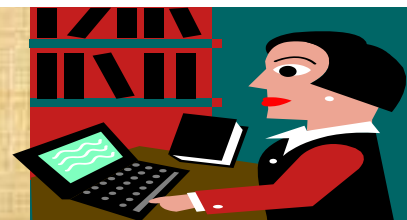




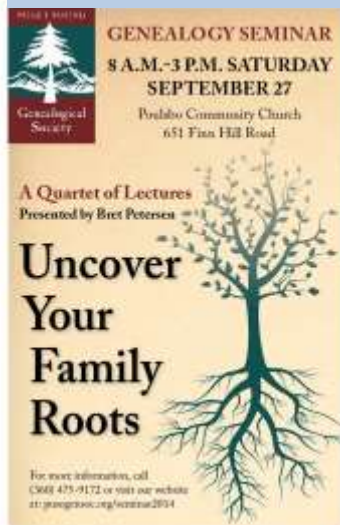
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PSGS Seminar 2014



It's time once again for our Society's biennial education extravaganza! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27, meet at the Poulsbo Community Church, and plan to be entertained, educated and inspired. The seminar, **Uncover Your Family Roots**, will begin with registrations at 8:15am, followed at 9am with opening remarks, and ending at 3pm.

Registration information is available now on the PSGS website, www.pusogensoc.org/seminar2014. The registration fee prior to September 13 is \$30; after September 13 the fee is \$35.

This year's seminar features Bret Petersen. Bret developed a love of family history research at a young age and it continued through his college years at BYU where he graduated with a degree in Journalism and a minor in Education. His passion for family history research and the growth of computer-assisted research led him to the Utah Valley Technology and Genealogy Group where he now serves as webmaster. He also serves on the Utah Genealogical As-



Bret Petersen

sociation's Board of Directors. He is a graduate of the 2011 National Institute on Genealogical Research and as a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild he has been a presenter and teacher for groups ranging from just a few to several hundred participants. He loves teaching and helping others learn all they can about using technology in researching their family history.

Bret plans to present four lectures covering a wide range of research strategies. For example, in his lecture on vital records, **Sources for Vital Records Before they Existed**, he will review other places to find information about these important life events when local or national governments weren't required to do so. A lecture on newspapers, **Using Newspapers in Research: You sNews you Lose**, will explore the kind of things that can be found in newspapers to assist in our family research, how to locate them, and the progress being made to digitize newspapers. If your research is leading you to England, Bret's lecture on English research, **Jumping "the Pond" – research in England**, will explore where to start, available records, and how to access them. And for his fourth lecture, Bret takes us into the world of technology with **Your Head in the Cloud and Your Feet on the Ground**. Be prepared to learn about the amazing

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Presidential Ponderings by Ann Northcutt



Ahhh...summer! Longer days, sunshine, warmer temps and time to enjoy the outdoors! But let's not forget about all of those genealogy happenings! It's that time of year to start thinking about PSGS officers for 2015. All positions are open! If you are interested in becoming a part of our Board, please contact one of our Nomination Committee members—Fran Moyer, Sandie Morrison or Bev Smith.

August is the Washington State Genealogical Society conference. This year the event will be held August 15 & 16 at the Byrnes Performing Art Center in Arlington, Washington. The keynote speaker will be D. Joshua Taylor, President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Speaking of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), at the last General Meeting I announced that PSGS had recently joined this society. Founded in 1976, the FGS is a non-profit organization, managed by a volunteer board and comprised of hundreds of genealogical societies, historical societies and associate organizations, ultimately representing over 500,000 individual genealogists. More information on the benefits of this membership may be found at www.fgs.org.

Here's hoping your summer is filled with lots of sun, fun and an abundance of genealogical finds!

Genealogy Center Report by Mary Ann Wright



At our April membership meeting, we celebrated our Genealogy Center volunteers, who donated over 2700 hours during 2013 ensuring our Genealogy Center was available to the more than 950 researchers who visited the Center. In addition, our volunteer

coordinator, Charlotte Long-Thornton, was recognized for her untiring support of our volunteers, including the scheduling, training, and reports she prepares. In addition to our GC volunteers, we also recognized all our members who have taken on leadership roles within our organization, who serve on committees, or who teach or present educational programs for those in our community. Without the commitment of our members, we would be unable to keep and attract members. Thank You to all our Volunteers!

During this last quarter an additional 25 books were added to our collection, thanks to the generous donations of our members



Milestones by Judy Joaquin

It is always great to hear of members making overseas trips to check out family history. Recently new members, John and Vickie Bushnell, made such a trip. We are anxious to hear of Vickie's seeing her ancestral farm as well as John in his pursuit of finding the family farm in Germany.

Congratulations are in order for the following wedding anniversaries-Gail and Larry Reynolds and Leon and Donna Venise. Please accept our congratulations if I missed you!

Recently I sent out thank you notes for those who donated to the Society. We appreciate this and thank you again.

This has been rather a quiet quarter for our members with medical problems. For this we are thankful! However, Linda Wilson and Susan Evans both had medical issues but the good news is they are on the mend. Two of our members have been away too long because of illness. Our thoughts go out to Lynda Peel and Rosie Welch.

My last word to you is have a wonderful safe summer. Drink lots of water and stay cool!

and friends. We continue to look for material that will improve our collection, so check your bookshelves!!

Our Genealogy Center Committee is reviewing some of the books in our Guides and Instructions section to check for duplicates and those with out of date instructions, such as on computer and internet usage.

In addition, some of our recent donations were duplicates and are now being offered for sale at our monthly meetings. Be sure to check out the book cart at our next meeting.

As always, your support and suggestions are welcome!

The “Pappy” I Never Met

by Hazel Thornton



Emmett Earl Lynn was born on February 14, 1897 in Muscatine, Iowa as the fourth child of Edward William Lynn and Minnie Irene Turner. He had seven siblings, namely Cecil May, James, Lola, Merle, Jessie,

Leslie and Lyle. His brother Lyle was the father of Jack Lynn-Thornton and grandfather to his son Jackie Lee Thornton, my late husband.

My father-in-law's surname was different due to changing his name in his twenties because he was brought up by his real father's (Lyle) sister, Cecil May, and her husband Harley Thornton. Obviously, this created some confusion in trying to trace this tree.

Emmett married twice, first to Fawn Morse of Minnesota circa 1918 and Beatrice Graves in Polk County, Iowa. Not much is known about either of these wives. Emmett and his family descended from the Lynn family of Prince William County, Virginia. Some of this family moved away from this area just before the Civil War and Emmett's family was one that ended up in Iowa. Emmett, because his father worked for the railroad, moved from Iowa to Minnesota, back to Iowa, then to Colorado, then Pennsylvania and so on.

Emmett was always fascinated with films and plays and burlesque. He eventually ended up in Hollywood where he started working for Biograph Studios in 1913. He began as a comic in burlesque. He appeared in over 140 films between 1940 and 1956. He ended up with the nickname “Pappy” or sometimes “Pops” working as a “B” western sidekick.

His first stint after burlesque was with Tim Holt playing a role called “Whopper.” He also worked with Don “Red” Barry in the Red Ryder films. He played in some supporting roles with Roy Rogers, Bill Elliott and Rocky Lane among others. The big screen films eventually turned into television roles in 1949.

I never met Jack's great uncle but I do remember him acting in *The Lone Ranger*, which was one of my favorite shows. He also acted in one episode of the *Ozzie and Harriet Show*, the *Gene Autry Show* and *Rin Tin Tin*. He did go back to Iowa every so often to visit his family and, of course, spent his time entertaining them with stories about Hollywood.

Emmett did break out of the Westerns later in life and had roles in *The Ten Commandments*, *The Robe* and *A Man Called Peter*.

Emmett's younger brother Lyle attempted to get into Hollywood as a musician writing piano scores but never seemed to get ahead, so that career never went anywhere. Lyle disappeared after that and we still haven't found him. Lyle's grandson, my brother-in-law, also likes to write musical scores for the piano and also has not made it big in the Hollywood life. There were quite a few Lynn's in this family that had acting and music bugs, which may have come from their Irish ancestors.

Emmett passed away in Hollywood on October 20, 1958 at the age of 61 from a heart attack and is buried at Valhalla Memorial Park.



**Did
You
Know**

Ancestry.com announced that it will “retire” five of its services as of September 30, 2014:

[MyFamily.com](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK3-3?i=1&cc=2), the family website service

[MyCanvas](https://www.mycanvas.com/), the photo book publishing service

[Genealogy.com](https://www.genealogy.com/) (though the site will remain online with some content)

[Mundia.com](https://www.mundia.com/), the worldwide family tree site and Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA testing.

Subscribers and active users of each service will receive an email with details on any refund if applicable and how to retrieve their content. Each site will have retirement landing pages and FAQs for customers.

My First Trip to Salt Lake City

by Phyllis Langworthy Nelson



My trip began about a month before my departure of February 9th, when I spent long hours each day into night researching on-line for whatever family history I could find prior to my trip. That produced more than 10# of reference files to take with me, as I was set on finding as much data as possible for my many families while in Salt Lake

City. My visit was rewarded by my 10-12 hours most days in the SLC Library, working with their wonderful staff of Sisters, Deacons and Elders. I made a friend in a Sister doing her mission there, the mom of a local friend, was invited to a lovely dinner, and lunch, and the weekly meeting in the beautiful 1888 Gothic church. We stay in touch.

My first family goal was my father's mother, Hermina **NINGER** research in Chotebor, Bohemia, which was a let down as most records were destroyed since 1898 when the last family member came to the US. The cemetery, records and the family home were destroyed and bulldozed under to create a city park after WW I and II.

I moved on to my mother's family, for which I had much more info, and was amazed to find my maternal grandmother's English **DODGE** history went back to the father of **PETER DODGE**, b. 1250 Stopworth, Cheshire, England, who worked under Edward I, and helped saved England and Scotland, rewarded with armory, family crest, and lands in Scotland. That line follows straight through to myself.

Next, I found the soldier/family of my DAR credentials, **PRICE DILLEY**. He also had ten brothers who fought in the Revolutionary War. I was able to find the earliest references to **DILL/E/Y in the two DILL brothers who served in Ireland** under Edward I and William the Conqueror, and that lineage traces straight through to my mother's grandmother, Eunice Dilley Rodenbough. Those two DILL brothers are listed in books of 11th and 12th centuries, citing their Crest and land and favors granted for their

services. Five centuries later, Capt. George DILL sailed his ship THE GOODFELLOW to America, laden with 400 poor Irish, hoping for a better life in the new land, with bonded service to those paying their fare or giving them shelter once arrived. A Boston paper cites ten ships landing in Boston on same day, each with 400 Irish immigrants, naming just this vessel, in 1654. Capt. Dill and his ship sank on his return voyage back home to Ireland, with rumors of a pirate attack causing his demise. One hundred years later, my Price Dilley was born in 1754.

The **LANGWORTHY** family is equally impressive. One line, Whitney's cousin-line goes back to 1058 and the pedigree chart is laid out in the SLC certified system. His name was Lawrence Langworthy, known as the Pewterer of the 17-18th C. Few pieces remain, having been melted down for bullets, etc. for the Revolutionary and other wars, but one surviving piece is listed for sale at Christie's for over 40,000 (\$/pds.). My husband Whitney Clark **LANGWORTHY's** family goes far back into England and the Isle of Wight, with armory and family crest, which I painted for his family--from the Langworthy book published 1940, which includes Whitney's mother and father's 1938 marriage. I found his pedigree chart in SLC going back into the 1200s. His American branch started earlier than the documented 1654 marriage of Andrew Langworthy and Rachel Hubbard in Rhode Island.

I have so much more digging to do...my husband's line ties in with another founding family--The **CLARK/E Family** of Rhode Island. I look forward to what research discoveries are around the next bend.



The Domesday Book copy found at the Library and Temple Square, pictures by Phyllis Langworthy Nelson

Ripley and his Believe it or NOT?

Josette Grew from a Bean to be a Seed

by Jeanie Schulze

Sometimes family stories are a little strange—almost unbelievable but maybe partially true. Such is the case of my great-aunt Josie Bean’s marriage. Indeed, my mother always said it was in “Ripley’s Believe It or Not.” As my Mother put it, Josie Bean and Charlie Seed were married by a Pepper and lived on Plant Street. True—or not true? Most definitely, my great-aunt was Josie Bean Seed.

“Josie is ten years old today. Tonight I let her have Emily and Grace to supper,” Ella Otis Brown Bean wrote in her diary on January 14, 1886. A precocious child, Lucile Josette Bean—or Josie as her family called her—was always close to her mother and often mentioned in her diary. Josie always had friends, often visiting them or inviting them over for cards, music, or dinner at her family’s home. Josie was also close to her younger twin brothers Frank and Daniel Bean.

As the years went on, Ella referred to Charles, or Charlie, in her diary who seemed to be a frequent visitor at the Bean home. Understandably, Charlie was drawn to Josie who grew up to be a very pretty young woman. Indeed, according to my mother the announcement of their wedding on August 16, 1899, caused people to wonder if it was true. Josie Bean and Charles R. Seed were married but who married them? The Rev. Pepper as my mother always said? Not true.



Josette Bean Seed

Ella noted her daughter’s wedding day in her diary, “Well, my Josie belongs to another. There is no Josie Bean now but it’s Josie Seed. They were married last evening at half past eight by Mr. Leland, pastor of the Universalist Church. She looked very sweet in white muslin.” So Josie and Charlie were not married by a “Pepper” after all and that part of my mother’s story fades away. I do know that Josie Bean Seed and her husband Charlie had two boys, Frank and Daniel. Ella loved their visits over the years and often noted in her diary how much she missed her daughter and her two sweet boys when they left.

Josie and Charlie took a trip to Bermuda in 1916. While there, Josie broke her leg. It was set and they traveled back to New York on the *S.S. Bermudian* arriving in New York on April 3, 1916. Not long after, the doctor determined Josie’s leg was set incorrectly so it would need to be broken and set again. A blood clot in her leg triggered an embolism that caused her death not long after the operation. As a railroad engineer, Charles Seed was often away from home so he and his two boys lived with her parents for a while after her death.

I’m still in the hunt to confirm Plant Street and who knows if it was in “Ripley’s Believe It or Not.” Still one part of my mother’s story is true—a Bean married a Seed to become a Bean Seed.

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tools available to assist us in our genealogy research, such as cloud-based tools like Dropbox, Evernote, Google Tools and XMarks as well as browser add-ons and toolbars that can provide added boosts to our productivity.

In addition, the Seminar Committee has obtained some very exciting door prizes, and a Flip-Pal mobile scanner is the raffle item. The raffle tickets are pre-sale only (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). The drawing is at the end of the day and the winner must be present. In addition to prizes, representatives from Heritage Quest will be on hand with a selection of books for purchase, plus exhibitors from several genealogical organizations will be present to provide information on their services.

Let’s not forget the food—complimentary coffee and pastries are available prior to the start of the seminar and a delicious box lunch is available through a pre-order from Jak’s, a local Poulsbo Café and Espresso company, for \$10.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the Seminar Committee chairperson, Jean Yager, at seminar@pusogensoc.org.

A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



Apr 23 "Identifying Family Connections Through Photos"

presenter: **Elisabeth Demmon**

Using these five steps Elisabeth showed us how we can solve the mystery faces and places in a photograph. First, identify the type of photograph, try to determine the photographer, check out the scene and setting, focus on clothing & hairstyle, and match up the clues with your knowledge of family history. Some websites with additional tips include the Franklin Public Library Genealogy Department, www.franklincountyfriends.org/genealogy/identifying-your-photographs, Cyndi's List, www.cyndislist.com/photos, and Ancestors Lost and Found, www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/ancestors. In addition, several books are available on photos and fashions in our Genealogy Center Library.

May 28 "Understanding and Using Find-a-Grave"

presenter: **Ann Northcutt**

Ann demonstrated how to search the 116 million grave records and to locate the many cemeteries. She also explained how you can become a member, create memorials, submit and edit information on memorials. Ann showed how to transfer and receive a memorial and how to create a virtual cemetery. For more information go to www.findagrave.com and click on "Frequently Asked Questions".

Jun 25 "Discovering Family Heirlooms, Part 2"

presenters: **PSGS members**

This was the second time members brought heirlooms from their own family to "show and tell" about who, when and where they got these priceless heirlooms. Below is one of the stories; on page 7 is the other story.

Getting a Handle on the Past by Vicki Bushnell



In 2004 I was invited to Sterling, Colorado to meet living descendants of my Danish immigrant great-grandfather, Peter Jensen. Up the road is Julesburg, which my grandmother's family settled in the 1880s. I made an

appointment with the historical society. Imagine my surprise when I walked in and found a table full of documents and photos of my family – really good photographs no one in my family had ever seen.

It turns out Grandma had carefully labeled her most precious pictures and sent them to the Julesburg library for safekeeping in 1935, hoping someone would find them someday. Well, that someone was me, 70 years later.

My grandfather built the Sedgwick post office in 1906 and Grandma was the first postmistress. The archivist told me it was still standing so off we went.

What I found was a small town (population 191) with a block of tiny, old buildings in their original condition. I immediately recognized the post office – I'd had a photo of it the whole time but didn't know what or where it was. In it Grandma is holding my infant father.

We went back two years later to find the roof caving in. It was going down and wouldn't last another winter. I needed a souvenir – but what? I settled on the old, ornate doorknob. I went to the only business in town, a tavern, and told the bartender I didn't normally steal, but I didn't want the doorknob to end up in the dump. What should I do? She handed me a screwdriver and said, "Go for it."

So I liberated that old doorknob with Grandma's DNA on it and left my business card for the owner (who turned out to be the mayor).

Flash forward a few years. We returned to find the old Sedgwick Post Office gone, every sliver and nail. So, my one and only "crime" was very well worth it.



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Jul 23 “DAR Real Daughters”

presenter: **Jerri McCoy**

Jerri McCoy, member of the Washington State Genealogical Society, will share the genealogical detective work that was involved in tracking down the burial place for each of 767 DAR Real Daughters, those DAR members whose fathers fought in the American Revolutionary War.

Aug 27 “House Histories”

presenter: **Midori Okazaki**

Midori Okazaki, archivist from the Puget Sound Branch of the Washington State Archives, will show how to uncover the history of your house in Kitsap County, explaining what resources are available and where to find them.

Sep 24 “New Additions to an Old Friend”

presenter: **Sue Karren**

Sue Karren, director of NARA in Seattle, will highlight the exciting new records from Anchorage recently added to the Records Center at Seattle’s NARA facility .

Schedule of Classes — July through September

Jul 26	Saturday	10AM-2PM	FamilySearch.org Presenter: Mary Kathryn Kozy
Aug 5	Tuesday	10AM-2PM	Jumping the Big Pond—Migration Patterns across the Atlantic Presenter: Dr. Karl Kumm
Aug 23	Saturday	10AM-2PM	Gen 101: Beginning Genealogy Presenter: Jean Yager
Sep 2	Tuesday	10AM-2PM	DNA and Genealogy Presenter: Claudia Breland

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

Contact: education.chairperson@pusogensoc.org

“Louise”

by Sandie Morrison



“Louise” & Sandie

In 1950 my parents purchased a summer cabin on the south end of Spanaway Lake. The cabin had no indoor plumbing but it did have a well with a hand pump on the back porch. In the woods behind the cabin people would dump their garbage and items they no longer had a use for. One day my mother Janelle, my sister Ginger and myself were brushing out the woods and found a bisque doll’s head with the glass eyes still inside. On the back of the shoulders was written Floradora

A.O.M. Mother later took the head with the glass eyes and washed it off and put it in her china cabinet. In the spring of 1972, I found that it was made by the Armand Marseille doll company of Germany. They produced bisque dolls from 1885 – 1930. One of the child dolls was the “Floradora” model. I took the doll’s head and eyes to a doll hospital in Seattle where a body of fabric was made and bisque arms were attached. On Mother’s Day of 1972, my sister and I gave the doll to our mother. Mother instantly named the doll Louise after her sister in Missouri.

Putting Down Roots

The Adventures of Charles Thompson

By Julia Wright Joaquin

Part Two



This continues from last quarter's newsletter with excerpts from my Great Grandfather Charles Thompson's diary. He led a very adventurous life.

I once shot down a buffalo bull, stepped up to cut his throat (fortunately for me I remembered to reload my Needle gun before approaching him) drew my knife from my boot, put my foot on his head and stopped to perform the surgical act. He jumped to his feet and lunged to catch me in his horns but missed. His horns brushed my clothes in passing, he whirled and came at me again and again when upon the third time I stepped aside and pulled the trigger. He went down and this time for keeps. My partner came running over a ridge in answer to my yells, thinking it was Indians, as we were in their hunting grounds. I could not speak, just pointed at the buffalo. He asked, "where's your hat—you are as white as death?"

I told him my hair went up the first lunge the buffalo made at me and the hat still higher—guessed it had not come down yet!!

I moved to Cawker City, Kansas in 1871. I built a stone store building and went into the furniture business. I married Lillias Ester Lines and we lived over the store for some time. After two years I took up Architecture and Building and built most of Cawker City. We lived there for 12 years. Our son, Charles Bennet and daughter, Lillian Ester, were born there.

Early in 1883 I migrated to the Pacific coast spending several months in Seattle and Tacoma. During this time I contracted for the erection of part of the inside finish of the Tacoma Hotel, then under construction. I returned to Kansas by way of San Francisco and located at Garden City, Kansas about 50 miles east of the Colorado line in 1883. My family joined me early in 1884 and we lived on an eighty acre tract adjoining the town on the North.

There I resumed the practice of Architecture and Building and many buildings were designed and built by me.

One of the buildings being the Jones Block, erected for J.C. (Buffalo) Jones, with whom I enjoyed a close friendship.

Mr. Jones was greatly interested in the preservation of the American buffalo, fast becoming extinct. He spent much of his time and money experimenting in crossing them with domestic cows. Many of the herds in this country can be traced back to the buffalo caught and raised by him.

In the spring of 1887, I moved to Salt Lake City followed soon by my family. I gave up building and devoted my entire time to Architecture. My design won the competition for the State Agricultural College and Government Experimental Building, and they were built under my supervision. I was interested in several quartz mines in Utah and built several mill buildings for the mines.

In the spring of 1898 I went to Alaska with the gold rush, sailing from Seattle. I returned to Seattle that fall and located permanently to that City. I took up Architecture and opened an office. My son, who worked with me in Salt Lake City, came in with me in the spring of 1899.

My son married Miss Adrianna Abbott. They have two sons and one daughter. My daughter married DeWitt S. Orvis. They have two daughters and one son. My wife died September 27, 1911 at age 62 years.

Charles died in Seattle in 1927. He is buried in the GAR cemetery in Seattle.



Putting Down Roots

The Family Gilpin

By Terry Mettling

Part One



The claim to fame for the progenitor of this family was that he killed a pig. Or so the story goes. According to a book written in the 1870s by Minshall(?) Painter, one Richard de Guylpyn slew a wild boar that was terrorizing the countryside in the forests of Westmoreland and Cumberland and for this feat was granted the manor house of Kentmere Hall. This apparently happened in 1206 during the reign of King John. This has become the basis of the history of the Gilpin family and many parts of this book are treated as gospel. However, any genealogist worth their salt has to wince when they read that the basis of some of book's findings are based on "custom and tradition."

This has led to quite a lively debate about my wife Stella's family Gilpin. Stella's great grandmother was a Gilpin.

The first of the De Guylpyns was Bert, who came to England from France with William the Conqueror. His son, Richard "The Rider" De Guylpyn is attributed by some as being the one who slew the boar in 1206.

In the early 1400s, the family name was changed to Gilpin. One of the more interesting notes about the Gilpin family is that William Gilpin, born about 1500, married Elizabeth Washington in 1524. She was the sister of George Washington's (several greats) grandfather. That would make the Gilpins of Pennsylvania and Maryland distant relatives of our first President. The genealogy of Joseph Gilpin, the Quaker immigrant to the colonies, easily traces back to Thomas Gilpin of Mill Hill, born about 1596. Current research leans toward him being born after his father's death, to John Gilpin and Thomazen Everard.

While the exact lineage may be somewhat murky, the line still goes back to the person that killed the boar. Between that person and the immigrants to the colonies, there were several members that stood out.

One was George Gilpin who was the Minister to the Hague during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Another was his brother, Reverend Bernard Gilpin, who converted to the Protestant religion. He was known to travel and preach unmolested throughout disputed territories and was called "the apostle of the north." He had thirteen charges brought against him and was summoned to what would be his death but broke his leg en route. By the time he recovered, the queen had died, the reformers were in power and the charges were dropped.



Reverend Bernard Gilpin, "Apostle of the North" 1517-1583

What is absolutely clear is that Thomas Gilpin and wife Joan Bartholomew became staunch Quakers and were roundly persecuted for their beliefs. Their son Joseph, born in 1664, married Hannah Glover in 1691 and in 1695 sailed for the new world. Once arriving there, they settled in what is now Delaware County, Pennsylvania in the wilderness. Need-

ing a place to live, he fashioned a cave dwelling in which they lived for several years. According to family history, thirteen of their fifteen children were born in that cave.

By the time he died, Joseph Gilpin had several hundred acres of land and a very comfortable life. He was on a very friendly basis with the local Native Americans and also entertained many travelers at his home. He was the very image of what one supposes a Quaker should be.

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Kentmere Hall as it is today. The manor house was destroyed by Cromwell's forces in the English Civil War and only the tower remained. The farmhouse next to the tower was added in 1600s.





Meanderings

by Jean Yager



For the last three years, in March and April, my husband and I, along with my aunt and uncle (Linda and David Langberg) have taken an RV road trip cross country. Our destinations had a lot to do with genealogy.

As we were nearing Merced, CA my aunt started relaying a story of a time when she used to drive her mother (Norma Cunningham, Mannering, Drane 1911-1992) to Nevada to visit a close friend. On one of these trips, Norma had mentioned she had a cousin (Thelma) living in Merced. My aunt had never known of this relation (and neither did I). I started exploring the Find-a-Grave app on my iPhone to see if she was listed....and she was!! She and several family members were buried at the Hills Ferry Cemetery.

Thelma Eddlemon Hunt's (1906 -1969) mother (Ida Cunningham Eddlemon 1872-1947) was my great grandfather's (George Cunningham 1863-1949) sister. Our mission was to locate these graves. We decided to divide this somewhat small cemetery into four sections. In my uncle's section, he came across a couple decorating a grave. He asked them if they knew this family....their reply: "Oh, Thelma was a patient of mine" (he was a retired dentist) and his wife said, "Thelma's granddaughter works for me." After a few phone calls, we drove over and met the son (of Thelma), John, and his wife, Mary.



I soon realized my great grandfather had another sister that had lived near Fresno. This is when it dawned on me that the Cunningham sisters married Eddlemon brothers. The next day as we set out down Hwy 99, I asked if anyone wanted to make a very small side trip.....this resulted in visiting two cemeteries and locating family members of Magnora Cunningham Eddlemon (1873-1955).

It had been eleven days since my last cemetery visit. Our next stop for the night was to be Springfield, MO. I soon realized other Cunningham family names had lived near Joplin, MO. The twin sister of my great grandfather

(Sarah Cunningham Thomason 1863-1962) was buried in a cemetery just two hours south of Carthage, MO. Again, I asked if anyone wanted to make another very small side trip. So, we headed for Cherokee City, Arkansas. We found several family members in two cemeteries!

As we crossed over the Illinois state line, my uncle mentioned a 2nd cousin living near Chicago, a little town called Altona. We had a very enjoyable visit with Esther Clay. With my Flip-Pal I was able to scan several family pictures! We also visited two cemeteries nearby that were chock full of family members.

We located three cemeteries and in one I found the grave of my 3rd great grandmother, Mary Foss Idhe (1830 -1903). Family story was her husband left her after their 4th child was born because she was too bossy, however, in my research I discovered they had three more daughters. I did not find his grave, but hers was next to what could be my 4th great grandparents.

Our last genealogical stop before heading home was Minneapolis, MN. We spent three days researching two lines: Langberg and Yager. Our objectives were David's grandfather, Soren Langberg (1867-1913) and Richard's 3rd great grandfather, John Yager (1822-1894). There was evidence that Soren was in Rollinsdale from 1884-1899, with his sister, Anna, and her husband. We kept hitting a brick wall on Soren, so we went collateral and found that Peter attended Luther Seminary, graduating in 1899. This led us to actually go to the Archives at Luther Seminary where his picture and bio was listed in a yearbook. On the Yager side, we spent one day at the Wright County Historical Museum in Buffalo. They had two fat folders full of obits and miscellaneous information on the Yagers and Streich.

After being gone a month, we covered 6302 miles, traveled through 15 states, and uncovered 10 cemeteries.





Two Great Field Trips

by Jean Yager



Pat Eder, Dorothy Lindquist, Ann Northcutt and Jean Yager explored the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner on Friday, May

30. It kept them busy from the moment they walked in the door until shortly before closing. Some of their search highlights included:

Ann and her elusive Great Great Grandfather James Grant. She found him mentioned in the Quaker meeting minutes of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey: James Grant, disowned for being concerned in military matters.

Pat's main focus was on her "Waters" line in Charles County, Maryland. She made several notes in hopes of making some connections to her known "Waters" line in the same county.

Dorothy had the biggest discovery! While waiting for the library to open, Dorothy noticed a book in the window display about Jamestown that perked her interest. Her ancestor, Capt. Christopher Newport, led the fleet of three ships (the Susan Constant, the Godspeed and the Discovery) with the first settlers of the Jamestown Colony. When Dorothy opened the book, she found the first paragraph began with her ancestor's name! It gave an account of the instructions that had been given to him by the owners of the London Company in a sealed box, which was to be opened at a meeting of all the passengers after they arrived. The first thing they were told to do was to elect a leader. Then Captain Newport turned the operation of the colony over to them.

On Friday, June 20, Steve Morse, author of the One-Step Webpages gave two presentations at the Bainbridge Island Library, sponsored by the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society.

Eleven people from PSGS attended: Cheryl Bartholomew, Pat Eder, Bob and Margaret Howard, Ann Northcutt, Jeanie Schulze, Johnny and Linda Wilson, Jeanne Wolf, Mary Ann Wright and Jean Yager.

Steve's first lecture was *A Hodgepodge of Lesser Known Gems*. He covered many of the utilities available on the One-Step website. Subjects range from basic genealogical searches to problems with identity theft to problems with DNA. His second lecture was a case study on Renee Kaufman. He illustrated how he obtained an entire genealogy, starting with minimal information, using his One-Step webpages.

For those of you who were unable to attend, if you go to his website: stevemorse.org, click on "About this Website and how to use it." He shows step-by-step on how to use his One-Step. Afterwards, we lunched at the Island Grill, located just around the corner from the library.



The Family Gilpin, (cont'd from page 9)

Joseph and Hannah's son Samuel, who was born in England, married and moved a little south into Maryland and raised a family of seven children there. Their youngest child was George Gilpin, born 4 January 1740. He was one of the family that, although born and raised a Quaker, felt compelled to take up arms during the American Revolution.

He served with, and was great friends with, George Washington. Distantly related, he remained close to him throughout his life and was one of the pallbearers at the first president's funeral.

These days the Gilpin family is quite widespread and like many families, a few stars have shown brighter than the rest. One was Henry Gilpin who was at one time Attorney General of the United States. Another was William Gilpin, the first governor of the Colorado Territory.



Some Well-Deserved Awards

by Ann Northcutt



Nancy & Jeanne & Ann
Bev Nelson unable to be present
at time of award

Each year the Washington State Genealogical Society recognizes local volunteers nominated by their society for outstanding service and accomplishments. In 2013, more than 30 local volunteers were recognized for

their support and dedication to their society and the public.

This program is not a competition between organizations, but is a means for our society to give recognition to our top volunteers.

It has been our practice at PSGS to task the Executive Board and the Board of Directors to select the nominee for the award. Nominations were made with all in agreement. For the first time, PSGS selected a Team Award.

The PSGS Obituary Records Project Team, which includes Jeanne Menchenton, Nancy Ladenberger and Beverly Nelson, are recognized for their outstanding support and work in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the society and other researchers interested in the families of Kitsap County, Washington.

Over the course of the last 12 years, these three individuals were the primary volunteers who collected over 40,500 obituaries from newspapers and other local sources. The team cut out each obituary, attached it to an index card and then stored it in a plastic sleeve. The cards were alphabetized, labeled, checked for accuracy and stored in a large catalog cabinet.

After completion of this portion of the project, the team created a database of each obituary with the name, date of death, publication name and date, and any extra information that might be helpful to the researcher. This information was then posted on the PSGS website.

While many volunteers spent time on this project over the years, these three—Jeanne, Beverly and Nancy were committed to finishing the project.



Jean Yager at the news of her
award

As well as selecting a Team Award this year, the PSGS Executive Board and the Board of Directors also wanted to recognize an individual who has done so much and given so much of her time to PSGS.

Jean Yager is recognized for outstanding leadership and consistent support of the goals and operation of the

Puget Sound Genealogical Society.

Since joining in 2008, Jean has been active in all aspects of the society. While serving in her first leadership position as chair of the Education Committee, she was instrumental in developing, organizing and teaching ongoing classes for members and the public.

During her tenure as President from 2012-2014, PSGS entered into its first year in partnership with the Kitsap Regional Library.

Jean was a key player during this time of transition and her “can do” attitude and endless energy ensured success.

Currently holding the position of Immediate Past President, she is also the chair of the education committee, 2014 seminar committee and is also our field trip organizer.

In her spare time, Jean also volunteers on several committees such as programs and website, and as a volunteer in the Genealogy Center. She is also the Ancestry.com SIG facilitator.

Jean Yager is an outstanding member of PSGS and her constant efforts to support the goals of the society are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

These awards will be announced at the WSGS seminar in August and all of the nominees will be receiving certificates.

Side By Side



Paulette Waggoner

Member since 1998

I was born in Pawtucket, RI and lived there until we started for Kingston with many little hops and stops. First Pittsburgh, PA for 4 years, next Cleveland, Ohio for 4 years, then Seattle for 4 years, and finally Bellevue. I went to Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA for 4 years, met and married Ross Waggoner after graduation. We had 3 boys, and moved here in 1972. I went back to SPU and UW to get my teaching credentials so I could substitute, but ended up teaching full-time instead. I retired in 1998.

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

My youngest son had a project in 1979 in high school of tracing his grandfather's relatives as far back as he could. He wrote my aunt who lived in Newport, Rhode Island and that was the beginning of my love in finding facts about the Edes who came from Ireland. I really got hooked in 1992 when we joined 3 other couples for a two week trip to Ireland. Would you believe as we flew down over Cork I discovered the tears rolling down my cheeks? I'd say that was déjà vous. Don't you agree?

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

I joined PSGS immediately on my return from our trip to Ireland. Then I took a class from Marlys Marrs and also Jackie Horton as I heard about them after going to a PSGS night meeting.

Q: What are your research goals?

I'd like to find the real connections from my great-grandfather's family.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

McNultys, Devlins, Bradleys: New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

As recording secretary, 2nd vice-president, phone-tree chairperson, plus member of various committees.



Jeanie Schulze

Member since 2011

I was born in Rochester, NY and grew up in New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York. I attended Indiana University and have a degree in Art and Art History. After college, I met my husband Rick. We have two children. Rick and I moved to Silverdale where I worked for Central Kitsap School District until I retired.

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

Growing up, I had a fascination with epitaphs in old graveyards. They weren't hard to find in the northeast. In recent years, I realized that sorting out family stories was an important legacy. When I found a family tree in my father's papers that my uncle drafted to the first James Parnell's Quaker marriage in 1774, I was hooked.

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

Mary Ann Wright opened the door to a Genealogy trip to Salt Lake for me and it seemed a natural and happy progression to join PSGS.

Q: What are your research goals?

My father's family was Quaker from 1774 so there are meeting records that can be searched to affirm my uncle's tree. A note on my uncle's tree suggests the first James Parnell came from England—but I haven't brought him on shore yet. In my mother's family, the Bean family tree is pretty well called out in the Genealogy of Maine. How John Bean came to the colonies is my brick wall.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?

Bean, Parnell, Schulze, and Kirchmeier. The Beans in Scotland and Exeter, New Hampshire; the Parnell's in South Carolina and Plainfield, Indiana; Schulze's in Prussia/Germany and Dayton, Ohio; and Kirchmeier's in the Crimea through Canada and New Salem, North Dakota.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I volunteer in the GC and on the Backtracker Committee.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Okay - raise your hand if this year is going WAY too fast! Seems I just called my sister last month to remind her that there was only six months until Christmas. Now it is only five months!

Speaking of time traveling fast, the Belfair Chapter has been really busy. In May, we were pleased to have Laura Sparr come to speak about the Virginia area's history and how it might affect our genealogy research.

June brought us a wonderful program by Jerri McCoy about the people accused of being witches in Salem. How interesting that she was able to tell us a little bit about each person and if they were hanged or punished in some way and possibly the ulterior motive behind the accusations. We were also able to find out which of our fellow attendees were related to some of these "witches."

At the July meeting we shared some of our recent "finds" as well as brick walls we have been attacking. Maybe we weren't able to help each other directly but having someone else listen and make possible suggestions was really interesting. Of course, the finds were shared most enthusiastically!

Our August meeting will be held in the meeting room downstairs in the Port of Allyn building, 18560 Highway 3, at 12:30 p.m. on August 6th. Jim Johnson from Heritage Quest will be our speaker. He will be talking about the Internet and Googling and will have books for sale.

On September 3rd at 12:30 p.m., we will be back at the Timberland Library in Belfair. Our speaker will be Jerri McCoy.

Okay, here we go zooming through time...the next meeting after September 3rd will be October 1st again in the Timberland Library. November 5th will be our Christmas celebration and then we will be done for the year since the Belfair Chapter does not meet in December and January.

Happy New Year!



Adoption Law Changes in Washington State

A new law will open access to original, pre-adoption birth certificates for all Washington-born adult adoptees beginning in July, state officials announced on July 1.

That means people who have wondered who their birth parents are may now find out without a lengthy court process. The state is taking pre-orders for original birth certificates now.

Though pre-ordering is available now, it could take several weeks after the July 1 start date to process a request because of the expected high volume. State officials also said each record must be located and retrieved from an off-site storage location, which could add to the processing time.

Department of Health officials said adoptees are encouraged to get a head start by completing the adoption certificate request form that's on the Department of Health website.

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INTRODUCTIONS

BY Carol Caldwell

Lorraine Jackson: Lorraine was born in Seattle and landed in Bremerton by way of Idaho and Seabeck. She became interested in family history in her twenties when she noticed some discrepancies in her many genealogical lines of her mixed race ancestry. Lorraine took a genealogy class in the 1990s from Marlys Marrs. She just recently began working part time so she has more time to devote to PSGS. The surnames she is researching are BLACK: Yancey, Mitchell, Pittman, Settle, Napier, Dugger, Hurdle, Washington, Gillespie, Bruce, and Marity. WHITE: De-launais, Laplante, Cotnoir, Freshette, Verrier, Bradshaw, Wallace, Cable, Staggs, Childs, Nichols, Talbot, Kennedy, Grimes, Jackson, and Morris.

Peggy Kermath: Peggy and her husband Robert moved to Bremerton from southern California with their daughter and her son almost eight years ago. Peggy found out about PSGS by looking for information at the LDS Family History Center. They directed her to the library where she found us. Peggy had an aunt that researched their family for over fifty years, all before computers. She heard stories shared over the years and when she was a teenager, she started writing down the information. Later on she began collecting photos to go along with the stories. Surnames Peggy is researching are Butler, Lewellan, Myers, Jacoby, Elliott, Randolph, Landenburg, Cooke, Baldridge, Gedge, Lucas, Beach, Eckers, Macomber, Dean, Bassett, Williams and Dieghton.

Gail Pignon: Gail grew up on a farm in central Illinois. When she and her husband married they lived in Missouri for 25 years before moving to Poulsbo. She has always loved history. When her father wanted to know about his grandfather that was all the motivation she needed. She worked on her family tree about twelve years before discovering PSGS from a flyer at the Poulsbo Library. Gail's research is focused on Kinert (Kinared/Kiner) and Day from Pennsylvania.

Karen Staats: Karen has lived on Bainbridge Island since 1978. She is originally from Manassas, VA. She has traced her family heritage off and on for several years as time permitted. She saw a small brochure at the Kitsap Fairgrounds recently that took her to a Bainbridge Island meeting. From there she was directed to the Bremerton library and PSGS. Karen originally thought her ancestors were from Germany, but now knows they came from the Netherlands in the 1600s. Researching for her second great-grandfather Abraham Staats became a brick wall. Then she worked on his wife Lizzie Bowman, whose father, Josiah Bowman, was a Lieutenant in the Union Army and one of the first spies that preceded the establishment of the Secret Service. She was excited to find this out because she had always thought the family were Rebels.

Linda Harnett: Linda is originally from Berkeley, California. She came to Bremerton to work for a medical group several years ago. She inherited the job of family genealogist from her older sister. Linda learned about PSGS from notices and posters in the Kitsap Library. She recently found her great grandfather who was an artist living in Seattle. She knew he had been married twice, the first one in 1871. She also found records for a 1905 marriage, indicating he was a widower. But she knew his first wife was still alive then. Now she had evidence of three marriages for him. The surnames she is researching are Harnett, Mee, Ridley, Mccaulay, Wisdom, Ingram, Hamilton, Edmondston, and Gannon.

Sharon Houser: Sharon is originally from Lewisburg, TN. She and her husband retired here about ten years ago to be near her brother. She became interested in genealogy when she gave her father a kit to trace his ancestry. After his death, Sharon continued the research. She discovered PSGS by picking up some information at the library. She has enjoyed unearthing the work her father's Hardin relatives did in the history and settling of Tennessee. Her current research is focused on Turner, Houser, Luna, Holly, Hardin, and Stallings.

Adoption, (cont'd from page 14)

"Birth parents are allowed to choose whether to release personal information or keep their identity confidential under the new law by filing a contact preference form," Department of Health spokesman Marqise Allen said in a statement.

"Parents who file a contact preference form must provide information about their family medical history, regardless of whether they choose to disclose their identity. If a birth parent doesn't file a contact preference form, the adoptee will be able to get a copy of their original birth certificate."

Previously some adoptees had to go through the court system to get information about a birth parent.

Classified Ads

Calling All Members!!

Please consider sharing your time as a volunteer for our upcoming biennial seminar, *Uncover Your Family Roots*. The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We need committee members and day of event volunteers.

Plans are underway for the 2015 Antique Show on February 28 and March 1. Our only fundraiser, this annual event needs everyone's help to ensure our continued success. Mark your calendars and please say yes when the volunteer signup sheet gets to you!



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