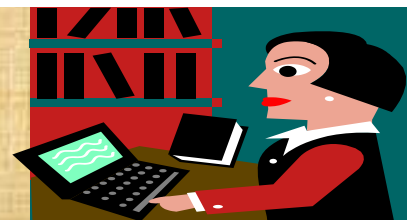




# THE BACKTRACKER



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## Celebrating 40 Years of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Newsletter

by Fran Moyer



The Backtracker began as a two page bulletin published first in May 1974 under PSGS' original name of the **Olympic Genealogical Society**. The August edition doubled to four pages. The November 1975 edition was titled **Family Backtracking** but only consisted of three pages. In 1974 our membership consisted of forty-two members.

The February 1976 edition is considered the beginning of the present day publication and consisted of five pages. The publication grew to twenty pages an issue where it stayed until 1992.

By 1977-1978, because of the confusion between our name **Olympic Genealogical Society** and that of **Olympia Genealogical Society**, it became clear that we needed to change the name of our society. From several suggested names the membership voted for **Puget Sound Genealogical Society** as our new name.

From 1993 to 2000 the number of pages per issue varied from twelve to twenty four pages. In 2001 the issues were standardized to twenty four pages, which lasted until 2009. At an executive board meeting, members decided to change the Masthead of our newsletter to **The Backtracker**.

In 2010 the number of pages per issue was reduced to sixteen pages and remains the standard today.

Happy birthday to the **Backtracker** and all those who have served as editor and the numerous contributors over the years.

### Family Backtracking/Backtracker Editors

Name	Years Served	No. Years
1. Roseann Mitchell	1976-1978	3
2. Ruth Manning	1979-1981	3
3. Marion Leaptrot	1982	1
4. Ruth Manning	1983-1984	2
5. Mary Penland	1985-1992	8
6. Dick Helander	1993-1996	4
7. Andrea MacDonald	1997-9/1998	1 3/4
8. Michelle Brittany	10/1998-2000	2 1/4
9. Cyril Taylor	2001-2009	9
10. Shanda Hoover	2010-8/2011	1 3/4
11. Fran Moyer	9/2011-present	4 1/2

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## Presidential Ponderings

by Fran Moyer

We wrapped up another successful Kitsap Antique Show . It is our only fundraiser and with the proceeds from the show we can continue to be active partners with KRL, increase our library reference resources, invite nationally known speakers for our Seminar and continue to grow membership. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping with this effort.

A note of congratulations to Kitsap Regional Library for being one of 30 finalists for our nation's highest honor given libraries and museums for service to their communities. The Institute of Libraries and Museums has announced that KRL is being considered for the prestigious

2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Who would have thought that in our little corner of the world, we would see our library as finalist for such an award! Fifteen libraries out of 123,000 is outstanding.

PSGS's partnership is just one example of KRL's outreach efforts. I believe it has been a great benefit to both organizations. Congratulations, again, to Executive Director Jill Jean and the entire staff for such dedication and joy in what they do and now, recognition, for their work.



## Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society's library had humble beginnings. Taking a walk through the pages of our newsletter reveals the story. In the November 1975 edition of the *Backtracker*, the library boasted over 100 books, publications, quarterlies, maps, telephone books, etc., and the library was open once a month from 7-9:30pm. Marlys and Bill Marrs hosted the library in their home.

Within 15 months the library had grown to over 200 books and publications. Later that year, Marlys invited members to her home twice a month for research in the library. A year later, members could access the library every Thursday evening, but by 1980 the schedule moved back to twice monthly. During all this time Bill kept building shelving for the rapidly expanding collection.

By May 1989, society members began searching for a new home not only for the library but also to include space for the society's meetings. Members investigated several locations, such as the Sylvan Way and downtown Bremerton libraries, the Family History Centers on Nels Nelson and Perry Avenue, and the Kitsap County Histori-

cal Society Museum, which at that time was located on Byron Street in Silverdale.

In June 1990, the society held its last meeting at the Marrs' home. The microfiche and microfilm collection was moved to Bill Richardson's home off Rocky Point Road and books and periodicals went to Dick Helander's home off Olympus Drive. The society began meeting at the Fire Hall off 31<sup>st</sup> Street in East Bremerton.

In order to keep members informed of the breadth of the collection, the catalog of books and periodicals, maps and telephone books was published in the *Backtracker* over the May and August issues in 1991.

In 1994 the library collection settled in at the Givens Community Center in Port Orchard, where it stayed until a brief move to North Kitsap in 2003 and then later that year to the East Port Orchard Center on Mile Hill Drive. In 2011, PSGS and Kitsap Regional Library inked a partnership to house our collection at the Sylvan Way library. Our Grand Opening Celebration was held on January 25, 2012. Today, the collection is catalogued in the KRL system and continues to grow thanks to the generous donations of members and friends.

# Our Visit to the Family History Library and Salt Lake City

**I found this to be a wonderful beginning from and for new members. –Editor**

I went on my first trip to Salt Lake City this year (2016) with the PSGS Group. I had hopes of finding definite proofs of my ancestors back to the Civil and Revolutionary Wars. What I did find was an amazing repository of genealogical information that covered five floors in the Family History Library. This year it was only four floors due to renovation, but we were assured everything was still there, just rearranged and maybe a little bit hidden.

Each floor was filled with books, microfilm, maps, and charts. There were rows upon rows of computers, all booted up and ready to search for your family. The microfilm readers were lined up in dark, silent corners waiting for you to roll through millions of tiny records. You could copy your finds with ease to paper or to a flash drive via computer, copy machine, or scanner. Amid all this technology could be found members of the LDS faith eager to help you find your lost ancestors. Some Elders and Sisters were proficient in genealogy, some in database searches, some were experts in foreign country information, and others just intuitive at hooking you up with the right person for your particular needs.

The group from PSGS was encouraging and industrious. We were at the library promptly at 8:00 AM when they opened until the 9:00 PM closing. There were the high days when you found so many trails to follow. Other days were low when every page you searched led nowhere.

I found death certificates on a few great grandparents including my great grandfather in Georgia. I found a 7x great grandfather the book said helped design (need more details on this) the Boone family homestead where Daniel Boone was born. I found out that a 6x great grandfather baptized his children in the Augustus Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Pennsylvania instead of the Quaker faith as I originally thought.

Sharon Hornback



Group Shot: front to back: Marlys Marrs, Pat Eder, Linnie Griffin, Karin Burke, Alicia Nelson, Judy Joaquin, Madi Cataldo, Gail Reynolds, Bev Smith, Sallie Horne, Jane McAuliffe. Back row: Jackie Horton, Barb Klippert, Janell Crumpacker, Larry Harden, Sharon Hornback, and Cindy Peterson.

I had Plan A and Plan B. I had a couple of “brick walls.” Unfortunately I didn't resolve these. My Plan B only confirmed but did not add too much to what I already had discovered. So glad I once again had the opportunity to visit THE library. Had a nice time and enjoyed the comradery with the others there.

Bev Smith



My brick wall was to find Clarence Vernon Reynolds (my husband's grandfather) who deserted his family in the 1920s and was never heard of again. In my book, he is still missing. However, I was able to solve a few misunderstandings about extra people in some households in various censuses. That was a big help. I just need to take time to update my information with these new findings. As always, really enjoyed the trip.

Gail Reynolds

My daughter, Alicia Nelson, cousin Peter Ann Stenberg and I hoped to solve our three Big “C” brick walls. They are, “What happened to Thomas Connors.”

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Family History Library, (cont'd from page 3)

After our many hours in Salt Lake City we found no answers to our questions. But we did find that Thomas Connors was probably in the Civil War from New York. We found that Dennis Connors lived just doors away from Mrs. O'Leary's cow, and that Carey Carson had been a POW for more than a year in the Civil War. However, all was not lost, as our best find was by accident when Alicia found the name of her third great grandfather in Hungary on a ship manifest for a third great aunt we didn't know existed. Karin Burke

My computer went on the fritz when I was at the library. I had a book of notes to use as extra look-ups and did so on the library computers. I DID accomplish something major-getting to know so many of our members, enjoying meals together. Maybe I was short on gathering data but very long enjoying new PSGS friends. Pat Eder

Copied from the November 1975 issue of Family Backtracking (now the Backtracker) a quarterly bulletin of the Olympic Genealogical Society (now Puget Sound Genealogical Society)

Courtesy Mary Ann Wright

My main goal was to finally find the parents of my Richard Swift of Pennsylvania. A great-aunt had written years ago that the Swifts were from Ireland. The library has many good books on Northampton and Monroe Counties. I went through will abstracts, public records, births and deeds. Nothing to match. An interesting book was found called *the Genealogy of the Irish Settlement in Northampton Co., PA*. I found no Swifts in the book but that doesn't mean they weren't there. No real progress but the hunt is what I love! Judy Joaquin



Above: Our final dinner: front to back L: Gail Reynolds, Pat Eder, Marlys Marrs, Jackie Horton. R-front to back: Larry Harden, Judy Joaquin, Bev Smith, Madi Cataldo, Linnie Griffin.



Picture on the right-Gail working the endless bank of computers

Lineage

by Miriam Clark Potter

*And sometime, when I have become  
A quiet portrait on the wall  
Will you, my far descendant, stop  
To think of me at all?*

*Suppose your hands are shaped like mine –  
You have my nutmeg sense of fun –  
(Will there be one to tell you so  
There, when my days are done?)*

*If you love books, and fires, and songs,  
And slipper moons on lilac skies,  
Toss me a look of shared delight  
From those, my own dark eyes;*

*For there is kinship in a curl,  
And keepsake in a spoken name,  
And wine of life may yet be poured  
By hands within a frame.*

# A Civil War Tyrrell or Terrill Family

by John Stokes

John Terrill was the first person I knew of who was one of my actual ancestors. He was my “Civil War” ancestor. My mother, niece and aunt all had Tyrrell as their middle names. Years later, when my brother suggested that I might be the family genealogist, it seemed to me that a good place to start was the Terrill family.

John Tyrrell said he wished to be the “aristocrat of the family” — changed the spelling of his surname to Terrill so it didn’t sound Irish, who were looked down upon at the time.

This one thing almost made my entire military search for John futile. The family liked Tyrrell and didn’t use Terrill. So when I went looking in formal records I couldn’t find my John Tyrrell until I realized he was listed under Terrill.

Over the years, the Tyrrell work on the Erie Canal and later as farmers in Iowa became clear. Even Great Great Grandfather Nicholas Tyrrell’s establishment of the Masonic Temple in Waverly, Iowa showed up. Several poignant stories also came to light.

One example is John Terrill’s story during the Civil War. John was born in Troy, New York in 1839. He enlisted in the army in 1861 leaving his fiancé behind to await the outcome. John was listed as a stone mason, photographer and artist in various articles.

He became a First Sergeant in Company G, Regiment 28, of the Iowa Infantry Volunteers. After two years of action, mainly in Arkansas and along the Mississippi, he returned home as a First Sergeant. This break was common among Union Soldiers who usually had a two year enlistment.

Upon returning he promptly married Adelia Clark, born in 1842 and left one truly lasting artifact of himself — a photograph. He and Adelia appear as a young couple,

quite in love. Look carefully at the photo and you won’t see Adelia’s right hand, it was busy patting John on the knee during the long exposure.

During the visit there was a wedding, and then a baby was on the way. Then, in what seemed like the briefest of times, John was off to war again.

The rail tracks from Iowa went right through Harper’s Ferry, where John picked up his unit. On September 19, 1864, they fought in the Battle of Opequan, Virginia outside Winchester, where he was severely wounded but survived.

This battle was infamous for the unfortunate placement of the Hospital wagon on a narrow defile, which the entire army had to pass. There scattered about were the

arms and legs of soldiers that had been recently sawn off in the tent. The screams of the soldiers could be heard by all as they passed.

He was assigned to the rail yards in Washington, DC on rehabilitation duty — a common practice for the walking wounded at that time. There he toiled until the end of the war getting stronger again while loading armaments and supplies for the Union forces to the south.

When the war ended, he was moved first to Hampton Roads and

then on to Augusta, Georgia to aid in the rehabilitation of the South and to wait for his release from active duty.

The family story is that there was not enough food for everyone in Augusta, and that he and members of his unit ate green prunes they found in an orchard. The result was raging dysentery, which later killed him on June 25, 1865.

Meanwhile, back home Adelia had a baby girl, Hattie, born May 23, 1865. I don’t know if he ever knew he had a baby back home, certainly a letter could have reached him, but then he was busy dying.



John & Adelia Terrill/Tyrrell c. 1864 (Note Adelia’s right hand...see story)

## A Look Back...

### at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



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#### January 27      “Archival Preservation”

**presenter: Nicolette Bromberg**

Nicolette Bromberg, the Visual Materials Curator Special Collections at the University of Washington Libraries, educated us on the history and the methods of dating early photography. She shared her knowledge of clues pertaining to the dating of photos and the causes and types of photograph deterioration. Genealogy and Small Collection Preservation Kits are available from Hollinger Metal Edge, at [www.hollingermetaledge.com](http://www.hollingermetaledge.com). Help in salvaging photograph collections can be found at The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) website, [www.ccaha.org](http://www.ccaha.org)

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#### February 24      “Canadian Research Strategies”

**presenter: Jim Johnson**

Jim Johnson, Director of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner WA, spoke about research methods, tips and many websites useful in finding ancestors who may have come to the U.S. by way of Canada. Jim advised if a U.S. passenger list cannot be found, perhaps an ancestor came to the U.S. through Canada arriving in Canada first via ship. The steamship records into Canadian ports are becoming more available. Several of the websites Jim shared are as follows: The Ships List; [www.theshipslist.com](http://www.theshipslist.com) ; Genealogy in Time; [www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com); Olive Tree Genealogy; <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com>; Mary's Genealogy Treasures; <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/>

The following website has an informative article on immigration through Canada focusing on the St. Albans Lists: By Way of Canada; <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2000/fall/us-canada-immigration-records-1.html>

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#### March 23      “Family Photo Editing”

**presenter: Megan Doreen May**

Megan Doreen May, a Sylvan Way KRL adult services librarian, shared the importance of digitizing your ancestors' photos, the numerous ways digitization can be accomplished and basic photography tips. Digitizing can be done by using a smartphone's camera, a library or retail scanner or letting the professionals scan to a DVD. Through the demonstration of Picasa, available at <https://picasa.google.com/>. Megan Doreen was able to demonstrate its basic editing tools and features. Picasa, available as a free downloadable photo editing and storage software, is suitable for beginning photo editing.

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**D** KRL offers the opportunity to request a one-on-one appointment with one of their staff to help you use the  
**Y** library collections and services. Do you need help with photo editing, genealogy, downloading an ebook, or  
**K** researching a topic? Fill out the Make an Appointment Form on KRL's website and you will be contacted to arrange a convenient time and day for your appointment. Go to: <http://www.krl.org/make-appointment>



## Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

### **Apr 27 "From Pilgrims to Patriots"**

presenter: Jerri McCoy

Jerri will talk about the early colonization of America up to the Revolutionary War.

### **May 25 "On-Site Research Far or Near? Planning for Success"**

presenter: Janet Camarata

Janet shows how to plan and organize a research trip, collect data and handle your results upon your return.

### **Jun 22 "Trails West: Crossing the Continent 1840-1869"**

presenter: Mary Kircher Roddy

Mary shows how to map overland and water migration routes, relive journey experiences and identify clues to discover your ancestors' travel timelines.

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## Schedule of Classes — April through June

<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10AM-Noon</b>	A Beginner's Guide to Accessing Danish & Norwegian Records Presenter: Jill Morelli
<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10AM-Noon</b>	Who's in Your DNA? Presenter: Karen Hecht
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10AM-Noon</b>	Mayflower and Other Ships Presenter: Jim Johnson
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10AM-Noon</b>	Mapping an Ancestor Presenter: Janet Camarata
<b>Jun 7</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10AM-Noon</b>	Genealogy Records and Research Strategies—For FREE! Presenter: Mary Kircher Roddy
<b>Jun 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10AM-2PM</b>	Webinar: Genealogy 101 Presenter: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

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

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# Putting Down Roots

**"I Always Felt Like My Family Sprang From the Earth"**

**by Consuelo Udave**



My father left Mexico as a young adult, arriving in Idaho as a "guest worker" in the World War II "Bracero Program," an agreement between the U.S. & Mexican governments to supply farm laborers for American agriculture. Following my parents' marriage in 1944, Dad lost contact with his family in Mexico for almost two decades as he and Mom worked to establish our family in Idaho. I was 20 years old before my siblings and I finally met our paternal grandparents on a family trip to Mexico City in 1966.

After my father's death in 2010, I came across a piece of paper with a handful of names that I had copied down decades earlier. This piece of paper triggered memories of Mom sharing childhood stories during my teen years, usually ending with: *"I always felt like my family sprang up from the earth."* Those few scribbled names shared by my cousin's wife, Juanita, would become the springboard for my genealogy quest.

Mom and her two sisters were the only three siblings to "literally" survive childhood from the ten+ children born to her parents during their brief 18 year marriage. Because my maternal grandparents immigrated to Arizona from Jalisco, Mexico in 1916 during the height of the Mexican Revolution, my mother and her sisters grew up far from the support of an extended family environment, while my grandfather worked in underground copper mines in Metcalf, Miami and Ray, Arizona. My maternal grandmother, Manuela, died in 1928 when Mom was about 10 years old, and her father, Teodoro, died in Twin Falls, Idaho nine years later from tuberculosis. My family has only one existing photo (ca. 1926) of my grandmother, Manuela, with her three young daughters...but no images of my grandfather.

Very little family history was passed on from my grandfather to his daughters in the years following their mother's death. But Mom was always eager to share

what little she knew or could recall with my sisters and me. Because Mom had keenly felt the lack of family history during her youth, family ties were *extremely* important to her. Genealogy is my attempt to address Mom's relentless curiosity about her family origins as well as to satisfy my own desire to connect my family's roots to our ancestral beginnings in Mexico, and even further back to Spain.

With over 5 years of research, I've assembled a substantial family tree on my father's side, going back 12 generations—from the Mexican states of Jalisco & Guanajuato to Extremadura, Spain in the mid-1500s (confirmed by my brother's Y-DNA test results).

On Mom's side, I've accumulated a database of at least 1200 direct and collateral ancestors for my maternal grandfather's lineage, going back 8 generations to early 1700s in Jalisco. Here I've hit a brick wall re: origins of the originating Udave "patriarchs" of nine Udave family lineages. But I hope to eventually connect this lineage to Navarra, a Basque province in Spain. I've also traced my maternal grandmother's lineages back to early 1700 in Aguascalientes, Mexico, with the support of my Aunt Chris' mtDNA test results (Mom's younger sister, Aunt Chris, is the last relative of my parent's generation).

With both my parents gone, my biggest regret is that I can't share my past five+ years of research with them! They'd be absolutely amazed at the amount of family history I've uncovered, reaching back 8-12 generations on both sides!

Manuela  
and  
daughters



Margaritos Hernandez  
& Isabel Ramirez



# Putting Down Roots

## Homesteading, Orcas Island

by Lorraine Jackson

Part One



My great-grandmother's name was Idel Laplante Bradshaw Nichols. She was one of the early pioneers of Orcas Island, in fact the first "white" woman to live on Orcas, although she was 1/4 Indian. She was born in 1855 at Cowlitz Landing, which is now present-day Toledo in Southwestern Washington.

Her father, Pierre Badaillac dit Laplante (later shortened to Laplante), was born in 1805 in Yamaska, Quebec. He was a Hudson's Bay Company employee who had worked at Fort Nisqually. He had been in the Cowlitz Landing area since 1825, according to his naturalization papers, but took out a donation land claim around 1850 on some prairie land near Toledo.

Idel's mother was Catherine De-launais Laplante. She was the daughter of Louis Delaunais, a Hudson's Bay Company employee, officially a "boute" or canoeist who operated the stern or the helm of the canoe (also from Quebec) and Hepi (Elizabeth) Kwoithe. Hepi was from the first Qwantlen nation near Fort Langley, B.C., although her descendants would be enrolled as Cowlitzes.

In the Journal of Fort Langley on Tuesday the 4th of March 1829 entry: "Another of our men — Delaunais, has taken a wife, without them there is no reconciling the fellows to the place." Louis and Hepi were later married again by the Catholic priest Modeste Demers at Cowlitz Landing on December 20, 1841 and their two children, Catherine and Felicite Delaunais, who were 9 and 11 at that time were baptized. Felicite was said to have married Simon Plamondon somewhere around 1845-1847 and died around 1847.

Catherine and Pierre Laplante were married in 1845 when Catherine was 12 years old. Their children were

Joseph, Peter, Catherine, Idel and Victoria. Pierre died in December 1857, the same year Victoria was born. How he died is not known exactly. We have heard there was some kind of an accident. He had enlisted in the Indian Wars of 1855 and then re-enlisted. After Pierre's death, Catherine married LeZim Verrier, who I believe was also from Canada. The family moved to San Juan Island in 1861 or 1862 in search of better farming country and to be closer to family. They traveled up to the San Juans in a large canoe. Their point of departure may very likely have been Elbe Bay near Olympia. They landed on the South Shore of San Juan Island where the big waves come in

from the Straits of Juan de Fuca. It must have been a long journey with young children on board and all their worldly belongings, probably going through what is now the Tacoma Narrows.

When they reached the island, they were in the process of unloading the canoes when a big wave came along and washed the canoe out with young Victoria on board.

They had been met on the shore by

a lot of Indians and two or three of them waded out up to their armpits and grabbed the boat and pulled it in to the shore. They camped there all night. An Indian woman had died that day and all night long there was wailing and the beating of tom toms. In a later interview with Victoria, who was 3 or 4 at the time, she remarked, "I will never forget it." The woman was buried the next day near American Camp.

Idel married James Bradshaw when she was around 12 years old in 1867 and moved to Orcas Island. Jim Bradshaw and another French-Canadian man named Louis Cayou supplied venison for the larders at Victoria. It must have been quite interesting to live there at that time.



Idel, Catherine, Victoria & Peter LaPlante c:1900



# Introductions

by Carol Caldwell

**Sharon Overman** – Sharon was born in South Dakota, but her parents brought her to Seattle when she was very young. She migrated to Kitsap County in 1988 with then husband who was in the Navy. As a child she loved listening to her grandmother tell stories about the family, like her great grandparents coming from Prussia and crossing the plains to South Dakota in a covered wagon. When she looked into her father's side of the family, she found documents going back to 1657 when her 8<sup>th</sup> great grandfather came to America. Sharon learned about PSGS from the library and took a class. She has discovered that a great aunt, Abigail Overman Pike, was a Quaker pastor in North Carolina where there is a monument dedicated to her for her work. Later the aunt's great grandchildren became some of the first Mormons. The surnames Sharon is researching are Overman, Ross, Rohrbauck, Hinsman, Trueblood, Ferrell, and Stout.

**Dana Boen** – Texas born and raised Dana came to the Puget Sound area after she got out of the Navy. She wanted to go somewhere she had not been before and Navy friends who lived here drew her to discover Washington. She stayed, got a job at Keyport, and developed a love of quilting. Retirement gave her time to look into her genealogy. A friend who took the Genealogy 101 class directed her to the library where Dana found PSGS. She even brought some friends with her to her first meeting. In her research, she discovered that ancestor Captain James Guthrie served in the Confederate Navy and that one son, Archibald Guthrie, may have been a blockade runner. Their roots lay in North Carolina. Besides Guthrie, other surnames she is looking for are Drew, Taylor and Adams.

**Laurine Bowerman** – Laurine's family lived in the Puget Sound area for many years, but when she was two, her parents moved to Poulsbo from Seattle. She first became interested in family history when her grandfather wrote her a seven page letter of information. She decided to

verify everything so she could hand it down to her grandchildren. She has been researching ever since. While looking for a place to learn more about genealogy, Laurine stumbled across PSGS. Her favorite story concerns her musician great grandfather and his snake charming wife. In 1935 the Portland *Oregonian* wrote an article about a snake charmer and her family. The couple went by stage names, but the photographs held the only proof of who they really were. Laurine had met her great grandfather several times and easily recognized him. The surnames she researches are Hagan, Roberts, and See.

**Jean Bray** – Jean grew up in Bellevue, but her family's roots are in Michigan. She inherited the job of family genealogist from her father who belonged to the Seattle Genealogical Society and the Saginaw, Michigan Genealogical Society. She learned about PSGS from an announcement in the Living section of the *Sun*. Despite the fact that most family members lived in Michigan, several maternal ancestors found their way to Washington. One of them was great, great Uncle John Hickok who served as the Clallam County Assessor and is buried in Port Angeles. Her research has been focused on Hickok, Doherty, Sager, and Bray families.

**Rusty-Lynn Fischer** – Rusty comes originally from Ukiah, Mendocino County, California. She moved all over the country with her husband before a Navy son convinced them to move closer to him in Washington. They now live in Panorama, Lacey, Washington. She delved into family history a bit after her father died and she inherited his brief genealogy. Her mother's death brought her boxes of memories to sort through, including a box of her great uncle's souvenirs from his Navy years and travels. He and his wife made their first home on Charleston Beach in Bremerton. She was encouraged by a friend to join PSGS where she might find out more information on her great uncle. Her research centers on Herrmann, Kirkpatrick-Roper, Richey, Johnson, Haviland, Anderson, and Garner.

**Introductions, (cont'd from page 10)**

**Di Ann Tarhalla** – Di Ann is originally from Houston, Texas and her husband Jim is from Ohio. They met and lived in California for over 30 years, moving to Olalla from Monterey when they retired. She is the family treasure keeper, starting at age fifteen when she put entries in the family Bible. Years later after her son passed away, Di Ann wanted to be able to tell her granddaughter where her father came from. That is when she and her older sister started genealogy traveling, that is joining on trips to various states their ancestors came from. She is involved in several lineage groups and DNA surname groups, such as Raines, Wade, Tarhalla, Bumgardner and Matthews. Other surnames she is researching are Kelley, Swafford, Atkinson, Poindexter, Metcalf, May, King, Lane, Nipper, Allee/Alley, Anderson, Gregory and Moren. Her

most memorable experience was crashing a Cox family reunion. She discovered a number of Cox women had married into her family. At the reunion she met a nephew of her grandmother and heard a treasure box full of stories from him.

**John Stokes** – John was born and raised in Port Orchard. He returned after a career in the Army. When asked how he got interested in tracing his family history, John said his brother made him do it. He learned about PSGS from the library and discovered our genealogy room. John found some interesting Civil War stories about ancestors, mainly the Tirrell/Terrell/Tyrrell family. Edward tried most of his life to prove his disability was related to the war so there is an extensive file on him. He is researching the surnames of Stokes, Woodhouse, Tyrrell or Tirrell, Grosvenor, Fox, Pollischeik, and Watson.

## Kitsap Antique Show 2016

by Fran Moyer



**Chair of the Show, Ann, standing inside the front door of Presidents Hall for her last day as Chair. Thank you Ann for your leadership that helped make this show a success.**

This year's Kitsap Antique Show welcomed nearly two thousand guests to buy, get an appraisal or just window shop some of the 34 booths offering every kind of antique, vintage or collectible item imaginable. From comic books to antique jewelry to vintage furniture, there was something for everyone.

The weather offered us three beautiful days; the first for the vendor move-in, and the next two days were perfect for shopping. The guests were ready to buy and our vendors, including 14 new vendors, all left happy and ready to come back next year. Our vendors came from as far away as Walnut Creek, California, more from Port-

land, Oregon, Whidbey Island and all over our state, including local favorites from Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Silverdale and Bremerton.

This was the fourth year that our previous PSGS President, Ann Northcutt, was Chair of the show. We all must give Ann a great big "thank you" for her sterling leadership that always ensured the show was smooth-running, fun-filled and successful.



**Mary Ann Wright, Fran Moyer, and Heidi Ginder waiting to check-in the vendors on Friday.**

**More pictures of the show on page 15**



## Meanderings: “Who are My Cousins”? By Dorothy Reinhardt

My grandfather taught us many lessons; one was, “You never know who a stranger might be, so be respectful and kind.”

I volunteered with our girls and their school activities. The one I enjoyed the most was being a “Band Booster” parent. One new student stood out to me. His father had been transferred to JBLM and he was a little shy. One day I was alone in the room and he came in just to chat.

A few days later I was reviewing the Band Booster’s Facebook page and noticed a posting from an elderly gentleman in Pennsylvania. He had the same last name as my maiden name, and he lived in the general vicinity as my ancestors when they arrived in 1739. I sent him a Facebook note, told him of my heritage and asked if he thought we could be related in some way. I also asked, “By the way, why are you on the SKHS Band Booster page?” His response arrived in a day or so. He shared some of his family history with me and said, “If you are related to Johannes Cassell, we most assuredly are related.” He was on the Booster page because his grandson recently enrolled at SKHS and is in the band. That young man I had been visiting with was a relative! I became acquainted with the family and it was like we had known each other forever, including when his grandfather came to visit. Time passed and the family was transferred again.

Last summer, my husband and I traveled to Baltimore for a family wedding and reunion. In the evenings I would review the road atlas and check out the route for the next day. One evening I asked my husband for the route and I noticed we would be within 20 miles of my Cassell ancestors’ home in Illinois (our branch migrated to IL in the 1830s). Of course we would make a side trip! We stopped at the Historical Society office and the sign said open on Wednesdays, but it was Tuesday. As we drove a short distance we came to the county courthouse. In a back parking lot there were 3 or 4 men, one of whom was a deputy sheriff. My husband decided to stop. We visited with the

gentlemen and my husband decided to ask some questions and give my family names, etc. As it turned out, they were all deputies and they remembered the names. Said all were deceased but knew exactly where their homes had been and where the Florid, IL cemetery was. One of the deputies went into the office for something and when he returned the Sheriff came out with him.

En route, he stopped and showed us “Hennings Lane” and where that house had been. This was a cousin branch of the family. The kindness of this deputy, once a stranger and now a friend and tour guide, is something that will stick with us forever.

A little further into the country was the village of Florid community cemetery. Walking this cemetery was amazing. Most of the stones left were from my family. My husband started at one side and I the other. I didn’t recognize many first names but my husband found several I did recognize. Then I noticed my husband was out of sight! Well, he was eating mulberries! After several mouthfuls we pulled the large bush aside and discovered a grand surprise: we were eating over my great-great-great grandfather’s grave!

During our Baltimore stay I phoned my “discovered cousin” from the Band Boosters as they had transferred to Frederick, PA. She took us to Pennsylvania to visit the family land grant farm and cemeteries in the Lebanon and Hershey vicinity.

After returning home, unpacking, and spending some time with the memories from the trip, one thing became abundantly clear: my grandfather was absolutely right. You never know who a stranger might be. It might be a special student who needs a friend and ends up being a relative. It could be a deputy sheriff who will help to find the final resting place of your great-great-great grandfather. Or it might be a military wife, also a distant cousin, who will someday help guide you through your historic family homestead. Even strangers can be our family.



## Side By Side



**Consuelo Udave**

**Member since 2012**

I was born and raised in Idaho and got my degree at the Univ. of Idaho in 1969. As soon as I graduated with a BS in Education, I redirected my artistic "proclivities" into a 40-year career as a graphic designer. In 1990, my husband, Bob Waldorf, and I moved to Kitsap County.

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

My genealogy quest began in the fall of 2010, with the unexpected death of my father. My mother had died in 1996, but luckily, I'd managed to record much of her oral history in the last two years of her life. I'd also recorded my dad's oral history.

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

In late January of 2012 I read a notice at the Sylvan library that PSGS had just moved to the library. I attended the next meeting and joined in May or June of that year.

**Q: What are your research goals?**

I was able to connect my father's lineage back to Spain. I hope to eventually use DNA testing to trace my maternal grandfather's lineage to the small village of Udabe, Spain in the Basque province of Navarra.

**Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?**

Hernandez-Gamino, Ramirez, Navarro, Linares, Udabe, Salas, Martinez, Dominguez, Esparza, Alonso, Soto, Sanchez, Velasco, Arizmendes, Lopez, and Marin. In the U.S., Arizona, Nevada & Idaho; Aguascalientes, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Zacatecas, Nuevo Leon and Mexico City in Mexico; and Extremadura & Navarra provinces in Spain.

**Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?**

I've created displays for the two Sylvan library windows to promote family history month and PSGS. I set up the PSGS booth at the annual Kitsap Antique Shows and created the flyer for the PSGS Christmas luncheon and assisted with decorations for the event.



**Dorothy Lindquist**

**Member since 2005**

I was born in Auburn, Georgia, a small town in north-east Georgia which was my dad's home, moved back and forth to my mother's town, then settled back in Auburn. I attended Emory-at-Oxford then at Emory University. There, I met my husband who grew up in Berkeley, CA. We lived in the Bay Area for over 35 years. When Don retired we moved to Washington to be closer to our 3 daughters. Our son's family is in San Diego, and we enjoy our eleven grandchildren.

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

My sister had already researched my family and I wanted to do the same for my husband's family. It was challenging and interesting because Don is the third generation in this country. I started researching his ancestors in the late 1990s.

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

I noticed an announcement in the newspaper about a PSGS meeting and I decided to go to the meeting.

**Q: What are your research goals?**

I want to organize my files and records so that I can pass the information I have found to other members of my family. Hopefully, they will be interested in continuing the research.

**Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest?**

Don's ancestors in his father's family are Lindquist, Rosenquist, Hagman, Anderson (Andersdotter), Illberg, Gronlund, Ramulin, and his maternal ancestors were Landin, Edgar, Anderson, Mansdotter, Persdotter. England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Sweden, Finland, France. Most of the southeastern states including Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia.

**Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?**

I have served in many offices, including President, my focus always to educate others. I volunteer in the GC now.



**Gail Reynolds'**

# Belfair Bulletin

Aren't you glad that Spring is here? Me too! Before we know it, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be upon us.

As you remember, the Belfair Chapter does not have any meetings in December and January. So we start with the February meeting...

We had a good turnout for our February meeting, which featured Mary Roddy speaking about wills and probates. We learned that the more probing you do and the more you ask for the more information you may receive.

During our March meeting, we discussed what we wished to find, what we found and what we didn't find in our research in Salt Lake City. Of the 19 people that went to SLC, at least six of us were from the Belfair Chapter. We were all quite proud of that. Most of us were able to help or guide those that hadn't been to SLC previously.

April brought another meeting with Mary Roddy speaking. This time we delved into the information we can get from newspapers. We discussed OCR (Optical Character Recognition) as well as many sources available for our use – many of which are FREE.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we will have Steve Morrison here to speak. His subject is, "Is it true? Using Manuscripts and Family Records for Genealogical Proof." This should be very interesting as most of us seem to be the keepers of the family records in our family.

June and July speakers/subjects have not been decided yet so check the PSGS website for further information. Ok..Ok..I have a sneak preview for August...Janice Lovelace will be talking on "Grandpa worked for the Railroad." I know that I have a couple of relatives that did and am really looking forward to August.

The Belfair Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (except December and January) at the North Mason Timberland Library in Belfair at 1:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there! Look! I skipped right over the 4th of July! And you thought it was so far away...

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Webinars are a great way to increase your knowledge of research techniques. The Family History Library offers a monthly series of webinars. This April and May, for example, the webinars will focus on researching US/Canadian, British Isles, Australian, European, Scandinavian, and Latin America records. These webinars can be viewed at any time and include handouts that can be downloaded for FREE! Go to: [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars) for more information and to access past webinars.

Another place to access free webinars is at Family Tree Webinars, [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com), sponsored by Legacy Family Tree. These webinars cover a variety of topics, such as DNA, methodology and skills, vital records, technology, organization, writing and publishing, beginning research, and much more. The webinars are free to view for one week after original presentation. Options are available to view all archived webinars for a nominal monthly or yearly subscription. Check the website for more information and schedules.



## Pictures from the Kitsap Antique Show 2016

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Vicki Bushnell





I discovered a genealogy program on KMAS 1030 AM/103.3 FM. It is on each Saturday morning from 8 to 9 am. Need to set your alarm for this one unless you are an early riser. I listened to the program on Saturday, February 6th. One of the segments in the hour show featured Nancy Douglas who does handwriting analysis. She analyzed some of the signatures and bible entries for the ancestors of the host of the show. It was quite interesting.

The website for the show is

[www.extremegenes.com](http://www.extremegenes.com)

Nancy Douglas' website is [www.writemeaning.com](http://www.writemeaning.com)

by Gail Reynolds

## Classified Ads

### Genealogy Center Volunteers NEEDED!

Interested in sharing your love of genealogy with others? Curious about what resources might be available in the Genealogy Center to help you in your research? How about wanting a few hours of quiet time to work on your own genealogy research?

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