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## The President's Message,

In the interest of saving space in the *Back-tracker* I will try to keep my remarks brief. At the beginning of this year the Executive Board approved a deficit budget for this year. There are only two ways to meet our expenses, most of which are fixed and cannot be reduced such as rent and utilities. We are looking at all possible ways we can reduce expenses and increase income. Our fundraisers, such as the Antique Faire, are very important ways to help meet the budget. I want to thank the sixty-plus members who volunteered to support this event.

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## My Memories

By Nyla Walsh

I wrote this for my father as he was slipping away from us. I wrote it overnight while sitting at his hospital bedside. I then read it to him with mom by my side. I believe he heard it and took comfort from it.  
February 23, 1993.

I hold near these thin wisps of the past  
Each one dear to me  
When woven all together my life comes forth  
Foggy memories of childhood, growing in Love  
Each comes to me as a photo album  
Bunnies, puppies, family all around  
Camping trips taken, tents, rivers, forests and oceans  
Those once in a life time movie moments (I see in living color)  
Like the day you taught me to ride that old bike  
Those times I disappointed you, eyes so sad  
Eyes filled with pride at tasks well done  
Oh and yes! That long night spent talking, after  
Lorrin  
Asked for my hand in marriage  
The love that filled the air when you held your young  
Grandsons, Each one so dear  
These and so many more pass by this night  
Each one I hold most dear  
This night, too I will remember  
Not of a life slipping away, of pain or sadness  
But of sharing a life with you and mother too.  
These things can never be lost  
It was not difficult being here, not at all  
Nor was it a sense of duty that kept me near  
The memories, yes, the memories have kept me here

## The Grandeur of the Olympic Range

I gaze across the waters and there raising before me,  
Are my friends  
Over their shoulders, a cloak of green  
A lovely deep forest green

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### PSGS Website

The new PSGS website is now ready for you to use. The address is [www.pusogensoc.org](http://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 web-site!

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Our New web site: [www.pusogensoc.org](http://www.pusogensoc.org)  
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Always keep your mind open for  
A prospective Article for  
Our future *Backtracker*  
Journals.

### Upcoming *Backtracker* Articles In Future Editions

- *Washington State Veterans Home Cemetery, Retsil, Washington, Index..*
- *The Crawford Family DNA Project by Nyla Walsh.*
- *The Organization of my Bates Family Reunion by Nyla Walsh.*

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### PSGS Web Page:

[www.pusogensoc.org](http://www.pusogensoc.org)  
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# PSGS Obituary Index

FORBES Robert Briedwell  
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 FORCE Dennis Ralph  
 FORCE Ella Elizabeth  
 FORD Doris Jean  
 FORD Elaine Marie (McGowan) Warrick  
 FORD George William Jr.  
 FORD John H. "Jack"  
 FORD Lawrence E.  
 FORD Mary Sue (Owen) Brewner  
 FORD Mervin D.  
 FORD Robert M.  
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 FORDER Christopher M.  
 FORGEY Mary Elizabeth  
 FORHAN Lydia B.  
 FORKER William L.  
 FORMAN Andrew L.  
 FORRESTER Larry F.  
 FORSMAN Maggie Ellen  
 FORSMANN Donald Dean  
 FORSMARK Carl A.  
 FORSMARK John Arvid  
 FORSTER Eliza J.  
 FORSYTH Grace Loween "Ginger"  
 FORSYTH Hattie  
 FORTNER Ellen Joyce  
 FOSBERG Theodore H.  
 FOSS Allan Warren  
 FOSS Bernhardt E.  
 FOSS Dennis Dean  
 FOSS Hilma  
 FOSS Iver  
 FOSS Lewis P.  
 FOSS Marie G.  
 FOSS Minnie A.  
 FOSS Nancy Lee  
 FOSS William Arther  
 FOSSUM Kanneth C. "Casey"  
 FOSTER Blanche Killough  
 FOSTER Georgia Moore  
 FOSTER Homer Paul  
 FOSTER Irene  
 FOSTER John Keith  
 FOSTER Lois B.  
 FOSTER Lucy M.  
 FOSTER Marry Anne  
 FOSTER Sean J.  
 FOSTER Solon "Sam"  
 FOSTER Stanley E.  
 FOUCHER Francis Bernard "Frenchy"  
 FOUTCH Captola S.  
 FOUTS Gertrude M.  
 FOWLER David W.  
 FOWLER Edna "Roberta"  
 FOWLER Frank M.  
 FOWLER Josephine Rosalie  
 FOWLER Leo. E. & Nancy & Dana  
 FOWLER Lois V.  
 FOWLER Myrtle Evelyn  
 FOWLER Ruby Faye  
 FOWLER Velma J.  
 FOX Anne Louise

FOX Claude Henry  
 FOX Dury Albert  
 FOX Jeanne M.  
 FOX Jon Clifford  
 FOX Leon C.  
 FOX Muriel Serena  
 FOYSTON Corbett P.  
 FOYSTON Phyllis J.  
 FRAIOLI Tyler James  
 FRAISURE James William  
 FRALEY Barbara  
 FRALEY Jamie Ruth  
 FRALEY William D.  
 FRAME Wallace E.  
 FRANICALANGIA James L. "Jim"  
 FRANCE Gladys Maybelle  
 FRANCIS Gail Dorsene (Rice)  
 FRANCIS George M.  
 FRANCIS Homer Richard "Dick"  
 FRANCIS Iona Nevada (Jensen)  
 FRANCIS Lawrence E. "Larry"  
 FRANCIS Patricia Ann  
 FRANCIS Virginia M. Erickson  
 FRANCKLYN Gilbert William  
 FRANCKLYN Mildred M.  
 FRANK Laura Johanna  
 FRANK Mary  
 FRANKLIN Francis "Jim"  
 FRANTZ Armida  
 FRASER Betty P.  
 FRASER Gordon K.  
 FRASER Linda Joy  
 FRASER Marjorie R. (Larsen)  
 FRASER Sammy L.  
 FRASER Sophia Seidler  
 FRAZER Eileen Larey  
 FRAZIER Beulah Grace  
 FRAZIER Delayne Hill  
 FRAZIER Stuart P.  
 FRECKLETON Victoria June  
 FREDERICK Roland O. "Rev."  
 FREDERICK Mary Ann  
 FREDERICKS Edward "Steve"  
 FREDERICKS Pearl Mildred  
 FREDERICKSEN Conrad "Coon"  
 FREDERICKSEN Ruth Elizabeth (McCarty)  
 FREDERICKSEN Olaf  
 FREDRICKS Matthew William  
 FREDRICKS Robert Marshall Henry  
 FREDRICKSON Anna C.  
 FREDRICKSON Thora  
 FREDRIKSON Jonas  
 FREELAND Susan Dee  
 FREEMAN Cecil L.  
 FREEMAN Clara Ellen  
 FREEMAN Dottie Thelma "Flower"  
 FREEMAN Ethel Mae (Bonner) Olsen  
 FREEMAN Laura Ellen (Smith)  
 FREEMAN Marian R.  
 FREEMAN Rowland J.  
 FREEMAN Vera Lucille  
 FREEMANTLE Frederick William "Ted"  
 FREER Eva C.  
 FREESE Frederick F.  
 FREIBOTH Jo Ann

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FREIBOTH	Virgil Henry	FUGMAN	Dale E.
FREILINGER	E. Blanche	FUHRER	Charles D.
FREIMUTH	C. F.	FULLER	Ashley Edwin
FREIMUTH	Walter E.	FULLER	Gladys A.
FREIWALD	Warren O. "Jack"	FULLER	Harold Calvin
FRENCH	Nellie B.	FULLER	Helen H.
FRENCH	Robert L.	FULLER	Howard D.
FRENCH	Yolanda Shelton	FULLER	Lois Ann
FRENDER	Ada	FULLER	Madeline B.
FRENDER	John J.	FULLER	Marilynne O.
FRENDER	Robert L.	FULLER	Patricia L. "Patti"
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FRIE	Kimberly M.	FULLERTON	Kathryn Jeannette (Jacobson)
FRIEBOES	Cecelia V.	FULLERTON	Thomas Robert
FRIED	Bohuslav Cyril	FULTON	Carrie L.
FRIEDMAN	Joseph S.	FULTON	Frank R.
FRIEDMAN	Sarah	FULTON	Harry Robert Jr.
FRIEDRICH	Ann	FULTON	Norma Jean
FRIEDRICH	Fred C.	FULTON	Reginald A. Sr.
FRIEDRICH	Nancy Muller	FULTON	Robert "Steamboat"
FRIELINGS DORF	Rozella R.	FULTZ	Helen F.
FRIEZE	Zella Darlene	FUNK	Maxine Elizabeth (Braendlein)
FRIGONE	Edmund L.	FUNKE	Jerrold Merlin
FRINK	Effie E.	FURGESON	Dorthea
FRINK	Minnie	FURLONG	Betty Stansberry
FRINK	Ruth M.	FURLONG	James L.
FRITCHELL	D. Joyce	FURSETH	Hazel Lucille
FRITZ	Alice Fredericka	FUSON	Cordell M.
FRITZ	Eva Tune	FUSON	Hilma R.
FRITZ	Gilbert John "Whitey"	GAASLAND	Dorothy G.
FRITZ	Ida Carolyn	GAATHAUG	Essellyne
FRITZ	Leonard E.	GADBERRY	Thelma (Hignight)
FRIZELLI	Jacqueline H.	GADDIS	Leslie G.
FRODEL	Edward Sr.	GADKE	Helen
FROEWISS	Marjorie E.	GAEDE	Wilma R.
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FROGGE	Robert D.	GAETOS	Nick A.
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FROME	Emerson Mayo	GAITHER	Lenore L.
FRONE	Edwin W.	GAITHER	Ruth
FROST	Charles A.	GAITHER	William R.
FROST	Chester H.	GALBRAITH	Helen I.
FROST	Climuth E. "Jack"	GALE	Charles R.
FROST	Diane J. (Priborsky)	GALE	Charles W.
FROST	Harold	GALE	Merton R.
FROST	Irene Elizabeth (Hall)	GALE	Vivian F.
FROST	Roy L.	GALKOWSKI	Erne Lou Norbut
FROST	Russell D.	GALL	Albert
FROST	Virginia	GALL	Thelma Valera
FROST	Vivian Norean	GALL	Leslie Patrick Sr.
FRY	Cecelia Irene	GALLAGER	Barbara Jean
FRY	Dennis E.	GALLAGHER	Earl H.
FRY	Edwin H.	GALLAGHER	Romola C.
FRY	John James	GALLAGHER	Vincent B.
FRY	John R. "Jack"	GALLAGHER	William L.
FRYBERGER	Grace A.	GALLAGHER	Edith Amelia
FRYBERGER	Harry E.	GALLAHER	Sylvia
FRYER	Lois Lorraine	GALLAND	David Fredrick
FRYETTE	Harold "Bud"	GALLARDO	Palmer
FUCHS	Clara M.	GALLIHER	Gaunce "Don"
FUCHS	Tolena Mary	GALLUP	
FUGATT	John Robert		
FUGITT	John Olin		

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GAMBER	Donald K. Sr.	GATES	William Henry
GAMET	Trilby L.	GATHE	Audrey I.
GANALON	Paul A. Sr.	GATHERCOLE	Dax Ray
GANDY	James H.	GAULDING	Emily Eudora
GANGELL	Myles I.	GAULT	Edwin J.
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GARBER	Leila	GAW	Barbara
GARBER	Milon H.	GAWER	Edwin
GARCIA	Candida Tabafunda	GAWER	Herman Edwin
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GARDNER	Margaret S.	GEERKEN	Bonnie (Salter)
GARDNER	Richard D.	GEHRDES	Meriel G.
GARDNER	Wesley E.	GEHRING	E. S. "Dick"
GARDNER	John H.	GEHRING	Ruby Christine
GARINGER	Marguerite C.	GEHRTS	Virgil Sr.
GARINGER	Margot C.	GEIER	Carl E.
GARLAND	Marion Jr.	GEIER	Lola Beth
GARLAND	Martin Stewart	GEIER	Robert Joseph
GARLAND	Edith J.	GEIGER	Frances P. "Fran"
GARNER	Margaret "Mickey"	GEISER	John T.
GARNER	Thomas Lee	GELINEAU	Ethel M.
GARNER	E. Georganne	GELLATLY	Donald William
GARNES	Sarah Jo	GENEREUX	Ludger Osaphere
GARNETT	Blanche M.	GENOE	Lillian L.
GARNO	Jerry Nels	GENTRY	C. E. "Ed"
GARNO	Salvatore "Sam"	GENTRY	Iva E.
GAROFALO	Elizabeth Ann "Betty"	GENTRY	LaNora G.
GARRETT	Daisy	GENZEN	Louis W.
GARRISON	Ethel Lucile (Winslow)	GEORGE	Bennie
GARRISON	Eva H. (Heim)	GEORGE	Cecil P.
GARRISON	Floyd Eliel "Ike"	GEORGE	Claudia Gail
GARRISON	John	GEORGE	Mary Rose
GARRISON	Katheryn Patricia "Patty"	GEORGE	Richard Edward
GARRISON	Sherman A.	GEORGE	Robert William
GARTIN	Martha P. "Pat"	GEORGE	Robin Diane (Lubbers)
GARWIN	Ike	GEORGE	Woodson
GARY	Dene William	GEORGE	William
GASCOYNE	Clarence	GEORGE	William F.
GASKILL	Bob V.	GEORGE	Wilma Irene
GASKILL	Francis Martin	GERDES	A. E.
GASKILL	John R.	GERJETS	Elmer
GASKILL	William E.	GERMAIN	David J.
GASPER	James D.	GERMEAU	Ila Marie (Wolfe) Hensrude
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GASTINEAU	Mary E. "Betty"	GEROW	Earl V.

## On the Beach During World War II by IdaMae Swedberg

I lived literally "On the Beach" or nearly so and thus my wartime experiences were somewhat different from most.

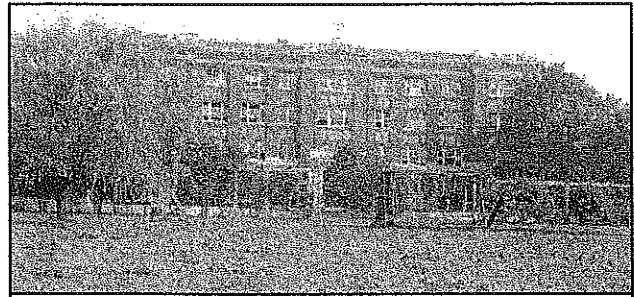
Starting with December 7th, 1941, I was at boarding school in my junior year of high school. My school was Mt. Angel Academy in Mt Angel,

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The like of which cannot be duplicated by man  
My eyes rest upon their crowning snowfields  
And rocky cliffs, so familiar to my soul  
As a child I played in their forests  
With rich, deep carpets of moss  
And mountains streams  
Tumbling over stones  
Calling for me to play  
I sent little wooden boats  
That dad and I had so carefully built  
Into the currents  
Then ran along the bank  
Till they sailed out of sight  
We made paddle wheels  
To turn round and round  
In that cold fresh water  
I grew and learned to love my friends deeply  
With trees of rich green  
Sparkling cold streams  
And tall peaks covered with glistening snow  
As I grew  
I hiked their trails  
And camped deep in the forests  
By mountain lakes of aqua and emerald  
Along the lake shore  
I met a man, who shared my feelings  
My friends whispered to me, in piney breaths  
He is the one  
Love him always  
We brought our children back to visit  
They grew to love our friends as well  
Playing by the streams and lakes,  
Hiking ever deeper into the forests, green  
So many memories we share  
My friends and I  
They call to me now  
Come again  
Play by our streams  
Camp by our lakes  
And hike our trails  
Our forests are still green  
The moss deep  
And our streams tumble on  
Please bring your grandchildren

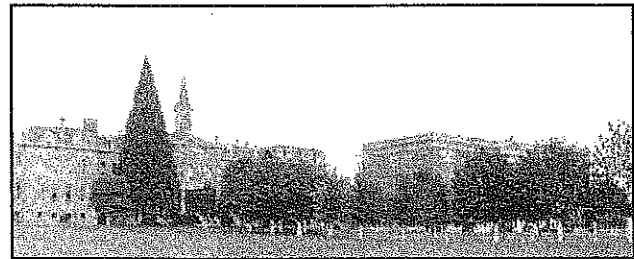


Oregon. It had classes from kindergarten through college. It was founded and run by Benedictine Sis-



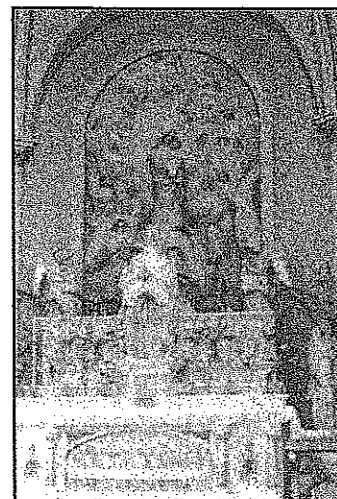
Mount Angel Academy  
Mount Angel, Oregon.

ters and on the hill above the town was St. Benedict's Monastery. I note this as priests from Mt Casino, in Italy founded it and the destruction of Mt. Casino was like a blow to the very heart of the



Mount Angels Campus  
Mount Angel, Oregon

town. December 8th was a celebration for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception but we were celebrating the evening before. Whenever there was



Mount Angel Chapel  
Mount Angel, Oregon

a Holy Day of importance, we were treated to a special dinner. Meals were usually eaten in silence but on these occasions, we were allowed music from a radio and a relaxed atmosphere. Suddenly the radio broke in with the announcement that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. Everyone was in shock. Several of the college girls were engaged to service personnel stationed at Pearl and several others

had brothers in service in general. There were a lot of tears shed.

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Then when I came home for Easter, I went looking around town. We lived in Seaside, Oregon then. There was a Japanese family, the only one, who had a curio shop that had such wondrous things. It was all closed and I was told the army had taken them away. This really began to bring the war into focus for me. But from then until I came home after graduation, it was sort of in the background.

I came home on the 6th of June and on the 6th of July, I went to work for the Telephone Company. Because of the Secrecy of Communications, we were fingerprinted and backgrounds checked before we were allowed to start work. At this time, the Sea Bees were wooing Dad for his wide experience in transportation. He had been a bus driver from the age of seventeen and at the time of the war he was Truck Forman for Crown Zellerbach Logging after having driven log trucks for some time. The Sea Bees were offering him a commission of Lieutenant Commander but Crown needed him too and got him an exemption.

Our area was overloaded with military bases. We had Tongue Point Naval Station, the Naval Air Station near Warren. Also, Camp Clatsop which had been re-named to Camp Rilea. It was also large army installation. The Naval Commissioning Detail where ships being built in Portland were commissioned, The Coast Guard Buoy Station at Tongue Point, The Coast Guard Life Boat Station in Hammond, The Coast Guard Beach Patrols, the army at Fort Stevens where the big guns were and several army radar stations posted on high hills in the area. I was looking over the information I had sent and I see I had omitted one of the largest naval installations. There was a large navy airfield just out of Astoria near Warrenton where squadrons of TBF's and SNJ's were housed. As I said, we had an overabundance of military.

Because of all the military personal in the area, the turn over at the Phone Company was high. There were many marriages and the girls leaving to be with their new husbands.

One night, when I was coming home from work, I heard big guns. They seemed much nearer than usual. We were accustomed to hearing the big guns at the Fort firing practice rounds but these were really close and didn't sound right. The next day we found out a Japanese sub had been strafing the coast trying to get the big guns to fire but they wisely had kept silent. The first round from that sub landed less than a half mile from my house and they continued north until they came to the Columbia River. When the Japanese were shelling the coast, they were trying to get a fix on the Fort. That is why the big guns did not answer them.

Living with blackout conditions, beach patrols, meeting many people who left all too soon, was a whole new way of life but it wasn't all grim. Mother had provided me with an old-fashioned hatpin I had in my coat collar and I walked in the middle of those darkened streets. I was told to stay away from places where someone could reach out and grab me. There was the Hospitality House where we had dances every month with the 249th Coast Artillery Band playing for us. They were a band that was just as good as any big band of the time. The house was sort of like an USO but not part of that organization. It was a place that off duty military could come and relax and we girls "of good character" were hostesses. I got pretty good playing Ping-Pong then.

We girls were often invited to bases for picnics and dances too. One of our favorite places was the Radar Station on a mountaintop south of Seaside. They would send a truck for us and we had many a picnic and socials there. They were all gentlemen to us and several for year later kept in touch.

When the war was over, I was a supervisor in the telephone office. One of our girls had a husband who was a civilian in the Philippines and was taken on the Bataan Death March. She and her daughter were on the last plane out of there and she had no knowledge if her husband was alive. I was on duty when the FBI came in to find out about her as he had been liberated, but they needed to know about his home conditions. I was interviewed by them and was given the task of telling her that her husband was alive and in a hospital and would be home soon.

Then there was rationing. Mom managed pretty well because of her early training living on a farm. Gas rationing for us was not much of a problem. We no longer had a car and there was pretty good bus service if we needed to go out of town and the town was small enough that we could walk everywhere. Dad has access to the company truck and could use it if needed. Food rationing was different, as was fuel oil. We had an oil heater in the kitchen and a fireplace in the living room so we keeping warm was no problem.

We had a small garden and two banty hens that we set to work setting on Rhode Island Red eggs. Our house was a half block from the beach and we dug clams, raked crabs, and once in awhile we went to Cannon Beach and pulled muscles off the rocks. One of Dad's drivers was single and so he gave Mom his ration stamps and he would have breakfast with us and Mom packed him his lunch. You didn't need stamps to eat out and he preferred to eat dinner at a restaurant. As a result, with the combined stamps, Mom had plenty of stamps for canning etc. Another

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## In Memoriam

Randall "Randy" Thomas Kendrick

Born: Portsmouth, Virginia April 9, 1950.

Died: Seattle April 10, 2009.

Companion of Lois (Limbocker) Roark.

Members of the

Puget Sound Genealogical Society.

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of Dad's drivers had Jersey milk cows and we were able to get nice rich cream and Mom made butter. Never once in her entire lifetime did she ever put margarine on the table. Cooking yes but not on the table. Then there were deer and elk hunts and we sometime had wild meat.

Sadly, the Hospitality House would get the news that a regular had been killed after he had left us and we all mourned for him. Yes we lived with the war on a personal basis and we felt very close to it as we knew so many who fought the battle.

Photos courtesy of IdaMae Swedberg and Sister Alberta Dieker, OSB, Community Archivist. □

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*The President's Message.*

In order to save expenses and at the same time preserve the *Backtracker* as a genealogical publication we have made some changes in how our PSGS members will be informed of activities and events. You will now receive a monthly *PSGS Bulletin* by e-mail, which will include a calendar of events plus notices about future dates to remember. You should have already received the first edition. This will replace the 4-month calendar in the *Backtracker* that becomes out of date as changes are made to the schedule. It will be sent just before each monthly general membership meeting for the following month. The calendar and news items are always available on the PSGS web site at [www.pusogensoc.org](http://www.pusogensoc.org). We are hoping that we can reduce the number of pages for the *Backtracker* and save some of the costs of printing this publication.

If you do not receive the new *PSGS Bulletin* for any reason, please call (360) 874-8813 and let us know. There will be extra copies available at the library if you cannot print the copy from your e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail address you may request to have the *PSGS Bulletin* mailed to you.

Dorothy Lindquist, President



## How I Got Started Doing Genealogy For Real What Are All These Pieces of Paper And Boxes Full Of Trash And How Come You Have Them? By Marilyn Roberts

That was a question posed to me somewhat indelicately several years ago by my very patient husband who was in the midst of moving them from one house to another. This was after moving them to Florida and back and into a big storage garage at our present home. Because they were reaching critical mass and threatening to explode or become starter for the next bonfire, I decided I had better attempt to get them somewhat organized. This consisted of trying to condense everything into workable groups and at least get it all in one place so I could "work on my Family History". This was done with the resolve that heaven forbid I should start yet another project and not be able to finish it. Little did I know that you were never "done" with researching for your ancestors.

At that time I was still working fulltime and trying to keep up with busy grown children and their very active children. So with all the best intentions I would sift through the same piles and move things here and there, but never really accomplished a lot in research, but I really enjoyed rereading all my notes and info given to me by an aunt and my sister. (Does any of this sound familiar to any of you)?

My cousin decided I would be the logical point of contact for any and all information she had on my mother's LENT family and she so kindly gave me her notes, papers and pictures, most of which I already had, because she was just too busy and didn't really have time for it. In talking with her, we came to the awful realization that we were now the matriarchs of that part of the family. How depressing! My only aunt on my father's McNutt side passed away leaving me with mostly verbal information that I carefully had written down and stored away. After my sister died I inherited more and it just goes on and on and on.

Needless to say it was now or never, so I joined PSGS (again) several years ago. I participated in seminars, classes, read articles, watched films all sponsored by our own genealogy society. Even served as an officer for two years to gain the knowledge about "how to do it". I just somehow couldn't get started doing actual research.

On impulse one night I posted a query on the BRADLEY RootsWeb query site in which an

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known cousin responded to me with information on my paternal grandmother, BESSIE LEE (BRADLEY) MCNUTT. She had died ten years before I was born and my father had never said much to me about her. Not only did this cousin have information on her, but was tracing her husband, ALONZO BRADLEY, for his own research. That in turn led an aunt of his to contact me. What a wonderful surprise!

Well, one thing led to another. I retired from working. I bought a program for my computer and got started entering data. I received a laptop computer and subscription to Ancestry for Christmas and am really enjoying what it has enabled me to do. Now if I can only document and verify all the bits and pieces of information out of these darn boxes and get rid of some of it, my husband will be a much happier man and my children will thank me for not having to decide what to do with all this debris. □

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### It Is Time to Plan Your Trip To Salt Lake City for January 2010.

It is time for us to plan for our Annual trip to Salt Lake City.

We will go to the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel. Tentative dates are from Sunday January 10th until Sunday January 24th, 2010.

Dates are subject to change pending confirmation with the Hotel.

We would like to get a general idea of those that are interested in going prior to contacting the Hotel.

If there are not enough interest in the trip, then this planning effort will be canceled.

All those interested in going or have further questions please contact Larry Harden at

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## Susan's Select Web Sites

This search engine tells you what data bases it is searching - [http://www.siriusgenealogy.com/search\\_cse.php](http://www.siriusgenealogy.com/search_cse.php)

25,000 books digitized for you to search by keyword, name, text, etc. - <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>

If, like me, you think some of your ancestors were in the witness protection program, About.com has suggestions for searching online databases: [http://genealogy.about.com/od/search\\_tips/tp/database\\_search.htm?nl=1](http://genealogy.about.com/od/search_tips/tp/database_search.htm?nl=1)

For help in searching passenger lists and immigration records: <http://www.stevemorse.org/>

At <http://www.familytreearcher.com/> you can search nine databases from one entry. This search is worth exploring and may turn up something you've been looking for even though it will lead you to Ancestry, among other sites, and you will be offered a free 14-day membership.

Looking for a place to share family information? Look at [www.genetree.com](http://www.genetree.com). You invite the family members you want to share with.

Gravestone art explained - [www.gravestoneart.com](http://www.gravestoneart.com)  
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Did you lose a family member in a military aircraft accident? On a missing aircrew? Get reports and see photos of accident sites - <http://www.aviationarchaeology.com/>

Free newsletter, tutorials, and links to other free sites. Also, commercials for Robert Ragan's genealogy products. <http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/>

Here are a few choices for free forms:

<http://www.lineages.com/mnm/PDF/Toolkit.pdf>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forms/download.html#>

<http://www.ldpierce.com/recordsforms.html> (also links to useful information)

Free program to build your family tree: <http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>

\$\$\$ European photos - free to view, but photos are protected against downloading (until you pay) - [www.europeanfocus.com](http://www.europeanfocus.com)

\$\$\$ British ancestors? This site might be helpful. It's free to search, and you pay for copies of the records. <http://www.theoriginalrecord.com/>

\$\$\$ Another site you can search free and buy the records you want - <http://www.familypursuit.com/Home.Show>

\$\$\$ Search engine - \$34.95 for 12 mos - enter multiple surnames at once - [www.liveroots.com](http://www.liveroots.com)

\$\$\$ Want to collaborate with other family members? Investigate <http://www.familypursuit.com/Home>

\$\$\$ Want a genealogy tutor? Look at the 2009 schedule of online classes at <http://www.genclass.com> □

# The Library Report Marjorie Menees

One of the best places in our library that is and will be further growing all the time is the Northwest Room. Here you will find materials about Native Americans, Maps and Atlases, Obits, Cemeteries, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Washington with specials about Kitsap County and local (PSGS) Family Group Sheets. This room is well worth your time to do a little browsing...

Although the book I want to quote from this time is not in our library, it is a book from among many written by William (Bill) Speidel who was a columnist for the Seattle Times a number of years ago. He holds the title of being the originator of the Seattle Underground Tours. It seems he received a letter from a reader asking him to tell about it. He wrote that he really needed to do some more research and so was going to go down into the depths and if she wanted she could accompany him..... Which she did. She met him at the named time with 50 other people..... Nonplussed, he asked them for a dollar each and thus began the historical tours that maybe some of you have taken – and if not, would find interesting.

In this particular book, *The Wet Side of the Mountains (or prowling western Washington)*, printed in 1974 by the Nettle Creek Publishing Company (don't you love that name for the wet side of the mountains?), he does some prowling over on this side of the water. I particularly enjoy his story telling and so will share a bit of Kitsap County in the following ex-

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*This picture was taken about 1950. In the car are:*

*Ernest Reagh Leonard (Living),*

*Rupert Chesley 1882-1960,*

*Rachel Lemnteh Reagh (Chesley) 1863-1951,*

*Elyse Fern Chesley (Williamson) 1887-1965,*

*Ella Mae Chesley (Leonard) 1887-1965,*

*Shirley Williamson 1920-1994*

*Photo courtesy of Barbara Chesley.*

cerpt hoping you will enjoy it also:

#### **SOUTHWORTH-PORT ORCHARD.....**

we suggest you continue north. This takes you along the coast route through Manchester and prepares you for the fact that "Port Orchard is Port Orchard is Port Orchard."

There are views of The Olympics on the right and neat homes on your left. The ferry does some twisting and turning through Sinclair Inlet along here to get to Bremerton. One time a big Navy craft was attempting to do the same thing and the nice homes on the left had some astonished people who woke up one Sunday morning to find a battleship in their front yard. (It floated off on the next tide.) .....

For the last 75 years or so, there's been a bit of a problem about the difference between "Port Orchard" and "Port Orchard." *The Guide to Washington* is the most historical record in existence, but it leads the parade in getting things all fouled up this time.

So with the aid of the local historical group and Miss Chloe Sutton, an 86 year old "walking encyclopedia" of information about things concerning Port Orchard, we thought we'd sort of neaten things up, pat History on the head and send it on its way.

For about 100 years after Captain Vancouver named Port Orchard Bay after a young Fellow on his ship – not for a bunch of fruit trees he found growing there the problem of Port Orchard was pretty simple. It was the whole body of water on the back side of Bainbridge Island.

Then in 1854, when Captain William Renton got tired of having his sawmill beaten to bits by the waves at Alki Point and moved the machinery to Port Orchard Bay, he neglected to add a specific location to his address. Letters were written in longhand in those days and that was an extra word you didn't have to put in. Besides everybody knew what he meant.

Port Orchard was Enetai.

Well, that was simple enough. Everybody knew that if you wanted to go to Port Orchard, you went to Enetai.

But then in 1871, Renton's mill burned down and shortly thereafter a twenty-year effort was initiated here and in Congress to locate a Puget Sound Naval Yard at Port Orchard. But that Port Orchard wasn't Enetai at all. It was a place on Sinclair Inlet, and arm of Port Orchard Bay. And everybody, including the Congress – which kept not voting for The Navy Yard – knew where that Port Orchard was, too. It was on the north side of Sinclair Inlet.

Then in 1886, a fella by the name of Sidney Stevens platted a town on the south side of Sinclair Inlet. He had enough pride in his own first name to call his town "Sidney." And everybody knew where Sidney was.... And the little steamers of the Mosquito Fleet stopped at Sidney where they were promoting a dry dock

Meanwhile, some guys got going on a place we know of as Annapolis – and called it Port Orchard. So we had Port Orchard Passage, and Port Orchard and Port Orchard and Sidney all in a cozy little there at Sinclair Inlet.

Then during the Gay Nineties, things started to hum.

The Port Orchard people on the north side of the inlet got their town incorporated. And Some other people in the same location platted a town called Charleston right next door. The two towns got in a big bust over which one would be the post office address and Charleston won.

And the guys building Port Orchard at Annapolis had a beef, and half the town – two people – left in a huff to take up residence in Sidney, a few blocks up the inlet. With aswollen population like this, Sidney went after and got the county seat away from Port Madison. Breathing triumph in every pore, Sidney decided that it, not Port Orchard, should be Port Orchard.

But the State legislature said, "Look, we already got one town called Port Orchard," and turned down the plea.

The real Port Orchard on the north side of the Bay decided they'd better cinch things Down and change their postal address from Charleston to Port Orchard. But when they got there, the cupboard was bare. Sidney had sneaked in ahead of them with the endorsement of the State's entire Congressional delegation and got themselves named, Port Orchard as far as the post office was concerned.

So then the mail for Port Orchard went to Sidney.

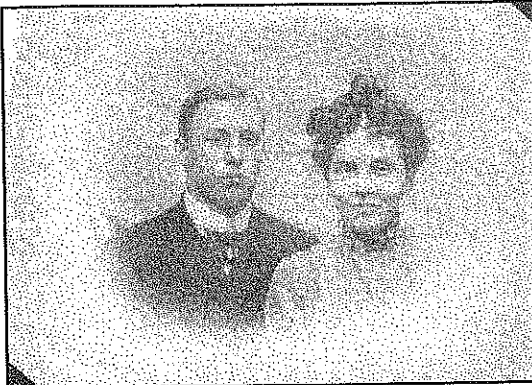
Ten years later, W. L. Thompson, one of the publishers of the *Port Orchard Independent*, which was located in Sidney, got himself elected to the legislature. In 1903, without a by-your-leave from anybody, Thompson sneaked a bill through the legislature and got it signed by the Governor officially changing Sidney to Port Orchard.

And that's where Port Orchard is today.

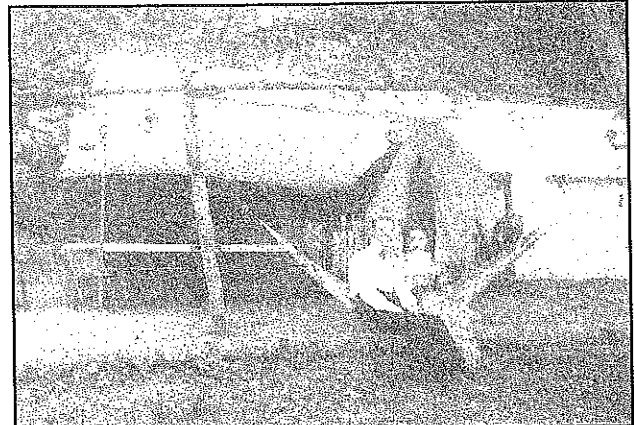
If you don't believe it, just check with the *Sidney Museum of History and Arts* .....  
Which is located in Port Orchard.



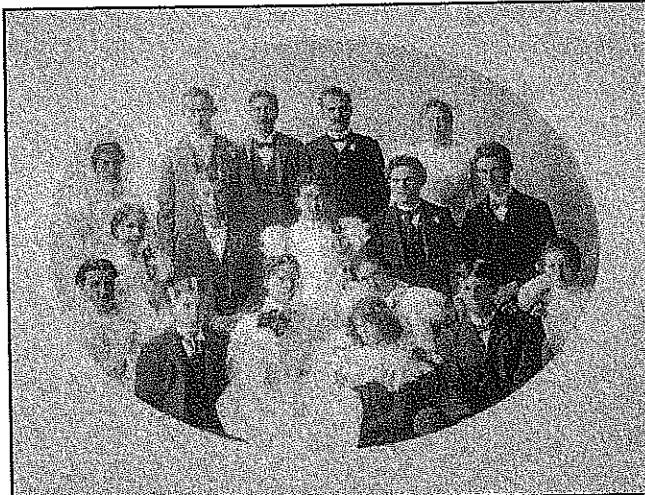
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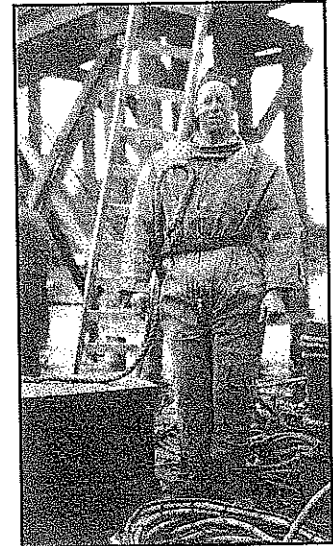
*Ernest and Nora Blanch (Franks) Bates.  
Married in Seattle in 1901. My grandparents.*



*This was the 1<sup>st</sup> home of Ernest and Blanche Bates. It was a tent in Lincoln Park Seattle. They lived there for a year. It was said to be quite comfortable, complete with Chinese lanterns strung*



*Graduation picture - Nora, known by her middle name, Blanche (seen here in the middle) graduated from Wilson's Modern Business College. She never held a job outside the home after she married.*



*Ernest, seen here in a hard helmet dive suit held many jobs over the years. He was a charter member of the Seattle Yacht Club; built several pleasure boats to ply the waters of Puget Sound; developed the land that is now Armeni Waterfront Park in West Seattle; put in the first runway lights for Seatac; did the electric wiring for the Fifth Ave Theater; and so much more.*

*These photos are presented  
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# PSGS Potpourri by Loraine Magee

Linda Wilson's family had a circuitous route from Russia, by way of Texas, Colorado, and South Dakota to the Yakima Valley, Washington. John Heinrich Pister was a German from Merkel, Russia. He arrived in Galveston, Texas and then proceeded to Colorado in 1907. His family consisted of son, John George Pister Sr., John's wife, Magdalena and their sons: J. George Jr., John Henry, and Jacob. Magdalena died in childbirth in 1907 in Colorado and John George remarried Mary Katherine Rutz. Mary had three daughters, Mary, Molly, and Eva Elizabeth and two sons, Peter and Jacob. Together John George and Mary had a daughter Katie. Then eventually went to South Dakota and tried farming. Jacob Pister married his stepsister, Eva Rutz in South Dakota. In 1922 J. George Pister Sr., his son Jacob and daughter in law Eva moved to Wapato, Washington in the Yakima Valley. Eventually, Linda's father, Robert Daniel Pister was born in 1928 on the fruit orchard that the family had purchased. Robert and Alice Franck then had Linda, who went on to become Linda Wilson.

Sophia Peterson has just joined PSGS and reports that she was born in Seattle, Washington in 1928. Her family settled locally when Columbus St. Clair arrived in Silverdale from Wisconsin in 1886. His wife Sofia arrived from Switzerland in 1892. These grandparents of Sophia's deeded five acres in 1896 for the Silverdale Cemetery.

Lorrin Walsh has a family that arrived in New York from Ireland before 1810. Great- Great Grandfather William B. Walsh was born in New York City in 1810. He was a police officer and retired as a detective. He eventually was buried in Bayview Cemetery in Jersey City, New Jersey. His wife, Rebecca lived to be 90 years old. Great Grandfather Abraham Lincoln Walsh was born in New York City approximately 1859 and he was in the New York City census in 1870 and 1880. The mystery deepens as he is next seen in Colby, Washington in 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 census returns. This family had several police officers that apparently guarded stage doors and met Cuban dancers. Great grandmother was Emalita Bacigalupi. There was time in San Francisco for the family since Grandfather Francis Edward Walsh was born there in 1891.

The Walsh family story has Lorrin's father being born on a fishing boat off the coast of Whidbey Island and the birth certificate shows the birth in Glendale, Whidbey Island where the boat landed. Eventually Lorrin Franklin Walsh arrived in Washington where Lorrin was born a few years ago.

I became interested in Lorrin's story since my great grandfather, Friederick Keller and his wife, Johanna Joergens Keller are buried in Bayview Cemetery in Jersey

## In Memoriam Paul Preston Walker, Sr.

Born: Clendenin, W. Va., August 23, 1922.  
Died: Bremerton, Washington,  
April 28, 2009.

City. This cemetery does overlook Manhattan, New York. This means Lorrin and I are connected by earth and maybe somewhere in Ireland our people knew each other.

A gentleman named **John Allgna** has donated the list of key personnel at the Bremerton navy shipyard in 1944. This includes Navy officers, enlisted and civilians. [M]

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of your family history research,  
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## The Quest for Charles Taylor by Cyril T. Taylor

While exploring my ancestry step-by-step, I discovered that my third-great-grandfather Richard Taylor (1785-1869) born at Pierston near Gillingham, Dorset was the son of John Taylor (1759-1813). This information pointed me toward the gateway to my personal ancestral past. John Taylor had been born at Mere, Wiltshire.

He was married to Ann Curtis at Mere, Wiltshire in April 25, 1784. In addition to Richard, they were the parents of Jane (1788 -1782), John (1799 1881), and Charles (1801-1882).

I obtained a copy of the will of the younger John Taylor signed and dated by him on the 29th day of November 1862. This will included this very intriguing clause: "I hereby devise and bequeath a cottage belonging to me in the Parish of Holton in the County of Somerset to my dear Wife Mary Taylor for the term of her natural life and at her decease to my Daughter Mary Ann Taylor wife of my Nephew Charles Taylor now in America."

The reference of the nephew Charles Taylor being in America fascinated me and I thought from time to time to attempt to trace his whereabouts in the United States.

I had previously located the Charles Taylor family in the 1841 census of Hentsridge, Somerset:

Taylor, Charles, age 40, farmer, born out of county.

Taylor, Ann, age 40, born out of county.

Taylor, William, 18, born out of county\*\*

Taylor, Mary, 8, born Somerset.

Taylor, Samuel, 6, born Somerset.

Taylor, Susanna, 4, born Somerset.

Taylor, Hannah 2, born Somerset.

Taylor, Jemima, 1, born Somerset.

\*\* John William Taylor did not accompany the Charles Taylor family to America. He was born in Fontmell Magma, Dorset April 33, 1822) and was residing in Minterne Magna, Dorset at the time of 1881 English Census.

I had also located the John Taylor family in both the 1841 and 1851 census returns. His daughter Mary Ann was listed as follows in the 1841 census: Mary Ann, age 20, born out of county but not in the 1851 census.

It came to mind that my first move would be to search the various United States census returns for Charles Taylor. It seemed most logical to search the 1880 census first. Without too much difficulty on my part I found the following census entries:

**Brookfield, Waukesha, County, Wisconsin:**

John Hart, Farmer, Self, age 44, Born England.

Jenina Hart (sic), Wife, age 39, Born England.

Jenina should read Jemima.

Anna Hart, Daughter, age one month, Born, Wisconsin

Charles Tayler (sic), Other, age 79, born England\*

Matter Hart, Other, age 20, F, Born Wisconsin.

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## Belfair Bulletin by DeLana Cox

Our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was a very good program. We had Tames Alan from the Humanities. The program was on the struggle of "American Woman" to gain the right to vote. How many know how long it took for women to get this right? For those of you that has not come to one of our Humanities program are sure missing a good meeting.

Our Meetings will be:

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>5 May</b>             | Connie Bailey from Olympia with "Organization" meeting at the Belfair Public Library 12:30. |
| <b>2 June</b><br>Belfair | Harry Mc Connell with Photos. Public Library 12:30.   |
| <b>7 July</b><br>cestor  | Potluck at Estelle. Foster with An-related recipes.   |
| <b>4 August</b>          | Twin Firs Cemetery.   |
| <b>1 September</b>       | Will be our big "Local Tidbits" at Allyn Baptist Church.                                    |

We are hoping to make a trip to the Library in at Salt Lake City in October . It is getting harder to get reservation at our favor place to stay.

Respectfully, DeLana

### Important PSGS Deadline Dates

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**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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**Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin:**

Charles Taylor, Farmer, Self, age 59, born England\*  
Mary A. Taylor, Wife, age 60, born England.\*  
Charles W(sic). Taylor, Son, age 22, born England (probably should read Wisconsin).  
Sarah Taylor, Daughter-In-Law, age 23, born England:  
Samuel Taylor, Farm Hand, Brother, age 45, born England.\*  
Charlotte Taylor, Sister-In-Law, age 28, born England.

It is my assumption that those names marked with an “\*” are a target of my search. To have achieved my goal on my initial search of the 1880 census seemed rather too easy.

Immigrants to America from 1892 onward were processed at Ellis Island in New York Harbor. From approximately 1830 to 1892 immigrants arriving at New York City were processed at Castle Garden. (<http://www.castlegarden.org>). To explore this web site was my next step. I used the tried and proven method of trial error with regard to this web site. Without too much difficulty I found this out about the Charles Taylor senior family:

Taylor, Charles, Unknown, 50, arrived 20 May 1850 from Great Britain.

Taylor, Ann, , Unknown, 52,  
Taylor, Mary-Ann, 30  
Taylor, Charles, Yeoman, 29,  
Taylor, Ann, 25,  
Taylor, Mary, 17  
Taylor, Samuel, 16, Yeoman  
Taylor, Susanna, 13  
Taylor, Hanna, 11  
Taylor, Jemima, 8  
Taylor, John, infant

The Charles Taylor family had arrived at New York City on 20 May 1850 from Great Britain on the ship *Helena*. The *Helena*, Master: Captain T. Hicks, of 342 tons was built in 1846 at Prince Edward Island and owned by Fitzgerald. Port of registry, Liverpool, Sailed (1850) for New York.

I assume that they commenced the journey westward from New York City to their ultimate objective, Waukesha County, Wisconsin immediately. This writer presumes that the first step was by steamboat up the Hudson River to Albany, New York. The second segment of the their trek west was via the Erie Canal to its terminus at Buffalo, New York. It very likely they booked passage on a sailing or steam ship for a voyage across lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan to their ultimate destination, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

What motivated the Charles Taylor family to immigrate to America? Had they come into possession of propaganda prepared by the shipping company? Whatever it was, they had been encouraged to take this significant risk to cross the Atlantic to America and take the arduous trek across a vast stretch of land and lakes that was America to the New Eden of Wisconsin.

A book titled *The Emigrant's Hand Book and Guide*

*To Wisconsin Comprising Information Respecting Agricultural and Manufacturing by Samuel Freeman.* Published by the Sentinel and Gazette Power Press – Milwaukee 1851. This book went into great detail concerning wages, climate, population, the City of Milwaukee and all types of information of interest to prospective immigrants to Wisconsin. The publishing date of 1851 probably prevented its direct influence on the Charles Taylor family and their immanent journey to America in 1850. No doubt there were other pamphlets of similar nature that may have persuaded their immigration decision.

I next proceeded to examine the following United States census returns:

1850 – Town of Brookfield, County of Waukesha.  
Dated Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

#1411

Chas Taylor, Sr., Farmer, Value of Farm \$1,400.

Ann Taylor,  
Ann Taylor,  
Mary Taylor,  
Sam'l Taylor,  
Hannah,  
Jemima,

#1406

Chas Taylor, Jr. Farmer, Value of farm, \$500

Mary Ann Taylor

Note: The infant by the name of John is not recorded in the census return. It is assumed he did not survive the difficult journey west. It is unknown what became of Susan.

1860 Census of Brookfield Center, Waukesha, County.

Samuel Taylor, farmer, value of farm \$1200, Personal estate \$200.

Laurette Taylor, 28 born Vermont.

Harriett Wright, 8, born New York.

1860 Census of Brookfield Center, Waukesha, County.

Charles Taylor, Jr., farmer, value of farm \$3,500.

Personal estate \$300.

Mary Ann Taylor

Ann R. Taylor, born Wis.

Charles N. Taylor, born Wis.

1860 Census of Brookfield Center, Waukesha, County.

Charles Taylor, Farmer, value of farm \$3,000, Personal estate \$500.

Ann Taylor

Jemima Taylor

1870 Census of the Town of Brookfield, Waukesha, County.

Charles Taylor, Farmer, value of farm \$2,500, Personal estate \$500.

Ann Taylor

Jemima Taylor

1872, Deceased: Ann Taylor, 10 April 1872, age 73 years, 9 months. Wife of Charles Taylor, Brookfield Cemetery, Waukesha County.

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# PSGS Periodical Exchange Notes Madge Norton

**AMER Internet Genealogy** (Mar. 2009) Canadian Expeditionary Forces Records: Poorhouse & Workhouse Records; Family Search Labs: One Stop Genealogy; Aviation Records in Genealogy; Old English Handwriting-An Online Course; Nova Scotia Records; States Free Records Online.

**AMER Ibid** (Apr/May 2009) Postmasters & Genealogy; Civil War Income Tax Records Online; Life & Death in AZ; Vital Records Online; 20 Best Websites for finding European Ancestors; Read All About It: Digital Books; The Kindertransport: Finding Survivors; Top Five Ways to Find Living Relatives

**AMER Everton's Genealogical Helper** (Jan/Feb. 2009) Stories in Stone; City Directories; Using German Parish Registers; Gen. Research in Alsace

**AMER Family Chronicle** (Apr 2009) British Poor Records in the Parish Chest; Family History on the Go; Paper Trail: OR Trail Pioneers; Researching Early Ontario Ancestors; Signature Style: Ancestral Autographs

**AMER American-Canadian Genealogist** 35:1 (No 1, 2009) Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online; The Acadian Newsletter-Why Go Back Part 1.

**CA Sequoia Gen. Soc.** 36:2 (Apr 2009) Tulare Newspapers-Historical Notes 1889-99; Early Tulare High School Grads

**ID Idaho Gen Soc** 52:1 (Spring 2009) Caribou Co Genealogy & History; A few Caribou Co Prisoners in the Idaho Penitentiary

**IL Clay Roots** Clay Co Gen Soc Annual (2008) Birth Records from Beal Bible; Midwife Records by Sophia Magdalene Poppe; Coble, Beal, Collins & Disney Pedigree Charts; Newspaper Articles; Louisville Telephone Directory 1952; Deaths listed in Newspaper from 2007 & 2008

**IN The Tri-State Packet** Tri-State Gen Soc 32:3 (Mar 2009) Abstracts of 1890 Enrollment of Persons who Served in Armies-Vanderburgh Co IN, cont; St. Peter Church, Lake Zurich, IL Baptisms 1904; WPA Pike Co Deaths 1887-1902

**KS The Seeker** Crawford Co Gen Soc 39:1 (Jan-Mar 2009) Crawford Co Marriages 1902-03; Civil War Vets of SE KS; Ft. Scott's National Cemetery

**KS Topeka Gen Soc Quarterly** 39:1 (Jan 2009) First Marriages in KS, cont; Extracts From Early KS Newspapers  
**MA Berkshire Genealogist** 30:1 (Winter 2009) Berkshire Jubilee-1844; Berkshire Militia Units; State Census of MA 1855

**MN Otter Tail Co Gen Soc Newsletter** 26:4 (Dec 2008) Early Otter Tail Marriages

**MN Heir Mail** Crow Wing Co Gen Soc 31:1 (Spring 2009) Emily Twsp Residents in Atlas 1913; Alien Reg. Index, Allen Twsp-Brainerd

**MO Scotland Co Gen Soc Newsletter** 23:2 (Apr 2009) School Days-School Records; History of Memphis &

## In Memoriam Margaret "Jean" Grimaud

Born: November 4, 1920

Seattle, Washington

Died: May 6, 2009

PSGS Member and  
Dedicated Volunteer.

Scotland Co; Reminiscences from Memphis Reveille  
**NM NM Genealogist** The Journal of the NM Gen Soc 48:1 (Mar 2009) More Otero Descendents; Two Matriarchs of Albuquerque; Diligencias Matrimoniales Documents

**OH Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints** Tuscarawas Co Gen Soc 37:1 (Jan-Mar 2009) Tuscarawas Co History & Snippets; Co. Record of Petitions Vol 8 & 9; Obituaries & Other News Jan & Feb 1899

**OR The Bulletin** Gen. Forum of OR 58:2 (Dec 2008) Go Straight to the Poor Farm; Massacre on the OR Trail; OR Provisional Land Claims

**OR Ibid.** 58:3 (Mar 2009) The Changing Face of OR; Defense Housing Projects Built for the Shipyards on the Columbia River; The Cole Family Migration to Portland OR-WW II & Living in Defense Housing; The Two Wars of Elijah McKendry; Partial List of Casualties & MIA's from the State of OR during WW II

**OR Beaver Briefs** Willamette Valley Gen Soc 41:1 (Winter 2009) OR State Seal; Warden Janes OSP Inmate Reg-cont.

**PA Past Times** Mercer Co Gen Soc 29:1 (Feb 2009) 125 Years Ago (newspaper clippings); Immigrants to PA, 1727-1808; Early Settlers of Mercer Co

**PA Ibid.** 29:2 (Mar 2009) 125 Years Ago cont; Immigrants into PA, cont.

**SD Lyman-Brule Gen Soc** 23:1 (Jan 2009) Chamberlain Sanatorium; Pesho Past 1910-1912, cont; Episcopal Mission Crow Creek Indian Reservation-Baptisms

**WA Appleland Bulletin** Wenatchee Area Gen Soc 36:4 (Dec 2008) Peshastin Cemetery Tour; Cashmere City Cemetery; Busch Cemetery, Grant Co; Pleasant Valley Cemetery (aka Corfu Cemetery), Grant Co

**WA Yakima Valley Gen Soc** 41:1 (Mar 2009) Local Brevities, Yakima Herald 1891; Cradle Roll Enrollment Cards, cont; Ahtanum School, Yakima, cont; WA State Normal School Alumni 1889-1903, cont

**WA The Tri-City Genealogical Bulletin** 49:1 (Mar 2009) 1910 School Census for Benton Co WA-Dist. 16 Prosser; Mayors, Marshalls & Police Chiefs, Franklin Co & Pasco WA; Golden Wedding Anniversaries Published-Tri-City Herald

**WA Big Bend Register** Grant Co Gen Soc 30:1 (Mar 2009) 1920 Grant Co Census, cont; 2007 Grant Co Obits

**WV The Journal** Kanawha Valley Gen Soc 33:1 (Spring 2009) Graceland Memorial Park, cont; Kanawha Co Death Records 1884; Early Kanawha Co Marriages 1794-1826.



(Continued from page 41) *The Quest for Charles Taylor.*  
Wisconsin.

1870 Census of the Town of Waukesha,  
Waukesha, County  
Next door neighbor to Charles and Mary Ann  
Taylor.

William Hicks 47, farmer, value of estate,  
\$6,000, personal estate \$1,200.  
Susan Hicks, wife, 33 (assumed to be Susan  
Taylor)  
Jane Hicks, 25  
William Hicks, 23  
Letisha Hicks, 7 born Wisc.  
Minna Hicks, 6/12, born Wisc.

1870 Census of the Town of Waukesha,  
Waukesha, County

Charles Taylor, Jr., farmer, value of farm  
\$15,000. Personal estate \$2,000.  
Mary Ann Taylor  
Ann R. Taylor, born Wis.  
Charles N. Taylor, born Wis.

1870 Census of the Town of Waukesha,  
Waukesha, County

Samuel Taylor, 35, farmer, value of farm  
\$3,500, Personal estate \$950.  
Laurette Taylor, 28 born Vermont.  
Julia Ann Taylor 3, born Wis.

1877, Deceased:

Laurette Taylor, 4 August 1877, 43  
years, 6 months, Wife of Samuel  
Taylor, Daughter of Rubin Wells, — Buried  
Brookfield Pioneer Cemetery, Waukesha  
County, Wisconsin.

1882, Deceased: Charles Taylor, 10 May 1882, age  
82 years, buried at Brookfield Pioneer Cemetery,  
Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

1890 United States Census — Destroyed in a fire in  
1921. This twenty-year gap between census returns  
presented a tremendous gap that had to be hurdled by  
family historians. Too many events took place between  
1880 and 1900 in the Charles Taylor family that will  
probably be too difficult to resolve. Marriages, births  
and deaths for example.

1900 United States Census — Peewaukee, Wauke-  
sha County.

Charles Taylor, head 43, farmer, born Wisc.  
Louisa Taylor 42, wife, born New Jersey. Ancestry  
Wales  
Hannah J. Taylor, 15, Grand daughter, born Wisc.,  
place of birth of Father, Wisc., Place of birth of  
mother, Germany.

1900 United States Census — Peewaukee, Wauke-  
sha, County.

Joseph J. Dixon, head, 41, farmer, born Wisc.  
Anna R. Dixon, wife, 37, born Wisc.

#### The Taylors Move West

1900 United States Census — Clackamas County,  
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#### No doubt about it.

You are a genuine genealogist!  
Now that you have admitted  
to this truth concerning yourself,  
why don't you get active at  
your word processor and write an article  
For the *Backtracker* telling us the reason  
why you became a Family Historian.  
Your writing ability will be valued  
by our readers.

(Continued from page 43) *The Quest for Charles Taylor.*

Oregon, Pleasant Hill Precinct

Samuel Taylor -- head-- age 66, born Jan 1834  
England, immigrated 1850, naturalized, Farmer

Charlotte Taylor, wife, age 48, born April  
England 1852, immigrated 1880

Joseph S. Taylor, son, age 19, born Nov. 1880,  
born Wisc., Farm Laborer

Mary E. Taylor, daughter, age 15, born July 1884,  
born Wisc.

Rosa C. Taylor, daughter, age 14. Born Feb. 1886,  
born Wisc.

Lilly A. Taylor, daughter, age 12, born Feb. 1888  
born Wisc.

Charles P. Taylor, son, age 10, born 1890. Born Wisc.,  
at school

Note: Burials in Pleasant View Cemetery, Wash-  
ington County, Oregon -- The Cemetery is about four  
miles south of Sherwood, Oregon in the Pleasant Hill  
section:

Taylor, Samuel, d. 12 Mar 1901, Sec. 1 Lot 7

Taylor, Charlotte, d. 07 Jul 1912, Sec. 1 Lot 7,  
Born in England,

Taylor, Joseph Samuel, b. 28 Nov 1880, d. 29 Oct  
1943, Sec. 2 Lot 152

Taylor, Lillie A, b. 10 Feb 1888, d. 09 Oct 1906,  
Sec. 1 Lot 7

Taylor, Charles P, b. 1890, d. 03 Aug 1929,  
Sec. 2 Lot 154

Taylor, Rosena, b. 11 May 1892, d. 06 May 1969,  
Sec. 2 Lot 152, Plot 7

Taylor, Raymond Edward, b. 1915, d. 06 May 1970,  
Sec. 2 Lot 144, Plot 12

Taylor, Dora S., b. 1888, d. 02 Nov 1971, Sec. 2 Lot  
154, Plot 9

Note: The following may or may not be members of  
this Taylor family.

Taylor, Carol Louise, d. 30 Apr 1953, Sec. 2 Lot 144,  
Infant.

Taylor Edgar Eugene, b. 1911, d. 14 Jan 1986, Sec.  
2 Lot Lot 197, Plot 10, Married Ala Fay 10 Sep 1938

Taylor, Elmer, b. 27 Dec 1923, d. 01 Jan 1923, Sec.  
2 Lot 154

Taylor, Emma, b. 27 Dec 1923, d. 28 Dec 1923, Sec.  
2 Lot 154

Taylor, Jimmie Wayne, b. 1941, d. 15 Sep 1970, Sec.  
2 Lot 139, Plot 5

Taylor, Mina LaVerne, d. 11 Sep 1933, Sec. 1 Lot 73

1910 United States Census -- Waukesha City

Charles Taylor, head 52, Own income, born Wisc.

Louisa Taylor 52, wife, born New Jersey., of Welsh  
ancestry,

1910 United States Census, Clackamas County,

Oregon, Pleasant Hill Precinct

Charlotte Taylor, age 58, head. Widow

Joseph S. Taylor, son, age 29, born Wisc., farmer,  
general farm

Rosa C. Taylor, daughter, age 24, born Wisc.

Charles P. Taylor, son, age 20, born Wisc., Engineer.  
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## **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 Sep-  
tember and continues through July. The current se-  
ries, "*The Genealogist's Video Research Guide*", has  
very helpful information about how to do family re-  
search.


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 accessi-  
ble 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.

**June 13 -** Part II -- "Parish Registers"

**July 11 -** Part III -- "Census and Probate Re-  
cords"

**August** To be announced. 

### **A word or two from your Backtracker Editor.**

The article titled *The Quest for Charles  
Taylor* was inspired by the slightest of clues.  
I composed this piece to encourage our *Back-  
tracker* readers to follow up on their own  
family history research discoveries and to  
write their own inspired article telling us  
what they have unearthed in the odyssey to  
locate their personal history.

When you write your own motivated  
material based on your adventures through  
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ancestors. You are in an indirect manner giv-  
ing direction to those who will read your  
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I would greatly appreciate seeing your  
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tachment to your email message to me. I  
will review it and get back to you giving you  
my opinion. And very likely your story will  
appear in a subsequent edition of the *Back-  
tracker*. Sincerely, Cyril

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he Quest for Charles Taylor.

Saw mill

1920 United States Census – Brookfield Township  
Henry Wetzel, Head, age 38, born Wisconsin, Dairy  
Farmer

Mary E. Wetzel, wife, age 35, born Wisc.,  
Anna Dixon, aunt, age 66, widow, born Wisc.,  
Parents born England

1920 United States Census, Clackamas County,  
Oregon, Pleasant Hill Precinct  
Joseph S. Taylor, head, age 39, born Wisc., Farmer,  
General Farm.  
Rosena Taylor, age 27, born Oregon, father, Russian,  
Mother German  
Born May 11, 1892, SS Number issued in  
Oregon, Died May 1969, Sherwood, Washington  
County, Oregon per Social Security death index.  
Raymond Taylor, son, born Oregon  
Martha Taylor, daughter, born Oregon

1920 United States Census, Multanmah County,  
City of Portland, Oregon  
Charles P. Taylor, age 29, born Wisc. illegible,  
Hostler, Railroad shops.  
Taylor, Dora, wife, age 31, born in Oregon  
Robert Taylor, son, age 1 plus, born in Oregon.

#### Significant Find:

While exploring the Internet I found that there existed in Waukesha County, Wisconsin a large graveyard by the name of Prairie Home Cemetery. I contacted this cemetery by email and received a response from a Nancy Faulk, Service Specialist for the cemetery. She had found 25 individuals surnamed Taylor buried in Prairie Home Cemetery. There were three Charles Taylors and one Anna Taylor. I made arrangements with her to obtain this list of Taylors taken from the cemetery's database. In a week or so I received from Ms. Faulk a cover letter:

- Taylor Burial Report.
- Cemetery Plan
- Lot 1&2, Block 48 plan. Twelve burial lots.

This plan had the details of each of the individuals buried at this location. Each person was named with birth and burial dates.

Here are the names recorded Birth: and Burial:

1. Joseph J. Dixon	11/4/1858	11/22/1919
2. Anna R. Dixon	04/08/1853	01/30/1926
3. Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Sr.	12/13/1819	02/03/1898
4. Chas. Taylor, Sr.	12/21/1820	05/05/1891
5. Chas. N (Newton) Taylor	04/27/1857	02/09/1938
6. Henry O. Wetzel	12/24/1881	07/13/1920
7. Blank		
8. Hannah Taylor	11/11/1884	03/10/1906
9. Louise Taylor	03/08/1858	12/05/1927
10. Mayme Ellen (Fischer) Allen Daughter	04/30/1880	03/16/1959
11. Richard A. Kremers	03/04/1889	01/28/1969
12. Mary Elizabeth Kremers	07/17/1884	04/16/1974

[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/index.asp?id=2271532&record\\_type=m](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/index.asp?id=2271532&record_type=m)

Note: Joseph J. Dixon married: 4 Nov. 1879 – Waukesha

Note: Anna Rose Taylor married 4 Nov. 1879 – Waukesha.

Note: Charles N. Taylor married a Louisa Southard Nov. 16, 1892.

Note: Charles N. Taylor married Sarah Dixon on Oct. 23, 1877.

One additional document was received from the Prairie Home Cemetery as follows: Order for Grave on Lot. To the Superintendent: The undersigned desires to deposit Grave 5, Lot 1, Block 48, Section A the remains of Charles Newton Taylor (Relationship *Father*) Place and time of nativity: Town of Brookfield April 27, 1857. Place and time of Death Waukesha County Home Feb., 1938, Funeral on Feb. 12 at 2 o'clock P.M. Cause of death: Intestinal Obstruction. Married, Unmarried or Widowed: Widowed.

Last place of residence: Waukesha County Home.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1938.

Signed by undertaker and Mary E. Kremers—It assumed that the latter is the daughter of Charles Newton Taylor.

It is my assumption that all those buried in Block 48 are related to Charles N. Taylor by one means or another.

Another note excerpted from the Biographical sketches for the town of Brookfield: CHARLES HART, farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Brookfield Center; was born Nov. 2, 1820, in Lincolnshire, England; he came to this country in 1843, and in 1844, settled in the town of Brookfield, Waukesha Co., Wis., where he married in 1850, Ann Taylor, also a native of England; seven children – Sarah A., their eldest daughter, is the wife of W. Bingham, a commission merchant of Omaha; John W., their oldest son, is in Rising City, Neb.; Mary R., Charles B., Martha M., Theresa and Lotta are at home with their parents. Mr. Hart has held various school offices; he erected the first saw-mill in the town of Brookfield; also erected and ran a flouring-mill several years; he owns 110 acres of land; his father, Charles Hart, came to Brookfield in 1844, and lived there several years.

JOHN DIXON, farmer, Sec. 15; P.O. Brookfield Center; was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 31, 1815, April 20, 1842, he married in Auburn, Lincolnshire, Elizabeth Lumb, a native of that place, born October 27, 1814. In 1844 they came to this country, settled in the town of Brookfield, Waukesha Co., Wis., where they have since resided; their children are John G. Rebecca A., William H., Sarah E., Joseph J.; the oldest of these children, John G., Married Matilda Gelden, and resides in Gratiot, Wis.; Rebecca A., the second oldest, is the wife of R. H. Barker, of this town (Brookfield); William H., the third oldest, married Jennie Barker; they also reside in this town; Sarah E.M., the fourth oldest, is the wife of Charles M. Taylor, of Pewaukee; Joseph J., the fifth oldest, married Annie R. Taylor, they reside in this town. Mr. Dixon owns 140 acres of land; he has been elected to various town offices; was a member of the Brookfield Town Board of Supervisors, several terms.

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# Puget Sound Genealogical Society Executive Board

## Meetings

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.

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(Continued from page 45) *The Quest for Charles Taylor.*

Another excerpt from a genealogy query: A certificate of death for Letisha Hicks states she was born 15 Sept 1861 to Wm and Susan (Taylor) HICKS. She married Joseph Stark, who preceded her in death, and died 8 Jul 1935 in Porter Twp, Cass Co, MI, at age 73 yr 9 mo 28 d. Letisha's body was removed to Waukesha, WI for burial or cremation on 10 Jul 1935. Wm and Susan (Taylor) HICKS were both born in England and Letisha was born in Wisconsin. A Mrs. Hilda Schuroh \_\_\_ ? of Chicago, IL provided the information on the death certificate. -----

- Unfortunately, this information was not on the party I was looking for; but perhaps this will help someone else find their relatives.

Note: Melendy's Prairie Cemetery Eagle Township, Waukesha County Wisconsin

Hannah (TAYLOR)/Sept 1, 1902/wife of David Crepar/85 yr 21 da

Hannah Isabel (CREPAR)/July 26, 1873/wife of Richard Lean daughter of David Crepar & Hannah (TAYLOR)/ 28 yr 6 mo 26 da

Jemina (TAYLOR)/Oct 30, 1825/Bristol, England/ Dec 6, 1905/ wife of John Lean

#### 1880 Censuse of Eagle Township, Wuakesha County

Hanah Crerar (sic) self, f, 62, England.

1860 census, Eagle Township

David Crerar, 43, farmer, born Scotland

Hannah Crerar, 44, born England

Near Neighbor:

John Sean (sic), 40, farmer, born England

Jemima Sean, 33, born England

I have concluded that the Taylor family like immigrants to America of various nationalities over many years of residence in Waukesha County, Wisconsin, had become a microcosm of the typical American family. They had established themselves as successful agriculturists. They had intermarried with their neighbors and after several generations their interconnections had become intertwined. And like their fellow Americans they were restless to explore the lands beyond the horizons and seek out greener pastures. I believe this wanderlust is an American trait. My study of this American branch of Taylor family does not attempt to unravel these relationships. That is left to contemporary members of the family.

#### The Quest for Charles Taylor, From the Waukesha Freeman dated May 7, 1891.

Charles Taylor - Action Upon his Death Adopted May 5<sup>th</sup> by the Official Board of the M. E. Church of Waukesha, Wis.

Charles Taylor, born December 21, 1820, in Hants Co., England, died of apoplexy at Waukesha, May 2, 1891. At the age of nineteen he was converted and joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Somersetshire. He was married April 11, 1848, to Miss Mary Ann Taylor, and seven children have been born to them. He served several years on the board of trustees of the Stalbridge Wesleyan Church, founded by John Wesley, and where Wesley frequently preached after being persecuted and egged at Stalbridge for preaching so directly and earnestly practical

Christianity and the duty of present personal faith in Christ. In 1850 brother Taylor with his family emigrated to Brookfield, Wis., and in 1878 to Waukesha, where he, as in England, he successfully engaged in agriculture. Soon he not only became a naturalized citizen, conscientiously striving as he understood it to advance our American institutions, but also having united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, he devotedly strove to promote the cause of Christianity in all its departments, especially missionary, superannuate preachers', church extension and home benevolence. He was an active, judicious and efficient member of this official board, and a liberal contributor, not alone to the church benevolences, but also to the general needs of the community.

Therefore, resolved First that, while we spread on our minutes these facts, and reverently bow to the All wise and Beneficent Dispose of events we also express our sincere sorrow in this afflictive dispensation, though triumphant and joyful passage of our fellow laborer to the climes of immortal blessedness. Second, That we extend to his surviving wife, children and friends our earnest sympathy and sincere grief in their sudden bereavement, and commend them to our father in Heaven, whose mercy is everlasting, and who doeth all things in love. Third, That we direct our secretary to present a copy of this action to the family, and request its publication the papers of this vicinity, and in the North Western Christian Advocate.

T. D. Cook,       }  
Joseph Hadfield, } Com.  
O. N. Hartshorn }

Note: According to Wikipedia John Wesley was born in 1703 and died in 1791.

Regarding information provided by the Waukesha Public Taylor concerning the Charles Taylor family.

Waukesha Freeman, Friday, December 2, 1927.

Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Mrs. Charles N. Taylor died at her home in the town of Dolafield, Thursday morning. She is survived y her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Mayme Fischer, West Allis; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the M. E. church, this city, with the Rev. Charles W. Heywood officiating. Interment will be in Prairie Home cemetery.

#### Charles N. Taylor

Waukesha Daily Freeman dated February 10, 1938

Charles Newton Taylor, a lifelong resident of Waukesha county passed away Tuesday evening; He was born in the Town of Brookfield on April 27, 1857, the son of Charles and Mary Ann Taylor, pioneers of Waukesha county.

Mr. Newton is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Richard Kremera of Waukesha.

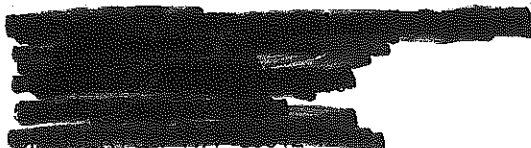
Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Randle's Funeral home. The Rev. W. P. Hulen of the Methodist church will officiate. Interment will be at Prairie Home cemetery. ■

Cyril Taylor, 2009.

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