Library at: www.hathitrust.org
- ✓ Genealogy Book Links at: www.genealogybooklinks.com

Online local histories may be found at:

- ✓ Linkpendium at: www.linkpendium.com
- ✓ Online County Histories, Biographies and Indexes—USA: A Genealogy Guide at: www.genealogybranches.com/countyhistories.html
- ✓ Making of America Collection at both Cornell University and University of Michigan at: www.digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moa or www.quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp
- ✓ Most university libraries have a digital collection

Paid Sites include:

- ✓ World Vital Records at: www.worldvitalrecords.com
- ✓ Ancestry.com at: www.ancestry.com
- ✓ GenealogyBank at: www.genealogybank.com

Mocavo.com includes the following existing sites now searchable:

- ✓ genealogy message boards
- ✓ state and local historical societies
- ✓ Library of Congress
- ✓ National Archives
- ✓ Ellis Island
- ✓ Find A Grave
- ✓ Internet Archive
- ✓ various U.S. state archives
- ✓ thousands of genealogy sites built by individuals

In addition, Mocavo.com recently announced three new additions that will add important family history collections to its vast index.

New collections include:

- ✓ Allen County Public Library's Internet Archive records
- ✓ US Social Security Administration's Social Security Death Index
- ✓ World Family Tree developed by the popular Geni family tree service

Using Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

- ✓ Visit a branch and ask a librarian
- ✓ Log in to KRL.org from any computer
- ✓ Go to "Quick Links" on right side of homepage
- ✓ Click "Purchase Suggestion"
- ✓ Check the KRL Catalog first! It may be in our Genealogy Center!
- ✓ Read FAQ page for help in filling out the request form
- ✓ Complete form, selecting the appropriate option.
 - It probably is best to use the genealogy request form because it asks more relevant information such as if photo-copies can be made. This is also where you could add the OCLC number to locate a particular item.
 - Sometimes there are several editions of an item. If you don't mind which edition you get, just include the name and author. That way, the ILL staff can order the edition with the most lenders—and you can get it faster!
- ✓ Limited to 3 requests per week