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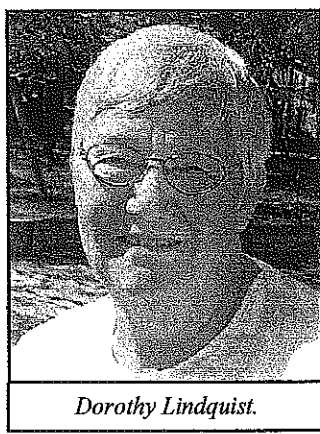
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Dorothy Lindquist.

President's Message.

It is with great anticipation that I approach my job as your new president. I have high hopes for PSGS and where we are headed. We have all except one of our committee positions filled and each one of them have an impressive agenda for the year.

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The Man Who Put the Grape in Grapeview Lambert Evans

By Louise Rauschert Sweatt

My grandfather, John Jacob Louis Rauschert (1866-1929), homesteaded in northern Mason County, Washington, in the area now known as Grapeview, in 1888. His son and my father, Bryan Rauschert (1906-1995) grew up there and shared wonderful tales of the early residents. I particularly remember hearing about Lambert Evans. The first settler in the immediate area, Evans built a log cabin on Stretch Island all by himself, cleared land, and planted a grape vineyard. Without him, Grapeview might never have become Grapeview!

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Seated, Sophia Rauschert (my grandmother), Mrs. Blomgren with the baby, and four others I do not know. Standing, second from left is John Sund, and Lambert Evans on the right with the white beard. Also in the picture are a Bill Bloomquist and a Mr. Dahlstad from Tacoma and Allyn, but I don't know which they are. Circa 1904.

Lambert Evans has no descendants to keep his memory alive, but he was a remarkable man, a Washington pioneer, whose story is an important part of Mason County history. Much of his life I can document as factual, but some events are unverified, passed down orally, making this pioneer almost a

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PSGS Website

The new PSGS website is now ready for you to use. The address is www.pusogensoc.org. (The first two letters of Puget Sound, and the first three letters of Genealogical Society) OR, just click Google and type in Puget Sound Genealogical Society and you will find the link to click.

When you see the Home Page of the website, right-click on the mouse and click, "Create shortcut" to put an icon on your screen for easy access.

To see information about upcoming events go to: [www/pusogensoc.org/happenings](http://www.pusogensoc.org/happenings).

Be sure to look at the Events Calendar and click on any of the underlined events for more information. Enjoy your new website!

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Backcover Reminders?

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wabgs>
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Upcoming *Backtracker* Articles In Future Editions

- *Washington State Veterans Home Cemetery, Retsil, Washington, Index.*
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PSGS Membership for 2009!

PSGS Obituary Index

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ERICKSON	Kenneth Lee	EVERSON	A. Anne
ERICKSON	Lawrence E.	EVERTS	Sherrie Ann
ERICKSON	Leif M.	EVJEN	Ernest P.
ERICKSON	Lester A.	EVJEN	Christopher J.
ERICKSON	Lola Mildred	EVJEN	Janice Gay (Swenson)
ERICKSON	Margaret E.	EWELL	May Viola (Paulsen)
ERICKSON	Oscar	EWING	Robert Lee
ERICKSON	Ouiedia	EWING	Christine L.
ERICKSON	Sharon D.	EYER	Marjorie
ERICSON	Amy Irene	EYLDERS	Eleanor Faye
ERLAND	Knud	EYLER	Johanna
ERLANDSEN	Forest N. "Fory"	EYLER	George D.
ERLING	Erna A.	EZELL	Lee Earl
ERNST	Harley H. Jr.	FABELLANO	Celia D.
ERRO	Elenor (Orand) Hanlon "Jean"	FABELLANO	Delfin Enriquez Jr.
ERSKINE	Eldred F.	FAGAN	Virginia (Perez) "Bea"
ERSTAD	Alma Helen	FAGAN	Charles Joseph
ERSTAD	Norman C. "Swede"	FAGAN	Frank J. Jr.
ERVIN	Ena C.	FAGERHOLM	Kenneth Ray
ERVIN	Sibyl	FAGERLIE	John
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ESKRIDGE	Harley James	FAHEY	James F.
ESKRIDGE	Huldah F.	FAHEY	Kathleen Anne
ESLICK	Archie Wendell	FAHRENWALD	Raymond A.
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ESPELUND	Albert O. Sr.	FAIRBANK	Monna
ESPY	Shirley G. (Houchin)	FAIRBANKS	John Lawrence
ESSARY	Howard "Red"	FAIRCHILD	John Murdoch Mackenzie
ESTEP	Mary "Ruth"	FAIRFIELD	Phyllis
ESTES	Billy Lee	FAIRFIELD	Louis Russell
ETHERIDGE	Helen May	FAIRLEY	Mabel Estella
ETTEN	Adeline J. "Addie"	FALCONER	Flossie June
ETTEN	Oscar	FALCONER	Marion
ETTEN	Roy K.	FALCONER	Marlton Craig
EUBANKS	Carrie B.	FALER	Shirley M. (Grunden)
EVANGELISTA	Zora Marie (Waits)	FALER	Christine J.
EVANGER	H. Darrell	FALER	Ida (Hirschi)
EVANS	Bernice E. (Smith) "Bee"	FALER	Mabel Martha
			Marie

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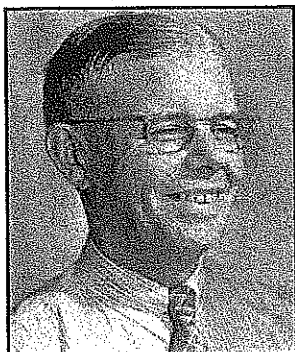
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FALKNER	William F.	FELLOWS	Walter T
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FARGO	James J. Rev.	FENSKE	Mae Liberty (Sexton)
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FARMER	Julie Kaye	FENTON	Leslie C.
FARMER	Lester A. Jr.	FENTON	Myrtle
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FARMER	Maxine Joan Sullivan	FERATE	Orra H.
FARMER	Maxine L.	FERCH	Margaret L.
FARMER	Mildred E. "Milie"	FERGERSON	Courtland Dexter
FARMER	Robert L.	FERGUSON	Elmer Ray
FARMER	Zephaniah Josiah	FERGUSON	Ernest "Earl"
FARNHAM	Robert B.	FERGUSON	Floyd A.
FARNSWORTH	Harvey James	FERGUSON	James
FARNSWORTH	Keith C.	FERGUSON	Lyle James
FARQUARSON	George W.	FERGUSON	Olive Mabel Jennifer (Jenkins)
FARRELL	James Edward "Ed"	FERGUSON	Pearl
FARRINGTON	Carol Marie (Daniels)	FERLANDER	Soren F.
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FAST	Daisy F.	FERNANDEZ	William Henry
FAST	Jimmy Allan	FERNYHOUGH	Eva B.
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FATLAND	Svert M.	FERRY	John P.
FAULK	Elmo Lyle	FERRY	Lawrence L.
FAUNTZ	Theodore C.	FERSON	Donald Moffitt
FAYETTE	Jack G.	FERSON	E. Elaine (Gassere)
FAZENDINE	Esther "Jean"	FESSLER	Elizabeth M.
FEARS	Billy Joe	FICK	Grace I.
FEATHERSTONE	Olive	FICK	Kenneth P.
FECKE	Agnes	FICK	Myrtle M.
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FEDDOCK	John Phillip	FIELD	Janice Ann
FEDDOCK	Mary A. (Tylka)	FIELD	Margaret "Annie"
FEE	Kenneth William	FIELD	Sharon J.
FEEK	Joaquina C. Bacigalupi	FIELDS	Carole Ann (Kaiyala) Belcher
FEELY	Ernest E.	FIELDS	Delmar Verne
FEELY	Louise V.	FIELDS	Jeremy Eugene
FEELY	Stella May	FIESTER	Betty Jane (Gudelsky)
FEENSTRA	Jennifer Ann	FIESTER	Lewis Nelson
FEESER	Rhonda L. "Roni"	FIFE	Gladys Isabelle
FEIGLEY	Joanna Maude	FIFE	Rodney A.
FEIN	Alyce E.	FILER	Dora Mae
FEIN	Carl F.	FILER	Eleanor K. Warren
FEIN	Eleanor	FILION	Donald E.
FEIN	Fred W.	FILION	Ralph Stewart
FEJARANG	Geronimo Comacho	FILLINGHAM	Katherine M. "Kate"
FELD	Lenna B.	FILLINGHAM	William L. "Bill"
FELDMAN	Jesse Lee		

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FINDEN	Joseph Emil	FLECK	Steven H. Sr.
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FINHOLM	Alfred	FLEMING	Bruce
FINISTER	L. V.	FLEMING	Dean Allen
FINLAY	Cecile	FLEMING	Della Jean
FINLAY	Marcella Coates	FLEMING	Doyle Henry
FINLAY	Wallace Luke	FLEMING	Florence A.
FINN	Howard R.	FLEMING	Ira J.
FINNEMAN	Larry Gene	FLEMING	Laura Jean
FINNEY	Edward James	FLEMING	Lewis A.
FINNEY	Kenneth	FLEMING	Paul T.
FINNEY	Vac V.	FLEMING	Thyra
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FINUCAN	Gail (O'Grady)	FLETCHER	Charles L. "Larry"
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FISCHLER	Ed	FLINNER	Orville H.
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FLANIGAN	Virgil Grover "Bus"	FORBES	Edward Burrell
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Robbins Ruff:

*George Edward Ruff,
born 1883*

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The one position, which is still open, is the Seminar Committee chairman. It was decided to postpone our seminar until next year but if you are interested in helping plan the next seminar, please let me know.

The Education Committee has a full schedule of classes and they are so popular that they are filled almost immediately when the sign-up sheets are ready. You can see the schedule on our web site at pusogen-soc.org under Education.

We now have a new publicity chairman, Jean Yager, who is sending information about PSGS and its programs and activities to the local newspapers as well as other places. We want to encourage new people to come and join us. Johnny Wilson has joined our team of website editors and his wife, Linda, is the Chair of the Website Committee.

Sandie Morrison is overall chairperson for the bigger and better than ever Antique Faire '09 which will be held at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds April 25. This year the event will include booths for antiques and collectibles as well as a food concession. We need your help to make this fundraiser a success.

It's not too early to start planning for our Garage Sales in June. The first weekend in June there will be a sale at Larry Harden's new home in McCormick Woods and the third weekend in June we will have another sale at the Lindquist's home - 9093 Glenwood Road, Port Orchard, so start saving your treasures for these two events.

And last, but not least, I want to mention the hard-working By-Laws Revision Committee which started at the end of last year and is hoping to have a final version to present in the near future. The members of this committee are Larry Harden, Terry Mettling, Dorothy Lindquist, Bob Edwards and Chairperson, Lillian Schauer.

There are so many others who are doing a great job - too many to mention here but I just want to thank everyone for all of their efforts on behalf of PSGS. I am really glad to be on your team!

Special Interest Group Q and A

Question: What are SIG's?

"SIG" stands for "Special Interest Group". These are very popular at PSGS. They are based on specific needs of individuals who share a common interest. They form a study group to learn more about a particular place or a method of research.

Family Tree Maker and Legacy Family Tree SIG's have been meeting longer than any others. Both of them meet on the fourth Monday of each month and learn ways to use the computer programs to keep track of their family research.

Ancestry.com SIG is a more recent group which explores the Ancestry website and keeps up-to-date on the latest changes. This group meets on the first Friday of each month.

State Days focus on a particular state each month on the fourth Friday. Members who are researching families in a particular state can share what they have with each other as well as explore all of the library's holdings for their state. Some of the attendees for these state days have formed Special Interest Groups for particular states to continue learning and sharing with each other. Check the calendar in the website for the times for each group.

Question: Who can attend these SIG's?

These groups are open to anyone at any time. Even some non-members attend. They are on-going and members are happy to help new people. Some groups also show training videos.

All of the above groups meet at the PSGS library. Check the calendar for confirmation of dates and times.

Second Saturday Film Series

1:00 p.m.

Step-by step guides to tracing your family's roots.

(Series ends in July)



Are you a historian?

You are very likely an avid reader of histories concerning your ancestral origins in Europe and exceedingly fascinated with the detail of your pioneer ancestors who set out on perilous voyages on sailing ships to the new world and the arduous treks of exploration of a little known territory of dense forests and hills seeking a place to stake out a claim for a future home for yourself and your family. If you have done all this, isn't it time to proclaim yourself a genuine family historian! You are now in a position to compose the story of predecessors, adventures I would like to hear from you and the story about your family's experiences.

The Editor.

(Continued from page 1) The Man Who Put the Grape in Grapeview legend.

Lambert Evans was born about 1836, in Washington County, Territorial Florida. His father was Sharpless Evans. Sharpless, born about 1808 in North Carolina, lived in Washington County as early as 1824. He homesteaded two tracts of land made possible by an act of Congress on April 24, 1820. He filed papers for roughly forty acres in 1837, and then he acquired eighty more in 1856. The original documents are available to see on line at the Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records.



Lambert Evans with his grapes.

The 1850 U.S. Federal Census, Slave Schedules, lists Sharpless as owning twenty-four slaves.

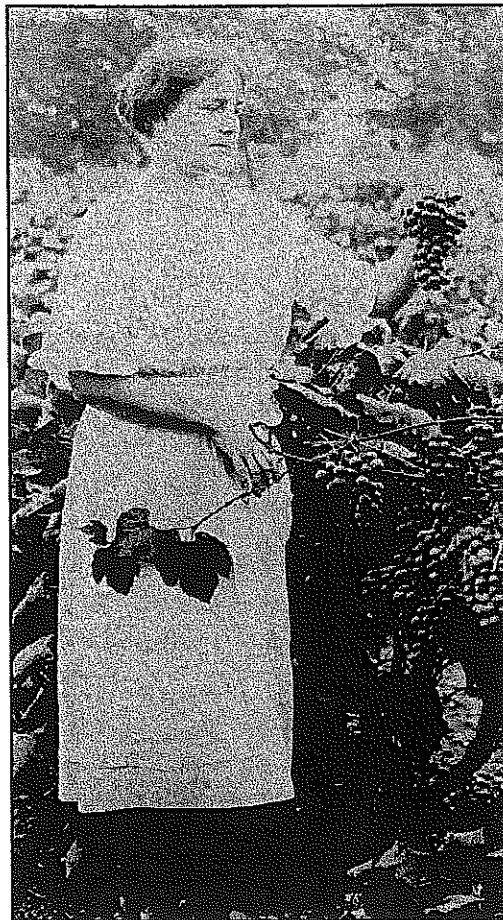
Lambert shows up on the 1850 Florida Washington County census, as being fourteen years of age, with his father Sharpless, age forty-one, mother Hester, age thirty-eight, and six brothers and sisters. In 1860 he is still living at home with his father, age fifty-two, and four brothers and sisters.

1861 marked the beginning of the Civil War, and Lambert Evans enlisted as a Private in Company H, Fourth Infantry Regiment Florida, on September 7, 1861. The American Civil War Soldiers record contains rather detailed information on his wartime years. He was 5'9" tall, blue eyes, dark hair color and complexion. The Fourth Infantry Regiment fought briefly in Cedar Key, Florida, and then operated mostly in eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia. Lambert was captured on June 17, 1864 at Lost Mountain, Georgia, and put in prison in Rock Island, Illinois, on June 20, 1864. He signed an Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America on October 18, 1864 at Rock Island, and was released. Having signed that, he may not have been welcome back home in Florida. Besides, the economy in the South was in terrible shape.

Somehow Lambert made it to Puget Sound in about 1872. Stories passed down about him suggest that he walked most of the way to Southern California and then north to Puget Sound. In Steilacoom City, south of Tacoma, he apparently bought a boat

and rowed around the Sound until he got to Stretch Island in Mason County.

Lambert was listed in the Washington State and Territorial Census, Feb. 3, 1879, as residing in Mason County, Washington. He was ineligible to file a homestead claim initially because of being a "rebel," so on Sept. 27, 1882, he bought forty acres of land on Stretch Island from the federal government for approximately \$2.50 an acre. Then, after the United States restored full citizenship to southern soldiers, he homesteaded more land in 1883 and 1886, acquiring a total of 172 acres. His main crop was grapes, and he also planted a variety of fruit trees and vegetables.



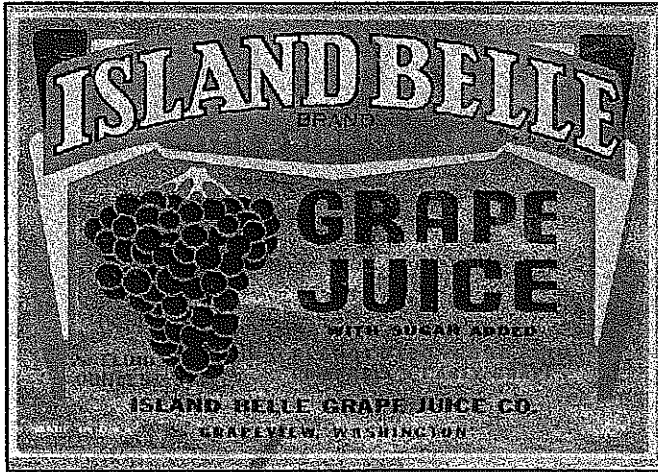
Annie Peterson, a Grapeview school teacher 1921-23 and 1931-34 in the Somers' vineyard, which originally belonged to Lambert Evans.

Lambert very possibly had had experience with grapes growing up in Florida. Muscadine grapes grow wild in much of the southeast, and some farmers grew them for table consumption and for making jams, jellies, and juice. On Stretch Island he had found the perfect location for growing grapes. The local area has a milder climate than much of Puget Sound, and warm sunny summer days help grapes

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grow fat and sweet.

He rowed his grapes to Olympia to sell, in his flat-bottomed skow, a distance of twenty miles.

Lambert Evans lived and grew grapes on Stretch Island all by himself for about eleven years. Then Adam Eckert, who grew up in a grape-growing area of New York, talked with Lambert around 1890, and then settled on Stretch Island to grow grapes



An old grape juice label from Grapeview

himself. More farmers in the area, including my grandfather, John Jacob Louis Rauschert, grew grapes, and in 1918 some of them formed the Island Belle Grape Growers' Union.

According to Bill Somers of the St. Charles Winery, Lambert married when he was about seventy-five. The *Shelton Journal*, December 1915, reported the event. "L.B. Evans, a pioneer of Mason County and the king of Evans Island... forsook his bachelorhood this week and was married to Mrs. A. L. Evans of Tacoma... While the groom is well-nigh 75 years of age, he is bright and active..."

Lambert Evans died about 1917. Then the Somers family moved from Seattle and bought the Evans property from Lambert's widow in 1918. The Somers built and operated St. Charles Winery. In 1936 Stretch Island had three wineries, two grape juice factories and acres of grape vines.

The post office's name, originally Detroit, was changed to Grapeview in 1923 or 1924. Today a few grapes are still grown on Stretch Island, and the Grapeview area has one winery. Lots of homes in the area have some grape vines. Folks make grape preserves and press grape juice in the fall. And it all started with a Florida "rebel" who found a perfect island in Puget Sound to live a peaceful life and raise grapes. Thank you, Lambert Evans. ■

How Did World War II Change Our Lives? By Phyllis Searls Wahlquist

A one word answer would be "forever!"

Living in Bremerton, the home of the Bremerton Navy Yard, now called Naval Station Bremerton, we were impacted more than almost any other town. My father had worked as a machinist in the shipyard since World War I. After war was declared on Germany the shipyard became very busy and more people were moving into the area where they could find work. At first it was a gradual movement. It didn't really hit home until the British Warship *Warspite* was towed into the dry-dock April of 1941. Dad came home with a word picture of the extent of the damage. After the war, when pictures were allowed to be published, it was still devastating.

December 7, 1941 – Sunday the news spread from church to golf course and to the Rifle Club where my dad and brother had gone. Dad came home got into his overalls, mom packed a full lunch bucket and I don't remember seeing him again for about a week. He came home bathed, ate, slept and was back to work. Because of his experience he was given the task of training Kansas farmers to tell the difference between a lathe, a drill press and a milling machine that was made to cut metal to 1/1000th of an inch – not grind wheat or fingers.

I was in the 8th grade at Lincoln Jr. High School. Classes continued with more and more kids coming in every day. The classrooms were crowded and makeshift classrooms were made in the auditorium, library and hallways. By the fall of 1942 when my class started High School, it was necessary to double shift the students. Juniors and Seniors went in the morning and Freshmen and Sophomores in the afternoon. Most of the upperclassmen took jobs to fill in for those leaving to go into the armed services or to go to work in the shipyard. Some students took "helper" jobs in the shipyard.

My husband Don left Olympia High School at the end of his Junior year to start as an apprentice Machinist at the Keyport Naval Torpedo Station just north of Bremerton. They were desperate to have trained workers and this apprentice program trained machinists but also had academic classes so the graduates were given their High School diplomas at the same time. It was a three-year program and Don was deferred from the Army draft for the duration of the program. After graduation, he served two-years in the army and because of his training he was hired back into the Shipyard when he returned. (He retired

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after 50 years.) Don's father had worked in the Shipyard during World War I and left afterward. He, too, returned to work at Keyport and later transferred to the Shipyard.

Rationing: Shoes, gasoline, canned food, meat, butter, cheese, sometimes all at once or at various times. I don't know who or what determined this. When you went shopping you not only needed a shopping list, money – cash, but also had to determine if you had enough of the proper coupons to buy what you wanted, if it was available. It must have been a headache for our mothers. Yes, there was a black-market in all of these goods but I was not aware of it at the time. My parents, I'm sure did not resort to this type of purchase. Dad hunted and fished, when he could, which helped fill the larder. Mother canned, canned, and canned again. We had a small garden in our yard but she also bought fresh vegetables in season when she could. We had friends who had chickens and rabbits so I believe we had a few of those, too. A lot of shipyard employees fished in the dry-docks, too. At that time there were no screens to keep the fish out when the dry-dock was pumped out.



Blackouts: After Pearl Harbor, all windows had to have coverings that would not let light show outside your home. All theater marquees were shut off. Most businesses were not open nights in those days anyway but because of the blackout orders they closed at dusk. Bars and theaters were open for business but the lights nearest the doors were kept dim and you entered quickly closing the door behind you. We did have basketball games. The gym windows were covered. Football games were held in the afternoons. We had a few formal dances. We walked, formals and all, unless the parents pooled their gas to drive a group and pick them up later. Mostly the dances were in the form of "sock hops" in the gym after the games. We took off our shoes and danced on the gym floor. We had a very good student dance band, too. Many of the older students went to the local Dance Pavilion and to the YMCA dances that were sponsored for the servicemen but I was not al-

lowed to participate.

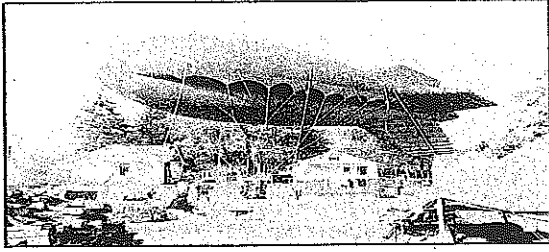
We lived within easy walking distance of the center of the business district and our church so we walked everywhere. Dad always walked the 10 blocks to the shipyard – day and night.

The barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns that were based on every level vacant lot, playground and ball field were constant reminders of the possibility that we, too, would end up like the newsreel pictures of Europe, the Pacific Islands and Japan. During the teen years we were accepting of these things as they came. It was frightening but also reassuring that we were being protected. I was and still am saddened by the perceived notion that our local Japanese families were a threat. When the few that were in my school left and those on nearby Bainbridge Island were taken away, it was, and still is like a death. Not only that, a local Chinese family who had a laundry in Bremerton for many years had their business vandalized and the children were harassed because they were thought to be Japanese.

Barrage Balloons: We laugh now looking back at what was thought of as "protection" from incoming aircraft. These balloons were about 60 feet long and 12 to 15 feet in diameter and shaped somewhat like a large airplane. The upper half was filled with hydrogen and lower part with air. They were very explosive. They were anchored to concrete blocks with a cable and were winched up to a maximum of 6000 feet. The theory was that if an enemy plane hit one it would explode. There were grenades also attached to the cables. They were supposed to be taken down in a high wind but the Pacific Northwest weather being what it is, it can be windy one minute and calm the next, they were hard to control. Often the balloon cables broke.

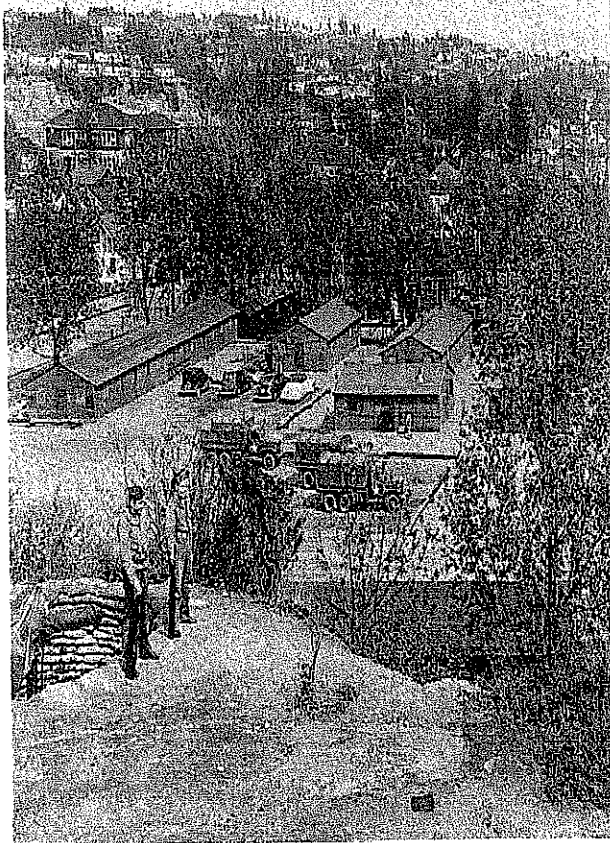
The balloons were blown around dragging the cables over power lines, and wrapping around chimneys. One storm in 1942 blew the balloons over Seattle, darkening the city leaving people stranded in elevators. One balloon that had deflated and engulfed a house. The residents came crawling out from under the balloon and wondered why the blackout had started early. One explosion on the ground killed a service man and seriously injured six others. The living conditions for these servicemen were in tents and later tarpaper covered barracks, no running water, just an outside faucet and outside latrines. The neighbors regularly invited them in for warm showers and a home cooked meal, sending Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to those who had duty on those days.

Our home life revolved around Dad's work
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shift schedule, schoolwork, scouts, music lessons and church. I am so very thankful for a stable home life. While this schedule sounds like any family even today, it was all done within a mile or two radius of home and always under the threat of real air raids. We had air raid drills at school, church and home. We sometimes forgot the threat in our daily round of activities but walking to and from school



past barrage balloons and anti-aircraft gun emplacements brought our situation back to mind.

Notice machine guns in left-foreground. Tents, replaced in 1942 were headquarters for the

barrage balloon unit sent to Kitsap County early in the War. (looking east from Chester,) *Photo courtesy of James S. Webb.*

In the background on the left is my grade school – Smith School on Park Avenue. This is the scene I walked by everyday on the way to Lincoln Jr. High School. Today 11th Street bisects this picture on the right of the long barracks.

My parents probably sheltered us from a lot of the horrors but we read the papers and saw the newsreels at the movies. Since we already lived in Bremerton, we were spared the uprooting from our home as were many families. Mother was a “block captain”. It was her duty to see that the black out rules were enforced and it would be her duty to check on each family in case of an air raid. When I was about 13 or 14, my first job was filing sugar ration coupon applications at the ration board office.

In Frank Wetzel’s book *Victory Gardens and Barrage Balloons* he does a very good job of picturing our lives in Bremerton. Frank is two-year older than I and I did not know him well but he wrote and gives a very good picture of our lives during this time. This book is in our Genealogy Library. The pictures are from this book. I knew most of the people mentioned in the book but alas, most of them are now dead. ☐

HELP WANTED

Records Preservation projects.

PSGS is in the process of entering information into computer databases to preserve the facts for future generations and make them more accessible for research. We are looking for volunteers to help with our Historical Records Projects.

Skills needed:

If you are familiar with *Microsoft Works*, *Microsoft Excel* or *Microsoft Access* we can show you how to enter the information.

If you are willing to help, but cannot use any of the above programs, let us know and we will show you how you can help in other ways with no typing skills needed.

When?

Cemetery Committee – 1st Thursday of each month.

Obituary Committee – 2nd Monday of each month.

School Records Project – 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Where?

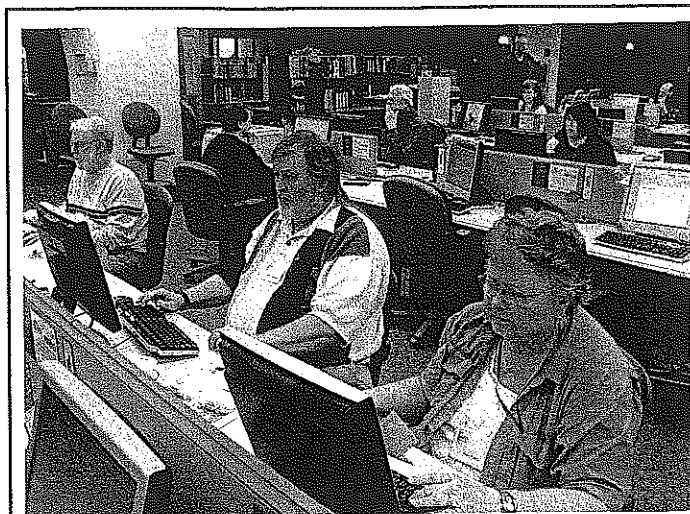
All of these groups meet at the PSGS library. If you can, bring a laptop. If you cannot come to the library to help, you may want to do the work at home.

Come and help us with these historical records projects. If you can help, please call Jeanne Menchenton, (360) 674-2747 or Sandie Morriston (360) 275-4990 to volunteer. ☐

PSGS Photo Page



*Courtesy JoAnn Housen Scott-Smith:
My grandparents
Edward Wilson (1884-1962)
and
Hulda Karlson (1885-1973)
Both born in Munsala, Finland.
Married March 18, 1914,
in Tacoma, Washington.
They settled on Harstine Island,
Mason County, Washington,
Where they both lived out their lives.*



*PSGS members working on family trees at
Salt Lake City Family History Library*

*Group photo of participants at Salt Lake City:
(l. to r.) Ken Eder, Lorrin Walsh, Pat Eder, Nyla Walsh, Dorothy
Lindquist, Linda Webb, Jeanne Menchenton, Ann Northcutt,
Phyllis Evans, Paulette Waggoner, Larry Harden, Beverly Nelson
and Terry Mettling. (Not pictured) Sandy and Jim Morrison,
Lorraine Kniert, Barbara Chesley and Phyllis Wahlquist.*



Finding My Family Martha Anne (Jones) Smith

When I was growing up, I never had the family gatherings that my friends enjoyed as we lived out west in British Columbia, Canada and the nearest relative lived a few thousand miles away. I first began to wonder who I was and where I came from in the early 1970's. When I saw a notice in the paper about genealogy, (at that time, I did not even know how to spell this!), a friend and I decided to



*David E.C. Jones,
born 25 Dec. 1904
in Bargoed, Glamorgan, South Wales,
and died 2 Feb. 1993.
in Quesnel, British Columbia Canada.*

go to that meeting which was held at the Great Northwest Building in Bremerton.

We came away from that meeting with a lot of information given by Marlys Marrs and she emphasized that we needed to get as much information from our relatives as possible while they were still here. My mother had passed away when I was young but I still had my father to ask questions. Lucky I did! I would never have known the name of the small coal-mining town in Wales where he was born. My parents talked a lot of their home life during my growing up years but the specifics I did not know. After a while I realized that I just didn't have the time to spend writing letters etc. Computers were not at our fingertips then and I worked full time and had a very busy family. I always knew that I would someday get back to this fascinating hobby!

When I was six years old, my mother took my sister and me to visit our grandmother in New Brunswick, Canada where we spent the summer. I got to know some cousins my age and I remem-

Important PSGS Deadline Dates

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June 2009 *Backtracker*:

Article Submission date: May 1st

September 2009 *Backtracker*:

Article Submission date: August 1st

December 2009 *Backtracker*:

Article Submission date: November 1st

I want to express my appreciation to our PSGS Members who have written or plan to write genealogical articles for our *Backtracker* newsletter.

Sincerely, Your Editor.

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bered that there was a large family of the Saunders. At age 18 I was still clueless about asking questions. I spent time in Wales and England with part of my Welsh family. I was fortunate to have this background which eventually helped me with my family history.

In 1999 I was now retired and my father had passed away so there was no one left for me to ask questions. We now had a computer and the first thing I did was to join the New Brunswick Genealogy Society. In a short time I received two letters from first cousins in New Brunswick and Florida. Another cousin wrote that she remembered me when I was there for the summer when I was six years old. One of my cousins was a member of the NBGS so again I was very fortunate and she notified the other cousins that I was looking for them. We became very acquainted by our letters and in 2003 my husband and I took a trip to Maine and New Brunswick where we were welcomed by all the Saunders family. I think we went to every graveyard and church around Queens County and Kings County. I even went to Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, where I was born! The original family, Belyca and Saunders were United Empire Loyalists and Huguenots so their history is very interesting. I still have a lot to

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Susan's Select Web Sites

Kimberley Powell at About.com gives a lot of good information. This is a good one – “How to Identify & Avoid Genealogy Scams.”
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/tp/scams.htm?nl=1>
 You've seen the books about places you should visit before you die. Here's the genealogist's version – 20 libraries to visit before you die. (I'm two down and 18 to go.) <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/9-libraries/>
 Ancestry's military collection is open FREE through D Day (June 6).

If you aren't sure where to write or call for vital records in the US, try this: <http://www.vitalrecordsus.com/>
 Looking for British ancestors in the 20th century? The 1911 census has been released over three years early.
www.1911census.co.uk.

The best sources of genealogical information in foreign countries are records of births, marriages, and deaths kept by churches and civil registration offices. For help in composing your inquiries:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp?Page=../research/type/Letter-writing_Guide.asp&ActiveTab=Type

Volunteers dedicated to free genealogy. “Our goal is to help you track your ancestors through time by transcribing genealogical and historical data for the free use of all researchers. 8 years of transcribing IL data and 2 years for the rest of the country. Looking for volunteers to help.”
<http://www.genealogytrails.com/>

This site is a genealogy directory, containing links to more than 5000 sites!

http://www.all-genealogysites.com/Free_Genealogy/

WeRelate is a free public-service wiki for genealogy, sponsored by the Foundation for On-Line Genealogy in partnership with the Allen County Public Library. It is the world's largest genealogy wiki with pages for over 2,000,000 people and families... and growing. http://werelate.org/wiki/Main_Page

Genealogy Resources, by state, linking to official information and services from the U.S. government - http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml

Kimberley Powell again – “If you use a computer in your genealogy research, then you likely have a large collection of digital files. Digital photos, downloaded census records or wills, scanned documents, emails... If you're like me, however, they are scattered in various folders throughout your computer. This complicates matters when I'm trying to locate a specific photo or track down an email. This site will help you organize those files for easy retrieval.”
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/organization/a/digital.htm>

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 Links, links, links!! You may find links to things you haven't thought about yet. Keep scrolling down for free downloads. http://www.kindredtrails.com/free_genealogy_stuff.html

PSGS Schedule of Classes 2009

02 March	How to Print Old Pictures for Memory Album
06 April	Internet Genealogy
04 May	Church Records
16 May	Beginning Genealogy
01 June	Solving Brick Walls — A Roundtable
06 July	Courthouse Records I — Land Records
03 August	Courthouse Records II — Probate and Wills
15 August	Beginning Genealogy
12 September	Personal Web Page
05 October	Census Records
02 November	Using Ancestry.com
21 November	Beginning Genealogy
07 December	Citing Your Sources

If your family were an early settlers in the West Sound, write about them for the *Backtracker*. Don't you too think our newsletter should publish articles relevant to our local history? What the *Backtracker* needs is family history articles about the pioneers of the Kitsap Peninsula.


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Genealogy, the science

**The *Backtracker*
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For and By the PSGS Membership**

The February 2 issue of *The Irish Emigrant* newsletter reports that the 1940 census for the Republic of Ireland will be released soon.

The March issue of *Family Tree Magazine* is headlined “Find Your Family without Going Broke!” There are too many websites to list here, but you can read the magazine at the PSGS library. 

PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

Bruce and Nancy Ramsey have gone to Maui, Hawaii to escape from our weather and recover from some health problems. Bruce will not be doing any genealogy while touring the islands.

Marilyn Roberts has connected with a cousin on Ancestry.com. She has learned about her paternal great grandparents, Alonzo and Jane Bell Bradley. They were married in 1859 in Iowa. Their daughter, Bessie Lee Bradley married Marshall McNutt in Iowa in 1898. Bessie and Marshall produced Ruby Allison McNutt and he arrived in Bremerton, Washington courtesy of the US Marines. Then his daughter, Marilyn was born and raised in Kitsap County.

John Stack, another local guy, was in the class of 1958 at South Kitsap High school. He is the son of Louis and Sophie Stack, aka Stachowitz. This family came to Kitsap County from the distant lands of New Jersey in 1945.

Susan Stack's great grandfather, Andrew Anderson, left Finland in 1880 and settled on 120 acres on Bainbridge Island. His wife, Anna was able to join him in 1899 with their three grown daughters, Ulrica, Louise, and Hannah. Louise married John Ostrand and eventually had Edgar Ostrand, Susan's father.

Johnny and Linda Wilson traveled to Ft. Hood, Texas on Christmas Eve. The trip turned into an endurance test, when they sat in the plane for four hours before it ever left the ground. Then four hours in the air and finally they got to their destination on the actual day of their reservations. They visited with their son, Jeremy and his wife Andrea and their granddaughter Autumn. Johnny finally has the family interested in genealogy.

JeDene Reeder has left for Togo, Africa. She will spend nearly a year, working on her PHD. She is teaching and learning in French with the eventual goal of teaching at the University level. She has studied the native languages and she expects to eventually teach the native people to read and write in their own language. I hope she stays safe and I expect her to have many tales of life in Togo when she returns.

The ongoing saga of my grandson's YDNA through Familytree gets more interesting. We did pay for the full 67 marker test and he finally got a match. Apparently a parental incident happened during the last 200 years as Michael's "cousin" is named James O'Neill Bundy. Michael's father's line is Williams. The search for this incident and connection is difficult, as Mr. Bundy is not interested in sharing information. □

In Memoriam
Dr. John T. Yoke III
Born: Feb. 27, 1928,
New York City
Died: February 12, 2009
Corvallis, Oregon

Husband of:
Mary Alice (McPherson) Yoke,
PSGS Member.

If you have knocked down an insurmountable Genealogical barrier during the course of your family history research, we want you to tell the *Backtracker* all about your success.

Important Tax Information!

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PSGS Member Written Articles
Required for future editions
Of the *Backtracker*.
Contact Your Editor.

find out about John Saunders from

New Jersey who was the original Loyalist.
Next trip New Jersey and New York!

After my Dad had passed away in 1993, I brought all of his personal papers home from Canada but did not really check into what I had for quite a long time. When I finally decided to see what was in all these boxes etc., I could not believe what treasures I had! There even was a birth certificate for my father so I had a beginning.

I had lost all contact with all my Welsh relatives in Wales so I joined the Ceredigion and Glamorgan Genealogy Societies where I knew from some of the correspondence of my Dad. I needed to check out both counties. Once again I received an email from a lady in Los Angeles telling that she had seen the names of people whom I was interested in from the list in the genealogy journal, and we also discovered that we were related.

Thank goodness for computers! We exchanged information on our families and got to know each other through emails. I told her that I had letters from Wales written to my father, when he came to Canada, dating from 1927 through 1975 and most of them were in Welsh, which I could not read. She then gave me the name of one of her cousins in Wales and he and I corresponded for a while and discovered that he is also a distant cousin. He offered to translate all the letters for me. I also copied for him all of my father's letters written in English and we have come to find out that our families are very intertwined in the little village of Llanddewi Brefi. It is amazing that my father kept so many of his letters.

I continue to correspond with all of these people and I must say that I so glad that I joined these societies as I probably may not have been able to go as far as I have in my family history. It seems that I have cousins popping up everywhere and it is a little less lonely in the world! We are now looking forward to a trip to Wales and I can not wait to see those old cemetery's and farms of my Welsh ancestors—so join those genealogical societies if you know the area of your ancestors--you never know who or what you may find! ☐

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Belfair Bulletin by DeLana Cox

The Belfair group has made it through the BIG snow and ice . Now we are ready to start a new year.

Meetings and Programs are:

3 February. Planning for "History of Belfair ." meeting in September.

3 March. Across the Pond by Terry Mettling.

7 April. Speaker Karen Hass from Humanities.

5 May. Organization by Connie Bailey of Olympia.

2 June. Photo's by Harry Mc Connell.
Please note of our meeting place and dates ,

Feb. , March , April will be at the upstairs room at the Belfair Q F C.

May and June at the Belfair Library.

Respectfully, DeLana



Would you be interested
in organizing
A North Kitsap Chapter of the
Puget Sound Genealogical
Society?

If so, contact our President!

ANTIQUE FAIRE '09 Coming Soon

We are co-sponsoring the Antique Faire '09 – History and Heritage with the Kitsap Historical Association again for the eighth annual antique faire. This is one of the most important fundraisers we have to support our library.

The Antique Faire has been greatly expanded this year to include booths for vendors, speakers and demonstrations as well as our traditional verbal appraisals for antiques. We will also have a food booth available.

We have outgrown our space and this year's event will be held in the President's Hall at Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The date is Saturday, April 25. Sandie Morrison is the over-all chairman for this event.

We need more helpers to staff the show on the day of the event as well as set-up on the day before. If you can help, call Dorothy Lindquist at (360) 876-4320. If you have some time to help between now and April 25, please let us know.

The Library Report Marjorie Menees

Reminder Time: Do you realize what a busy place your library is? Every day has a scheduled event and even though Mondays and Wednesdays are closed to the general public they are busy.

On Mondays you might find a special class being held, especially the first Monday of the month. On other Mondays, the Education committee, the Ways and Means committee, and the Executive Board meet --- should you innocently walk in on a second Monday morning you will find that the Obits and Vital records have the table in the Larry Swan Room covered with a scattering of cards and news clippings and plastic covers as they continue their never ending chore of preserving research notes that otherwise would be lost forever.

On Wednesday the Record Preservation group meets at the PSGS Library but the Canadian Special Interest Group meets that day at the library.

Then there is the Cemetery committee working and planning and scouring local cemeteries focusing on little old ones that are not well known and, like the vital records, with information that could be lost forever.

Fridays find Special Interest Groups for Ancestry and also various states plus one day dedicated to a named state - called State Day .. Besides these, Fridays also sees the publicity committee meeting as well as the Website Management meeting. And Saturdays include Film Day and Genealogy 101 classes as scheduled.

Oh yes, and besides that, we DO have books, pamphlets, papers, maps, cd's, microfilm, and microfiche. Accompanying these we have microfilm and microfiche readers, computers, printers, and copy machines.

Also we have members who use them. Hey, we even have "stop-ins" who find us and some of these become "regulars" or even members !

So on every day except Monday or Wednesday we are, along with the above mentioned activities open for every one to use all the amenities.

Sometimes I wonder if we realize what a far cry we are from our little free part-time room at Givens.

We have been at this site for five years now with planned and inevitable unplanned changes: in membership some are no longer with us and some have joined who have no memory of the quest for our own quarters..

Remember when we had to leave our "free Givens space" and the Poulsbo military loan and how very upset we were? We looked and looked and talked with building and unit owners and wondered if our shoes soles would be completely worn out - but everything was **TOO EXPENSIVE** and certainly not free even if we thought that would be a good idea because we certainly would grace any place available. However, as close as we came to some in Bremerton and some in Port Orchard, we said **NO WAY** to such exorbitant prices as \$400 per month --- at 500? Hello?

So one afternoon, after another discouraging rent check and an available unit at the EPO business complex, we were sitting in a café, having fortified ourselves with some nourishment, thinking we were on an impossible journey. It was then that Larry Harden, current Treasurer, said suppose each of our members would donate/pledge \$5.00 per month with the size of our membership, we could afford to pay \$750 per month for a good space and still have our regular big ways and means money makers to back up the operating needs.

Well, we knew we had found our current space --- we were lucky in the size and the layout of it. Those of us who had trekked the pavements of Bremerton and Port Orchard and talked to owners of buildings spaces and even houses, \$5.00 month did not seem too much to ask since we knew what a dinner, show, bowling night, or latte could cost... And sure enough, those who could have donated money to what became known as the "The Rental Fund." And we have continued our money-making projects with the Ways and Means Committee's hard work and ingenuity. The rent on a predetermined scale has increased but nothing compared to what others around town are, believe me....

AND! What better place than this library for genealogy researching, classes, special interest groups, and State days?

New books in the Northwest Room:

*The Eyes of Chief Seattle,
Indians of the Pacific Northwest,
Nisqually Indian Tribe,
Tales from a Tahuya Log,
Second Growth ,
One Pair of Overalls.*

Coming State Days:

March and April:

Washington and California

Bring your own research and ideas to share and your problems to discuss

Can you name the State Foods and history thereof for those states? ▣

PSGS
Periodical Exchange Notes
Madge Norton

AMER Family Chronicle (Dec. 2008) Jail & Criminal Records; Prisoner of War Records; Researching Spanish-Am War Veterans; Mining Church Archives; Rich Resources for Poor Ancestors

Ibid: (Feb. 2009) Czech & Slovak Research; African-Am Research; WW II British Guest Children; Dating Old Military Photos; Norwegian Farm Names

AMER Evertons' Genealogical Helper (Nov./Dec. 2008) Be Cautious When Using Deed Indexes; Dust & a Great Migration

AMER Internet Genealogy (Jan. 2009) Top Networking Family Websites; Finding Elusive Civil War Ancestors; Chicago Records Online; Top Genealogy Blogs

AMER Am-Canadian Genealogist 34:4 (Num. 4, 2008) Matte Families of North Am; Is Your Name Yandean, Yandow, Guidon, Rondeau, Riendeau or Requindeau?

CA Sequoia Gen. Soc. Inc. 35:9 (Nov. 2008) Old Newspaper Abstracts cont; Death Certificates From Porterville City Hall 1911-1913 cont.

FL The Pastfinder Lake Co. FL 20:4 (Fall 2008) Gen. Index to Files & Records of Estate Records of Lake Co. FL 1887-1940

ID Idaho Gen Soc 51:3 (Fall 2008) Various ID Family Stories: C P Coburn, Hauntz, Goan, Litchfield, Williams, Smith, Farris, Nitz, Gibler, Stewart

Ibid: 51:4 (Winter 2008) Malad Genealogy; Mason Family-TN to KS to ID; Onieda Co. Records-Index to Soldiers Discharges

IL The Genie's View LaSalle Co Gen Guild (Sep/Oct 2008) Other Events 100 Years Ago From Ottawa: Old & New

Ibid: (Nov/Dec 2008) Ottawa Has Made Great Progress in Last 100 Years July 28, 1938

IL The Schuylerite Schuyler Co Historical & Gen Soc 37:3 (Fall 2008) Doctors in Schuyler; Obituaries; Various Old Newspaper Clippings

Ibid: 37:4 (Winter 2008) Camden Tornado of 1881; Physicians in 1882 History; Obituaries & Newspaper Clippings cont.

IN The Tri-State Packet Tri-State Gen. Soc. 32:2 (Dec. 2008) Vanderburgh Co IN in the Civil War, Part II; Abstracts of the 1890 Co Enrollment of Persons Who Served in the Armies of the US; Brady Bible Records; WPA Pike Co Deaths 1887-1902; German Evangelical & Lutheran Churches in Vanderburgh Co IN 1838-1865

KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly 38:4 (Oct 2008) First Marriages in KS 1877-78; Extracts From Early Kansas Newspapers, Shawnee Co; Topeka State Hospital Cemetery KS The Seeker Crawford Co. Gen. Soc. of SE KS 38:4 (Oct/Dec 2008) Crawford Co Death Records, Baker Twsp. Jul 1910-Dec 23, 1910; Civil War Veterans of SE KS

MA Berkshire Genealogist 29:4 (Fall 2008) Civil War Draft List, Dist. # 10 1863; The Supplementary Draft 1864; Valuation List of Town of Lee for 1904; Curtisville Reminiscences 1899; Berkshire Militia cont; State Census

of MA, 1855 W. Stockbridge

MN Heir Mail Crow Co Gen Soc 30:4 (Winter 2008) Fairfield Twsp 1913 Property owners; Alien Registrations Allen Twsp. 1918

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OR Beaver Briefs Willamette Valley Gen Soc 40:4 (Fall 2008) Santium Valley Pioneers; Warden Jones OSP Inmate Reg. cont.

SD Lyman-Brule Gen Soc 22:3 (Oct 2008) Traveling the Ft. Pierre-Deadwood Trail

TX The Explorer Texana/Gen. Dept. San Antonio Public Lib. 14:3 & 4 (2008) Bexar Co Commissioner's Court Minutes, 1856; Karnes Co Naturalization Index A-M; Freie Presse Für Texas, Jan-Mar 1879

WA Olympia Genealogical Quarterly 34:4 (Oct 2008) Olympia City Directory 1923-24

WA The Tri-City Gen Soc Bulletin 48:3 (Nov 2008) 1910 School Census for Benton Co WA Dist.# 16; Index of Photographs Aug/Dec 1963 Hanford Project

WA Yakima Valley Gen Soc 40:4 (Dec 2008) Cradle Roll Enroll. Cards, First Christian Bible School, Yakima, cont; Local Brevities 1891; Ahtanum School, cont.

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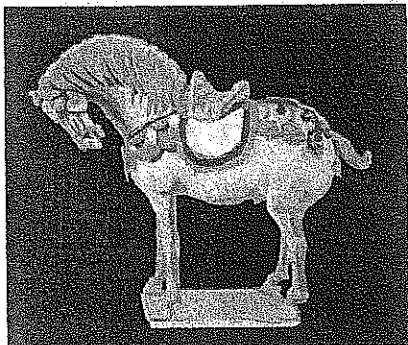
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Antique Faire '09 Coming Soon

We are co-sponsoring the Antique Faire '09 -- History and Heritage with the Kitsap Historical Association. This will be our eighth annual antique faire.

This is one of the most important fundraisers we have to support our research library.

The Antique Faire has been greatly expanded this year to include booths for venders, speakers and demonstrations as well as our traditional verbal appraisals for antiques. We will also have a food booth available.

We have outgrown our space and this year's event will be held in the President's Hall at Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The date is Saturday, April 25. Sandie Morrison is the over-all chairman for this event.

We need more helpers to staff the show on the day of the event as well as set-up on the day before. If you can help, call Dorothy Lindquist at (360) 876-4320. If you have some time to help between now and April 25, please let us know.

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Clarence Ray Mullenix

Clarence Ray Mullenix, 91, of Port Orchard died Monday Feb. 2, 2009 at his home. Clarence was born Sept. 28, 1917 in Port Orchard to Ray and Emma (Damer) Mullenix. He attended school in the South Kitsap area and never married.

During WWII he was excused from service because he was needed to help with the family dairy which supplied milk to the shipyard. As a farmer he enjoyed cutting and baling hay for local folks. For a time he picked and sold wild huckleberries. He was also a successful brush picker and liked to tell of his adventures out in the woods like getting much too close to a bear and the time someone mistakenly shot at him because they might have thought he was a bear.

When he was young, Clarence attended the Bethel Church that his grandfather helped found in 1900. He enjoyed listening to Billy Graham preach and the singing of George Beverly Shea.

He loved being outdoors and working hard! He was great at fixing things and making them last as long as possible. Clarence enjoyed going to swap meets and looking for useful bargains. He liked antique cars, especially Model T's. He was blessed with a super sharp memory and loved telling everyone his stories about life in Port Orchard before WWII. We will miss this true pioneer.

Clarence is preceded in death by a sister Ellen Weathers.

Survivors include his twin brother Lawrence Mullinix of Purdy, Washington, his niece Marian Burger, nephew Bruce Weathers, Jr. and special friends Randy and Debbie Raub of Burley.

At his request there will be no public service. Burial will be at the Bethel Cemetery with his family and other pioneers of Port Orchard. Arrangements are under the direction of Rill's Life Tribute Center in Port Orchard.

Courtesy of Rill Chapel.



NEW Second Saturday Film Series

The monthly Film Series is held on the Second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. It starts in September and continues through July. The current series, "*The Genealogist's Video Research Guide*", has very helpful information about how to do family research.

Linda and Johnny Wilson have agreed to co-chair the Second Saturday Film Series. The date was changed from Friday to make the films more accessible for those who work.

For a complete list of topics in the first video, see below.

There is a sign-up form in the library for reservation.

March 14 - "Naturalization Records"

April 11 - "Federal Land Records and National Archives Maps"

RESEARCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES

May 9 - Part I - "Civil Registration"

June 13 - Part II - "Parish Registers"

July 11 - Part III - "Census and Probate Records"

August NO FILM -

PSGS Program Dates:

February 25 - Harry McConnell - Photographic Preservations Strategies

March 25 - Karl Dumm - Importance of old and modern tax and assessments and voter registration records.

April 22 - Susan Evans - Importance of family Health and Medical records research

May 27 Louise Ness - "Tin Horns & Calico" - Scottish research adventures.

June 24 - (still blank)

July 22 - Deana Dowell-Egeland - Basics and setting up organizational notes & Clues to Dead ends." □

PSGS Calendar

MARCH 2009

- Mar 2 - 10 - 2 - Class: "How to Print Old Pictures for a Memory Album", Harry McConnell.
 Mar 3 - 12:30 Belfair Chapter Meeting - Belfair QFC
 "Getting Across The Pond" - Terry Mettling
 Mar 5 - 10 am - Cemetery Committee
 Mar 6 - 2 - 4 pm - Ancestry.com SIG
 Mar 9 - 10 am - Obits Project & Records Preserve
 10 am - Education Committee
 Mar 11 - 10 am - 2 pm - Historical Records
 Committee at PSGS Library
 Mar 14 - 1 pm - Saturday Film Series,
 "Naturalization Records"
 Mar 16 - 10 am - Ways & Means Committee
 11:30 am - Exec. Board & Comm. Chairs
 Mar 18 - 10 am - Canada SIG
 Mar 23 - 11 am - Family Tree Maker SIG
 1 pm - Legacy SIG
 Mar 25 - 12:30 pm - PSGS Monthly Meeting - 6th
 and Montgomery, Bremerton - Program:
 Karl Kumm, "Finding and Using Tax
 Assessments and Voter Records for
 Genealogical Research."
 Mar 26 - 10-2 pm - Virginia, West VA & NC SIG
 Mar 27 - 11 am - State Day, "Washington"
 Mar 28 - 11-2 - New York SIG

APRIL 2009

- Apr 1 - Cemetery Committee
 Apr 3 - 2 - 4 pm - Ancestry.com SIG
 Apr 6 - Class: "Internet Genealogy" - Terry
 Mettling
 Apr 7 - Belfair Chapter - Belfair QFC -
 Program
 To Be Announced
 Apr 8 - 10 am - Historical Records Committee at
 PSGS Library
 Apr 11 - 1 pm - 2nd Saturday film, "Federal Land
 Records and National Archives Maps"
 Apr 13 - 10 am - Obituary Project and Vital Records
 10 am - Education Committee
 Apr 15 - 10 am - Canada SIG
 Apr 20 - 10 am - Ways & Means Committee
 11:30 am - Exec. Board & Committees
 Apr 22 - 12:30 pm - PSGS Monthly Meeting at Gateway
 Center, 6th & Montgomery, Bremerton -
 Program: TBA.
 April 24 - 11 am State Day, California
 Set-up for Antique Faire
 April 25 - Antique Faire '09 at President's Hall,
 Kitsap County Fairgrounds
 April 27 - 10 am - Family Tree Maker SIG
 1 pm - Legacy SIG

MAY 2009

- May 4 - 10-2 - Class: To Be Announced
 May 5 - 12:30 p.m. Belfair Chapter Meeting at
 Belfair QFC - Speaker: Connie Bailey
 May 7 - 10 am - Cemetery Committee
 May 8 - 2-4 pm - Ancestry.com SIG
 May 9 - 1:00 pm - Second Saturday Film Series:
 "England and Wales - Civil
 Registration"
 May 11 - 10 am Obituary Project & Records Preserve
 10 am Educational Committee
 May 13 - 10 am - Historical Records Committee at
 PSGS Library
 May 16 - 10 - 2 : Class "Genealogy 101"
 May 18 - 10 am - Ways & Means Committee
 11:30 am - Exec. Board & Committees
 May 20 - 10 am - Canada SIG
 May 22 - 11 am - State Days - "Kansas"
 May 25 - 10 am - Family Tree Maker SIG
 1 pm - Legacy SIG
 May 27 - 12:30-3 pm - PSGS Monthly Meeting at
 Gateway Center, 6th & Montgomery,
 Bremerton. Program: TBA
 May 28 - 10 am - VA, WVA and NC SIG
 May 30 - 11-2 - New York SIG

JUNE 2009

- June 1 - 10-2 - Class: "Solving Brick Walls"
 June 2 - 12:30 - Belfair Chapter Meeting
 Timberland Regional Library, Belfair
 Speaker: Harry McConnell
 June 4 - 10 am - Cemetery Committee
 June 5 - 2-4 pm - Ancestry.com SIG
 June 6 - Garage Sale - 7479 Kells Lane SW, P.O.
 June 8 - 10 am - Obits Project & Records Preserve
 10 am - Education Committee
 June 10 - 10 am - Historical Records Committee at
 PSGS Library
 June 13 - 1 pm - 2nd Saturday Film Series,
 "England and Wales: Parish Registers"
 June 15 - 10 am - Ways & Means Committee
 11:30 am - Exec. Board & Comm. Chairs
 June 17 - 10 am - Canada SIG
 June 22 - 11 am - Family Tree Maker SIG
 1 pm - Legacy SIG
 June 24 - 12:30 pm - PSGS Monthly Meeting - 6th
 and Montgomery, Bremerton - Program:
 To Be Announced
 June 26 - 11 am - State Day, "Nebraska"

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Meetings are held at **The Gateway Center, Sixth and Montgomery, Bremerton** on the fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December. The December meeting date and time is announced each year at the October meeting. Times for meetings are 1:00 to 3:00 P. M. from January through November.

The programs are varied and include workshops, question/answer sessions and talks, both by outside speakers and by our own members. Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.

The Belfair Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 P.M. in the Belfair Community Baptist Church - Library, 23300 N. E. State Highway 3, Belfair, Washington

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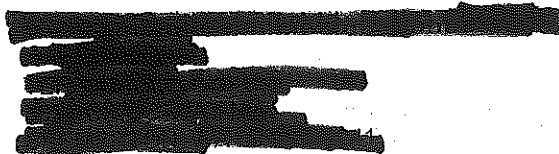
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