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History & Heritage Antique Show—2014 by Fran Moyer



From the approximately 1600 admissions and 250 appraisals and 53 booths sold to vendors, we can certainly say this year's Antique Show was a great success. We had vendors come from California, Oregon and all over Washington State. We heard from many that they will be back next year. Next year's date is February 28-March 1, 2015.

The Kitsap County Parks & Recreation department has given us that date as our "historical" date...meaning we will have the last weekend in February from now on. That will be wonderful for our vendors to plan ahead and mark on their calendars this designated weekend. We chose that date because there are no major holidays or antique shows on that weekend.

Some of the fun and exciting appraisals that came through the door, states Ernie Lopez, "was an early 20th century British Arts & Crafts period "Tudric" style pewter clock inlaid with abalone shell medallions. The current estimated auction value is \$25,000. Another item was a

very large and exquisite "Edo Period" Imperial Japanese Satsuma reticulated bowl. It was beautifully decorated with Imperial chrysanthemum designs and heavily encrusted with gold highlights. Insurance value estimated at \$6,500.00."

Ernie's favorite item was a hand painted and embroidered portrait of the U.S. coal fired warship *San Pablo* that sailed the Yangtze River in China during the early 20th century. It was involved with a number of skirmishes during the Boxer Rebellion that resulted in the overthrow of the Dowager Princess and the end of Imperial rule in China. These true events and the ship itself were immortalized in the movie *The Sand Pebbles*, starring Steve McQueen.

Everyone was captivated by a pair of mid-18th century (1744) life size oil portraits depicting a stately pair of English aristocrats valued in the \$15,000-\$20,000 range.

(more pictures on page 4)



Appraiser Ruth Reese

Cecil Herrin collected many antiques after WWII. His granddaughter and her son are holding two oil portraits by their



original frames. The man is Adonis Ernestus, aged 29 at the time of the portrait and the woman is 24, believed to be his sister or wife.



Door Prize Table

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Presidential Ponderings by Ann Northcutt



The annual Antique Show was a huge success and I would like to say thank you to everyone who worked as a committee member or volunteer for the event.

Upcoming genealogy events are the WSGS 2014 Conference on August 15 & 16, 2014 in Arlington, Washington, and the theme will be "Improved Genealogy through Better Methods and Techniques." Then, on September 27, will be our own biannual Seminar entitled, "Uncover Your Family Roots" with speaker Bret Petersen. The Seminar will be held at the Poulsbo Community Church. I hope you can all attend.

Spring is here and I'm ready to get out into my garden to pull up all those pesky weeds. I have also decided that it's the perfect time for a little "genealogy spring cleaning." I'm not sure how this is going to go, but I'm going to start by weeding through my computer files and getting rid of duplicates and deleting old and useless files. Then it will be time to prune my family tree. I'll let you know how it goes!

Genealogy Center Report by Mary Ann Wright

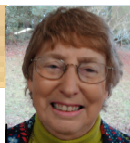


April is National Volunteer Month and I can't say enough about the dedication of our Genealogy Center volunteer team! They work over 200 hours each month keeping the Genealogy Center open for patrons and helping researchers with their genealogy questions.

Thanks to each of you for every hour you are able to devote to supporting our society's mission . . . preserving family history through education and research.

Our research collection continues to grow, expanding by more than 80 titles since the last count in September 2013. Heartfelt thanks go to our many donors for their generous contributions to our genealogy center. A listing of these new titles was added to the red notebook in the Genealogy Center. I'm also pleased to announce the addition of six new volunteers who have joined our volunteer team.

The Genealogy Center committee would love to have your input as we plan book purchases and enhancements to the center. We meet quarterly; our next meeting is April 21, at 11:30am in the Genealogy Center. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me at gcc@pusogensoc.org.



Milestones by Judy Joaquin

There were several of us from PSGS who traveled to Salt Lake City in February. Gail Reynolds and I roomed together as we have done other times. For me it was more relaxing than other trips to SLC as I paced myself better. Although I had a list of "to do's" I didn't find any major breakthroughs, but just "the hunt" is well worth the trip. It was also an opportunity to get to know the other members better.

Many of our members have been ill and we wish them good speed and good health. Rosie Welch, co-chairman of the Belfair group, has taken another fall, which unfortunately broke her shoulder. Her surgery went well and she is recuperating at her daughter's home. To make matters worse for Rosie her mother passed away the same week.

Other members who have been ill are Madge Norton, Phyllis Wahlquist and DeLana Cox. Recently Johnny Wilson had to undergo surgery and Ken Thornton fell and is now recovering from a broken hip. We wish them both well as they recover.

Karin Burke is still in Texas tending to her daughter. We wish Karin and Alicia the best.

We were saddened to learn that Hazel Thornton lost her mother in January and Barbara Chesley's husband passed in April. Our sympathies go to both ladies for their loss.

Congratulations to Bev and Walter Smith as they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in January as well as welcomed a great-granddaughter on the same day! Jean Yager and her husband recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

Continue to feed me "the news" of our members as PSGS is like a community where we care for each other as well as pursue genealogy.



The Search for Elizabeth Yates

by Marlys Marrs

For a number of years I have been trying to document the surname of Thomas Plummer, Jr.'s wife Elizabeth. This would be my husband's 9th Great Grandmother.

From circumstantial evidence I felt that she was the daughter of George Yates and Mary (Wells) Stockett. But other published material listed Thomas Plummer's wife as Elizabeth Smith and Elizabeth Stockett as well as Elizabeth Yates. Elizabeth Yates was also listed in some genealogies as wife of Thomas Plummer, the immigrant who was the father of Thomas Plummer, Jr.

I now have located two documents, which I feel verify Thomas Plummer Jr.'s wife as Elizabeth Yates.

George Yates married Mary (Wells) Stockett as her 2nd husband and in his Will that was probated in 1691 he leaves land to each of his children, but no land to any of the children of Mary (Wells) Stockett's first marriage. One entry is as follows: "I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Plummer my 200 acres of Land being part unsold of Eight Hundred acres called RICH LEVEL and also my one hundred and eighteen acres called Level Addition, both parcels Lying in Baltimore County, which said Land I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Elizabeth her heirs and assigns for ever."

In Deed Bk. HW page 309 of Baltimore Co. Maryland Deeds: a deed dated 26 Aug 1703 Thomas Plummer and Elizabeth his wife sign a deed selling 200 acres of land

called "RICH LEVEL" to Henry Darnell. In this deed it gives the following history of this land: "Granted to George Yates 800 acres called RICH LEVEL in 1680. On Dec 1682 George Yates conveyed by deed to Henry Brent of Calvert Co. 600 acres of RICH LEVEL. The balance of 200 acres of RICH LEVEL was bequeathed to his daughter Elizabeth Yates alias Plummer."

Both of these call Elizabeth the daughter of George Yates. And as the 1703 deed to Henry Darnell is signed by Thomas and Elizabeth Plummer 9 years after Thomas Plummer the Immigrant died, I think proves that she was the wife of Thomas Plummer, the only son of Thomas Plummer the Immigrant.

THOMAS PLUMMER, the Immigrant's Will probated 26 Feb 1694/5 list the following heirs: Wife: Elizabeth; children: Thomas Plummer, son; Margaret, daughter, wife of Hugh Riley; Mary, daughter, wife of William Jackson; Sussanna, daughter, wife of Francis Swanson; Elizabeth, daughter.

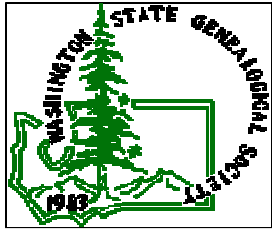
THOMAS PLUMMER Will probated 29 Jun 1728 lists the following heirs: Wife: Elizabeth; Children: Thomas, Samuel, George, John, Jerome, Philamon, Prissilla, Phoebe, Micahah, Yate, and Abiezer. Plummer, the Immigrant?

This now leaves us with the question.....Was Elizabeth Smith the wife of Thomas?



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AARP offers a range of discounts for members, including this one from Ancestry.com as outlined on its website, discounts.aarp.org. "AARP members can now discover their family story with an exclusive 30% membership discount for an entire year. Offer good for valid AARP members who wish to subscribe to the Ancestry.com World Explorer membership for a one year subscription. New Ancestry.com members can visit <http://www.ancestry.com/aarp> and choose between the Ancestry.com World Explorer subscription in either monthly or semi-annual durations. Your subscription will automatically renew after the initial duration (monthly or semi-annually) at the discounted rate for the entire first year. Thereafter, your subscription will automatically renew at standard list prices. Existing Ancestry.com members must call Member Services at 1-800-514-4645 to access the discount. For existing Ancestry.com members, the available discounted package may vary depending on one's existing membership. Limit one discount per valid AARP Member number, may not be transferred or postponed."

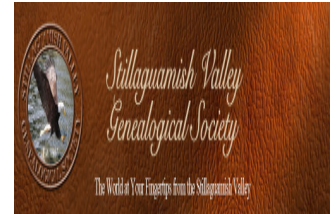


Washington State Genealogy Conference 2014

August 15th & 16th—2days, 24 incredible classes

Byrnes Performing Arts Center

18821 Crown Ridge Boulevard, Arlington, WA



Keynote Speaker: **D. Joshua Taylor**, MA, MLS, is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager – United States and Canada for DC Thomson Family History, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher.

Other speakers, classes

Luana Darby of Salt Lake City will be speaking on fraternal society records and German Immigrant records.

Steven W. Morrison with two classes. One on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA covering MtDNA, YDNA, and Autosomal.

Donna Potter Phillips will get people primed with her two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.

Patty MacNamee of NARA will present on ethnic records available at the National Archives.

Susan Faulkner is slated for two programs about getting more from census records and vital records.

Janet Camarata will do her fantastic program on using timelines to advance your research.

Margie Beldin will pass along her knowledge of technology and genealogy with two topics.

Jill Morelli's class on self-publishing is a must see and you won't want to miss it.

Teresa Schulze's fun and exciting presentation on digital family history scrapbooking.

Eric Stroschein, with a four session workshop that explains how to incorporate the Genealogical Proof Standard into your research, follows a family's relationships from basic to advanced research

Antique Show Vendors



#7 Books



A Stitch in Time



Antique Consortium



Antiqtam



Chambelle



Best Friend
Antiques



Blue Moon
Antiques



Nurse Nancy Doll
Hospital



Old Yellow House
Antiques



Tami Sioux Antiques



Introductions

by Carol Caldwell

Walt Smith – Walt is a home town Bremerton boy. He became interested in genealogy through his wife Beverly when she introduced him to PSGS. He went with the group to Salt Lake City for research. It was there he discovered that his great, great grandfather did not come from Ireland as was told to the family. The man was born in Canada, but his parents were the Irish immigrants. Family names Walt is looking for are Smith, Gunn, and Burke.

Carole Zeitner – Carole was born and grew up in Opheim, Montana. She came to Bremerton following her husband Mike when he was recruited by the Navy Ship Yard in 1969. Her aunt traced Carole's father's side in order to join the DAR. Then her mother joined in the research. Carole has much of her family tree delineated through the hard work of those two women. She and her husband, Mike, found out about PSGS from Jean Yager. An interesting find for her was an old recipe she discovered in a trunk her Grandmother Fossum brought from Norway, a recipe on how to cook opossum. The surnames in her family are Fossum, Carlson, Redfield, and Goforth.

Claudia Breland – Originally from New Mexico, Claudia moved around with her Air Force father. She finally came to Washington to be with her parents after she graduated. She and her husband lived in Maple Valley before moving to Gig Harbor. Jean Yager introduced Claudia to PSGS. Claudia began her research in 1974 when she received a stack of papers from her grandfather's estate. She was hooked and later became a professional genealogist. She does research for clients, writes blogs and a monthly newsletter, and published her first book last year. Her research verified some family stories her grandfather wrote down. He noted that a cousin was shot and killed by her husband in cold blood in 1913. However, the husband was found not guilty even though everyone knew he did it. Her surname searches center on Reed, Beem, Chase, Hickox, Prosser, Lane, Palmer, Randall, Thompson, Rounds, Stoelt, and Dorsch.

Jilann Hauge – Jilann was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Her parents moved to Tacoma when Jil was five. When she married her husband Russ, they moved to Port Orchard. She has always loved history and fell into genealogy research when she was off work following surgery. She says she loves following the threads in families. Her brick wall is finding information on her German surnames. Her ancestors migrated from Prussia, now Poland, in the 1800s. Her surnames are Fritz, Jahns, Draheim, Schultz, Piehl, Beyer, and Luedtke. She would love help with her German research.



Field Trip

by Jean Yager

Friday, March 7th proved to be a great day for a field trip to the Northwest Room at the downtown Tacoma Library. After a short tour of the area, the seven of us went to work exploring the various resources.

The Northwest Room is home to the library's collection of materials on Tacoma and the Pacific Northwest, featuring resources on genealogy; photography and newspapers collections; and rare books. There are also several shelves filled with informational books on the U.S.

Some things to keep in mind if you plan to go: Plan ahead for parking and lunch. The parking lot south of the library has an hourly charge of \$1.00, though you can park for free on the street. Just remember to move your car every hour. The library no longer has an eating area so you will need to eat in your car or find a restaurant.

A small portion of their collection can now be found on their website: www.tpl.lib.wa.us (click on Northwest collection). But as in any research, it's always better to visit a repository in person than rely on the internet. The next field trip will be in May to the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner.

L-R: Johnny Wilson, Jackie Horton, Jean Yager, Gail Reynolds, Mary Ann Wright, Marlys Marrs, Dorothy Lindquist



A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



Jan 22 “Do You Have Huguenot Ancestry?”

presenters: **Peggy and Marissa Goldenman**

Marissa and Peggy Goldenman, members of the Huguenot Society of Washington State, gave a very informative presentation on the history of the Huguenot, their reasons for fleeing France in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and their eventual migration to North America.

More information about the Huguenot and the Huguenot Society can be found at the following websites:

The Washington State Huguenot Society - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wahugue/>

The National Huguenot Society - <http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/general/>

The Huguenot Society of America - <http://www.huguenotsocietyofamerica.org/>

Genealogy resources for those who believe they may have Huguenot ancestry include *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition 2012* and *Huguenot Genealogies: A Selected Preliminary List*.

Feb 26 “How to Get Started in African American Research”

presenter: **Patricia M Thomas**

Patricia Moncure Thomas, president of the Black History Society of Kitsap County and a retired teacher, historian and author shared her story of finding her family roots. Pat led us through her search in Mississippi and Virginia to find her black and white ancestors. She stressed the importance of interviewing her newly-discovered family members and capturing those conversations on tape. These reminiscences brought life to her Moncure family genealogical book. Pat also said her family has annual reunions to maintain these new connections, share family stories, and engage the younger members of the family in their history.

Mar 26 “Tips on Writing your Family History”

presenter: **Sharon Jackson**

Sharon Jackson, long-time educator who specializes in the written word, inspired her audience with simple ideas to get us started in putting our family stories into well-written narratives. Some of her suggestions included working in a small group to keep motivated and putting photos in a scrapbook and then adding narrative captions for each. Sharon reminded us that memoirs are a slice of life; we don't need to write an entire history! She recommended several books to help us get started, including *Old Friend from Far Away* by Natalie Goldberg and *The Sum of Our Days* by Isabel Allende.



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Do you believe, or know, you have Civil War Ancestors? The Fold3 website has gathered a large collection of original military records, including Civil War records that include Widow's Pension records, service records, photos and maps. In remembrance of the commencement of the Civil War in April 1861, Fold3 invites you to explore all records in its Civil War Collection for **free** until April 30. Start exploring by accessing the following website: <http://go.fold3.com/civilwar/?iid=1723>. If you are an Ancestry.com member, a year's subscription to Fold3 is half the regular rate.

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Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Apr 23 “Identifying Family Connections through Photos” presenter: Elisabeth Demmon

Elisabeth Demmon, KRL Library Associate, will show us how to identify family connections through the study of faces and fashions in photographs.

May 28 “Grave Concerns” presenter: Ann Northcutt

Ann Northcutt will demonstrate how to search for and create memorials on Find-a-Grave; add obituaries, biographies and photos; and create your own virtual cemetery.

Jun 25 “Discovering Family Heirlooms, Part 2” presenters: PSGS Members

Have you unearthed trinkets, jewelry, linens, photos, etc. from among your ancestor’s possessions? Bring your treasure to the meeting and share how you discovered it and the story that makes it so special to you.

Schedule of Classes — April through June

Apr 26	Saturday	10AM-2PM	Gen 103: Vital Records Presenter: Ann Northcutt
May 6	Tuesday	10AM-2PM	Military Research Presenter: Karl Kumm
May 24	Saturday	10AM-2PM	Using Google and Google Earth for Genealogy Presenter: Jim Johnson
May 27	Tuesday	2PM-5PM	Gen 101: Beginning Genealogy @ Poulsbo Library Presenter: Jean Yager
Jun 3	Tuesday	10AM-2PM	Open Genealogy Workshop Presenters: PSGS Volunteers & KCS Volunteers
Jun 24	Tuesday	2PM-5PM	Gen 102: Using Census Records @ Poulsbo Library Presenter: Mary Ann Wright
Jun 28	Saturday	10AM-2PM	GC Volunteers Refresher Class Presenters: Mary Ann Wright & Elisabeth Demmon

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

Putting Down Roots

The Adventures of Charles Thompson

By Julia Wright Joaquin

Part One



My mother, Margaret Orvis Wright (1904-2000), loved her Grandfather Thompson (1842-1927). This is probably because he taught her to play cards and he also told her exciting stories about his life. Charles was born in Middleborough, Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1842. His family had lived in Middleborough since 1688, having moved there from Plymouth. He left Middleborough at the beginning of the Civil War starting his long and adventurous life. Here is part of his story told in his own words. He wrote this at age 75 in 1917. At the time he was living at the Retsil Veteran's home in Port Orchard.

"I enlisted in the U.S. Navy at New Bedford, Massachusetts August 1862 and boarded the receiving ship Ohio at Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston and transferred to the relief ship North Carolina at Brooklyn Navy Yard. I was drawn from there to fill the crew of the U.S.S. Montgomery, under command of Commander Charles Hunter.

The Montgomery was attached to the Gulf Squadron under Rear-Admiral David G. Farragut, and sailed under a roving commission covering the whole of the Gulf of Mexico.

Three months before the war started I had made arrangements to take up the study of Architecture and Building with an Uncle in Providence, Rhode Island. After my discharge in 1863 I joined him and followed this plan.

In the winter of 1866 I went west to Salina, Kansas. This was before the railroad was complete so I traveled via the old four-horse overland stage.

I opened a mill and grain business in Salina and followed this until I met Captain Howard Morton, from Plymouth, Massachusetts, near my own home. We formed a partnership and homesteaded twenty miles up

the Saline River. We were together for five years, raising stock and doing general ranching.

Buffalo and other game were plentiful in those days. The Indians made three different raids during the five years and a great many of the settlers were killed. I served as Deputy Sheriff and was a member of a Vigilante Committee - there were many thrilling encounters with horse and cattle thieves, besides the Indian troubles.

In the fall of 1868, I went to Fort Harker and took a position under Major Inmann as lumber overseer for the Department of Missouri. Major Inmann was Division Quartermaster for the Department. I handled the lumber for Texas, western Kansas and Colorado. In my stay at

Fort Hays I became acquainted with Wild Bill Hickok and William (Buffalo Bill) Cody. Colonel Cody and I were great friends up to the time of his death.

I was commander of Stevens Post No. 1 G.A.R in Seattle in 1915. Colonel Cody served as my Chief of Staff for the Memorial Day parade, May 30, 1915. He later addressed the Boys in the Hippodrome. The

parade that day was 2 1/2 miles long.

General Custer made his famous raid against the Blackfoot Indians the winter I was at Fort Hays. I helped outfit the expedition at the request of Major Inmann who introduced me to General Custer.

During my five years ranching and cattle raising on the Saline River there were five Indian raids, killing or capturing ten ranchers. The ranchers had no mercy on Indians, cattle thieves or horse rustlers."



Buffalo Bill Cody, 2nd from left,
Charles Thompson, 3rd from left
in Seattle, 1915

To be continued

Putting Down Roots

My Italian Immigrant Mother

by Linda Z Sloan

Part Two



Beatrice, mother Guiseppeppina, brother Lamberto, with father Luigi Bartolini standing in the back

The story of my mother, Beatrice Bartolini continues when she returns to her mountain village in Northern Italy from working in Milan as a young girl. She is reunited with her mother and siblings: Condidia, Maria, Lamberto, Alfonsina and now a new baby, Mauro, born just months after her father Luigi immigrated to America.

This was a very difficult time for the family as World War I was raging all around them from 1915 to

1918. There was only her mother, who was overworked and stressed out trying to provide for her children. Beatrice was sent across the valley to her aunt's boarding house to help with cooking and cleaning. Her aunt had been given a contract to house and feed several soldiers working on a road project.

After a few months Beatrice was told by her aunt to pack her things and return home immediately but was given no explanation. When she arrived home, her mother met her at the door with a knotted rope. The beating she received put her in bed for a week. She was being accused of stealing a gold coin from one of the soldiers while cleaning his room. She was innocent. The gold coin was later found in the aunt's son's room. No one ever said they were sorry. Beatrice decided then and there to leave Italy for good.

It was late 1920 before Luigi was able to save enough money to bring some of his family to join him after 6 years of living alone in America. Beatrice now 17, jumped at the chance to leave Italy. She took her younger siblings Alfonsina, 11, and Lamberto, 14 with her. Due to her age, a man of 35 was found to accompany them on the long journey as their guardian. The group traveled by train

from Milan to the northwestern city of Turin (Torino) Italy and on to Le Havre, France, the original transatlantic port where most Europeans departed for North America.

While on the train, the guardian lost the brown envelope containing Lamberto's papers. The conductor found it and returned it to Beatrice who promptly stuck it in her bra, stating "anything I put in here is safe." The conductor was French but he got the message.

Leaving the French Harbor, it took 13 days to cross the Atlantic. She ate all she wanted and drank quite a bit of grappa, too. She once said, "I had holes in my shoes but I was traveling first class." Unfortunately, Alfonsina was sea sick the entire time.

The ship docked in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada because it was cheaper than going through New York. They boarded a train from St. Johns to Quebec where they had to change trains to reach Detroit and then Chicago. Vendors came aboard the train selling food. "We bought anything we could sink our teeth into, fruit, candy rolls, anything."

When they arrived in Detroit, they had to wait for the connecting train to Chicago. They were out of food and very hungry. Beatrice asked the guardian to look for a grocery store. He was gone for a very short time and returned saying there were no stores and he was afraid he would miss the train.

Beatrice took his pocket watch and her ticket and went to the ticket window and showed the agent the watch and her ticket. The agent used his finger to go around the clock a number of times, indicating she had several hours to wait. She took her sister and brother and left the station. "If I make only right turns I can find my way back," she said. Within a few blocks a small grocery store was found. They finally arrived in Illinois where "Fabbro" the blacksmith welcomed his family with open arms.



Meanderings

By Jackie Perkins Horton

"The Girls"

Edited by Madi Cataldo



Rhonda Prall, Marlys' cousin,
Marlys, Madi, Jackie in 1980

I always refer to our group as "the girls" when actually we now are a group of five widows who thoroughly enjoy genealogy. How we met is through genealogy, how we traveled over the years is because of genealogy, how we have grown close to each other is due to genealogy.

It all started with Marlys Marrs who, as everyone knows, had the vision to start (in 1974) a genealogical club in this area. Madilyn Cataldo (Madi) and myself (Jackie) joined Puget Sound Genealogical Society in 1978 followed almost immediately by Linnie Griffin and Jan Stevenson. We called Linnie, Madi, and Jan the "Belfair Group." The five of us were the original group of girls.

Madi, Marlys, and I went with Arthur Fiske in 1980 on one of his sponsored trips to Salt Lake City. Madi and I roomed together but Marlys had a room next to us and we opened the door to her room so the three of us could share our trip together. The library was in the building that you now know as the cafeteria. Not half as large and accommodating as the newer library but we had fun and with Marlys' help got off to a wonderful start on our family research. The lunches we had in the Hotel Utah were excellent – we miss those lunches – nothing we have found in Salt Lake City since compares to them.

Over the next few years Marlys went to Salt Lake City with Pat Foley, now Collier, but then started going with Madi. My husband Jerry insisted he wanted to go, so during those years we drove in our motorhome. Jerry suggested I start going with the group and the first year I roomed with RoseMary O'Brien. Soon we were driving to SLC and it was after the first car trip, about 1985, that Linnie and Jan asked me to join them as a third roommate. In 1994 DeLana joined our group and about 2004 Jan left our group because of her health.

We have not limited our travel for genealogy to SLC. Marlys, DeLana, and myself hopped into my car and went to the Midwest states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and stopped in Montana. We found genealogy tidbits in all the states, but Wisconsin was by far the worst place for research. We visited Marlys' sister, Myrt in Otter Tail, Minnesota and enjoyed wonderful food and hospitality. We did some sightseeing as well, especially through South Dakota. This was DeLana's first trip to these states – Marlys and I were both born in Minnesota.

Another year we went to Washington, DC, researching in various genealogical places. The place we found the most information on our families was the DAR library. We took a bus tour of the city and saw among other sites the flag being raised on Iwo Jima and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Last year we went to Boston to research in the New England Historical & Genealogical Society Library (NEHGS). Everyone is very helpful there but it is mainly Massachusetts research and manuscripts. Some manuscripts are in storage so you have to request them as soon as possible to have them available for your perusal. They are adding the building next to them to their facility, which will make it much larger for research and expansion of various areas of research. There are plenty of ethnic restaurants to eat at in Boston near the NEHGS. We stayed at the Howard Johnson's which has Fenway Park in back of it. You could hear everyone yelling for the Red Sox. Marlys, DeLana, and I took a tour since Marlys had never been to Boston and she wanted to see the old Church and Paul Revere's home. Again we walked and walked but we made it, went the wrong way, and had to backtrack quite a distance to catch our bus. We also saw the cemetery near the Old Church. Boston is a very interesting city with all the history of our country.



Linda Jones & Jan Stevenson at SLC



Meanderings

"The Girls"



Jackie asleep on the train

Our trips to SLC started with flying, then train rides, and finally driving, now back to flying. On the train it seemed we got up, had breakfast, turned around, had lunch, turned

around, and had dinner. Always eating; never felt so stuffed in my life. When we drove Dick Helender rode with me once and had a hard time getting comfortable because his legs are so long he couldn't stretch them out. On one trip, Marlys had car trouble in Idaho where we stopped for a new battery. We drove all night and made it home on time – I was driving and was very sleepy. Another year we stopped at Linnie's cousin's home outside of Boise and had a vegetarian dinner. We always stopped at night either in Boise or at the Idaho-Oregon state line.

In Salt Lake City we enjoyed taking classes that were offered, going to the cafeteria in the old building, and just helping each other. I hate heights and I hate elevators but who got stuck in the elevator in the library? Yes, Me! It went up and down – up and down – and it would not stop at a floor and open the door. Holding one of the buttons in, it finally stopped at the main floor but they had to use a vise to open the door. Scary! Another year we went to check into our rooms at Howard Johnson's and they did not have our reservation. We had a confirmation so they put us up at another motel three blocks away, but each morning they sent the car to pick up Madi and Marlys. Marlys' sister, Myrna, was with us.

We have ridden the horse buggy around Salt Lake City, climbed the statue in the middle of the street (egged on by Dick Helender and Bill Richardson), and toured the

new building across the street. Linnie and I attended the classes put on by Utah Genealogical Society in conjunction with Brigham Young University, Linnie and I also had our glamour pictures taken which my husband loved, and Dick and I would walk around the block across the street about six every morning. We made friends with our waitress who last time we were there was still working at the restaurant in the hotel. She had a child, and kept us informed on how her daughter was doing through the years. This year she is a Junior in college. She turned out to be a very good mother.



The group waiting for the train

We have taken tours, gone to lunch and dinner with Arlene Eakles, played cards, seen SLC in winter, fall, and spring always beautiful, waited in line for long periods of time just to get a certain microfilm reader or computer. On weekends we would always go out to eat and I do not think we ever have eaten at the same place except

the spaghetti factory. One place we went that is memorable is a place where you rent rooms of different kinds – one made up as a treehouse, a palace, bridal room etc. The restaurant was built from an old jailhouse.

Over the years we have been together doing genealogy, attending seminars, and continuing a wonderful friendship. Jan is still in a home, Marlys has lost both her sisters, I lost my beloved daughter and we all have lost our wonderful husbands who supported us through all these years. We have lunch once a month when we are not traveling, and are still members of PSGS.

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**Marlys, Madi,
Linnie, Jackie**



Our Trip to Salt Lake City Genealogical Library

by Jean Yager



Jackie Horton

I found information that disproves many assumptions made by people in the Horton line and received knowledge on online programs for Denmark and Russia. I also wanted to become more familiar with WIKI, which I did. It was a very profitable genealogical trip.



Madi Cataldo

This trip was just as wonderful as the first. I found a copy of my mother's birth certificate. She had to have one made up in the 1930s as it was required to join Social Security. I also picked up some new ancestral surnames so naturally it means going back to SLC again.

Gail Reynolds

As always, I was looking for Clarence Vernon Reynolds. I was able to find two death certificates but one did not pan out due to finding his name in several city directories. This means the other could be a clue but there has been no way to discover if this is the same person. Also, my husband and I would like to make a trip to Illinois to find the home sites of his grandparents so I was able to narrow the location to a smaller area with the aid of some older maps of Illinois.

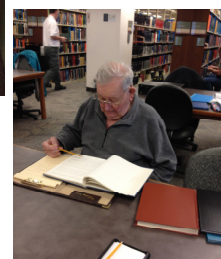
Georgia Gail

I learned that my great grandfather probably led an easier life in Poland/Germany in 1830s - 1850s than after he came to this country. He became a Justice of the Peace/Sheriff here and was a judge for the Prussian government there. He is definitely an elusive character. I was helped to trace his journey through Poland and Germany and I think he probably left from the port of Hamburg & got married in Koenigsberg before he left for this country.

Jean Yager

My aunt (Linda Langberg), mom (Alta Drane) and I would spend long days in the library, but when we returned to our room, we played the domino game, Mexican Train! Judy Joaquin and Gail Reynolds were rooming next to ours and joined us a couple of times. As for any new discoveries, on my mom's side, I found a wealth of information on the IHDE line. My grandfather's sister had written, *"The Albert Idy/Ihde family had 7 girls and 1 boy, Albert Jr., and when he was 3 days old his father left and never came back. He said his wife was too bossy. Don't know his wife's first name or maiden name or their nationalities."* I found the names of the seven girls and their birth order, Albert was the fifth child, so the story of the father leaving when Albert was three days old can't be true (unless he left and then returned). However, bossiness does run in my family, so that part could be true. I also discovered the given and surname of the wife (my 3rd great grandmother).

More Pictures from Salt Lake Library



Side By Side

Gail Reynolds

Member Since 2007



Judy Joaquin

Member Since 2005

I was born in Portsmouth, VA to parents who divorced when I was about 3 and my sister was about 18 months. They switched partners with another couple (who had 3 children). The children stayed with the mothers and the stepfathers. I have lived in many states and came to Washington when I was 8. I graduated from high school in Anacortes and moved to Seattle. While attending Highline College I met my dear husband and we were married in 1970. I have two grown sons with sons of their own.

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy?

In 1972 I took a genealogy class from a history teacher at Highline College. Later in the 1990s (when I got around to genealogy again), I went to a couple of meetings but decided not to continue because all the people involved were soooo old I didn't feel like I fit in.

Q: How and when did you come to join PSGS?

We moved to Allyn where this very friendly woman who lived across the street asked my son how the moving in was going. He stated that everything was almost moved but the genealogy took up the most room. That friendly woman was Judy Joaquin and she invited me to go to the Belfair chapter meeting and I joined then.

Q: What are your research goals?

I want to prove wrong to those who say I should give up because my family is so mixed up.

Q: Any surnames and localities of specific interest?

My specific brick wall at this time is finding my husband's paternal grandfather, Clarence Vernon Reynolds, who deserted his family in the 1920s and has never been found. Besides researching the Reynolds name, I also hunt for Gardner, Ruck, and Neilson, which are located in England, Germany and Scotland.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I am the Belfair Bulletin reporter for the Backtracker.

Being born in Duvall, Washington, I am a true Washingtonian. I am from a wonderful family of 5 children of which I am the youngest. I graduated from Kings High School in Seattle and attended Seattle Pacific College and Prairie Bible College in Alberta. In 1968 I settled in Allyn where my two children were raised. I have lived in Allyn ever since where I enjoy the serenity of it all. In 2002 I retired from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and since then my husband, Jerry, and I have enjoyed traveling and sharing in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy?

I first got interested in genealogy when I discovered old letters in a shoebox. We were moving my grandfather and there they were. Discovering who these letter writers were and how they were related to me was fascinating and 40 plus years later I am still fascinated.

Q: How and when did you come to PSGS?

My first introduction to PSGS was in the early 1980s when we were establishing a genealogy group in Belfair. Seemed like a good idea to partner with PSGS. My membership lapsed for several years and I rejoined in 2005.

Q: What are your research goals?

My research goals have evolved over the years. I first started out just to find out about my grandfather's family. Since then my goal has been to share with others. The internet has made that possible to a large degree.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

The surnames I am researching are: Wright, Kenny, Orvis, Swift among others. Localities are New York and the New England States.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I have been past Chair of the Belfair Chapter. I have contributed articles to the Backtracker and am now the current Member-at-Large so I write the Milestones column.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Here we are with the year a quarter gone already. January, February and March just sped by and by the time you read this at least half of April will be over also.

The Belfair Chapter was lucky enough to have former member Ken Dunlap make a presentation during our February meeting on the method he used to prove a relative of his qualified him to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. And he did it the hard way ... he did research on a relative that was not already in the files for the SAR, which meant that he had to absolutely prove that this relative was not only active in the American Revolution but also was related to Ken. I have done the research for my husband's cousin so I know how much work that was.

Also during February, Linnie Griffin, Jackie Horton, Marlys Marrs, Madi Cataldo, Judy Joaquin and I travelled to Salt Lake City to do research. I know some brick walls were knocked down and progress made on finding new or editing old information that is needed to help us on our way to finding our ancestors.

March's meeting featured Claudia Breland who gave us an outline of how to do research about any English ancestors we have. I will have to save my notes so that when I get that far I can refer to them again. Her main theme was so much research can be done from home or at the library that we should work on that first. Speaking for myself, I can't think of a better excuse to visit England but I would like to be prepared and know where to go to find the information I need.

I conducted the program for our April meeting. Everyone was given the "homework" of answering the Side By Side questions that normally appear in the Backtracker. In addition we all shared what we found or hoped to find at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. Having everyone read their answers led to a rousing discussion of the responses and even some surprises as we all learned more about our members' lives and genealogy goals.

Our May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 12:30 p.m. in the Timberland Library in Belfair.

Hope to see all of you there!

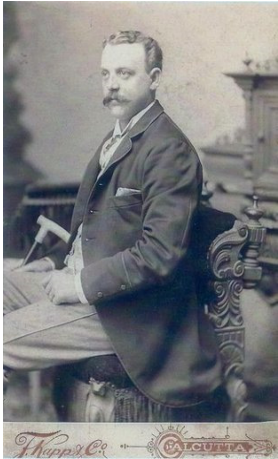


Gail Reynolds, Jackie Horton, Estelle Parsons, Marlys Marrs,
Madi Cataldo, Linnie Griffin, Judy Joaquin

"The Belfair Group"

Piecing together a Grandfather's life of intrigue and travel

by Hazel Thornton



James Buckley

My great-grandfather, **James Buckley** was born 2 June 1861 in Crompton, Lancashire, England to parents **James Buckley** and **Martha Howarth**. By the age of nine, he was a mule piecer in the cotton mills of Oldham. Mule piecers were usually young children (most started around the age of 7) who leaned over the spinning machines (mules) while they were running to repair broken threads. It has been report-

ed that they averaged 20 miles a day walking around the mills and it was a dangerous job with many injuries and deaths. By the time he was 19 he was a big piecer, similar job, more responsibility. At the time he was married on 9 November 1893 to **Elizabeth Frith**, he had changed careers and was now a licensed victualer (innkeeper). He was licensed for the "Pineapple Inn" in 1886-1887, and became in charge of the "Lamb Inn" in Salford in January of 1894. Later that same year he lost the license for keeping a disorderly house and the inn closed.

A little over two and a half years after his marriage and two children, his wife, Elizabeth, passed away a month after the birth of their second child. What he did for the next five years no one knows, but my belief is that he went back to the cotton trade because by 1901 he was a mill manager. I also think his in-laws helped him with the children between 1896 and early 1901 as they were living at his address at 16 Henthorn Street in March 1901, and his sons (James and Frank) were living with relatives in Blackpool. I think the children were sent there so he could prepare to go abroad to India in the cotton trade again after being recruited by the mills in India. Later on,

his sons were raised by his brother and sister-in-law, where they stayed until adulthood.

Lancashire mill workers were heavily recruited to operate the mills in India. They could grow cotton; they needed to know how to spin it. He was given a gold watch in 1905 by Seth Kanhaiya Lal Bagla, Proprietor, for his service as Manager at the Hanoonia Mahadeo Spinning and Weaving Mills in Delhi. From research into Cotton Mill practices in India with English workers, he would have had a five-year contract. They were recruited extensively from the Lancashire area to go to India and help them start the mills, train workers and generally

help improve their lifestyle. Most mills eventually were owned and worked by the Indian people. At the end of these contracts, they had what was called home leave. Usually about 18 months as it took three months traveling each way to go between England and India. In 1907, he was listed in the Indian Directory as manager for the Victoria Cotton Mills, Ferguson Road,



Pineapple Inn, ca 1900, Rochdale Road, Shaw

The Pineapple Inn

Parel, Bombay.

In 1912, he traveled back to England on the "Medina" a steamship built in 1911 by the Peninsula & Orient Steam Navigation Line, arriving in London 21 December 1912. (Later, in 1917, the ship was torpedoed and sunk.) He returned to India and it is not known if he took on another contract with another mill but records came out after his death in the estate papers showing that he owned 35 shares of the Simplex Mill and at the time of his death 25 December 1917, he was a retired mill manager.

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James Buckley in India



Piecing together, (cont'd from page 15)

One of the family stories is that he managed a mill for the Maharajah of Baroda. It is possible as the Maharajah was a very forward thinking man and owned quite a few mills

The day he died, which was Christmas Day, he was at a dinner party also attended by the Viceroy of Bombay. This was a month after his oldest son was killed in the war in Mesopotamia (now known as Iraq). It is not known whether he already had been informed about his son's death, or if he just received the news while at the dinner. During wartime, it could have taken a month to get word to him. He was buried the next day at the Sewri Cemetery in Bombay. No one knows what happened to the shares in the estate. It was three years before his remaining son Frank, who was also in the war, to get to India to collect his belongings. By that time only personal effects were remaining.

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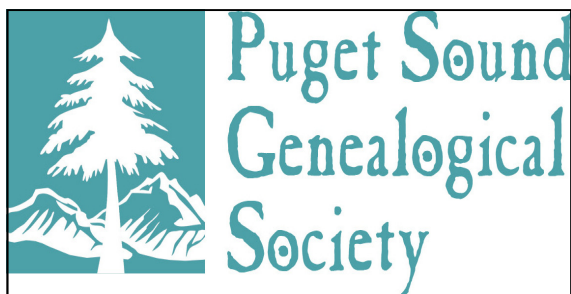
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