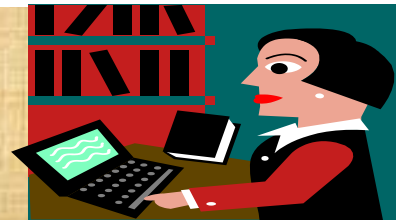




THE BACKTRACKER



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Saturday, October 6th **PSGS SEMINAR "DIGGING UP GRANNY"** **8AM-3:30PM** **by Linda Webb**



"The Intrepid Victorian Traveler"

Have you ever been frustrated by the lack of information for your female ancestors or wished you knew where to look to find a vital clue? Have you looked at an old photograph and tried to figure out who was in it? Is the lack of a maiden name creating a brick wall in your research? If so, plan to attend the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's biennial seminar on October 6th for a day devoted to re-

searching our elusive female ancestors. Held at the First Christian Church in Port Orchard, the seminar will feature two "living history" presentations by Tames Alan, a nationally known speaker, and a selection of genealogical classes taught by PSGS instructors.

This year's theme is **"Digging Up Granny—Finding Our Elusive Female Ancestors"** and promises to be both informative and entertaining. Tames Alan will open the day with her presentation of "The Intrepid Victorian Traveler" which presents a look into the lifestyle of a Victorian woman during the mid-1850s and early 1860s. Through five costume changes, Tames will discuss travel through the day, travel through society, and travel in general and will provide a glimpse into the lives of our female ancestors during this era. Tames' afternoon event will take us to those tumultuous times when women were striving to obtain the right to vote. Aptly titled "Soldiers in Petticoats: The Struggle of the Suffragettes",



Tames Alan

attendees will learn about the difficulties American women had to overcome to gain the right to vote. Appearing in an authentic costume of a suffragette, Tames will talk about the impact of the 14th amendment and how the suffragettes influenced the major issues of the time.

Based on the success of the 2010 seminar, PSGS instructors will again conduct a variety of one hour classes following each of the living history presentations. Attendees will be able to select two classes of their choice from the following topics: Finding Maiden Names, Women and Wills, Using Vital Records to Discover your Female Ancestors, Courage and Honor: A Look at Women in the Military, Clues to Identifying Women in Photographs, Tracking Your Female Ancestors Through the Decades with Census Records, Land Records and Property Rights for Women, and Women in Print: Finding Your Female Ancestors Using Newspapers, City Directories and other media.

While education is the focus of the day, food and fun are not absent! Coffee and pastries are available prior to the start of the seminar, and a complimentary lunch will be served on site. Representatives from the Heritage Quest Research Library bookstore will be on hand with a selection of books for purchase, and other genealogical exhibitors are available all day to provide information on goods and services.

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"Soldiers in Petticoats"

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

by Jean Yager



At the June PSGS general meeting it was unanimously voted to reduce the amount of yearly membership dues down to \$15 for a single and \$20 for a family membership, starting January 1, 2013.

While on the subject of membership, the membership handbook has been revised and can be found on the PSGS website:

www.pusogensoc.org / scroll down, click on "Membership Handbook."

It's that time of year to start thinking about PSGS officers for 2013. All positions are open, but Sandi Morrison is stepping down from her position as 1st Vice-President. A nomination committee has been selected—look for more info later.

If you're not ready to commit to a year-long officer position, then you might want to consider volunteering at the Kitsap County Fair, August 22–26. PSGS has, once again, been approved to have a booth to share the word of genealogy. Volunteers are needed to work two-hour shifts from 10am to 10pm Wed-Sat and Sunday from 10am to 6pm. Interested? Please contact Fran Moyer or Ann Northcutt.

The last item I would like to mention is the upcoming Washington State Genealogical Society conference, September 7 and 8. This year it will be held in Port Angeles. Two of our members, Linda Webb and Johnny Wilson, will be recipients (among others from different genealogical societies) of the Outstanding Volunteer Award. I encourage you to attend, not just to watch the presentation, but to enjoy interesting and informing lectures. For more information, you can visit the WSGS website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/.

Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright



We have recently added several new books to our collection, thanks to continued donations. Our new acquisitions include some books on West Virginia cemeteries, Connecticut towns and families, two Ohio county histories, and several family histories. Since our West Virginia resources were slim, these books are welcome additions to our collection.

Additionally, two books on researching Cherokee ancestry, *Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry* and *Cherokee Nation Births and Deaths 1884-1901*, joined the collection. Both books should prove very helpful for researchers.

Have you taken some time to look through our collection of periodicals? Many of them are indexed, others list cemetery records or marriage records, and still others contain local history stories. If your ancestors' various residences and our periodicals match up, you'll find a wealth of information.

Our volunteers continue to provide knowledgeable assistance to researchers in our Genealogy Center. Over the past two and a half months, they have assisted 215 patrons and answered questions of drop-ins. I'm pleased to welcome two new volunteers to our team—Bruce Ramsey and Linda Sloan! They join the other 47 volunteers who keep our Genealogy Center open 35 hours each week.

As we settle into our new space, our volunteers report they are entertained by the wildlife outside our windows, including a pheasant, numerous squirrels, a variety of birds, and the local deer who wanders around the outdoor table nibbling on the feed left for the animals. Their antics provide a welcome distraction.

Drop in to see what's new . . . and plan to stay awhile!



Letter
From
the
Editor

We have made some changes over the past few months and more are on the way!

We are starting a new 4-part serial from IdaMae Swedberg's family history. The first serial, found in this edition on page 11, will be excerpts from her great grandmother's diary of crossing the Atlantic, departing from Liverpool and arriving in New York in 1842. The crossing took 34 days and her diary describes the departure, the voyage, and her first impressions upon arrival.

The second and third parts of the serial will be from excerpts of her father-in-law's description of beginning a frontier life with only Native Americans as neighbors. The conclusion will be a "Putting Down Roots" article in the July 2013 edition of the *Backtracker*.

These "living histories" are important because there were no cameras to document what our ancestors lived through and saw, only their descriptions through their keen observations and vivid writing.

We know there are other members with stories to share; send them in!

We hope you enjoy this serial in the months to come. Let us know how we are doing. Your suggestions and gentle criticisms are always welcome!

Fran Moyer, Editor

“Who Do You Think You Are? and “Finding Your Roots” — A Comparison

by Kathy De Los Reyes



by Christine Maltby

“Who Do You Think You Are?” is produced by Ancestry.com. Ancestry’s program focused on one celebrity and showed him/her traveling to different locations and meeting with professionals in various libraries and locales where their ancestors lived and worked. The main focus is using Ancestry.com so if you are not a big fan of Ancestry.com, this can get to be annoying. They took one line on one side of the celebrity’s family to focus on, usually the male side. I am sure we all wished our personal research was as easy as the celebs was and would only take an hour!

“Finding Your Roots” is a more balanced program, focusing not only on the genealogy but also the history and DNA of the family members uncovered. The show usually featured three well known individuals, not all of whom were actors, and the host, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., focused on a common thread all three of the individuals had. The common thread served as a nice focal point. None of the featured individuals did any research on their own; rather it was presented to them by Gates and he explained the findings, coupled with the history surrounding the ancestors at the time. Gates ended the show by asking the three guests what they thought their DNA would show about their ancestry. Many were surprised when shown what the DNA results actually were.

“Finding Your Roots” is more professional in its presentation as well as much more balanced showing the genealogy, history and DNA of an individual than the “Who Do You Think You Are?” presentation.

I am a reader, and I first encountered Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in the pages of his memoir, *Colored People*. So I may not be the most objective person to be comparing and sharing the PBS “Finding Your Roots” with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and the NBC “Who Do You Think You Are?” programs.

I’m incredibly ignorant of celebrities ... by choice. So it took some self-talk to decide to tune in to “Who Do You Think You Are?”

I had trouble with the celebrities. They’re actors! Are those real tears? How much of this is scripted? But I’ve got to confess there were times I got a little teary myself.

Plus, I’m a librarian and I love to travel. Who can resist the chance to visit all those libraries, archives, and repositories in so many cities and small towns across our country and the globe?

I really did sit down and catch a few broadcasts of “Finding Your Roots” (also available online). Still celebrities, but more culture and politics.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. seems to listen to each person’s story, engaging and probing. From reading his memoir, I know how aware he is of his own place in history. That is what he orchestrates for others.

Plus, you never know when the content will become incredibly personal. Angela Warnick Buchdahl, the cantor and rabbi featured on the “Finding Your Roots” episode about faith and family history, grew up in Tacoma. She’s the sister of a school friend of my daughter. Angela now has children herself, the gift in the next generation.



At our May general meeting Charlotte Long-Thornton and Mary Ann Wright introduced and presented certificates of appreciation to those present who have devoted their time and energy to be library volunteers in our Genealogy Center. PSGS has fully staffed the GC at all times during the same hours the library is open. We now have 49 volunteers who staff our center for 35 hours/week. No one was more deserving than our Genealogy Center Coordinator, Charlotte. She has written the manual for our use at the library, keeps the schedule filled weekly and sends emails of help when someone cannot come as scheduled. She has been an important reason for the resounding success in our new facility.



Picture on the left - Mary Ann Wright presenting to Charlotte Long-Thornton her certificate of appreciation and flowers for her library volunteerism coordinating the staff in the GC.

Picture on the right - The cake enjoyed by the membership for the appreciation of the library volunteers.





Welcome To Our New Members

by Carol Caldwell

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-grandfather's sons who showed them the land her ancestors farmed. Her surname research is on Felton, Stead, Kellogg, Hukill, Goithier, 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 become good friends. Surnames in her family tree are Bogenschutz, Constance, Koukol, 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.

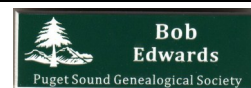
Floyd and Sharon Jackson have lived in Bremerton for twenty-five years. They are both teachers and have traveled extensively with their vocation. Floyd was the School Superintendent for American schools in Venezuela for several years. Sharon's close friend, Clarajane Goux, encouraged her interested in genealogy. Sharon teaches a class on writing memoirs while she works on writing her own. Floyd has provided his side of the family with documents on the Jacksons and the Flydds (Welch for Flood). Sir Henry Flydd was prominent in the Irish Protestant Reformation and is distantly related. Sharon is looking for the Devines and the Parkers on her family tree.

Margaret Lowney-Rock is another born and raised Kitsapite. She heard family stories, but it was not until she saw a family tree formulated by a relative that she became interested in genealogy. She noticed some mistakes in the tree. Making corrections, she got plugged into Ancestry.com where she met some cousins. She went to the PSGS library in Port Orchard in search of information. Subsequently, she read the newspaper article about our new library space at Kitsap Regional Library. That's where she signed up for Genealogy 101 and 102, which she enjoyed. Margaret's research is centered on Lowney, Lee, Kimball, Sackman, and Campbell. During her on-line research, she found a book on the Kimballs that included her part of the family. She was excited that she was able to download it for free.

Dennis Dibley is home-grown in Kitsap County. He started tracing family roots in 1968. Recently he found Puget Sound Genealogy Society at the library and offered to donate his books written on the Dibley family. He is very interested in Kitsap County history because he remembers when there were bridges spanning Big Beef Creek and Little Beef Creek.

He is still looking for an Irishman named Kellum who lived in upstate New York in the 1790s.

Would You Like One?



PSGS members may now purchase a name badge that has a green background with white lettering, logo on the left, *Puget Sound Genealogical Society* on the bottom, member name on the right. They are available with one of four purchaser-elected attachment devices for \$10. For further information, contact Bob Edwards.



PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 1940 CENSUS RECORDS

by Jackie Horton

PSGS is involved in indexing the 1940 census records, which will allow access by name at no cost. The indexing project, which began April 2, was estimated to take at least 6 months to complete; we were 50% complete in two months.

As of July 16, you can search in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Virginia, Indiana, Delaware, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire, plus all of the states west of the Mississippi River except Texas. The states 100 per cent completed but the index is not yet available are Missouri, Arkansas, and District of Columbia.

You may find names inaccurately indexed. There are a number of reasons - the person taking the census is of a different nationality and spells it the way he thinks it

should be spelled, the handwriting is too poor to read, or some pages are blurry or have large ink spots over the letters making it impossible to transcribe accurately.

Accuracy is improved by having each page transcribed by two different people. These transcriptions are then compared and the differences highlighted. Lastly, an arbitrator looks at the differences along with the original record and decides the result. If the indexer disagrees with the result he/she can ask to have another arbitrator look at the record.

Our society had ten people sign up to index. Half of these people are indexing - Carol Caldwell, Terry Mettling, Ann Northcutt, Mary Wright and myself, Jackie Horton. As of July 16, we have indexed 22,410 names in various states and arbitrated 3,441. The project, as a whole, is now 89.36% completed with less than 20 states not yet ready to be researched. These are primarily along the eastern seaboard.

It's not too late to join us to complete this important project. Contact Jackie at projects@pusogensoc.org.



Finding Our Ancestors . . . One Minute Laughing Out Loud, The Next . . . Pulling Out Our Hair!

by Nyla Walsh



When reading some of the following articles about different members of my family, they raised more questions than answers. The Crawfords were my great grandfather and GGgrandfather. Why was Alfred in China? Why was he using another name? Where were they and what years was it they reunited? The "preface" was to a book written by Samuel Crawford, 3rd governor of Kansas and Alfred's brother. On to the Bates side, well this is just fun.

<i>Clip from a newspaper from "somewhere"</i>	<i>"Kansas in the '60s"</i>	<i>The Preface</i>
<i>Alfred Crawford, son of John C. Crawford, arrived in town Tuesday night. He has been away for 12 years, and during that time has been all over the West and China. He registered at the Commercial House (his father's Hotel) as Henry Arlington, and sat down and talked to his father over an hour without being recognized, before he revealed his identity. It required the exhibition of a small scar on his forehead to prove his identity.</i>	<i>His (the author's) grandfather, James Crawford, was born in Virginia, emigrated to N. Carolina, married Margaret Fraser, served in the Revolutionary War and lived a long life. The ancestry of the Crawford line is traceable to a period of Scotland, beyond which it might not be prudent to go, since members of the clan, due to their clannishness, lost their heads in the Tower of London.</i>	

News clip: "Bates Ducks Bad Reputation"

E.C. Bates of 2413 21st Ave. N. is real peeved because, when Reuben C. Pickett was arrested a few days ago, charged with promoting a family row by means of a butcher knife, he gave the address of Bates as his own. Bates wants it distinctly and positively understood that no family row has ever occurred at this house and that none is liable to occur as he is somewhat peace-loving.

A LOOK BACK...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



April 25 **“That Elusive Pot of Gold” 1800s Irish records** **presented by Jim Morrison**

Jim’s main depositories in Ireland to look for pertinent records include The Representative Church Body Library (RCB) www.library.ireland.anglican.org that contains various Church of Ireland parish registers, vestry minute books, testamentary transcripts, as well as the parts of the 1740 Householders' Lists. Also, he recommended the Valuation Office www.valoff.ie where you can discover the changes of holdings and revisions of valuation of properties since the 1850s along with revision maps. The General Register Office (GRO) www.groireland.ie has records of births, deaths and marriages and Catholic records from 1864 and non- Catholic records from 1845. Records up to the end of 1921 are held for the whole island of Ireland and only for the 26 counties of the Republic from 1922 onwards. Finally, The Tithe Applotment Books were compiled between 1823 and 1838 as a survey of titheable (taxable) land in each parish.

May 23 **“Using the library edition of Ancestry.com”** **presented by Elisabeth Demmon**

Elisabeth explained how to narrow down the search for ancestors using the library edition of Ancestry.com. She suggested using various name spellings or doing a wildcard search by using a wildcard character such as an asterisk at the end of a word to replace one or more characters. For example, Jon* will find Jones, Jonston, Johnson, etc. She also explained how to print out a record from the library computer in the Genealogy Center. For example, when viewing a census image you want to print, remove the frames around the image by clicking on them. This will get you the complete census image. Simply click on the Print Image button on the screen and then on the OK button, which releases the print job to the Printer Station. The Print Preview button will show you the image that will be printed. Go to the printer station by the large public computer corral just outside the Genealogy Center. You will need 10 cents for each page printed. Another site to look at while at the library is HeritageQuestOnLine.com where you will find Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant files, PERSI and much more. Also look at Cyndis-list.com for information on researching your ancestors.

June 27 **“Coming to America”** **presented by Sandie Morrison**

Sandi mentioned that there were two types of motivation for immigration. There was the “Push” which was the need to leave in order to survive and the “Pull” which was to be attracted to a new way of life. The Push factors were forced Immigration (slavery), political refugees fearing for their lives, famine, military inscription (draft). The Pull factors were political freedom, religious tolerance, economic opportunity, and family reunification. The sailing ships were designed to carry cargo not passengers. The emigrant had to bring his/her own provisions for the trip. The berths aboard were flimsy and packed tightly with no toilet facilities and no windows. With the advent of steam, the quality of transatlantic passage was gradually improved and by the 1870s, most passengers were carried by steam ships. Sandi suggested the websites www.genesearch.com/ports/html for the US Ports of Arrival and their Available Passenger Lists 1820-1957; <http://en.wikipedia.org> for the Ports of Entry in the United States; and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_immigration_to_the_United_States for the history of immigration to the United States.



LOOKING FORWARD...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

July 25 “Thinking Small” Portable Technology and Genealogy presenter: Kathy De Los Reyes

Just what are an E-reader and a tablet and how can they be used in genealogy? What is available today in the world of technology and what should you look for when buying one. Learn what it means to be traveling small and carrying everything you need on those genealogy research trips.

August 22 “Immigration, Naturalization & Citizenship Records” presenter: Dorothy Lindquist

Learn what these records can show you about your ancestors as they came into the United States. These records offer a wealth of information and just might give you answers to many of your questions, such as where did your ancestors come from, where did they enter the country, and much more.

September 26 “Three Genealogy Research Tools: Obituaries, Cemeteries & School Records” Presenters: Jeanne Menchenton, Sandie Morrison & Ann Northcutt

Our PSGS Records Preservation Project covers historical records for Kitsap County Obituaries, School Records and Cemeteries. Learn why we are working to preserve these genealogical records and how they may be of help to you in your family research.

Schedule of Classes — July through September

July 3rd - Tuesday:	10:00-2:00pm	Class cancelled due to 4th of July Holiday
July 28th - Saturday:	10:00-2:00pm	Genealogy 103 “Vital Records: Filling in the Blanks” <i>Dorothy Lindquist, Instructor</i>
Aug. 7th - Tuesday:	10:00-2:00pm	“Scouting for your Native American Ancestors” <i>Sandie Morrison, Instructor</i>
Aug. 25th - Saturday:	10:00-2:00pm	Genealogy 101 “Beginning Genealogy” <i>Jean Yager, Instructor</i>
Sept. 4th - Tuesday:	10:00-2:00pm	“Exploring your English and Welsh Roots” <i>Claudia Breland, Instructor</i>
Sept. 22nd - Saturday:	10:00-2:00pm	Genealogy 103 “Vital Records: Filling in the Blanks” <i>Ann Northcutt, Instructor</i>

All classes are held in the Heninger Room at the Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton
Contact: education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

by Mary Ann Wright

A Norwegian Journey

Part Two



The story of Jens Ness and his parent's struggle in settling a homestead in North Dakota in the 1880s continues, as it was written by Jens.



Jens & Hilda Ness

Father settled on a homestead 12 miles north of Rugby and 5 miles east of Barton where they lived in a tent for 7 weeks, cooking their meals outdoors, and mostly the food cooked was sea-

soned with dirt and ashes that blew around. Father built a one room sod house. Cut the walls smooth inside with a spade. And dirt floor which got so hard and smooth from walking on it that it shone. The walls were at least two feet thick. And it was cool in summer and warm in winter. For a roof they used poles and bark and laid sod on top of it. In spring time when it rained the weeds and grass grew on top of it and looked quite nice. Father also built a sod barn stable for the cows and oxen.

Father was going to break up some new land and he hitched our ox and the mare to the breaking plow but it didn't go so good either. The mare walked to fast and the ox to slow and the mare didn't seem to like to work with the ox and got mad and hit him in the neck. The ox retaliated by using his horns on her. Mother came over to lead the mare but they had to give it up as a bad job. Father took up both Preemption and Tree claim. Planted 5 acres with trees on the tree claim but it got so dry they all died. We lived on the Preemption claim. Water was scarce out there. Had dug several wells but none had enough for the oxen and cattle. So we had to drive them 2 miles to the hills where there was springs of water. After we had taken them there they went by them selves after that. There was lots of prairie wolves out there. They was among the cattle lots of times didn't seem to dare to attack any of them. Mother helped in the haying she was in the load and Father pitched on. One day Father went out alone to get a load of hay. After he got the load on he noticed that one of the tuggs had come off of the single tree so

he climbed down on the pole and put the tugg on again. Then the oxen got scared of something and started to run away and they can run when they get scared. Father fell but he caught hold of the pole and held on for dear life. (He said afterward that he thot his last hour had come.) But he started crawling forward on the pole till he got up to the oxens heads then he hit them on their noses with his fists which finaly made em stop.

Jens' handwritten story stops here. Through additional research, the family story continues. Because of the severe drought conditions and poor crops, the family, that now included four sons, left the homestead in 1891 and settled in Clifford, North Dakota. They and other family members including Jens' grandparents Halvor Larsen Ness and Berte Maria (Lawns) Ness spent the remainder of their lives in Clifford. Jens' father, Ludwig, became an American citizen November 1, 1894.

Jens married Hilda Randina Eikness on December 20, 1906. They spent most of their life in Fargo, North Dakota, where they raised their only child, Alice. Alice Ness and Hank Bakken were married June 25, 1937 in Moorhead, Minnesota. They moved to the Manette area of Bremerton in the early 1940s, where they lived out their lives. Alice worked in the nursing profession until her death and Hank worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1973. After Alice's mother Hilda died December 31, 1948 in Fargo, her father Jens came to Bremerton to live with her and her husband Hank until Jens' death May 23, 1951. Jens and Hilda Ness and Hank and Alice Bakken are all buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Bremerton.



Hank & Alice Bakken on their wedding day and 50 years later.

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

by Ann Northcutt

Part One Puritans, Witches and Land



Map of Salem Town & Salem Village

When I was growing up, a portrait of my 2nd Great grandmother Matilda hung in my grandparents home. After my mother's death, I found among her possessions an old Bible with the marriage record of James Grant and Matilda Town, my 2nd Great grandparents.

Through research, I was able to find a birth record for Matilda along with

her father's name, Isaac, my great grandfather's name. From there, I was able to trace Matilda to her 4th great grandfather and grandmother, William Towne and Joanna Blessing Towne.

William and Joanna Towne married and lived in Yarmouth, England and had six children while there. Being devout Puritans, they emigrated to Salem, Massachusetts in about 1635 where they could practice their Puritan religion freely. After arriving in Salem my 7th GGrandfather, Joseph, and another daughter were born.

At about the same time and for the same reason, the Putnam family emigrated to Salem. Thomas Putnam was the eldest son of John and Priscilla Putnam. Thomas eventually amassed a substantial amount of land in Salem Village and married Ann, who came from a wealthy family.

The Towne family, living in Salem Town, had among the children, three daughters, Rebecca, Mary and Sarah, all of whom married distinguished, wealthy men and were all known for their piety and righteous reputations.

Church was the cornerstone of 17th century life and most people were Puritans in Massachusetts. It was against the law not to attend church. The Puritan lifestyle was rigid and restrained. People were expected to work hard and repress their emotions and opinions. Puritans believed in the devil and those who followed Satan were considered witches.

In 1692, Salem Village was still a part of Salem Town, but it was a divided community by some who wanted to separate from Salem Town and those who did not. Farmers wanted to separate, but those living near the thriving areas of harbors, thus tied to the economics that provided, wanted to remain a part of Salem Town.

The Salem Village farm families believed that Salem Town's thriving community made them too "individualistic," thus opposed to the communal life of Puritanism.

The Putnams owned more land in Salem Village and encouraged separation by establishing a separate congregation. In 1689 the Rev. Samuel Parris helped form that separate church. The congregation was a select group, more than half were Putnams.

The Rev. Parris was married and had a nine year old daughter, Betty, and a niece he adopted, Abigail, and brought his slave Tituba from Bermuda. He was a stern Puritan who denounced the worldly ways and prosperity of Salem Town as the influence of the Devil.

There was an interest in reading about prophesy and fortune-telling throughout New England during the winter of 1691-1692. Betty, Abigail and Ann Putnam (daughter of Thomas and Ann) formed a reading circle, often joined by Tituba. Tituba would entertain the girls with stories of witchcraft, demons and mystical animals. Other girls soon joined to listen to Tituba and participate in fortune-telling.

At one of these sessions the girls became upset and frightened. Soon afterward, Ann, Betty and Abigail started to babble, convulse or stare blankly. Rev. Parris took the girls to Salem Village's physician who could not find any physical cause for the behavior, so concluded the girls were bewitched.

Once diagnosed, the girls were asked to identify their tormentors. Fingers were pointed at two local respected women of the church, along with Tituba. Thomas and Ann and my 9th GGrandfather, Edward Kinne, also accused others; most of the accused they thought were enemies.

My 7th Great aunt, Rebecca Towne Nurse was 71 years old at the time and in failing health when accused.

This begins the story of the Salem Witch Trials where both sides of my family, accused and accuser, were involved in the tragic events of 1692 that resulted in the hangings of 13 women, six men and two dogs.



Rebecca Towne Nurse's homestead.



My Brick Wall — A Tale of Twin Sisters and Two Countries

by Barbara Chesley and Carol Caldwell



William & Lillian
Henderson

My biggest brick wall was researching the female line of the Chesley family. My husband Edgar was born in Massachusetts in 1930 to (Esther) Dorothy Henderson and Wilfrid Chipman Chesley. In 1933 the family moved to Nova Scotia, Canada looking for work

during the depression. Wilfrid was an apple inspector, and he also worked in the Paradise, Nova Scotia Post Office. I didn't know much beyond that.

When Dorothy died we had to go through her home to settle the estate. Stashed away in some old records was Dorothy's mother's newspaper obituary. Her mother's name was Lillian Maude Chittick Henderson. Searching with that name I was able to find a record of her marriage to William Edgar Henderson in 1902 in Boston, Massachusetts. I found her parent's names from the marriage record. They were James Chittick and Sarah Annie Dowell (or Dowl), and she was born in Waverly, Nova Scotia, in 1886. That's the connection to Canada.

At that time there were no records kept in Nova Scotia. However, I did find the Waverly Historical Museum and connected with the president, Annie Smith. To my surprise, she knew the family and had even been to Dorothy's home to visit the twins.

Twins? What a surprise. My husband didn't even remember that his Aunt Rose was his grandmother's twin. Annie Smith gave me Rose Mary (Chittick) Strupat's granddaughter's name. I wrote her and we exchanged information. We visited Annie Smith several years later and she let me make copies of family pictures held by the Historical Society.



Rose Chittick

Since then, my research has revealed the names of Lillian's brothers and sisters (my husband's great aunts and uncles). They were Charlotte, 1877; Samuel Thomas, 1880; Francis Johnson, 1881; Frank, 1883; Martha (Holland), 1884-1947; Lillian Maud (Henderson) 1886-1973; and her twin Rose Mary (Strupat) 1886-1969. When their mother Sarah died, father James was unable to manage seven children and work in the mines. He gave them all to relatives and friends to raise. I don't know where most of the children went, but the twins went to Boston to live with James and Esther Bailey, who I discovered was Sarah's sister. The family story is that either the twins were too much to handle or one was prettier than the other, and Rose was sent back to Waverly to be raised by the Forbes family, according to the census. Lillian and her husband William returned to Nova Scotia to live with their daughter Dorothy after Dorothy's husband died.

A Genealogy Tip to Remember—Being Creative with Troublesome Kin

You are working on your family genealogy and for sake of example, let's say that your great-great uncle, Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture are the words: "Remus Starr: Horse Thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged, 1889."

Pretty grim situation, right? But let's revise things a bit.

We simply crop the picture, scan in an enlarged image and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot. Next, we rewrite the text: "Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed." — Unknown source.

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Serial One Excerpts from IdaMae Swedberg's great grandmother Mary Hooper's journal

Part One: "Crossing the Atlantic in 1842 in 34 Days"

May 26th - The thoughts which particularly strike my mind ... the dreadful pang of anguish I felt when parting with friends. At half past seven in sight of the Welch coast, the wind fair and calm ... the children (7) are in bed and I shall soon follow.

May 27th - ...we all got sick...continued very ill 'til evening, the sea calm or we should be worse. It is now past eight and I am going down to bed as we are not allowed to have a light and my children are already there.

May 28th - the night so calm had it not been for noises of men moving, children crying, ropes being hauled, we might have fancied we were in bed. It is now four ...we have just passed the sight of the Giants Causeway.

June 3rd - all of us very sick, scarcely able to help each other, the weather very cold. Our cabin too dark to do anything in it ... we are obliged to sit in listless idleness which makes the time pass very heavily.

June 4th - We are 2444 miles from New York.

June 6th - The day has been fine and I have sat with the children on deck, most of the day.

June 22 - ...we have been kept inside by strong opposing winds and calms. Every return of motion of the ship makes us more or less ill and we begin to want to get to land once more.

June 28th - we went on deck and we had fine view of Staten Island. It was beautiful ... about 12 o'clock the anchor was dropped on the quarantine ground off Staten Island.

June 29th - we all left the island in a steamer for New York. About noon we had a dreadful thunderstorm. The heat such as I never before experienced.

July 10 - Our first Sabbath in America ... All sat down to dinner together. The freedom of the domestics unbearable. I shall be a long time before I get accustomed to American manners ... they are displeasing to me. Ladies use no wedding ring, rag carpets, respectable children go barefoot. The spinning of the ladies. Every cottage, a cow, which gives it an air atmosphere more frequent and sudden as well as greater than at home, their manner of introducing as well as salutation.

A Cherokee Princess, Really?

by Kathy De Los Reyes

How many times have you heard the expression: "My great-grandmother was a Cherokee princess?" Truth or fiction, as soon as you hear that label, the red warning flags should be going up! Stories of Native American ancestry often seem to refer to a Cherokee princess. What's interesting about this is that you almost always hear it is a Cherokee princess, but rarely a Navajo or Sioux princess.

In fact, there is no such thing as a Cherokee princess or an Indian princess. Native American cultures do not have royalty or royal titles per se. The word "princess" is a title imported from Europe. It is possible that it may have been used by early white explorers to describe the daughter of a chief with a familiar term. However, there was not just one chief but several per tribe, which is another concept white explorers could not understand. For mixed families living in a white American culture who wanted to emphasize the "civilized" side of their Indian heritage, using the term "princess" was a way to white wash their Indian heritage or to make having an Indian wife more acceptable.

Today, the only time the term "princess" is used is at POW WOWs for girls under the age of 17 competing in contests, such as dancing, etc. Each year the selected winner is often referred to as a princess, such as Miss Chief Seattle Days Princess.

Most Indians consider "my grandmother was a Cherokee princess" to be the wannabe mantra. There is no faster way to lose credibility and respect from an Indian than to speak these words. If your family history does include a "Cherokee princess" you might consider abandoning the terminology. You may very well have Cherokee ancestors, but if you use the word "princess" you most likely will encounter skepticism or scorn.



MEANDERINGS...

by Jean Yager and Christine Maltby



Cemetery with Drane family plots

After beginning their long planned genealogy trip, daughter Amanda decided to get married and go on her honeymoon instead. So, Jean Yager and husband Richard, and aunt Linda and husband David, traveled by

RV from March 20 to April 6. They researched in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, working on the surnames, Boring, Cunningham, Mannering, Mooneyham, and Drane. The group also visited several cemeteries, libraries and archives, making many discoveries. The most surprising discoveries were in Kentucky and in Illinois.

In Kentucky, west of Elizabethtown, they found an old family cemetery in the middle of a pasture on what is now an Amish farm. There are fourteen graves, two of which are Linda's 2nd great grandparents, Meredith and Sarah Drane. In this part of Kentucky they discovered that the surname Drane is as common as the surname Smith. They met and visited with several Dranes, but have yet to figure how they are all related.

In Illinois, they stopped in Benton, Franklin County, looking for the grave of Andrew Mannering, Jean's 3rd great grandfather. She had reason to believe he died in that county in 1939. They went to the local library and tried unsuccessfully to find his obituary. They even walked several cemeteries in the county looking for any Mannering, but found none. Jean is convinced he is there somewhere, but they ran out of time so Benton is on the list for the trip next year. While looking for the obit on Andrew, Jean came across obits of two brothers that were well-known businessmen in that county, Judge James Mooneyham, who died in 1946, and Henry Mooneyham, who died in 1950. Both obits mentioned a half sister, Laura Kelly from Washington. Upon further investigation, this Laura turned out to be Jean's 3rd great grandmother who was once married to Andrew.

This was a successful genealogical trip; it answered the questions they started out with, but it also created new ones. The four are already making plans to continue this endeavor next year.

As Christine Maltby says, "an old family photograph can evoke a ghost from the past, a shadow figure, the spirit of another era." In my family, it was Christine's mother's father, George "Jack" Wilks.

Christine's grandparents married during the prohibition era. Her young devout grandmother was granted a divorce in the Depression that followed. Ties were severed irrevocably. In a phone conversation, my uncle asked, "I knew about my dad, but I wondered where his father was all that time?"

The World War I Draft Registration lists Charles Wilkes, Jr., age 34, next of kin -- [son] George Wilkes, living at 165 Leverette. George was just 12, living with his grandparents and father. Four months later on 7 Jan 1919, Charles Jr. was dead, victim of the "Spanish flu."

Christine's trip to Colorado was less to seek information than to provide answers to some painful questions, and to carry the history back further with information gleaned from on-line databases, her trip to archives in New York State and her trip to Salt Lake City.

How Charles Wilkes, Sr. and his two brothers had been raised in the Lake Ontario port of Oswego, New York by their mother Caroline Waite Wilkes, English immigrant. Of her remarriage to an Irish carpenter, William Bonner. Of two or three stepbrothers. How in the wake of his mother's death, Charles Sr. served in the Union Army, then moved over the waters to Detroit and up to the lumbering and fishing boomtown of Alpena on Lake Huron then back to Detroit. How he was never too far from his brother William Wilkes and William's family. How the frame house that Charles Sr. most likely built sheltered three generations of his own family and still stands in the revitalized Corktown Historic District in Detroit.

Gradually, Christine worked up the courage to ask her uncle to do a Y-DNA swab. The results are now back and they open new questions.

Isn't that genealogy?

Photo: George "Jack" Wilks (right) with brother-in-law Ed Ostwick with Ed's racecar, circa 1930.



SIDE BY SIDE

**Terry Mettling****Member since 1998**

Terry was born and raised in Kansas and joined the Navy shortly after graduating from high school. He married Stella with whom he has just celebrated 40 years of marriage. After a 21 year career in the Navy, retiring as a Chief Electronics Technician, he continued working in the electronics field and Stella worked at PSNS.

Q. How did you get started in genealogy?

In 1975 my stepmother first suggested it. After a trip to the library in Dodge City, Stella was introduced to a couple who had a book on the Wyckoff family. It details the family lines of Peter Clausen Wyckoff, an immigrant to New Amsterdam in the 1600s. My wife's grandfather was in the book.

Q. How did you come to join PSGS?

A friend of ours heard about a presentation being given and urged me to come, so I did. She and her husband moved back to California, but I'm still here.

Q. What are your research goals?

To trace everything back as far as I can. I have hit brick walls in some lines after just a few generations and others have gone back farther than I could have dreamed. Also, I want to find my wife's grandmother who disappeared in Nebraska in the early 1930s.

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

Anderson in Kentucky/maybe the Carolina's about 1880; Mettling in Alsace in the 1600s; Rabe in Hanover in the 1800s; Lutz in Hessen Kassel in 1800s.

Q. How have you contributed to PSGS?

I have been President twice, Vice-President once. I am currently 2nd Vice-President working in my third year in that office. I have also been a part of various committees, currently am membership Chair, and other projects during my time with PSGS.

My favorite part are the yearly trips to Salt Lake City.

**Linda Webb****Member since 2008**

Linda was born in Kansas and grew up on a farm with her four younger brothers. She began her professional career in California at different military stations and in 1991 she accepted a position at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1996. Along the way, she married, had a family, and developed many interests.

How did you get started doing genealogy?

More than twenty years ago my mother made a casual comment that she wished she knew more about her mother's family. After getting only a few facts from her and other family members I was off and running....well, it was more like walking until the new computer technology came along. I have discovered more about our family than my mother ever wanted to know, with more to come.

How did you come to join PSGS?

I joined about a year after my husband passed on, because I saw PSGS as a safe place to pursue one of my favorite interests, meet new people, and provide me a welcome change of pace. It has been a real lifeline for me.

What are your research goals?

To solve my brick wall, my great great grandfather, William Fanatia, reportedly born in Kentucky in 1824.

Do you have any surnames or locales of special interest?

I'm currently looking for information on surnames Fanatia, Halfhill, and Chapman from Kansas and Webb in California and New England states.

How have you contributed to PSGS?

I served as president 2010-2011 and currently chair the Education Committee and Seminar Committee. My favorite contribution is developing and teaching classes. Over the past two years I have taught Genealogy 102 (census), What the 1800s Were Doing to Your Family, Solving Brick Walls, and Powerful Presentations.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

This has been the quarter of mishaps for our Belfair group meetings.

We had planned to travel to the Washington State Library in Olympia in April. There was just not enough people (only two) to make it feasible to travel that distance in a "carpool." I was really looking forward to that trip because my husband has just disclosed that his grandmother worked in Bremerton on the base just after WWII. Unfortunately, the trip was cancelled.

Our May meeting was highlighted by MaryLynn Strickland from the South King County Genealogical Society. She showed us how we could incorporate our photographs in with our family tree online. It was very interesting to see how this worked and so easily.

June looked like we were going to have a meeting with Madi telling us about toad stickers and other weapons used in those "olden days." However, if you were watching the noon news on June 6th, you knew that there was NO water in the town of Belfair. Most of the town was shut down and the library was closed since they were unable to offer restroom facilities to their patrons.

Looking ahead should be better news for our little gathering but since the July meeting would fall on the 4th, we decided to cancel it. So...our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1st at 12:30 p.m. at the Belfair Timberland Library. Hope to see ya then!

Milestones

by Karin Burke

They must be feeling better. I heard that Linnie Griffin is feeling spunkier, too. Now, we have to start sending good thoughts up for Sandie Morrison and Linda Webb to get over whatever is slowing them down. And keep good thoughts going for Stella, Terry Mettling's wife, as she recovers from cancer treatment and Carol Caldwell, recovering from surgery.

Jean Yager's husband just recently returned from the Ukraine. He was on a humanitarian errand with his church group that kept him there for a month.

Other travelers from our group that I know about are Dorothy and Don Lindquist for a graduation in California, Jeanne Menchenton for a reunion and fun in California and, maybe, John Smith will be going back East for a wedding soon since he couldn't make his granddaughter's college graduation. Seems he was enjoying a cruise. I suspect his wife was, too. Just heard about others head-

I have seen Ken Thornton up and about with his coffee delivery to Charlotte.

ing for graduations and they are Fran Moyer and Mary Ann Wright with their husbands.

Speaking of Jeanne Menchenton, she sold her house and is in the midst of moving to Silverdale while celebrating her 83rd birthday! Terry Mettling just turned 65 years young.

Some of us will just be seeing family and friends for summer fun. Margot Filley will be overseeing her daughter's wedding and I will have a very dear long-time friend coming from Virginia Beach just to spend some girl time.

We lost a fine gentleman in May with LeRoy Sandstrom's passing. He did a believable job as John Gorst for our Knight's of Pythias Cemetery Tours. And member Jane McAuliffe lost her husband, John, suddenly while they were on a cruise. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to their families.

I have asked Jean once again about that new grandbaby. Finally, Peter Theophilus (Theo) Brill sprouted on our President's family tree on the 8th of June. Welcome little one.



What do “Fall at the Mall,” PSGS, and Debbie Macomber have in common?

by Kathy De Los Reyes



DANE GREGORY WEBER

PSGS was asked by our partner, Kitsap Regional Library, to participate in their annual “Fall at the Mall” program at the Kitsap Mall. On October 20th, with Debbie Macomber in attendance, PSGS members will discuss and present her with her family history. Members began researching

her genealogy this month. Those researching on this project are: Mary Anderson, Kathy De Los Reyes, Margot Filley, Larry Harden, Sandie Morrison, Fran Moyer, Ann Northcutt, Linda Webb, Johnny Wilson, Mary Ann Wright, and Jean Yager.

With more than 150 million copies of her books in print, Debbie Macomber is one of today’s most popular authors. A new television series, “Cedar Cove,” will premier on TV this season. Cedar Cove is her fictional name of

Port Orchard where she resides for part of the year. Being a local author will only add to the excitement of this event.

Initial information provided by her publicist indicates that one of her lines originated from the Odessa Russia area. Other information includes her father being a POW during WWII and her mother worked during the war as a welder for the Liberty Ship Company in Portland, Oregon. Researchers are really excited with what they have discovered so far and are eagerly digging into additional information.

The presentation on **Oct 20th** will be similar to Henry Lewis Gates, Jr.’s program, “Finding Your Roots.” Make sure you mark October 20th on your calendars because you don’t want to miss this exciting event.



Washington State Genealogical Society Conference 2012 September 7 & 8, 2012

“Armchair Genealogy from the Pacific Northwest”

by Jean Yager

The keynote speaker will be Brian B. Hutchison, Forensic Genealogist, author, and instructor.

Each year WSGS presents Outstanding Volunteer Awards to society members who have given exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of their society. These names are submitted by each society. I want to share with you the two names PSGS submitted:

The minute this person stepped foot into our society, she found herself the Education Chairperson. Then someone in this society realized her natural organizational talents and nominated her to be our President for 2010 and 2011. Because of our 2 year term limits for president, she has returned to the position of Education Chairperson. Besides being one of the key people in revising the Bylaws and Standing Rules, she was part of the team that was responsible for our move to the KRL. We all know who I’m talking about: **Linda Webb.**



Our other person you will find under the radar and behind the scenes. He is responsible for maintaining our website and keeping it current. When asked, he makes changes in a timely manner and handles all that techie stuff, such as updating the calendars and changing the templates (layout and design) according to the changing times. You know him as **Johnny Wilson.**



I hope you consider attending this conference in Port Angeles this year to celebrate our recognized leaders, Linda & Johnny, as well as the many informative lectures offered. For further information, schedule of classes and lectures, costs, etc., go to the WSGS webpage at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/ and click on annual conference to find the information you need. Hope to see you there!

("Seminar" cont'd from page 1)

Raffle tickets for a Flip Pal mobile scanner are for pre-sale only. The compact and light-weight Flip Pal is a great tool for genealogists as it scans small to large items. The drawing will be held at the end of the day; you must be present to win.

Registration forms and class descriptions will be available at www.pusogensoc.org. The registration fee is \$30 prior to September 21; after September 21 the fee is \$35. Onsite registration will begin at 8:00am. Each attendee will receive a registration packet including the agenda for the day, course out-lines and instructor biographies, plus a list of exhibitors, map of the building, and note taking materials. To volunteer to help with this event, contact Linda Webb, Education Chair, at education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org.

Classified Ads

Red Alert! Red Alert! Red Alert! Red Alert!

Volunteers are needed for the PSGS booth at the Kitsap County Fair, August 22 thru 26th. We have 2 major events to publicize, as well as our organization, and what better way than at the Fair? Please contact Fran Moyer at backtrackereditor@pusogensoc.org.

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Help is needed at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Seminar to greet attendees, pass out registration packets, help with morning snacks and lunches, and much more. Interested in helping out? Contact Linda Webb, Seminar chair at [education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org](mailto:education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org).

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Additional volunteers are always welcome for the Genealogy Center! Contact Charlotte, our volunteer coordinator, for all the details at: gc_volunteer_coordinator@pusogensoc.org.



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