



# THE BACKTRACKER



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## Become part of Washington State History and help others find their families!

On August 1, 2017, we had an extra treat at our class about the Burned Counties of Virginia. Jamison Murphy from the outreach program at the Washington State Archives, Office of the Secretary of State in Olympia, joined us. He described a program in the works to digitize records from the archives. Almost 200 million documents have been digitized and they need volunteers to transcribe these documents. Your help is needed. As Jamison says, "time can be tough to come by, but if you can help for just a few minutes a week, you are playing a major role in helping the Archives reach the ultimate goal of making all our records easily accessible to the public."

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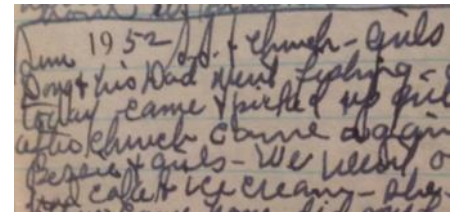
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If you'd like more information, watch this 2-minute video showing how to use SCRIBE:

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If you can read this, you can help scribe records.



## ROAD TRIP TO OLYMPIA

Eight enthusiastic explorers headed south from Bremerton and Port Orchard to Olympia on 21 Sep 2017. Our goal was to discover what treasures the basement at the Washington State Archives had in store for us. Janell Crumpacker, Alta Drane, Georgia Gail, Sharon Hornback, Melody Knight, Linda LeClair, Linda Olson, and Jean Yager met for our



10 AM lecture and slide show given by Emily Venemon in the archive building. We learned about the various items held in Olympia at a state level or a local level. Washington State is divided into five regions: Northwest, Southwest, Central, Eastern, and Puget Sound. Olympia houses the Southwest Region items as well as the state information. State information includes data on elected officials, professional licensing, criminals, incorporations, and more. Some records are still held at the local county offices, but a wealth of information is held here.

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# Presidential Ponderings

by Mary Ann Wright

Do you have the sense that this year has just flown by! Looking back at a few highlights, we held a successful Antique Show, maintained dues at this year's level for 2018, approved slight modifications to our Bylaws and Standing Rules documents, welcomed a new Backtracker Editor, begun a review of the research collection in our Genealogy Center, purchased a new projector for our classes and program lectures, digitized all of our Backtrackers, renewed our yearly subscriptions to Findmypast.com and AmericanAncestors.org, added geni.com to our collection of subscriptions available to members in our Genealogy Center, and started planning for our 2018 Seminar. Whew! This month we will elect officers for 2018, and I encourage all of you to attend our annual business meeting on October 25 to participate in the election process. And, finally, we will hold our annual Christmas Party on December 7. See more details on page 7. Come join us!



# Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright

Our GC Review Committee is making great progress with the evaluation of our collection and we've set aside books that do not significantly enhance our collection. These books, for example, include out-of-date guides, general history books that can be found in the regular library and duplicate books on the same topic. We'll continue to bring them to our monthly meetings so they can find new homes on our members' bookshelves. So far, we've emptied 6 shelves. Working with the Facilities staff, we removed the empty shelving, moved out a long table and brought in a round one, and added a computer carrel for our laptop computer. There's more room to move around, spread out while doing research or hold a small meeting. Stop by to check it out!

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Charlotte, is taking a break for the rest of the year and I'm going to fulfill those duties in Charlotte's absence. I'm looking forward to the challenge and I know our volunteers will help me out with filling up the schedule. If you're interested in being on our volunteer team, please let me know!

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## My Experience with “Ask the Experts”

by Sharon Hornback

I was very excited that we again had a chance to talk to an expert about brick walls. Being new to genealogy, I have many walls. Sad that I could only pick one, I went back and forth between two ancestors — Wesley Hopper (my 3x GGF) and Edward Drury (my 6x GGF). Wesley married Edward’s great granddaughter, so the families are tied together. I chose the one that I would ask about. One afternoon, while volunteering at the Gene Center, I filled out my form and filed it in the folder. I was looking forward to finding out a clue or two about where my ancestor was born.



about Edward and the information I had and what I hoped to discover with her help. Janet had a puzzled look on her face, and very graciously and politely said, “I may have misunderstood the question on your sheet. I thought you were asking about Wesley Hopper.” I was explaining the relationship between the two as she showed me the request she received, in my handwriting, saying I wanted information on Wesley Hopper.

Did I feel foolish.

I quickly pulled up Ancestry on my iPad and found Wesley Hopper so I would know what information I already had on him. Janet helped me locate new information on two land patents in the Bureau of Land Management General Land Office. She also located a couple of newspaper articles about Wesley and his land dealings. She suggested I send for a copy of his application to purchase land hopefully finding out where he was born. Sent in my request in September and will hear back in 60-90 days.

Time went by and I got the email from Jean Yager telling me that my “expert” was to be Janet Camarata. I have listened to Janet present various topics and she has such enthusiasm and knowledge that I knew the meeting would be a success. As per Jean’s email, I gathered copies of marriage records, birth and baptismal information on children, information verifying his appointment as a commissioner in Pennsylvania, and a copy of his probate record including an inventory of his household goods.

I am currently continuing my search for Wesley Hopper’s origin. And, the good news, I am ready for my “Ask the Experts” adventure next year with the paperwork I have ready on Edward Drury.

I went to the library on Saturday, August 26 prepared with all my paperwork on Edward Drury, born about 1720. I sat down across from Janet and began to talk

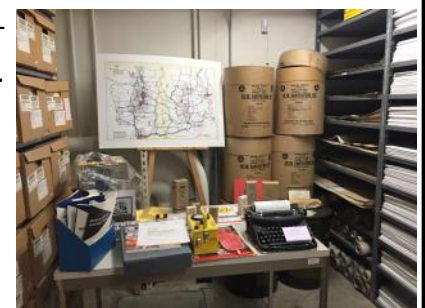
### ROAD TRIP TO OLYMPIA, (cont’d from page 1)

Following the slide show, we took a tour through 3 floors of papers all stored in the appropriate archival boxes, of course. Shelves from floor to ceiling seemed to go on forever, with lights turning on as you approached. A fallout shelter is even housed on the lowest level, but Emily couldn’t guarantee it would still be effective today. Large bound volumes containing plat maps and probate records also found homes on the shelves.

Currently, the average researcher does not get access to the floors full of boxes and books. However, the materials are available to you to look at, and it is all free. A phone call ahead (360-586-1492 for Olympia) allows an

archivist to pull the information so it is ready for you when you arrive. Laptops and scanners are allowed, but no pens, please. Purses and backpacks must be placed in a locker. Scans are free (bring your flash drive); paper copies are 25 cents.

Check out [sos.wa.gov/archives](https://sos.wa.gov/archives) and find which region would best fit your needs to find your family history. You can also check what information each region holds. Thank you, Jean, for organizing this trip. Looking forward to another adventure in the spring.



# Introductions

by Carol Caldwell

**Melva Hill:** Melva is a Bremertonian through and through. She has always been interested in family history. She says her Spaulding side is well documented, but not her Hill side. Melva credits the library for introducing her to PSGS. Her surname list includes Hill, Sonner, Collins, Klocke, Schnnath, Heagy, Hyde, and Urquart. Surprisingly, her research reveals that she and her significant other share relatives.

**Robyn Johnson:** Robyn has always lived in the Pacific Northwest, originally from Shelton, WA. She and her husband wanted out of Seattle, so they found a place in Quilcene to make their own. Learning about her parents' childhoods in South Dakota is her motivation for her interest in genealogy, and she connected with cousins she never knew. The genealogy room at the Kitsap Library introduced her to PSGS where she researches Shaul (German), O'Halloran (Irish), and Gullickson and Johnson (Norwegian). Her most interesting story involves the Shaul brothers of her 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather's family, living in Herkimer County, NY during a time of Indian and British raids. A group of Iroquois raids the house, taking two of the brothers captive. The boys are released at the end of the Revolutionary War, but during the years in between, the tribe becomes fond of the brothers. After-

wards the Iroquois travels to the Shaul farm to visit, camping at the farm all summer, in friendship.

**Lisa Miller:** Lisa originally comes from San Lorenzo, California. She and her husband Chris Rogers (see below) are here to be close to Lisa's family. She also follows Chris into PSGS, but leaves the researching to him.

**Chris Rogers:** Chris originally comes from Hayward, California. His wife Lisa's (see above) family moving north is the motivation that brings them here. Chris's interest in family history begins with looking for his birth father where his internet searches led him to PSGS. His surname research list includes Chapman, Costa, James, Tyson, Williams, and Clark. Lisa's family is believed to be related to Mary Todd Lincoln, which they can easily trace. However, his mother's family proves more difficult until they found that her great grandfather had defected from the confederacy after being captured at the Battle of Gettysburg and became a prisoner of war. He then changed his name from John Wesley Tyson to John Wesley James, and was sent westward as a guard protecting civilians from the Indians.

*Welcome*

## DID YOU KNOW—

Did you know you can use Google to search, find and then download free genealogy books to your Kindle? We're already familiar with using [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com) and <https://books.familysearch.org> to find free books to download to our computer. Finding free genealogy books specifically for your Kindle using the Amazon.com site can be difficult, but Google will search Amazon pages using special search terms.

Open Google and enter the following in the search bar: *site:www.amazon.com "Free in Kindle Store"* and follow that with keyword searches, family names or locations. For example, keying in *site:www.amazon.com "Free in Kindle Store" family history* will return over 10,000 results. If you used *genealogy* in place of *family history* you would get just over 200 results. Once you find a book you want, click on the title and then "buy" it for \$0.00 and it will be downloaded to your Kindle app or device. This tip came from [familyhistorydaily.com](http://familyhistorydaily.com).

## DID YOU KNOW—

Searching on Google for genealogy news brings up several options; many we already know such as Cyndi's List and GenealogyInTime Magazine. One that caught my eye is Family History Daily's website, [www.familyhistorydaily.com](http://www.familyhistorydaily.com), which has links to free genealogy resources, articles on getting research help, searching for ancestors using their search engine, top genealogy news articles and online genealogy courses (for a fee). This website is worth a look if you're searching for new ideas or just want to know the latest in the genealogy world.

## Annual Salt Lake City Trip for 2018

Come and join the Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) on their annual trek to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square [www.plaza-hotel.com](http://www.plaza-hotel.com) from **Sunday March 11, 2018 to Sunday March 18, 2018.**

Rooms are \$89 a night for Single/Double  
\$96 a night for Triple/Quad  
\$10 for each rollaway bed.

Plus 12.60% tax (subject to change).

Above rates are for standard rooms.

Deluxe room rate is \$99.00 single/double and \$106 triple/quad.

Participants take care of their own transportation and provide a credit card for the room on arrival.

A firm rooming list needs to be provided to the hotel by **January 15, 2018.**

Participants can stay for a week or just a few days. All those interested in going or who would like more information, please contact Larry Harden prior to January 15, 2018 at: [treas@pusogensoc.org](mailto:treas@pusogensoc.org)



## PSGS Annual Business Meeting



At our upcoming meeting October 25, all members present will have the opportunity and responsibility to elect the members of the 2018 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: [www.pusogensoc.org/members](http://www.pusogensoc.org/members). Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you would like more information, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Terry Mettling, at [vp2-mbrs@pusogensoc.org](mailto:vp2-mbrs@pusogensoc.org).

## A Look Back...

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



**Jul 26**      **“DAR”**

presenter: **Jerri McCoy**

Jerri shared with us some recently implemented changes in the DAR genealogy standards and their application process. She told how the Daughters of the American Revolution began and what the requirements for membership are—the ability to prove lineal descent from an American Revolutionary War Patriot or someone who rendered material aid. Jerri discussed how to identify potential patriot ancestors by looking for males who lived during the Revolutionary War and born after 1695. Recent changes in documentation requirements include embracing the Genealogical Proof Stands. Complete dates and places (and vital records documentation) for each person in each of the first 3 generations are required. Acceptable documentation include birth, death, and marriage certificates and census records 1850 or later, plus deeds, will and estate papers. Non-acceptable documentation are family group sheets and pedigree charts. Common problems with applications are dates and places do not make sense and more than one person of the same name in the area. Accessing the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) ancestor database will show you names of Revolutionary War patriots whose service and identity have been established by NSDAR. For more information, go to [www.dar.org/grs](http://www.dar.org/grs) or contact the registrar at a local DAR chapter.



**Aug 23**      **“Beyond Online: Beginning Courthouse Research”**

presenter: **Janice Lovelace**

Janice began her presentation by asking “why go to the Courthouse?” The answer was that some records were not digitized, never filmed. Courthouse records are more complete than online (e.g., Probate Packets). Before you go to the courthouse, be prepared. Are the records there or was the courthouse burned down? Which records are accessible to you? Make a plan – who, what, where. Property (mostly land) records are at the county level. Look for owner in Grantor- Grantee indexes. Look for Probate Records for every land owner. Other family members may be mentioned as heirs, executor, etc. In Guardianship records look for how the children were taken care of by the expenses paid for their wellbeing. For Vital records — birth, marriage, divorce and death — check the law in that state for the official start of record keeping and the age of consent for marriage.

**Sep 27**      **“Start Writing—Your Ancestor’s Legacy Depends Upon You!”**

presenter: **Steven Morrison**

Steven encouraged us to leave our family something they will cherish forever, not a mess of paper. Options include a biography, genealogy, pedigree, descending lineage or ascending lineage. Be sure to include documentation that proves linkages between parents and children, a range of sources, accurate placement of person within the family and documentation of every statement of fact. Classic record sources such as personal and family records, vital records, census returns, church records, court and land records are all important. Keep in mind that all sources can have errors. Make the story interesting by including photographs and maps. These resources can help: Mills, Elizabeth Shown. “Quick Lesson 15: Plagiarism – Five “Copywrongs” of Historical Writing.”

[www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-15-plagiarism%E2%80%94five-copywrongs-historical-writing](http://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-15-plagiarism%E2%80%94five-copywrongs-historical-writing) and The Chicago Manual of Style Citation Quick Guide. [www.chicagomanualostyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualostyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)



## Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

### Oct 25 “Celebrate Family History Month”

presenters: **PSGS Members**

Share your ancestry story. Discover how we can help with your family history journey.

### Nov 15 “The Evergreen State: Researching Your WA State Ancestors”

presenter: **Mary Kircher Roddy**

Discover online and offline genealogical records, effective research strategies and some unique collections in the Evergreen State.

### Dec 7 “The 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 2017 and welcome new officers for 2018. Our Yankee gift exchange always provides many laughs. Please bring a wrapped gift (around \$15) 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 3 Tuesday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Webinar: Finding Your Ancestors’ German Hometown

Presenter: Ursula Krause

**Oct 28 Saturday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper

Presenter: Cyndi Ingle

**Nov 7 Tuesday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Spreadsheets 201 and 301: Excel-lent Examples and Un-Excel-ed Tips

Presenter: Mary Kircher Roddy

**No classes scheduled in December due to the Holidays**

**All classes are held in the Heninger Room, Sylvan Way,  
1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton**

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# Putting Down Roots

## And The Story Goes...

by Terry Mettling



In the early 1900s, Louise Alice Anderson, her husband William Sylvester Walker and their children moved from Coffey County in eastern Kansas to a place near Deerfield, in Kearny County, Kansas. While living there, the Indians came right up to the house several times, once making off with all of their chickens. Shortly thereafter, the army came by and chased down the Indians. The chickens were retrieved just as they were about to become the main course and returned to the Walker family. After enough of this, they returned to Coffey County. This is a story passed down in the family by word of mouth and partially covered in one of the Edwards County, Kansas centennial books. Whether the story is totally accurate, who can say?

However, in the fall of 1908, the Walkers arrived in Edwards County, Kansas by covered wagon and took up residence near the town of Lewis. There they proceeded to raise their six children, the youngest of whom was Belle, my grandmother. It had been said that William Walker served as the sheriff of Lewis and could be seen around town wearing his six-gun. On our March 2017 trip to Salt Lake City, I verified that William Walker was indeed sheriff in Lewis in the early 1920s and it was quite common for the sheriffs at that time to wear a six-gun although I was not able to find any pictures of William during my research. William passed away from cancer of the mouth in March of 1926. Shortly thereafter, Louise, affectionately known as Grandma Walker, moved a few miles east to live with her youngest daughter, Belle, who was by now married to Stanley Mettling, my grandfather.

Louise Alice Anderson was born in Coffey County, Kansas on September 6, 1860, prior to the beginning of the civil war. By this time, eastern Kansas was known as bloody Kansas due to the ongoing fight as to whether Kansas was going to be pro or anti slavery. Her father,

Samuel K. Anderson, decided to remove the family back to southern Illinois where they had previously lived. Unfortunately, they arrived into an epidemic and Samuel and 2 of the children died before Christmas. After her mother had remarried for a second time after this, they eventually returned to Kansas. In 1885, Louise and William were married in Coffey County and proceeded to raise a family there until they decided to move west some twenty years later. After William's death, Grandma Walker lived with my grandparents, Stanley and Belle, and their three children until after Belle's death in 1946. After that, she moved to be near her other children and lived in a little house in Lewis that had been built for her. Grandma Walker passed away in March of 1955 at the age of 94.

Having been born in 1947, I did not know Grandma Walker while she was living on my grandparent's farm but I feel blessed to have been able to visit with her many times while she was living in her house in Lewis. To know and spend time with someone who was born prior to the civil war and talk to her about her experiences was absolutely priceless. I wish I had known of many more questions to ask her!



GRANDMA (LOUISE) WALKER WITH TERRY METTLING  
AT HER HOUSE IN LEWIS, KANSAS



# Putting Down Roots

## Sarah Jane Willett (1814-1899)

by Judy Joaquin



Sarah Willett, my great-great grandmother, was born in Alfred, Maine, migrated to Michigan and after a second marriage moved to Chicago. In her later years she lived in New York City before returning to Chicago.

Sarah was born April 11, 1814 to John Albert Willett and his wife, Susannah Appleton, in Alfred, Maine. Before she turned five the family moved to Bridgton, Maine. Her father was described as a sea captain as well as a farmer.

Susannah Appleton, Sarah's mother, was the daughter of Samuel and his wife Mary White. She was born in Ipswich, Massachusetts in a comfortable home on the Appleton Farm. It is told that her parents were not happy with their daughter moving from Ipswich to the unknown country of Maine!

In 1836 Sarah Willett, a single woman of twenty-two and accompanied by her brother John and his young family, left Maine for the wilds of Michigan. Sarah with her brother and family settled in Berrien County. She was teaching school in a one room schoolhouse by 1840.

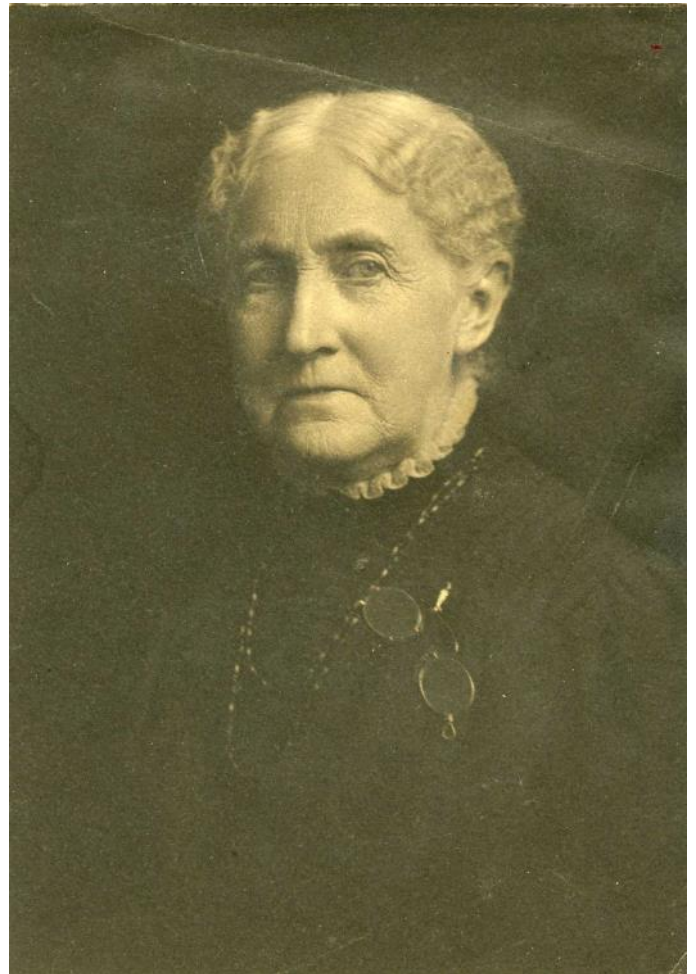
Another family settled in Berrien County. Benton Swift was born in New York in 1813 and his family moved to Niles in Berrien County in 1836. Benton and Sarah were married in 1838 in Niles. Their daughter, Susannah, was born in 1841. (See article "My Favorite Ancestor" on page 15). Little is known of their lives there except through public records. Benton did some business transactions with his brother-in-law John Willett. He appears to have been a large landowner and was a farmer.

Tragedy struck this little family in January 1844. Benton died due to causes unknown. Sarah, at the age of thirty, was left a widow with a three year-old daughter. Sarah was teaching in the one room schoolhouse. Ac-

ording to the book, *The Michigan Wallins* by Van A. Wallin, among Sarah's students were the Wallin children. Their father, Dr. Charles Wallin, was a widower.

Charles Wallin was a business man and in 1851 moved his family and business from Berrien County to Chicago. Sarah married him in August 1851.

The "Wallin" book describes Sarah as "untiring in her devotion to the family". Sarah died at her daughter's home in Dixon, Illinois. She is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago.



Portrait believed to be Sarah Willett

# Genealogy Gems

## Isaac Gosset — Frame Maker to King George III by Hope Herron

Isaac Gosset moved to London from the Isle of Jersey in the Channel Islands to serve an apprenticeship under his uncle Matthew Gosset before 1740. In his uncle's workshop on Berwick Street in Soho he was taught how to carve picture frames and make wax sculptures. He became one of the most skilled frame makers in England and was appointed the position of Joiner of the Privy Council under King George III on 10 January 1774. While he held that title and position, he created 20 sets of full length frames for Allan Ramsay's State Portraits of King George and Queen Charlotte between 1772 and 1784. He retired at the age of 72 in 1785.

Prior to his appointment in the King's household, he created frames for many artists including William Hogarth, William Hoare, Allan Ramsey and Thomas Gainsborough, four very prominent painters of the day. In a letter written in 1763, William Hoare called Mr. Gosset, "My frame maker." One painting for William Hogarth was made as a bequest from Lord Wyndham and was called Paul before Felix. The Isaac Gosset-carved frame was 120 by 168 inches and after completion the painting was placed in Lincoln's Inn in 1748. It is still hanging there today, although the frame has not survived. It is estimated that over his lifetime, Mr. Gosset produced more than 50 frames for some of the greatest artists of England.

While developing his skills in carving, Mr. Gosset also invented a unique formula for dyeing wax, which was used to create profile portraits. His process, which colored the dye as if it was old ivory, was thought to be a secret, which was not passed on. The majority of his wax profile portraits were miniatures - 3 to 4 inches in size. They were framed by him and often used as decorations for men's cabinets. Over time, he developed the ability

to produce some of these miniatures works of art in as little as 30 minutes.

Mr. Gosset's skill creating wax portraits was so fine that he was called upon by the royal family as well as foremost members of English Society. Wax portraits attributed to him include Kings George I, II and III; Queen Sophia Charlotte; Frederick, Prince of Wales; the Dowager Princess of Wales; Her Royal Highness, Princess Au-



King George III & Queen Charlotte

gusta; The Duke of York; The Duke of Sussex; Henry Fox, Lord Holland; Charles Townshend, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; the philosopher, Frances Hutcheson; Richard Trevor, the bishop of Durham; and many others. He also completed one of 2 children sleeping (possibly his own children), 12 Roman emperors, a Madonna and one of Pope Clement XIV, considered by many to be his finest work. His portraits were not limited to English subjects. He also completed wax portraits of Benjamin Franklin and Marie Antoinette.

Some of his portraits were later copied by other artists to create coins and one of his engravings was used on currency and is currently in the British Museum. A few were also copied by Wedgwood for beautiful art objects. Eight of his wax portraits currently hang in the Royal Collection in the library of Windsor Castle. His portrait of George I is in the Fitzwilliam Museum and others

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Linda LeClaire's

# South Kitsap's Happenings

Come Join Us! We have fun. Most meetings we call "Brainstorming". We bring our questions, brick walls, and explore new software programs. At our April meeting Di Tarhalla showed us the new Family Tree Maker that has recently come out. We also learned how to upgrade to the new program along with how to use it. We miss Di who moved back to California. Mary Kathryn Kozy, one of the best genealogists & speakers, told us we need a program to save "our" tree to. That was a great suggestion. Choose something like Legacy, Family Tree Maker, or Geni.

At our September 7th meeting Chris Roger explored the pros and cons of the new program in the PSGS Genealogy Center, the Pro version of [www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com). Chris led us in a lively discussion about Geni.com. We learned what was available that works on the 'free' home version or using the Pro Version at the Sylvan Way Library Genealogy Center. There are several differences with using Geni vs. Ancestry. We thank Chris for all the great info. Geni.com is one more tool in our belt as we explore our family histories with further research!

We also want to thank the Belfair Chapter for joining us at our September meeting.

I hope you were able to join us Thursday, October 5 at 9:30 AM. Four of us had the opportunity to take our personal brick wall to a professional genealogist at 'Ask the Experts'. We shared our experience!

Our conversations are so stimulating maybe we will all finish our meeting with a salad or cup of soup at Spiro's, just a short drive from where we meet. Bev starts each meeting by giving us the scoop on the Executive Board meeting so we are all caught up on the news & don't miss anything!

We meet 9:30 AM the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Christ located 2585 Carr Lane SE in Port Orchard. See ya there!

**Isaac Gosset, (cont'd from page 10)**

are in the National Portrait Gallery in London. Several are included in Lady Charlotte Schreiber's collection in the South Kensington Museum. A few are in private collections and two of his wax portraits were recently offered at auction in London.

In 1760, he was elected a member of the Incorporated Society of Artists and exhibited a total of 24 items at the Society Art Shows in London between 1760 and 1778. Throughout his professional life, Mr. Gosset took several young men as apprentices including 3 of his nephews, Gedeon, Isaac and Matthew, who continued to create frames and wax portraits after his death on 28 Nov 1799.

Isaac Gosset, my 7th great uncle, was buried in the Old Marylbone Cemetery in London. He was the son and

grandson of French Huguenot refugees from St. Sauveur, Normandy. The Gossets were leaders in the Protestant movement and being stripped of their titles and estates, fled to safety on the Isle of Jersey. Isaac was one of 5 sons of Jean Gosset and Susan d'Allain. Three of his brothers also came to England to live and work and two eventually moved on to America. Brothers John and Peter came to America before 1670 and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The family later moved to Ohio and the rest as they say, is history!

If you want to see more of his detailed and amazing art, Google [Isaac Gosset Wax Modeler](#). Also check out the [frameblog.com/tag/Gosset](http://frameblog.com/tag/Gosset). Please take the time; it is well worth a look!

# Grandma's Kitchen—Recipes From the Past



## Grandmothers and prohibition—a little dandelion wine anyone? by Jeanie Schulze

Guns, axes, FBI agents, robberies, speakeasies all come to mind when you think about the era of prohibition. All part of cracking down on the sale and distribution of alcohol. But while all of that very public murder and mayhem was going on across the United States, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers were all quietly getting around the law. They simply brewed homemade wine, put it in small vanilla or medicine bottles and then stashed it all over their homes. Dandelion and other homemade wines were brewed for “medicinal purposes” to help cure a little ailment from time to time. As a



child and as a young woman, my mother was certain that's why her mother and grandmother made wine—and was shocked when her mother started drinking cocktails before dinner as soon as

prohibition was lifted.

Transcribing my grandmother and great-grandmother's recipe journal that started in the 1870s became a labor of love as my Mom often linked stories of her childhood to a meal or dessert. Dandelion wine is one where I think my Mom didn't really understand its true purpose. When we came to Gram's wine recipe, Mom shared that Gram always made dandelion wine, but she didn't remember what illnesses it cured or ever having any. However, my Mom did find one bottle of the wine in a box when we moved during my childhood. . . probably left by Gram when she came to visit.

While dandelion wine was everyone's favorite, my Grandmother's Cookbook includes several varieties including Apricot Brandy, Port Wine, and Rhubarb Wine.

My grandmother even included a note beside Etta Willey's Rhubarb wine, “August 24—just heard that you can make a delightful wine from rose petals. Will try and get the recipe.” The recipe was not included so I suspect that Etta couldn't get the recipe or it turned out so badly that she didn't share it.

If you want to try your hand at making a wine from prohibition, here's the recipe:

### Gram's Dandelion Wine:

4 quarts of blossoms

Add 4 quarts of boiling water and let stand overnight

Strain, cut up and add—3 pounds of sugar, 3 oranges\*, 1 lemon\*, 1 pound of raisins, 1 yeast cake.

*(\*My Mom thought Gram probably put the juice of 3 oranges and 1 lemon into the mix and not necessarily the whole fruit.)*

Let stand one week in a warm place stirring every day. Strain and let stand 3 weeks before using. Put it in bottles or cans.

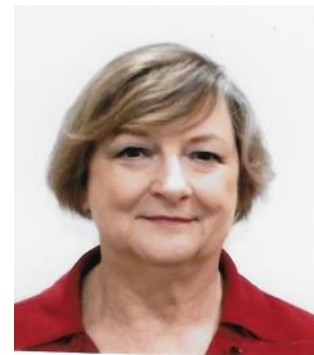


Gram & Grandad Bean



## Jean Bray

# Side By Side



## Betty Burdyslaw

I was born and raised in Bellevue, but worked for the National Park Service and lived in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia for nineteen years. When my parents were older, I returned to the northwest and started living in Tahuya very near my late sister. My parents and sister all passed away within a short time of each other. My brother Bob A. Bray resides in Huron, South Dakota now.

### Q: How & when did you get started in genealogy?

I inherited the family booklets at the time of the passing of my last parent.

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

I attended some meetings in 2014, and then joined in 2015.

### Q: What are your research goals?

The goals are to further research the loose ends of my father, Daniel's (Bray) research and update extended family information to the present and further research some of the place names in St. Louis, Missouri; New Orleans, Louisiana; Dubuque, Iowa; and Saginaw, Michigan affiliated with my father's research.

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

I am still be trying to obtain information on the Sagers, the Brays (I have her maiden name), Dohertys and the Hickok name. My grandmother Florence Hickok Doherty's family was descended from the brother of James Butler (Wild Bill) Hickok. One of my great, great uncles John Hickok is buried in Port Angeles at Ocean View Cemetery.

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

I donated reference books to the GC library, meeting Mary Ann Wright. Mrs. Wright was so enthusiastic about PSGS it was catching.

I grew up in Stanwood, WA. My husband was hired at PSNS in 1974 and we moved to Poulsbo with our two boys. I retired from the Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Center as a planner in 2008.

### Q: How & when did you get started in genealogy?

I had a grand aunt who passed her research onto our family as I was growing up. After the **ROOTS** series played on TV, **Rootsweb's World Connect Project** became available on the internet and someone had posted much of this research and more. I was hooked.

### Q: How & when did you come to join PSGS?

Around the time that I found the **Rootsweb** site (about 2000) I saw an ad in the paper for a class at PSGS in Port Orchard and joined.

### Q: What are your research goals?

I'm trying to research another side of my family who are newer immigrants to the USA and trying to solve a brick wall on my husband's side.

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

I've been researching in Ontario, Canada for Munro, Walker and Hewitt surnames and trying to find the surnames of women who married into my husband's Burdyslaw family in South Carolina, Alabama, and Arkansas.

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

I volunteer at the Genealogy Center and write articles for the Backtracker.



*Gail Reynolds'*

# Belfair Bulletin

Hello Fellow Researchers –

This year is almost over and on we go to 2018. Hope you are prepared for the holidays. This is the perfect time to check in with your relatives to find out news or to fill in blanks in your research. There are always births, marriages and, unfortunately, deaths in all families. I find that especially the loving stories that are told about these people reveal things I never knew – maybe not any specific data – but it is the stories that count when we look back at our family history.

In August the Belfair chapter welcomed Sharon Hornback as our guest speaker. She gave us some of her background and throughout there was an open question and answer session. Sharon is an invaluable member of our PSGS group as well as a great editor of the Backtracer.

September was special because we traveled to Port Orchard to visit the South Kitsap chapter. Now this wasn't a far away trip but well worth it. The speaker was Chris David Rogers. He introduced us to a new website, geni.com. This website is free at our Genealogy Center so go check it out. His family uses it for their "shared" family tree. Chris also uses at least one other website (Ancestry.com) for recording his family tree. Geni.com was very interesting to explore but sometimes we are stuck in our old ways. It is hard for us to think about putting our tree out there for others to access. I, however, do like this idea of having a tree to share just with my immediate family, especially if you have a part of your family that is interested in genealogy.

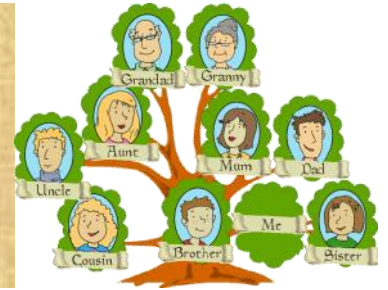
Wow! Did we pick a great speaker in Jean Yager! This month's meeting hosted Jean to speak about making preparations for researching when you travel. This was a timely talk since we are looking forward to our travels to Salt Lake City in March 2018. Jean gave us plenty of resources to check before we go. Soooo many websites to check – like libraries, courthouses, churches, cemeteries, etc. I am going to have to pack a larger suitcase in order to bring along all she suggested. I was particularly interested in her cemetery bag. This is a separate bag she carries to the cemetery with many tools for tromping through the grass searching for relatives. Always be prepared. She also gave us some tips for connecting with relatives, like tips on how to find them if you don't know where and what to say to the ones you are visiting. Again, always be prepared.

At the Belfair chapter, we celebrate the holidays early. Our Christmas gift exchange and potluck will be on Wednesday, November 1 at 1:00 pm at the library in Belfair. Everyone is welcome. Please come. We enjoy visitors.

December and January we do not have meetings. We found that with all the holiday preparation and celebrating as well as travel to visit relatives, our meetings were not well attended. Our first meeting of the 2018 will be February 7 – same time, same place.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# My Favorite Ancestor



**By Judy Joaquin**

Susan Appleton Swift Orvis was my great-grandmother. She was adventurous, smart, independent and a very good business woman.

In her early twenties she volunteered to go to Florida and South Carolina to teach black children during the reconstruction period. When you think she left her comfortable home in Chicago to do this, it is quite remarkable.

She married in 1870 and had three children, one of whom was my grandfather, Dewitt Swift Orvis. She had an interest in education as she directed her two girls in their higher education traveling with them to Paris and living there while they studied at the Sorbonne. Her daughter Julia had a PhD and taught at Wellesley her entire career and Gertrude was the Supt. of Schools in Hilo, Hawaii.

Susan was widowed in 1894 at the age of 53. She and her husband, Franklin Keese Orvis, after selling their plow manufacturing company in Dixon, Illinois, bought the Nachusa House hotel, which is now on the National Register. That was about 1890. She owned and operated the hotel by herself, selling it in 1913.



My grandfather came to Seattle in 1900 and established himself in business with the aid of his mother. She spent the rest of her life living 6 months with her son and family (my mother) and 6 months in Hawaii. My mother tells of Susan being a

proper lady wearing black in winter and white in summer as she was a widow. Mom tells the story that my dad

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**By Jule Ann Mahugh**

My brother, Tom Halbrook was a witty, charismatic Episcopalian priest. When he was in high school he wrote this poem in the style of Odgen Nash who we both enjoyed.

## Ode to a Cow

All Hail, All Hail, the noble cow  
 To me, oh cow, you are a wow  
 To you, oh cow, I make a bow  
 I bow, kow tow, and shout How Now!  
 I love you oh tame and gentle creature  
 I'm always very glad to meet-cha  
 Oh lift your stately head and toss it  
 And let me shake your every faucet  
 Oh, let me thank you while I can  
 For all the things you done for man  
 You chew up hay as fine as silk  
 Shake it up and out comes milk  
 It is from your skin valise  
 you give out milk and cottage cheese  
 All hail to you on this your hay-day  
 For all that ever lovin' Grade-A  
 Oh, cow the people of this nation  
 Owe you much appreciation  
 Everyone adores dear Bossie  
 From Toscanini to Jimmy Dorsey  
 You're charming cow, you have no faults  
 And you're behind all chocolate malts  
 So let me tell you noble cow  
 How I do adore you now  
 Let me salute your magic udder  
 You're my sister and  
 I'm your brudder  
 I greet you with heart and stomach full.  
 Oh, darn cow that's no bull.  
 And so, in closing, Let me state  
 You are my favorite vertebrate.  
 And during milking time  
 Keep a hummin'  
 Don't worry, dear, the  
 yanks are comin'.

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**Judy Joaquin, (cont'd from page 15)**

came calling and after meeting him she told mom "you marry that man". Susan loved to travel-she made at least three trips to Japan and established friends there. When her granddaughter, my aunt, was in Japan after the war she looked up the family and visited with them.

Susan seemed to embody the very attributes that women today are told to strive for-she was ahead of her time. This is why she is my favorite ancestor.



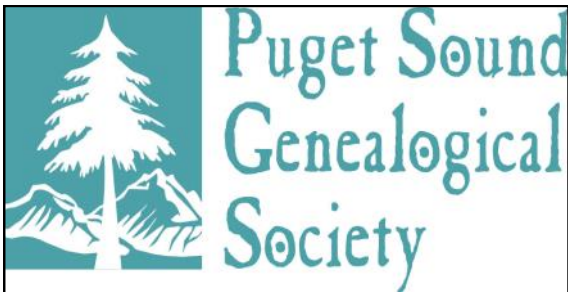
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## **Genealogy Center Volunteers NEEDED!**

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 projects? Then being a GC Volunteer is the perfect answer to these questions!

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