

THE BACKTRACKER

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What an awesome **Day of Discovery** with Thomas MacEntee! The 93 attendees arrived at the Poulsbo Community Church on Saturday, September 24 from Kitsap, King, Snohomish, Mason, Clallam and Pierce Counties. We were entertained, educated and motivated to begin or continue our family history research with new optimism and energy.

Thomas started the day with an outstanding lecture, **Managing the Genealogy Data Monster**, that focused on project management to keep track of the research, results, and analysis of every record you find. While Thomas is a big fan of spreadsheets such as Microsoft Excel, other methods include keeping a journal or using a notetaking program or specific task management program. Being consistent is the key to success.

His second lecture focused on using maps in genealogy research. **Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and In-Between** showed us the variety of maps useful to the researcher. The familiar land map is just one type, but Fire Insurance, historical, political, topographical, census, data and transportation maps are all available. Thomas included some interesting websites to share genealogy like Pinterest, plus online and offline historic map resources like Google My Maps.

At this point we had given away 14 door prizes and now it was time for lunch! Attendees took a long break to visit, eat and browse the selection of books brought by the team from Heritage Quest Research Library.

After lunch we dug back in to learn about a wonderful, free library of digitized materials. **Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists** is just that! Archived websites, books, videos, images, audio files and much more are available for free. There is also a special genealogy section at: <u>http://www.archive.org/details/genealogy</u>. Another feature is the Wayback Machine, which is an archive of webpages as they appeared at certain times. Use this to solve the "page not found" message for a website you used to visit.

Thomas' last lecture focused on the networks formed by your ancestors. By using the methods he described in **Successful Cluster and Collateral Searches**, you can often break through that stubborn roadblock in your research.

As we neared the end of the day, and after more snacks, cupcakes and another 21 door prizes, it was time for the tech basket drawing. The basket was valued at more than \$450. Congratulations to our winner Mahala Henry from Kingston!

Special thanks to the entire Seminar Committee for their hours of work. Committee members are Jean Yager, chair, Heidi Ginder, Larry Harden, Jackie Horton, Jane McAuliffe, Terry Mettling, Sandie Morrison, Fran Moyer, Ann Northcutt, Leah Snider, Bev Smith, Johnny Wilson, Linda Wilson and Mary Ann Wright. We're already looking ahead to our next seminar in 2018!

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Presidential Ponderings

by Fran Moyer

"The best seminar. Just awesome. Enjoyable and informative. Great speaker-engaging, relaxed, informative, knowledgeable and entertaining. Everything was great. Excellent seminar. Mind blown. Great prizes." These are but a few of the remarks given by the attendees at our recent seminar.

Our Seminar Committee, led by Chair Jean Yager, could not have done a better job of coordination and timing of the presentations, door and raffle prizes, and sufficient breaks.

The prizes were many and thoughtful. The packets were full of information and materials everyone can use after the event.

The food was good and since we had one baguette left, apparently enough!

Thomas MacEntee received many well deserved kudos for his presentation and the manner in which the four parts were given.

Truly, enough cannot be said in praise of the many committee members who worked tirelessly on this event. Congratulations to all on a job well done in every way. I hope all of you will try to attend our October 26th meeting because we will be holding our annual elections of officers. All positions are open. There can be nominations from the floor.

We have had some difficulty in filling these positions in the past few years and I would encourage you to consider joining our leadership team.

Every organization I know and have been a part of, goes through these periods. But it leads to a wearing out process for those who assume multiple tasks to fill some of these voids.

When you do join, I assure you that there will be a team to encourage, help and guide you through the different processes of the particular position. They all will make your journey fun, enjoyable and enlightening. None of us began alone. So, do yourselves a favor and join in the fun and discovery of yourself as leader.

Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright



It's exciting times for the Genealogy Center. We've seen an uptick in member use of our new subscription databases, <u>findmypast.com</u> and <u>americanances-</u> tors.org since our subscriptions began 3 months ago.

We're glad our members are taking advantage of these important research collections.

In addition, rather than exchanging paper copies of our quarterly newsletters, we are now beginning to add electronic links of publications from our exchange partners on our members only page. Check it out to see if your favorite newsletter is there.

Finally, I want to send a huge shout out to our GC Volunteer team! We must be doing something right because our average monthly visitor count this year sits at 80. Thank you all for your dedication and support of our Genealogy Center. And, I want to welcome the following new volunteers for 2016: Nancy Churchill, Bev Smith, Kit Howard, Audrey Harris, Mary Lou Splett and Di Tarhalla.

If you are interested in joining our team, or if you have any questions, please contact Charlotte at: <u>gc-vol@pusogensoc.org</u>.

Milestones by Judy Joaquin

My husband and I made a trip to San Antonio, Texas so he could accept an award from the Photographic Society of America. Congratulations to him for that.

Speaking of trips - Gail and Larry Reynolds made a genealogical trip to the mid-west. Maybe she will share some of her finds with us! Madi Cataldo made her second trip to Africa, certain to be exciting.

Terry and Stella Mettling traveled to the East Coast for a two-month adventure.

We wish a speedy recovery for Paulette Waggoner.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Jule Ann Mahugh who lost her brother recently. We extend sympathy as well to Kathy de los Reyes whose mother passed away.

Our best wishes go to Sandie Munson Walz who undergoes surgery this month.



All I Want For Christmas

Dear Santa: Don't bring me new dishes; I don't need a new kind of game. Genealogists have peculiar wishes; For Christmas I just want a surname. A new washing machine would be great,

But it isn't the desire of my life. I've just found an ancestor's birth date,

Now I need the name of his wife. My heart doesn't yearn for a ring that would put a real diamond to shame.

What I want is a much cheaper thing:Please give me Martha's last name.To see my heart singing with joy,Don't bring me a red leather suitcase.

Bring me a genealogist's toy: A surname, with dates and a place.



A very Memorable Seminar



Seminar Committee 2016 Missing from photo: Jean Yager & Leah Snider



A History of Sedgwick Cemetery

by Ann Northcutt



In 1905, a group of women, wives, daughters and nieces of Civil War Veterans organized the General Sedgwick Circle, No. 28, Ladies of the Wom-

en's Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Circle at once adopted a project, namely, a suitable burial place for the future use of veterans and their families. Two acres of land, level and un-cleared, were purchased and with the full cooperation of husbands, sons and brothers, the ground was cleared and ploughed. In 1910, the little cemetery had been surveyed and platted and a formal dedication of these facilities was made to the public by the first board of trustees, Mrs. Miriam Grant (my Great Grandmother), Mrs. A. H. Cox and Mrs. Juaquina Higgins. They named the little cemetery Sedgwick.

The years passed and the membership of Sedgwick Circle No. 28 became depleted. Before returning their charter, it was decided to deed Sedgwick cemetery to the county, retaining the rights of trusteeship and finance.

My family has always been a part of Sedgwick Cemetery. My Great Grandmother, Miriam Gifford Grant who came to Harper, Washington in 1885 from Peoria, Illinois, was one of the first three trustees of the cemetery located on Sedgwick road. When she could no longer fulfill the position of trustee, my Grandmother Alice Miriam Kenney took over the responsibility. In 1940 my Grandmother turned over her trusteeship to my mother and father and then in 1980 the trusteeship was passed on to me. I have been the sole trustee since that time.

Maintaining the records begun by my Great Grandmother, in her handwriting, and my grandmother after has always been a labor of love for me. These residents of my small cemetery were for the most part residents of Southworth, Harper and Colby where I was born and

raised. Although I call my cemetery small, it has approximately 500 residents.

Sedgwick is still an active cemetery although over the years most of the lots have been sold. Because it is a community cemetery, cleaning and upkeep is the responsibility of the families of the deceased. As trustee I am responsible for measuring and marking the proper burial location as well as ensuring that the family has property within the cemetery, adding their names and dates to the record book that my Great Grandmother started in 1910. As you can imagine, many of the cemetery lots were sold during the early 1900s and many of the families who purchased these lots have, over the past 100 years, moved out of the area. In order to re-sell these lots I must research and prove that there are no living relatives remaining. Much like my own genealogy, I keep hitting those "brick walls".



Using Google Chrome and selecting Images, you can upload a photo to see if Google can match it. Just go to Images, then select the camera icon in the search bar. There you can either enter the URL of the image or upload an image from your computer . . . or just drag an image to the search bar.

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A Brick Wall Breakthrough

by Betty Burdyshaw

The purpose of this story is to make some of us researchers aware of some of the wills and other research tools that are becoming more available online. Those of us who have been doing research for any length of time have learned the importance of the FAN club, following family, associates or acquaintances and neighbors, in order to solve "brick walls".

One of the brick walls in my paternal line was a three times great grandmother. Family stories indicated that her maiden name was Johnson and an 1850 census in Missouri showed her married name as Margaret Terrell. She was born in Virginia and her older children, including my great, great grandmother Lucinda (Terrell) Adams, were born in Tennessee (but I didn't know what county). I was fortunate to have a copy of a letter written to Lucinda from a cousin, John T. Johnson, who wrote from St. Bethlehem, Montgomery County, TN. His 1876 letter was in regards to an inheritance that he was handling for Lucinda as she lived across the country in California and in it he mentions aunts, uncles and cousins as well as her Uncle George Johnson's estate.

I decided to Google "Montgomery County, TN genealogy" and they had a lot of free sites to go to including court records and wills. I found a will for a George H. Johnson written in April 1866. He and his wife had no children, so his will was written so that upon the death of his wife, half of his estate was to go to his three nieces, Lucinda, Marion and Lucy, the daughters of his sister Mary Ann H. Terrell. (There was a discrepancy there as the will states that his sister, the mother of these three girls is Mary Ann, not Margaret, however, the 1850 census for F.W. and Margaret Terrell shows daughters Lucinda, Marion and Lucy. This should be a reminder to researchers that although the census reports are invaluable tools, they are not always entirely correct.)

Now that I had solved Lucinda's mother as Mary Ann Johnson, I needed to find the names of her parents. Johnson is a pretty common name, which makes the research more tricky, but I started looking at all of the census re-

ports, marriage indexes, names on wills in Montgomery County, TN, and by looking at wills for related names finally determined that Jonathan Johnson was the father of Mary Ann H. (Johnson) Terrell. He actually bequeaths items to her by her married name in his 1836 will as well as listing his other children. Some of these other children are listed as Lucinda's aunts and uncles in cousin John T. Johnson's letter mentioned above, which verifies that I have the correct family.

The next important name that I found in Jonathan Johnson's will was the name of his wife as Susannah. There was no mention of her surname but some of my family members have the middle name of Hampton. Many of the children listed in Jonathan Johnson's will had the middle initial H. after their names and in cousin John T. Johnson's letter to Lucinda, he mentions that he has married Lucinda's cousin Kitty Hampton (marriage records showed that he married a M. C. Allen in 1873). Those two mentions of the name of Hampton were a clue to dig further.

I could not find a Kitty Hampton but in the 1870 Census in Montgomery County I found a M. C. Allen living with a George Hampton and found that George and Mary C[atherine] were siblings, she being a widow at that point. (I have to guess that Kitty was a nickname for Mary Catherine since I can't find a Kitty Hampton who married John T. Johnson in the same time period.) In an earlier census, I found George Hampton living with his father John Hampton. Further research showed that George and Mary C. (Hampton) Allen were children of John Hampton *(cont'd page 16)*



Lucinda Terrell Adams



John Bone Adams

A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS

July 27 "Adoption—Secrets Revealed"

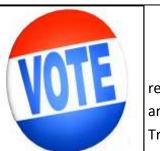
Dee touched on some of the impacts of adoption as it related to the adoptive parents and the adoptee, and then reviewed the types of adoption, including open or closed, and presented some pros and cons of each. The first step in beginning the process of discovering the names of biological parents is to contact the state of birth to find out if adoption records are open or closed. Once that is determined, Dee outlined the steps to take next, including having a DNA test. Some useful websites are: www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United States Adoption Research; www.findmyfamily.org; and www.adopteeconnect.com.

Aug 24 "Quaker Dates—And the Missing 11 Days of 1752" presenter: Steven W Morrison

Steven reviewed the history of the Julian calendar and how the new Gregorian calendar came into use. He noted the slow pace of adoption by many countries, including the fact that Turkey finally adopted the Gregorian/New Style calendar in 1926! A handy chart illustrated the change. Steven cautioned researchers to be aware of the system of dual dating that was used to cover events in the between years during the switch. Quakers had their own method of recording dates in their meeting minutes and Steven used examples to explain their version. Some help-ful websites include: www.fournilab.ch/documents/calendar; <a href="https://www.fournilab.ch/documents

Sep 28 "Pledging Allegiance—the Paper Trail to Naturalizations" presenter: Evelyn Roehl

Evelyn's presentation reviewed the historical information on naturalization and citizenship and the many changes in laws and practices over the years. She also provided recommendations to finding the various records associated with the naturalization process as well as research techniques and tips. Some helpful websites in addition to <u>ancestry.com</u>, <u>fold3.com</u>, and <u>familysearch.org</u> included: <u>www.chroniclingamerica.loc.org</u>, <u>www.italiangen.org</u>, <u>www.archives.gov/research/naturalization</u>, and closer to home, the Washington State Digital Archives, <u>www.digitalarchives.wa.gov</u>.



PSGS Annual Business Meeting

At our upcoming meeting October 26, all members present will have the opportunity and responsibility to elect the members of the 2017 PSGS Executive Board. All officer positions are open to any member who would like to serve as President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, or Treasurer. Members will also vote for the Member-at-Large position. Information on all of the Executive Board positions, which include the committee chairpersons, is posted on the

members only page of our website: <u>www.pusogensoc.org/members</u>. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you would like more information, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Ann North-cutt, at <u>pastpres@pusogensoc.org</u>.

presenter: Dee Haviland Fournier

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Looking Forward... at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Oct 26 "Researching in the Old Northwest"

Learn how and where to find records of the early settlers in what are now the mid-western states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Nov 16 "Directories for Family History Research"

Learn how to use directories to fill in the gaps in your ancestor's life, including their occupation, residence and community.

Dec 8 Puget Sound Genealogical Society's Annual Christmas Party"

Come join your fellow PSGS members for a fun-filled afternoon. A buffet luncheon will be provided. We will recognize our outgoing officers for 2016 and welcome new officers for 2017. Our Yankee gift exchange always provides many laughs. Please bring a wrapped gift (around \$10) for the exchange and a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Where: Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Eagle's Nest Meeting Room (across the street from the Pavilion) When: 11:30am to 2:30 pm

Schedule of Classes — October through November

Oct 4	Tuesday	10:15AM-12:15PM	Ellen Wachubby, A Choctaw Family Case Study Presenter: Jewell Lorenz Dunn
Oct 22	Saturday	10:15AM-12:15PM	Getting the Most from Your Flip-Pal Presenter: Jim Johnson
Nov 1	Tuesday	10:15AM-12:15PM	Citations Made Easy! No, Really! Presenter: Jill Morelli

No classes scheduled in December due to the Holidays

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

Contact: educ@pusogensoc.org



presenter: Gary Zimmerman

presenter: Mary Kircher Roddy

Putting Down Roots

William T. Glud & Glud's Pond by Carol Glud Baker

The Brownsville Glud family can be traced back to Peder Hansen Dammand (my 5x great grandfather) who was born in 1713 in Glud, Bjerre, Vejle, Denmark. He died on 17 April 1787 in the same town. He married Karen Hansdatter (1721-1785). Their son was Hans Pedersen Dammand (1758 – 1827), who married Maren Jorgensdatter (1763 – 1850). Their son was Poul Christian Hansen (1791 – 1836), who married Ane Margrete Rasmusdatter (born 1792). Poul and Ane's son was Jens Peter Poulsen Glud (born 1818), who married Rassemine



Thomsen (born 1820). Jens and Rassemine's son was Jens Peter Johannes Glud (1856 – 1906).

Jens Peter Johannes Glud, my great grandfather, was known as Peter Glud. At the time of his birth,

his family lived at Prinsensgade 284.1, Kobenhavn, Denmark. He was christened at the famous Vor Frelsers Kirke, now known as Our Saviour's Church, in Copenhagen. In September of 2015, I was fortunate in being able to visit this church and listen to the historic 1698 organ being played. Peter followed family tradition and became a seaman. Peter made 2 trips to Port Blakely on Bainbridge Island, arriving there the first time in 1875 where his ship loaded lumber at the Port Blakely Mill. The second time he made the trip to Port Blakely was in 1880. On that trip, Peter decided to give up the sea and settle on Bainbridge Island, leaving all ties to Denmark behind.

Peter soon met a young girl from Denmark named Ane Louise Nissine Nielsen, who was known as Louise. Peter and Louise were married on January 6, 1887 in Orillia, King County, Washington. The first Glud home was located on the west side of Bainbridge Island at a place called Nibbyville, now known as Pleasant Beach. Their first son, Paul, was born there in 1887. Louise was appointed postmistress in Nibbyville and learned to speak the Indian



Chinook language in order to communicate with most of her patrons.

In 1889, Peter purchased a 160 acre homestead just north of Brownsville. Five more children were born there: Lars in 1890, Christina in 1892, William in 1894, Margaret in 1897, and Anna in 1899. Peter became a farmer, a logger and road builder, who with John Paulson, built the Silverdale to Chico road in 1901. In January 1906, tragedy hit the Glud family. Peter had gone to San Francisco, California to visit his brother, Paul, who was captain of the port there. As Peter was returning from San Francisco, the sailing ship Valencia missed the entrance to Puget Sound and ran aground in a storm on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, known as "the graveyard of ships". Peter was a strong swimmer and made it to shore, but he died of exposure. He left behind his wife and 6 children. Louise and her children continued to run the farm and the older boys also worked in the logging industry.



(L) William T. Glud (R) Florence May McKean Glud



Peter's son, William (Bill) Terrence Glud (my grandfather), married the Brownsville School teacher, Florence May McKean on March 16, 1917. He subsequently homesteaded 20 acres at the corner of Brownsville Highway and Bucklin Hill Road in 1918. In 1930, Mr. Glud received a permit to build a dam on Steele Creek. The dam created a pond that would supply his residence with domestic water and irrigation. It would also support an electric power plant for home use. While living on his small farm, Bill also worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard where he patented several inventions that saved the Shipyard substantial money. He received awards for these inventions. (*cont'd page 15*)

Putting Down Roots A Surgeon during the Civil War by Mary Ann Wright

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Sirs: For several years I have been severely afflicted with a disease of my lungs, asthma; last spring I joined the army in the hope that some beneficial change in my condition would be induced by a change of life. In this I have been disappointed. I find myself unable to maintain or perform the duties of my position. I therefore most respectfully tender my resignation as Captain of Company K, 33 Miss. Regt and ask I be relieved from duty till it may be accepted. I am respectfully your servant - Geo. W. West. With these words, my

great great grandfather end-

ed his official participation in the Civil War. His resignation was accepted on 10 Nov 1862.

George was born in 1834 in Pickens County, Alabama, during the time his parents were migrating from Kershaw County, South Carolina through Alabama to their ultimate destination of Carroll County, Mississippi. The migration occurred between 1833 and 1860; 3 sons were born in South Carolina and the other 4 sons and 2 daughters were all born in Pickens County, Alabama. The 1860 Census lists George as a physician at the age of 26.

George was the 4th of the 7 sons born to Nathaniel and Margaret Sanders West. All of his brothers joined him to serve in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Four brothers lost their lives and 2 fought until the end of the war. His father Nathaniel outlived all but 2 of his sons, Richard and Nathaniel C.



George's brother, John D, was just 23 when he enlisted at the start of the war and fought 2 long years, perishing at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia. As soon as his younger brother, Baxter, reached 18 years of age he enlisted in February 1862 and was killed just 10 months later at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. And, finally, brothers Benjamin and William enlisted in May 1862 and fought together the next 2 years. William was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness near Gordonsville, Virginia, and Benjamin was wounded in the same battle and ultimately died of his wounds in a nearby hospital two months later.

Richard, George's youngest brother, fought with the 4th Mississippi Infantry for 2 years, was taken prisoner at the Battle of Fort Donelson, near Clarksville, Tennessee, subsequently released after 6 months, and rejoined his regiment. After recovering from a shoulder wound received in the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi, he transferred to the 28th Mississippi Cavalry and remained with them until the end of the war. Brother Nathaniel C. served in the 30th Mississippi Infantry for 18 months before being captured in November 1863 at the Battle of Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He spent time in 2 different military prisons before being released in March 1865.

After his brief service as a brigade surgeon, George returned to his wife and 2 children in Hinds County, Mississippi, to continue his work as a physician for the community of Dry Grove. But he didn't find refuge from the war. In May 1863, at the Civil War's Battle of Jackson, which was part of the larger Vicksburg campaign, Union troops under General Grant, and then later troops under General Sherman, marched all through the area between Vicksburg and Jackson. The small village of Dry Grove was right in Sherman's path, leaving it and the surrounding area devastated. (cont'd page 15)

Mysteries Solved, One by One

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by Vicki Bushnell

Grandpa Ben Rowley was born in Iowa in 1869. We knew he'd been a baker, a restauranteur, a fix-it man, a musician, and even a dancer in Vaudeville. We knew he'd lived with his first and second wives on 10 acres "near a river in Twisp" before coming to Bremerton.

One day last summer I obtained some land records and headed to Twisp, a small town in eastern Washing-

ton, to hopefully find their homestead and maybe an old building that once housed his bakery and restaurant. I found nothing.

My next step was to contact the Okanagan Historical Society to see if they had any old pictures or records to help me find something – anything – that might remain.

Someone took an interest in my request and 105 newspaper articles later I knew a great deal about my enigmatic Grandpa.

From 1902 until 1917, the Methow Valley News reported details about my Grandpa's life, everything from free sam-

ples of his big onion crop to new windows in his house and selling items such as an oven and a lime prospect. I discovered he owned not one but a succession of bakeries and restaurants, including a lunch counter in a saloon in 1904.

By 1913 he had two patents, one a fish screen whose derivatives are still in use today and the other a mandrel for tinners. No one in the family ever suspected he was an inventor. He owned a ranch, an apple orchard, a dairy, and even built a grist mill. Who knew? Much to my surprise, he built a handsome mansion on those ten acres north of the river. In my mother's lifetime, she only knew him to be very poor.

The newspaper also reported the prolonged illness and death of his first wife 10 weeks after giving birth to their second child, a daughter. I read about the Knights of



Ben Rowley

Pythias and the Pythian Sisters providing an elaborate funeral service.

But this is where the enigma deepens. I contacted the local cemetery to see if I could get a picture of her headstone for Find a Grave, and they said she wasn't buried alone – "Son Rowley" was buried at the same time. Yet the daughter was listed as a single birth, not a twin.

> I always knew his first wife died but had never thought about how he raised his son and infant daughter alone until he remarried. I learned he sent the baby to a couple in Wenatchee, who raised her for a few years until he met my Grandma Lil. A local historian told me typhoid and tuberculosis had swept through the area around that time, causing me to rethink my initial assumption that she must have died in childbirth.

> My Grandma lived in Wisconsin and met Grandpa through a lonely hearts club. She took the train out west and married a man she'd never met. I discovered they were married by her uncle and

for their "honeymoon" they toured Spokane in a car - a pretty special thing in 1915.

I found out why none of Grandpa's businesses remained for me to find. In 1924, after they moved away from Twisp, a fire swept through the town and destroyed all the commercial buildings except for the bank.

Just when I thought I'd fleshed out the life of my grandfather, one last mystery was solved. This was an ad placed in the Methow Valley News, extolling the virtues of moving to Bremerton where land was cheap and jobs in the budding Naval Shipyard were plentiful.

So Ben, Lil, and his two children came over the mountains and put down roots again in Charleston, which was later consolidated with its larger neighboring town. Grandpa's second family was born, and that is how I came to be a 3rd generation Bremertonian.

May We Never Forget

Diaspora, as derived from the Greek and defined, evokes a scattering of a people from their original homeland. In early August, Sunday the 7th, over 1,000 people from 11 countries gathered at the Sheraton Seattle for the 36th International Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) International Conference. Over 5 1/2 days, 240 sessions were presented, as well as meetings of Special Interest Groups (SIG) and a new one to me, smaller Birds of a Feather groups (BOF). While attendees came by plane, train, or car, Leah Snider, PSGS member, commuted by ferry to volunteer, and I commuted by a Sound Transit Express Bus from Tacoma.

Most attendees were Jewish or of Jewish descent, whether Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, or nonobservant. Many of us are not of Jewish descent ... or at least, not until we check our DNA. In her session <u>Can You</u> <u>Help Me Find My Cousins: Understanding Autosomal</u> <u>DNA</u>, Mary Kathryn Kozy, LDS genealogist shared that her husband's DNA analysis helped identify her son's medical problem. Kozy serves as an officer in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State, the conference hosts.

The keynote address <u>Sephardic Family History as Jew-ish Family History</u> was spellbinding. Dr. Devin E. Naar is a brilliant young scholar, the Isaac Alhadeff Professor in Sephardic Studies, Assistant Professor of History, and faculty at the Stroum Center for Jewish Studies in the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. Those credentials are well deserved.

After World War I, Seattle had the largest Sephardic Jewish population in the U.S. The Sephardim are descendants of Jews expelled or executed in 1492 by order of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain. Many migrated to Portugal, Northern Africa, and the Eastern Mediterranean. Ladino was a language shaped by Hebrew, Aramaic, and medieval Spanish. Conversos were Jews who converted to Catholicism but secretly maintained their Jewish traditions, some coming with the Spanish to the New World.

Ashkenazi Jews, who often spoke Yiddish formed by Hebrew, Aramaic, and Germanic languages, were viewed as the more intellectual and accomplished immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe. Anyone who has seen the film "Woman in Gold" views the sophistication and cultural accomplishments of the family of Maria Altmann, whose aunt posed for artist Gustav Klimt's painting by that name, popularly known as Vienna's Mona Lisa. Six decades after Maria and her husband fled the Nazi occupation, she enlisted E. Randol Schoenberg, a young lawyer, to petition the Austrian government for the return of the painting. Randy, a grandson of the composer Arnold Schoenberg, became his family's historian by the age of 10. Hearing him felt like a special privilege. His session was about collaborative genealogy and the family tree website, geni.com. He serves as one of its volunteer curators, spending long hours, comparing citations and arbitrating differences to guarantee accuracy.

Bennet Greenspan, founder of Family Tree DNA, spoke boldly in disproving misconceptions and of spearheading genetic research. He received an ovation when he announced the conclusion with humor and clarity — Jews are Arabs!

Israel Pinkholtz uses the Lazarus Tool of Ged-Match.com to distinguish and isolate genetic results when cousins or other kin marry. Endogamy, sharing a common ancestor in the maternal and paternal lines, is more common in Jewish, Mormon, Amish, and historically, in colonial and frontier families.

Some of us are driven by curiosity in tracing our family history. Adoptees experience a longing to identify and connect with their biological family. For European Jews and their descendants, there is an urgency born of tragic loss. There is deep mourning in identifying and memorializing those killed in the Holocaust, and profound joy in locating family who survived. May we never forget!

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by Christine Maltby





During the course of our 2 month road trip to New England, I had a few opportunities to engage in some genealogical sleuthing. The first opportunity came when my wife and I spent an extra day in

Meanderings

cemetery in East Haddam, CT the area of Kitchener, Ontario.

Old Cove Burying Ground is the first

Having already determined that my great grandfather had been born in Conestogo, a small community just outside of Kitchener, I went in search of a local church that had German Lutheran beginnings. Once I located the local Lutheran church, I talked to the secretary, the only person there that day.

The church had indeed been originated as German Lutheran but all the old church records were locked up in the vault in the basement. I left my name, email, and information about my great grandfather with her and she promised to forward this to their historian. About three days later, I received an email from the historian telling me that my Henry Mettling was in their records and passed on all the information she could retrieve from the old books! So now I have official proof of my great grandfather's birth date, christening date and location.

The next opportunity came when we were staying south of Hartford, Connecticut. In the small community of East Haddam, my wife had a total of 25 individuals who should be buried in the local area. Sounds easy, right?

East Haddam is spread all over like a collection of farms and it is extremely hilly and wooded. Did I mention that there were quite a number of cemeteries or burying grounds? Making a stop at the local library, I made an appointment to meet with a member of the historical society the next day. Upon returning, she escorted me upstairs and unlocked the records room and pulled out all

the reference information she thought might be of use. Wow! There was a treasure of information and, in a few cases, notations of where they were buried. I got images of pages and pages of information, most of which is not available in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, I was only able to locate the stones of a couple of people but at the last minute I found out that many of the very early settlers were carried back across the river and buried in Haddam.

I want to go back and spend a couple of weeks researching in this area, it being the main area of my wife's "bramble bush"!

The only other time that genealogy reared its head was when we spent the last few days in New England in western Massachusetts near Pittsfield. After a trip to the house of Herman Melville, where the local historical society is located, I was sent to the Berkshire Athenaeum where many records were housed. I found a home in the historical section and with the ready assistance of the staff, we dug out books about the area and perused their computerized records for any mention of my wife's ancestors.

In an old book about a family, there were several pages devoted to the McKnight family that married into their family. It also stated they were all buried in the cemetery on the hill. After more research, we found that cemetery and took pictures of the stones. The other family was buried just a few miles away in a different cemetery, so the next day we dug out the cameras again.

Along the way, I found that the McKnight brothers that were from Scotland had a third brother who came with them. I now have more information and clues and more entries into my genealogy program. All in all, there

were many more successes than failures on this trip.

David and Mary Sears are Stella's 5th great grandparents. He was 97 when he died and she was 92. They were married for 72 years.



by Terry Mettling



Jane McAuliffe

Member since 1990

Side By Side

Di Tarhalla



I was born in Waverly, Iowa. In 1942 we moved to Texas and I graduated from Incarnate Word College with a degree in History. I worked as a stewardess for American Airlines until I married John, a naval officer, in 1959. We raised 7 children and have 10 grandchildren. When John retired we moved to Silverdale, then Bremerton.

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy? When I was 15, I was asked to go to Winterset, Iowa to help keep house for my two uncles and care for my ill grandmother. Relatives came from near and far to say farewell to her and when they left, Grandma would tell me how those relatives were connected. My aunt later researched my mother's side of the family and when she passed away she willed those documents to me. What a gift! I began my own research of my father's side and my husband's in the 1970s.

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

In 1989 I met Margaret Waggoner, a member of PSGS, and she invited me to a meeting, then held in Marlys Marrs' basement. I joined at that meeting.

Q: What are your research goals?

One of my research goals was met in 2012 when I successfully completed the research to have my sons and grandsons accepted into the SAR. In 2013 my daughters and granddaughters were installed in the DAR. I have 3 remaining brick walls to break through.

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest? McAuliffe, Ireland, KY, MS; **Hickman**, NC, MO, CA; **Chris**-

tian, VA, MO; McGuinness, Ireland, KY: Lynch, Ireland, NJ, MA, IA; Sullivan, Ireland, IA; and many more!

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

In the early 1990s I was recording secretary, and am currently the Publicity Chair and volunteer in the Genealogy Center.

Originally from Texas and my husband from Ohio we moved here after living in California for 30 years. I retired from the real estate business and Jim, an attorney, also retired. We are longtime SCUBA divers and volunteered at the Monterey Bay Aquarium . We currently volunteer at the Seattle Aquarium

Member since 2015

Q: How and when did you get started in genealogy? I made my first genealogical Bible entry at 15 on my mother. When my son passed in 1998 I set out to make sure his 4 year old daughter would know about his family. It is very good grief therapy. I highly recommend it for that purpose.

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

We moved up here in October 2015 and I joined PSGS in November. After going online to find a genealogy society, I found yours and was excited about all the great information on it.

Q: What are your research goals?

One ancestor at a time. Finding out all I can until I hit that brick wall, then start on another. Working this way you wind up with a lot of brick walls!

Q: Any surnames and localities of special interest? I am currently working on a **Baumgardner** from Germany who settled in Ache Co., NC in 1748. Hans **Moren/Mourin** from Switzerland born in 1712 and settled in Virginia in 1742. I research all the **Mathews** line with its multiple spellings, having traced them to the 1400s from 3 brothers.

Q: How have you contributed to PSGS?

I volunteer in the GC, participated in the webpage community and the SKGS group. I presented a program on organizing your database. I volunteered at last years' Antique Show. I try to be available somewhere every week.

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Happy New Year!!!

Yep! It's that time of year again. Ready to go into 2017. Seems like just yesterday we were all worried about Y2K. This bulletin for the Belfair Chapter will be short and sweet. Just to review...In August we had Janice Lovelace come to talk about "Grandpa worked for the Railroad." She gave us a history of the railroad and the many developments that changed how we look at time. Did you know that it wasn't until the 1880s that the railroads helped establish the Standard Time Act? Also, I learned that there is a Railroad Genealogical Society that you can look up at rrgs.org.

Our September meeting was cancelled because too many members were either out of town or unable to attend. In October Janet Camarata again came to speak at our meeting. We really enjoy having her come and we learn a lot from her each time she does. This meeting we explored together "Google Tools Beyond Basic Search." Oh the

things you can find that you didn't even know were available to you including books, videos and discussion groups.

Now looking into the future: Wednesday, November 5 is our Christmas Party at the Belfair Library at 1:00 p.m. It is a potluck so bring what you wish. Everyone is invited so hopefully we will see you there. In December and January we have no meetings so our next meeting after the Christmas Party will be February 1st so look for any additional information in the Bulletin. Happy New Year!!



Salute to a Couple of our Ancestor Veterans



Forrest "Frosty" Jensen



This is a photo of my dad, Frosty Jensen, WWII Solomon Islands.

by Vicki Bushnell

He was in the 6th Seabees, building wharfs in Guadalcanal. He also

took a side trip to the Loyalty Islands to get lumber. The record mentions him seeing natives there, so I am not sure which island for sure, but definitely in the Solomon Island group.

Looks like he is giving the native something. One of the natives there made my grandmother a walking stick that is carved and inlaid with ivory. I inherited it. I like to think this fellow made it!

My Uncle Tom Pember by Nancy Churchill



This picture was taken just prior to Uncle Tom's retirement from the Army. He was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and he coauthored the manual on how to fly helicopters in heavy weather.

He spent over 3 years in Vietnam and was

shot down 3 or 4 times. He received many medals while in the Army.

He retired and then flew for the Los Angeles Police Department. He had a flying record of over 20,000 logged "pilot in command" flying hours and 6,000 hours of fixed wing.

He retired a second time due to pancreatic cancer he developed from Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam.

William T Glud, (cont'd from page 8)

In 1949, Bill and Florence moved to Winthrop, Washington to run the ranch that son Clarence worked from 1944 – 1949. Clarence and family moved into the Bucklin Hill residence and Clarence returned to work in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. For years the pond was used for swimming and many locals remember swimming there every summer. In 1954, Clarence began raising trout. People could visit the Glud Trout Farm and fish for a fee. If they wanted their trout cleaned, I was their gal.

In 1963, Clarence and family moved to Aberdeen, Washington where Clarence worked for Rayonier Lumber. Bill Glud returned to the



William T. Glud and Glud's Pond

homestead. In 1964, Florence passed away. Bill always created opportunity. He soon supplied the Kitsap Poggie Club use of his pond for their annual Kid's Fishing Derby. Later, Bill began raising salmon for the State. Then Domsea Farms raised about 4,000,000 Coho salmon in the pond. In 1982, Bill Glud passed away and his second wife, Mabel Glud, died in 1988. Bill Glud's grandson, Donald Glud, took over the homestead upon Mabel's death. The ponds were never used for anything other than irrigation after that time since Don was an absentee owner.

In 2003, Kitsap County purchased the Glud property so they could eliminate the ponds and return all water directly to Steele Creek to increase salmon returns. In 2013, Kitsap County built a massive storm water pond



on the property, which is expected to improve flows and reduce pollution in Steele Creek.

Front L to R: Linda and Carole Glud Middle L to R: Donald, Clarence and Faith Glud Back: Robin Glud

Civil War Surgeon, (cont'd from page 9)

In the November 3, 1880 edition of *The Clarion*, Jackson, Mississippi, the following notice appeared: "*The Raymond Gazette announces the death of Dr. G. W. West of Dry Grove--one of the very best men of the county. He died on the 25th ult.*" The *Hinds County Gazette*, dated November 3, 1880, also reported on his passing. In part, the article stated, "Added to his ability as a physician, his general *disposition and willing manner endeared him to the people among whom he lived so long, and whom he served so well. Although his profession would have exempted him from active participation in the war, his high spirit would not ...*"

George and his wife Eliza had 9 children, including my great grandmother Judy. After George's death, Eliza went to live with her son George Jr until her death in 1914.

Judy married Bryant Henry Wolfe in 1879 and they lived with their six children in the local area (Terry, Hinds County) for the rest of their lives.



children circa 1921

R- Judith Harriet (Judy) West and Bryant Henry Wolfe



Annual Salt Lake City Trip for 2017 Join PSGS on their annual trek to the Family History Library at Salt Lake City. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square,

www.plaza-hotel.com, from Sunday March 12, 2017 to Sunday March 19, 2017.

Rooms are \$87 a night for Single/ Double; \$97 a night for Triple/Quad; \$10 for each rollaway bed. Deluxe room rate is \$97.00 single/double and \$107.00 triple/quad, plus tax. Participants take care of their own transportation and provide a credit card for the room on arrival.

Please contact Larry Harden prior to December 15, 2016 at: <u>treas@pusogensoc.org</u>

Brick Wall Breakthrough, (cont'd from page 5) and that John Hampton and Susannah (Hampton) Johnson were siblings, which was proved when I found the will of their brother Abner Hampton.

My experience does not mean that every county will have as useful information as I have found here but it appears that more and more useful information is becoming available online if one has the time and will to dig for it.

Free sites such as Familysearch.org, Google, Linkpendium.com, rootsweb.ancestry.com (I like their message boards), Cyndislist.com, and others can be a goldmine if one is creative in their search. (Luck helps, too.)

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