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Dig for past relatives, turn up today's cousins.

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A Message from President-Elect 2010 Giving Back and Moving Ahead

Wow! Becoming the Genie Prez for 2010 is a real heart stopper for me. Dorothy is a tough act to follow as she devoted so much time and self to PSGS. I have the greatest respect and admiration for all she has accomplished and I am committed to preserving the accomplishments that are now in place. Thank you Dorothy for all you have done.

As a relative newcomer, having been a member for about 18 months, I had reservations about accepting the nomination when I knew so many others had far greater experience. The nominating committee assured me that wouldn't be a problem as there would be lots of support and assistance from all the members and the Board. Terry, I'm holding you to it!

So why did I step into this job? I saw it as a

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Frederick August and Hedwig Emilie Weiss: From Germany to the Great Northwest by Louise Rauschert Sweatt



The attached photo is the August Weiss family, taken in June 1890. Hedwig Weiss is holding son Arthur. Katherine and John are standing in the Front. Marguerite and August Weiss are standing in the back.

The early settlers who came to the great Northwest found plenty of jobs in timber and mining, miles of virgin land, and best of all, a chance to

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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 <u>Puget Sound</u>, and the first three letters of <u>Gen</u>ealogical <u>Society</u>) 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.

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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Our New web site: www.pusogensoc.org Belfair Chapter: www.rootsweb.com~wabgs

We welcome Gail Reynolds as our new Belfair Bulletin reporter. We wish her much success ahead for in this venture as a member of the *Backtracker* staff.

And we wish to thank DeLana Cox for *your* dedicated effort these past few years to deliver to our Belfair readers the genealogical news and valuable information available.

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Puget Sound Genealogical Society

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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

Membership Fees

Single membership is \$25 and family membership is \$40 per year. Membership includes free use of the library and a yearly subscription to our newsletter *The Backtracker* which is published four times per year. Send membership application and fee to PSGS Membership at our Business Address: Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Post Office Box 1931, Port Orchard, WA 98366-0805.

The Cindy Shawley Spore Memorial Research Library:

Our library is located at 2501 S E Mile Hill Drive, Suite A102, Port Orchard, Washington. The library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Phone: (360) 874-8813.

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Prior to conducting requested research projects, Puget Sound Genealogical Society requires prepayment of a \$10:00 fee. This fee covers the cost of one research request, postage, envelope, and up to five (5) photocopied pages. There will be an additional charge of fifty (50) cents for each additional page over five (5) pages. Additional charges may be incurred for intensive research. All additional charges must be authorized in advance by the requestor.

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The articles, reviews and news items in this publication do not necessarily reflect the view or support of PSGS or *The Backtracker*. We are in no way liable for inconvenience or monetary loss to readers which may be the result of recommendations made in articles, reviews, or news items.

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(Continued from page 69) Frederick August and Hedwig Emilie Weiss:



August Weiss with granddaughter Marjorie Elgar Westfall, circa 1915.

own some of that land. Folks arrived from all over, determined to take advantage of the opportunity to make a good life for themselves.

Two of those gutsy pioneers were my greatgrandparents, Frederick August Weiss and Hedwig Francesca Emilie Weiss. Both Frederick August, who usually was called August, and Hedwig came from the small village of Heidersbach, in the German state of Thüringen. August was born July 14, 1847. His mother was Margaretha Weiss.

Great-grandmother Hedwig was born October 16, 1863, near Heidersbach, the daughter of Henry and Adelheida Weiss. Her maternal grandparents were Anna Katherine and Daniel Anton Warner. Hedwig's father died when she was young, and her mother worked. She stayed with her grandparents. Her grandmother, Anna Katherine Warner, died when Hedwig was eleven (around 1858), and Hedwig and her grandfather lived alone most of the time. Both her father and grandfather were woodcutters. Hedwig remembered picking up baskets of woodchips. She went to school until she was fourteen. Then she worked around for people.

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Attention Backtracker Readers! Have you reviewed the **Backcover Reminders?**

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wayof, giving back to PSGS members who welcomed me wholeheartedly and who gave me a sense of belonging at a time in my life when I needed a safe haven, a sense of purpose, and a place to sociali

with like minded folks who know how to have fun while 'preserving family history through education and research". It was exactly the right place at the right time for me to begin the next stage of my life after the loss of my husband.

The coming year will be a very busy one as we work to pay our rent with fund raisers, complete the extensive library project, increase our community outreach, and continue to have fun with the classes, SIGs, State Days, Second Saturday, and field trips. I am amazed at how much we have going on and how devoted members "just get it done".

I'm now looking forward to my new challenging and rewarding job. I know I can count on the advice and guidance from all of you as we go forward together into 2010.

Linda Webb PSGS President-Elect 2010

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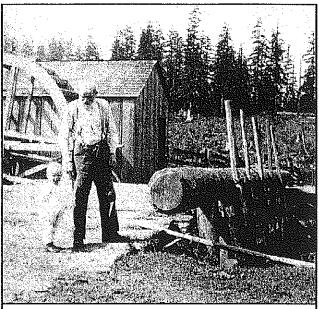
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(Continued from Page 71) Frederick August and Hedwig Emilie Weiss

Great-grandfather August emigrated from Germany about 1872. I do not yet know the name of the ship he traveled on. He probably traveled cross country by train, as the New York Central railroad operated between New York and Chicago as early as 1853.



August Weiss with his grandson Frederick Westfall, with his waterwheel in the background. Circa 1915.

There were trains between Chicago and Omaha, Nebraska; and the first Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869. From that train's terminus in Sacramento, CA, he would have ridden a train north to Tacoma, Washington.

August found employment at Coal Creek, Washington, at the Newcastle Coal Mines. He sent money to his mother in Germany to pick out a wife for him and to pay for her passage from Germany to Washington. His mother chose Hedwig Weiss. Hedwig said they were not related, despite having the same last name. She knew August only slightly, as he had left a long time before she did.

Hedwig crossed the Atlantic on the *Bremerton*, landing in New York probably in 1883. (I can't find that ship in any records, but that is what she told her granddaughter, Marjorie Elgar Westfall Rauschert, in 1949.)

Hedwig recalled that the trip had taken a long time, and the seas were rough. She traveled on to Washington State and upon arrival married August Weiss in Seattle on September 26, 1883. The marriage certificate, written in German script, lists Rudolph Weiss as witness and Pastor Gottfried Grandel as the officiating minister.

August and Hedwig lived at Coal Creek, now called Renton, when they were newly married. Their first child, Marguerite Rosalinda, was born at Coal Creek on September 29, 1884. The family story is that she was the first white child born at Coal Creek. I don't know. Some day I may be able to prove or disprove the story.

August left the mine because of miner's asthma that he had developed. He found property in the Bothell area of King County, Washington, in the Sammamish River valley just northeast of Seattle. By 1886 when son John Hermann was born on April 28, they were living on the Bothell homestead in the little community of Woodinville. August homesteaded one hun-



Hedwig Weiss with her daughter Katherine Westfall and great-granddaughters Louise Sweatt (standing) and Marjorie Doremus (on Katherine's arm). July 1948.

dred sixty acres, receiving final papers dated January 20, 1892, for the "NorthWest quarter of Section Twenty in Township twenty-six, North of Range six East of Willamette Meridian in Washington, containing one hundred and sixty acres."

Three more children were born of the mar-

PSGS Periodical Exchange Notes Madge Norton

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WA The Clallam Co Gen Soc Bulletin 29:3 (July 2009) Probate Records

WA <u>Big Bend Register</u> Grant Co Gen Soc 30:3 (Sept 2009) Early Schools of Grant Co-1910; Deaths 2008

HISTORY AND HERITAGE 2010 ANTIQUE SHOW

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Special Preview: \$20.00 Friday, April 16, 6 p.m. - 8pm Trade Show and Lectures: \$5.00 Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appraisals: \$5.00 per item, limit 5 items. Verbal appraisal of your antiques. Saturday, April 17, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

www.pusogensoc.org/historyandheritage2010antiqueshow/

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Free Parking

PSGS Programs for 2010

January: Sharing of genealogy finds in Salt Lake City.

February: Round table discussion on "Organizing Your Genealogy Notes, Tips and Techniques" with: Clara Jane Goux Jackie Horton Jean Yager Phillis Wahlquist Sandie Morrison

March: Round table discussion on "Writing Your Family Story" with: Judy Joaquin, Jim Morrison, Marjorie Menees Linda Webb

Our Christmas party will be on December 9th, 2010.

We are planning a genealogy seminar for September 25, 2010.

(Continued from page 75) Frederick August and Hedwig Emilie Weiss

riage: Katherine Emilie on January 15, 1888, Arthur Frederick in 1890, and Helma Hedwig on March 29, 1896.

They had a cast iron stove in their farmhouse. August carried it piece by piece himself to the farm, possibly from the little country store run by Ira Woodin, for whom Woodinville was named.

On the farm August raised and tended dairy cows. He built the farmhouse, a large barn, and a chicken coop. He also built a good-sized water wheel along the creek, which ran a sawmill to cut timber while he was clearing the land. Later the waterwheel pumped water to the house, fields, and garden. The farm could have also been called a "stump farm," as many of the tree stumps remained in the fields after the land was cleared.

August declared on the 1900 census that he was a naturalized citizen. So was Hedwig. The law at the time provided that she became a naturalized citizen the moment the judge's order naturalized her husband.

Son Arthur was killed in a logging accident when he was twenty. Daughter Katherine married Edwin Aubrey Westfall (1888-1969) and moved away, living in Carbonado, Wilkeson, Tacoma, and Seattle, all in Washington State. Daughter Helma married H.H. Ross, became a registered nurse and later worked in Everett, Washington. Daughter Marguerite married Samuel Mouat and moved into Seattle. Son John remained to help his father work the farm. He took over daily operations as his father aged.

Frederick August Weiss died July 10, 1922, in Woodinville, Washington. His son John and John's wife Gertrude, stayed on the farm with Hedwig. I visited with her on Mother's Day, 1949, when I was four and a half years old. I just remember a very little old lady in her long dress and apron. She died six months later, on November 9, 1949.

Frederick August Weiss, Hedwig Emilie Weiss, their son Arthur Frederick Weiss, and daughter Katherine Emilie Weiss Westfall are all buried in the City of Redmond, Washington, Cemetery. The cemetery used to be along a quiet country road. It's now surrounded by four -lane highways and office buildings. At least I

PSGS Cemetery Project By Sandie Morrison

We have located a new 'lost cemetery' in our Kitsap County, The Doyle Cemetery.

This old pioneer cemetery is located in the south ern part of the county, off Wildwood Rd. It is set deep in the woods on the old John Doyle homestead property which today is private land. The 160 acre homestead was acquired in 1880 by John Doyle and three acres were set aside for the cemetery in 1888.



Today only about one quarter of an acre is fenced in with burials within the fence. John was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1839 and came to America in 1863. John met his future wife in Nebraska. She was Elizabeth Barnett, born in 1853 in Tipperary, Ireland. The couple had six children, Patrick, Mary Jane, Celia, Esther, John and Elizabeth Agnes. The two eldest children were born in Nebraska and the remaining four were born in Wildwood, WA. John and Elizabeth moved to

Elizabeth Burnett Dovle

WA Territory before it became a state in 1866. The family story says that John Doyle was a farmer and the milk and produce from the farm were delivered each day in a canoe all the way from the Wildwood farm to Bremerton. (Told by Elizabeth Doyle in 1971. She was the youngest daughter of

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found it.

Most of the personal information about these great-grandparents I owe to the diligence of my mother, Marjorie Elgar Westfall Rauschert (1909-1998). She asked her grandmother Hedwig many questions on our Mother's Day visit in 1949. She saved documents, photos, and notes of all she knew about her family. I am very grateful.

John and Elizabeth Doyle).

Many descendants of John and Elizabeth are buried in the cemetery, resting nearby. Patrick Doyle was the first child and was born in 1875, died 1948. Mary Doyle Johnson was the second child and born in 1877, died in 1959. Her husband Andrew was born in 1869 and died in 1942. Esther Doyle who was the fourth child and was born in 1886 and died in 1896. Great grandson William Steward was born in 1926 and died in1943.

The cemetery is well cared for today with a chain link fence and gate surrounding it. One can see that the descendants care about their ancestors and are doing their best to keep their memories for generations to come.

Update on the Brownsville Cemetery destruction:

Michael Brownell has applied for and has been granted the title of Chairman of the new Brownsville Cemetery Historic Preservation Association by the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Michael Brownell's grandmother was buried in the Brownsville Cemetery. And his father was a

trustee of the cemetery at one time. Although Michael is now retired and living in VA, he still has a strong interest in preserving and restoring this old cemetery in Kitsap County, WA.

The PSGS Cemetery Project so pleased that Michael had taken on the responsibility for this cemetery and will follow the case now being prepared by the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to be forwarded to a Kitsap County Prosecutor.

Recent damage in the cemetery was done by a man who lives in the neighborhood of the cemetery to improve his view of the water. Michael Brownell had hired a licensed professional arborist to do a damage assessment and restoration proposal of the damage done. When several of the trees and branches were cut within the cemetery, the damage was so severe that it is feared many trees will have to be totally replaced.

Our cemeteries in Kitsap County are protected by law from vandalism and violation. We are all the guardians of these cemeteries and the memories they hold of those who have.

Important Notice To PSGS Writers We Request articles For future editions of the *Backtracker* Contact your Editor! Cyril

Susan's Select Web Sites

Here are some useful websites I found in reviewing the newest genealogy magazines:

http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/comingsoon - sign up for the free newsletter which will let you know when the university is up and running with interactive classes.

http://www.familytreemagazine.com/ResearchToolkit/ CheatSheet - PDF files on several topics with more to come. Includes a relationship chart, a guide to budgeting for a genealogy trip, a packing list for your trip, and a list of LDS Family History Centers.

Wondering about another genealogy software program? For reviews and free trials, try <u>www.familytreemagazine.com/</u> <u>softwareguide</u>.

And, for links to recent articles in *Family Tree Magazine* relating to your heritage, visit <u>http://</u>

www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage and click on the appropriate country.

<u>http://www.myheritage.com/</u> Research, build a family tree, share ideas/questions with others, and more. But, you have to download their software.

<u>http://www.cem.va.gov/</u> Everything you need to know about burial benefits for veterans. I wasn't aware of the Presidential Memorial Certificate. Try out the Nationwide Gravesite Locator for veteran burials; it includes burials in private cemeteries from 1997 on.

http://familyhistory101.com offers a wide variety of information and tools to enrich your search for elusive ancestors.

<u>http://www.treasuryofheritage.com/</u> - an interactive site, similar to the social networking sites. You have a choice of free or paid membership.

Visit <u>www.ancestrymagazine.com/lous-300</u> for a list of 300 invaluable sources for genealogists.

\$\$ <u>www.Genealogybank.com</u> offers a free 30-day trial. <u>http://www.genealogybuff.com/</u> - another search engine that yields results to keep you busy for days.

http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articlesearch/L0? SearchTerm=dna&Sort=Rank – 130 links to articles about DNA and related subjects.

Here are a few websites scouted out by my friend Donna Kentch back in South Dakota:

<u>http://www.thatsmyfamily.info/</u> - links to genealogy and family history databases hosted by Canadian federal, provincial, or territorial archives and libraries.

http://www.civilwarroster.com/index.html - Links to Civil War rosters and musters by state; replaces a site taken down in October, 2009. (Would you believe there were 77 Thomas Browns in Illinois units?)

http://dna.accessgenealogy.com/index.htm - Links to information located in the 50 states, Native American records, and several articles about genetic genealogy and DNA. http://www.hyperhistory.com/online n2/History n2/a.html -

Put your ancestors in historical context with maps and timelines.

http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/ start.html#p+0 – Check out the latest at Family Search.



Busy days these past months since our last report ! In October, a volunteer crew spent two days inventorying our print materials. Madge Norton, in charge of the periodicals has diligently gone through each of our publications that are shelved in the former dining salon/ guess-we-will-just-leave-this-here-until-we-know-whatto-do-with-it room.

The last two days of October, like the 30th and Hallowe'en, found Karin Burke, Bruce Ramsey, Linda and Johnny Wilson, and Jean Yager with sets of work sheets, matching lists, lost book lists, pens, and extra note paper, looking for matching items and lost items as well as misnumbered items directed in this chore by Mary Ann Wright and Marjorie Menees. Working in pairs, it all was done in the first day with such detail and with such care it seemed as if the next session would only be a short easy one.

But then with the following crew: Dorothy Lindquist, Sandie Morrison, Karin Burke, Bruce Ramsey, and Linda and Johnny Wilson there were more work sheets, blank forms, matching book lists, pens and extra note paper AND stacks of books to determine their category, apply proper tags on each, record results in the waiting blank forms, and stack finished books in order on the work table so that all 180 of them could then be placed on the proper shelves after a double check on the following day by the two slave drivers, MAW and MM......

It was done.... ! Well —THAT was done. More days have seen the questionable materials on the shelves and the boxes in the back room checked and logged in or set aside for the flat files by MA and MM..... The CD's are being held aside to determine which are duplicates or to be logged in..... that will be another chore to finish..

We now have a bigger inventory of materials for the flat files... of which there are two in the Northwest Room. This material consists of separate pages or several pages fastened with a stapler, or very thin booklets that do not fit safely on the book shelves...In other words, it is not in bound book form. It is filed in special subject files and marked drawers and so is not logged in like books. Do include these files in your research as often they hold special papers that have information you cannot find in a book or a CD...

Also available now in the Northwest room are the special cemetery files. They can be found in marked

file drawers in the cemetery section of that room.

It is exciting to think that we are almost completely put together enough so that we can begin to assemble all into the new catalog. This will be finished in several sections: print materials (books, magazines), CD's, microfilm, microfiche, flat files, and cemetery files. The whole collection will then be finished in 3 main volumes: Title, Author, or Subject – so you should be able to find anything we have that you may be searching for...in both book form and on the computer. 2010 should see that exciting happening.

Working with all these new materials as well as the old reminds me of how our library has grown and expanded. How lucky we are to have this very fine collection and how lucky we are to have such a well sectioned and set up suite in which to work. I am so thankful the little organization that was fortunate to have a free space in the Senior Center at Givens a few years ago has grown to such an admirable size. Heartfelt thanks belong to all hard working members who have given much effort, many days and much labor as well as monetary donations to keep it financially together. All of this has meant buying new or replacing equipment and materials, and most of all meeting the important monthly rent of \$800 per month.

Along with the rest of the world, this Christmas season, we are facing less income and rising costs that are another challenge. With this in mind, I keep thinking of a bit from one of my favorite old books, *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch*, c. 1901, given to me in 1929 by my Grandmother, Lucia Lenore Lyman Robison from her book collection.

The following are excerpts (spelling copied) from Chapter IL, "Ways and Means"

The cold wave that was ushered in that December morning was the beginning of a long series of days that vied with each other as to which could induce the mercury to drop the lowest. The descent of the temperature seemed to have a like effect on the barrel of potatoes and the load of coal in the Wiggses' parlor.....

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STRANDING OF THE BARQUE VICEROY Christmas in the Tops

by Cyril T. Taylor

Captain Henry Richard Taylor¹ took command of *Viceroy* on the 30th day of March 1865 with the signing of an "Agreement and Account of Crew (Foreign-Going Ship" as its master for a voyage from "London to Quebec and any Port or Ports in British North America and/or United States of America and back to a final Port Of Discharge in the United Kingdom. Voyage not to exceed Twelve Months."

The barque² Viceroy³ was built at Truro, Nova Scotia in 1849. Joseph Shepherd of Fenchurch Street, city of London, owned this ship from January 1851 until ownership was transferred to John Willes Martin, Shipowner, Thomas Ballard, Coal Merchant, and George Willis, Master Mariner⁴ and the registration was transferred to Poole, Dorset on February 22, 1865.

The following are the members of the crew as listed on "Agreement and Account of Crew."

Crew	Age	Where Born	Capacity ⁵	Wage	Joined Ship	Discharged
Henry Taylor	31	Dorset	Master		Mar. 30, 1865	Remains
Robert Baker	47	Poole	Mate	£5 5s	At London	Rochester
J. C. L. Wallis	22	Hampshire		£4	**	Aug. 31st
John Cole		Poole	Carpenter	£5 10s	~~	
John Roberts	45	Poole	Sailmaker	£4 10s	44	"
James Lee	22		AB	£3	42	"
Wm, Geo. Burgess	32	Poole	Cook & Stewart	£3 15s	45	"
Elias (X)	23	Norway	AB ·	£3	66	(a)
Joseph Child	22	London	AB		65	"
Chas, C. Wilkinson	46		AB	£3	<i>44</i>	66 66
Charles Johnson	26	Norway	AB	£3	44	"
William Eade	30	Sussex	AB	£3	22	"
William (X) Davis	30	London	AB	£3	42	"
Charles Cocker	27	London	AB	£3	44	"
James Cole	19	Poole	OS	£2 5s	**	"
Robert (X) Williams	18		OS	£2.5	<د	"
Edw. Young Moorfoot	22		OS	£4	April 4 th	~~
Joseph (X) Th	31	Middlesex	OS	£4	At Gravesend	(b)

(a) Deserted at Gravesend on April 3rd.

(b) Did not report for duty.

The Viceroy departed London on April 1st and arrived at the Port of Quebec, Canada on May 26th, 1865 where it loaded a cargo that consisted of: 88 tons red pine

370 tons of white pine

1778 standard spruce deals6

3,000 pipe staves

4 1/2 WOWI (sic) staves

2857 pieces ash oars

This voyage terminated at Rochester, Kent, England on July 31st, 1865 where the crew was discharged.

Captain Taylor's second voyage as master of the *Viceroy* departed London for Quebec on September 6, 1865 in ballast. The ship arrived at Quebec on November 6th. The *Viceroy* was cleared for Swansea on November 16th with the following cargo:

35 tons of elm

25 tons of red pine 808 tons white pine

806 standard deals

1,000 pipe staves

8 cords hemlock lathwood

The following information regarding the crew was taken from the "Account of Crew of Foreign Going Ship, to be Delivered at the End of the Voyage to the Shipping Master at the Above Port." The port was Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland and the form had been completed by someone other than the master.

Crew	Age	Where Born	Capacity	Joined Ship	Ability	Conduct	Discharged
Henry Taylor	31	Dorset	Master	Aug. 31, 1865			Remains
Robert Baker	47	Poole	Mate	At London	VG	VG	Bowmore ⁸
John C. L. Wattis	23	Portsmouth	Boatswain	"	VG	VG	Jan. 5, 1866
John Cole	53	Poole	Carpenter	"	VG	VG	66
Thomas Crampton	22	Dublin	Sailmaker	66	VG	VG	"
James Walford	49	B'water	Cook & Stewart		G	G	"
Tyson	23	Bury St. Edmonds	AB	cc	VG	VG	и
Thomas Brow	23	Bristol	AB	دد			(c)
John Bannester	44	Liverpool	AB	cc			(c)
Charles Anderson	22	Prussia	AB	"	VG	VG	
William Oldridge	28	Quebec	AB	"	VG	VG	"
G. Champman	21	Cirencester	AB	a	VG	VG	44 44
John O'Brien	23	Dublin	AB	ű	VG	VG	
John McKenzie	22	Bath	AB	"	G	G	~~
Arthur Lennon	19	Christchurch	OS	(a)	G	VG	60

James Wareham	19	Bristol	OS	(a)	G	VG	
Robert Green	31	Sweden	AB	(b)	VG	VG	6E
Antionio Bachelor	32	Trieste	AB	(b))	G	G	"

(a) Joined the ship at Poole on September 1st.

(b) Joined the ship at Quebec on November 16th.
(c) Deserted at Quebec on November 16th.

Note: VG and G represent Very Good and Good.

The above document indicates that this voyage terminated at Bowmore, Island of Islay, Inner Hebrides on January 5, 1866. We turn to the contemporary newspapers to tell the story of the ill-fated voyage of the *Viceroy*. The first report was extracted from *Lloyd's List* for January 1, 1866: Bowmore, Islay, December 28, 1865: - The *Viceroy*, of Poole, master Taylor, from Quebec to Swansea, timber laden, came in here tonight waterlogged, and with decks blown up, bulwarks gone, and part of deck load washed overboard, and lashed with ropes to keep

her together; master and crew in the tops for several days in a sickly condition.

loyd's List for Wednesday, January 3, 1866 has additional information:

Bruchacladdy⁹, Islay, December 30, 1865: - The *Viceroy*, Taylor, from Quebec to Swansea, which put into Bowmore on December 28, waterlogged, hogged, etc, drove from her anchors and came on shore here yesterday a wreck, and may break up every moment; her stern framework is all gone.

The Greenock Advertiser for Tuesday, January 2nd reported the following:

WATERLOGGED SHIP - Intelligence reached here yesterday, under date 28th December, that the *Viceroy*, Captain Taylor, from Quebec for Swansea, timber laden, had put into Lochindaul¹⁰ waterlogged.

The Advertiser for Thursday, January 4th had a more detailed account of the incident:

The Viceroy of Poole, mentioned in our last, so having put into Lochindaul on the 28th December, stranded on the day following at Brouchladdy, near Port Charlotte, Islay. The following are full particulars regarding the vessel and the casualty noticed:

The Viceroy, 614 tons, of Poole, Captain Henry Taylor, belongs to Messrs. J. W. Martin, T. Ballard, and J. H. Willis, Poole. She is barquerigged and built of wood at Truro, Nova Scotia, in 1849. The crew consisted of fifteen hands, and she was loaded with timber. She sailed from Quebec on the 17^{th} November, for Swansea, and the ship proceeded on her intended voyage, and all went well with light easterly winds, until Friday, the 1st of December, when at 10 pm, ship laboured and strained very much with a high cross sea, and sprung a leak, so that the pumps were kept going while the gale lasted. On Saturday the 2^{nd} ultimo the wind moderated, and the pumps were attended every half hour. On the 14^{th} ultimo the ship encountered a severe gale, making much more water. On the 15^{th} lost bulwark, one boat with part of deck load. On the 21^{at} had a very severe gale at six pm. Found the ship had sprung another leak. Had three feet water in the hold with all hands at the pumps. At eight o'clock the ship was sounded, and there was found seven feet of water in the hold, and at this point the port pump got chocked, and it had to be taken up to clear it. On the 22^{nd} , with all hands still at the pumps, it was found that there were nine feet of water in the hold. On the next day the depth of water had increased to twelve feet. On the 24^{th} , about six o'clock pm, it was found that the ship veered sixty fathoms cable; parted both chains about one pm on the 29^{th} , and was stranded off Brouchladdy, near Port Charlotte, Islay, where she now lies. After the ship struck the shore the mainmast was cut away in order to prevent her getting on her beam ends, the sea at the time being very high. The ship is very much strained, rudder case started with stern and planks getting loose, the rudder hanging by the upper band. She is also very much raised in the middle, and the probability is that she will be a complete wreck.

The Greenock Telegraph gives us some very interesting detail not provided by their competitor. Their edition for January 4th reads as

follows:

The barque *Viceroy*, of Poole, Taylor master, from Quebec to Swansea, with timber, is reported under date 29th Dec., to have come into Lochindaul, Islay, on the 28th ult., waterlogged. The ship having been brought to anchor, the Captain lost no time in landing, for the purpose of proceeding to Port Ellen, in order to overtake the steamboat, and so communicate with his owners. In his absence the gale increasing, the vessel snapped both her chains, and drifted on shore. To all appearance she must discharge part of her cargo, if not the whole before she can be got off.

The *Telegraph* in a follow-up story in their January 8th, edition provides us with this account:

STRANDING OF THE BARQUE VICEROY

The steamer *ISLAY* also brought the crew of the barque *VICEROY*, of Poole, Henry Taylor, master. The *VICEROY* left Quebec on the 17th November bound for Swansea with a cargo of timber, with a crew of 16, all told. Experienced bad weather all the way across, the ship leaking very much. On the 22nd December got waterlogged. Heavy seas struck the ship, carrying away boats and bulwarks, and breaking up the decks. On Christmas Eve all hands were compelled to take shelter in the tops, where they continued for three days and three nights. The wind then checked a little to the west, and they continued to set some of the topsails, and reached off Tory, and exhibited signals of distress. A boat came off with 13 hands and bargained to help to take the ship into a port. Tried to get into Lough Swilly, but failed. There the shore boat and men, except a pilot, left promising to send a tug. Tried then to make Lough Foyle, but failed, and stood away east under two close-reefed topsails. Next morning sighted three vessels. Showed a signal of distress to a brigantine from Prince Edward Island. The brigantine hove to, but having lost boats, could render no assistance. Reached Lochindaul at 5 pm on the 29th, where the ship came to anchor. Continued to blow heavily, and got out a second anchor, but the ship parted both anchors, and was driven on shore; and crew proceeds to Clyde by the steamer.

It is apparent that Captain Taylor remained on the scene for short time, but not too long as he took his next command, the brig Western Star¹¹, at London on February 28, 1866.

A source on the Isle of Islay states that because "there was no loss of life and no profit or gain to locals it was soon forgotten." This same person advises us that the *Viceroy's* "frames were used to repair an old house nearby." From *Lloyd's Report* as provided by the Argyll County Library without date or further reference states that "she was on a voyage from Quebec to Swansea with a cargo of timber which was later salved and towed to Greenock." My local source also says "No one seems to know the exact spot where it finally sank, and there seems to be some sort of mystery somewhere. The remains of a wreck are still to be seen near Gortan, this side of Brinchladdich and some say this was the *Viceroy*, others say otherwise." The Greenock Public Libraries inform us without stating their source that "Two Tugs, the *Flying Mist*, (Captain McFarlane) and the *Conqueror*, (Captain Dick), arrived in Bowmore on 3rd April, 1866 to take the *Viceroy* off the shore." There is not much likelihood that much additional information is available concerning this incident.

An excerpt from the Transactions of the Liverpool Nautical Research Society¹² by Captain E. Beggs, provides us with the following interesting information concerning the timber trade:

One very large trade was that of timber, and the vessels went by the name of timber drogers. Many were built in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Quebec. Most of them carried softwood and usually discharged in the north docks (Liverpool), especially that now

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named Carriers Dock. The heavy logs were hauled out through bow ports, which these vessels had, by horses on to a low quay. Many of these ships came to grief when crossing the Atlantic. It was a common thing to sight one of these vessels abandoned, waterlogged or dismasted. The crew had been taken off, and being laden with timber the hull would not sink. For years these derelicts were a serious menace to shipping. Warships at times were sent out to sink them.

Frederick William Wallace in his classic Wooden Ships and Iron Men informs us that "Quebec

is a closed port from December to April, the St. Lawrence being frozen over · · · · · " and that during the winter "extensive timber -cutting was done in the great forest of Ottawa, St. Maurice, and other river basins leading in to the St. Lawrence." He goes on to remark that in spring when the rivers are free of ice and the rafts of logs were floated to the timber-collecting area around Ouebec and where there were several mills to cut the logs into deals, boards, stave-wood and laths. In April and May the timber ships arrived by the hundreds from Europe, mostly in ballast, to load. He goes on to explain that this fleet was made up of "clipper ships with sweeping lines and beautiful figure-heads and timber-droghing as a result of old age or a fill-in cargo between charters · · · · · and numbers of old broken-down packets · · · · · famous clippers, many of them water soaked and strained with hard driving · · · · · only fit for carrying a timber cargo, and with the windmill pump working continuously and discharging a never-ending stream of water from the sodden holds and "in the latter years, the timber trade employed all old worn-out crocks of square-rig, and Quebec presented a sad sight, with a fleet of 'has-beens' · · · · · droghing deals and square-timber, pit-props and spool-wood, and with the Western Ocean sucking in and out of their started butts and warped planking."

Did the Viceroy fit this description? Very likely the answer is yes.

3 The Viceroy's Official Number was 11979. The ship built by Jacob Frieze of Truro, Nova Scotia measured 138.1 feet in length, 18.34 in breadth and 21.5 in depth and displaced 614.85 tons.

- A These gentlemen were residents of Poole, Dorset.
- 5 AB = Able-bodied seaman. OS = Ordinary seaman
- 6 A deal is defined as a fir or pine plank or board.
- 7 AB = Able-bodied seaman. OS = Ordinary seaman
- Bowmore is on the Island of Islay in the Inner Hebrides.
- This locality on Loch Indaal was spelled Bruchacladdy and Brouchladdy in the contemporary newspapers, but on current maps it is spelled *Bruichladdich*.
- ¹⁰ Currently spelled Loch Indaal.
- u See Family Backtracking for September 2000 edition, Page 45, Misadventure on the River Uruguay.
- 12 Volume VIII, 1953-54,1954-55, Page Five.



My name is Gail Reynolds and I have been selected to replace DeLana Cox as the Belfair Bulletin Reporter for the Backtracker. Following is my report. Sorry that it is late (or really early) since I was elected on November 3 and the deadline was the 1st.

As the new "cub reporter" for the Belfair Chapter, I would like to thank DeLana Cox for setting a high standard of reporting on our activities in the past. De-Lana has chosen to retire from this responsibility and I was elected to replace her.

Our November 3 meeting included election of officers, suggested programs for 2010 and a Christmas potluck at the home of Judy Joaquin. The newly elected officer are:

President: Linnie Griffin Vice President: Judy Joaquin Secretary: Madi Cataldo Treasurer: Linnie Griffin

There will be no meetings in December and January. Our next meeting held at the Belfair Library on February 2nd will feature Judy Joaquin speaking on "Publishing a Family History". Judy has written and had printed a family history and I am very interested in hearing her speak about it. As we all know, it was a lot of work but was also lots of fun. The results are outstanding. Hope to see everyone there.

April 12th we will be making a trek to the Fiske Library. Everyone is invited to join us. Please let me know if you are planning on coming so that we may notify the library as to how many of us to expect.

May 4th meeting is tentatively planned as a potluck. Please invite guests who might be interesting in genealogy research and joining our genealogy group.

Respectfully submitted,

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Captain Henry Taylor was born on May 1, 1834 at Kingston (Kinson), Dorset, the son of Richard Taylor (1808-1877) and Elizabeth Ross (1810-1872). Richard Taylor operated Tatnam (Tattenham) Farm, Longfleet, Poole for many years. He became a prosperous butcher and purveyor of meats.

² A ship of three or more masts with all of them square-rigged except the after mast whish is rigged fore-and-aft. The Viceroy had three masts.

THE PIONEER IMMIGRANT by Carl Rimple brother of PSGS member Edith McKelvy

In the late nineteenth century my grandfather emigrated, with his wife and family, from the Ukraine to South Dakota, where my father was born. But the soil was poor, and after several years of farming, they moved again, to a little salt-water town on Puget Sound, west of Seattle. [Port Orchard]. My grandfather purchased forty acres six miles south of town [Glenwood area]. That summer he and my father's older brothers cut down trees, whipsawed them into lumber, and built a two-story house. Then my grandfather went to work.

A naval shipyard was under construction in the nearby town of Bremerton, and laborers were needed, so my grandfather found work in a quarry, supplying large boulders to be used to build the ship's dry-docks. He would arise at 4:30 in the morning, milk the cows, feed the livestock, eat breakfast, then walk six miles on an old Indian trail through the woods, carrying a shotgun for protection against cougars and bears. He kept a rowboat at the cabin of a friend who lived on the beach, and he would row several miles across the bay, in all kinds of weather, to work in the quarry. At sundown he

<u>http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp?mode=6</u> – The Federal Depository Library Program has 21 sites in Washington and over 1200 across the US holding GPO publications.

<u>www.usgenweb.org</u> - Don't forget US GenWeb when you've identified the state your ancestors passed through or lived in. Here is a chance to volunteer as well as research. Family reunions bring all sorts of rewards! Ed's cousin shared a list of websites her genealogy group in Phoenix has compiled. Here are some of their suggestions that I hadn't seen before:

Looking for old city directories? <u>http://uscitydirectories.com/</u> may help you locate them. How about emigrants from Westphalia (Germany)? <u>http://</u>

westphalia-emigration.de/index.html

Did your ancestor come through Wyoming between 1849 and 1922? <u>http://wyonewspapers.org/</u>

<u>http://www.genealogy.net/</u> is a German website. It does offer translation via the Google toolbar.

Post a question and see what you get. http://

www.google.com/search?

q=genealogy+ask&channel=linkdoctor

http://www.genealogyarchives.com/ - Search over a million records. Subscription site, but they offer a free week. Happy hunting! would row back across the bay, walk home through the woods, milk the cows, feed the livestock, eat supper, then fall into bed. He worked five and a half days a week for several years until the shipyard was finished; then he found employment in the shipyard.

After several years had passed my grandfather sold the farm and bought ten acres only three miles from town [present site of Sidney Glen Elementary School]. There, with the help of his sons, he built another two-story, five-bedroom house, a huge hay barn with an attached cow-shed, and several outbuildings. He retired from the shipyard after many years of commuting to work and back on a little passenger ferry that sailed across the bay, but he still walked the three miles to and from the ferry dock.

After he retired my father bought the farm from him, but he continued to live there with my parents. My father married late in life and I was still quite young when my grandfather passed away, so I only know the man from the stories that I've been told., but if he were alive today I would thank him for his perseverance, determination and classic German stubbornness that allowed me to be born a citizen of the United States of America.

Attached is a story written by my brother Carl Rimple of Malibu CA about our grandfather FRIE-DRICH REMPEL/FRED RIMPLE.

Carl and I portrayed our grandparents (in costume at their gravesite) at the PSGS Knights of Pythias Cemetery Walk a couple summers ago.

My paternal grandparents were Germans from Russia who immigrated from a small village near what is now Zhitomir/Kiev, Ukraine in 1896 with two small children. A third child was born at sea on the crossing from Liverpool to Quebec and two more born in America. They arrived in Port Orchard in 1902 after farming for a few years near Ramona, South Dakota.

FRIEDRICH REMPEL/FRED RIMPLE

Born:	4 Dec 1867 somewhere in Prussia/ Poland
Died:	8 May 1942 Port Orchard WA
Buried:	Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Port Orchard
	WA
Wife:	ANNA SCHILLER/HAMMERMEISTER
Born:	4 Jun 1864 Murawi/Volhynia in present-
	day Northern Ukraine
Died:	6 May 1926 Port Orchard WA
Buried:	Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Port Orchard
	WA

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I recently learned something new to me and I thought I would share it with you in the Potpourri Column for this month. I was perusing several different web pages pertaining family relationships and found one from Genealogy.com that really impressed me. As you know, I am pretty much a novice in genealogical terms, but this cleared up some of the things that I did not understand. The subject is cousins, and I did not think that was much of a problem until I ran into terms such as 2nd, 3rd, 4th cousins. I have several cousins and most of them have children and so I thought they would be my 2nd cousins. It turned out not to be.

I decided that I would write an article on **Cousins** using my own family as an example. I have numerous cousins from both sides of my family and they are first cousins. Over the years there have been several different systems of identifying the relationships of family members but there has been a system developed that has become the standard relationship terms. As an example:

I have a cousin that is about the same age as I am and we have corresponded for the past 15 years. Her name is Mary Elizabeth (Skinner). My mother's maiden name is Eda (Skinner) Palmer. Mary's mother, Margaret (Sohajda) Skinner married Adrian Skinner who is my mother's brother. Adrian's mother and father are Cora (Diest) Skinner and Francis Emanuel Skinner. Mary Elizabeth (Skinner) and I share the same grandparents, i.e., Cora (Diest) Skinner and Francis Emanuel Skinner and that is the definition of first cousins. We share a common set of grandparents. This is the definition of a First Cousin.

So now I have identified my maternal grandparents as Cora (Diest) Skinner and Francis Emanuel Skinner. Francis Emanuel Skinner's parents are Jonas Leander Skinner and Mary Jane (Buttler) Skinner and they also had children, but those children are not 1st cousins because they are one generation removed from our grandparents. Thus they are called 2nd Cousins. Another generation back from this generation would produce 3rd generation cousins.

There is another word that is used when describing cousins and that term is **Removed**. When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word "removed" is *not* used to describe your relationship. The words "once removed" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first

cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This onegeneration difference equals "once removed." Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

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On Christmas eve they sat over the stove, after the little ones had gone to bed and discussed the situation. Jim had a piece of old carpet about him, and coughed with almost every breath. Mrs Wiggs's head was in her hands, and the tears that trickled through her crooked fingers hissed as they fell on the stove.

"Seems like we'll have to ast fer help, Jim,"she said, "I can't ast fer credit at Mr. Bagby's; seems like I'd never have the courage to pull again a debt...

A knock on the parlor door interrupted her. She hastily dried her eyes and smoothed her hair. Jim went to the door.

"I've a Christmas basket for you!" cried a cheery voice.

"Is this Christmas?" Jim asked dully.

The girl in the doorway laughed --- It was nice to hear her laugh: it made things seem warmer somehow. The colored man beside her deposited a large basket on the doorstep. it took both Jim and his mother to carry it in. Sitting on the floor, they unpacked it.

There were vegetables, oatmeal, fruit, and even tea and coffee. But the big surprise was at the very bottom! A big turkey, looking so comical with his legs stuck in his body that Jim laughed outright.

"It's the first turkey that's been in this house fer many a day! I 'spect Europena 'll be skeered of it, it's so big. My, but we'll have a good dinner tomorrow! I'll git Miss Hazy an' Chris to come over an' spend the day, and I'll carry a plate over to Mrs. Schultz, an take a little o' this here tea to ole Mrs. Lawson."

"Ma, I guess we can't have the turkey this year. I kin sell it fer a dollar seventy-five, and that will buy us hog -meat fer a good while."

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2010 Salt Lake City Expedition

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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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But in spite of her philosophy, after Jim had gone to bed, she slipped over and took one more look at the turkey.

"think I wouldn't 'a' minded so much, she said, wistfully, "ef they had n't sent the cramberries, too!"

With that, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the gift of newly filled library shelves. And a special greeting to our Ways and Means committee who keeps our coffers filled and the coffee pot ready to pour. And to all of you who help Sue Plummer keep the basket full of food that goes regularly to the food bank down the hill.

Should you be interested, a list of a few of our newly shelved books follows: Alabama Record Abstracts; Arkansas Land Patents: Sevier County; United States Census Key; Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario Northumberland; The Magna Charta Sureties; Finding Your German Ancestors; Dream of America; Prairie Grass Roots: A Small Town in early Twentieth Century; Portuguese Records – 150 Years in Morgan County, Kentucky 1849-1999; 1847 Atlas Reprinted from Map of Hamilton County, Ohio; Dartmoor Prison, War of 1812; Northwest Books; A Catalog; Pig War Islands.

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CENSUS RESEARCH YOURS MILITARY MISSIONARIES AMERICANS ABROAD

by Joan E. (Van Houten) Gathings

A REMINDER – the 2010 Census will be taken in the coming year. It won't be released or available to the public for 72 years. To keep yourself from becoming "one of the lost" 72 years from now AND to ensure that your descendants have access to YOUR Census information BEFORE the 72 year mandate for releasing data -----

MAKE A COPY OF YOUR FILLED OUT CENSUS FORM BEFORE SENDING IT!

File it with your other important papers as well as with your Genealogy papers so it will be readily accessible.

I ran into a problem recently when looking for my Dad in the 1930 census and I was unable to locate him anywhere. I know he was there, serving in the Navy, and definitely alive! I sent a letter off to the National Archives Census Bureau to see if they could help and I discovered (another) problem with the Census. I thought the information I received might be of value to others looking for and perhaps not finding folks in the Military in the Census.

QUESTION: I am trying to find a Census record on my father in the 1930 US Census, but nothing is coming up. HOW were the Censuses handled for the Military either in Port, on Base, on Maneuvers or At Sea? Were they even enumerated? HOW/WHERE do you find them?

I've found Mother (Esther Eugenia Marsh) living at home with her folks (Warren J. & Georgia P. Marsh) in Seattle and I've found his folks (Franklin & Stella Van Houten) listed in Mobile, Alabama along with his brothers and sisters. I've searched for him in both those locations also, but to no avail. I've even tried looking under his Navy "nickname" at the time – "Dutch", as well as "Van", as he was later known most frequently – even including "E.E.".

Ernest Eli Van Houten (sometimes mistakenly spelled as VanHouton - together/with "o" vs "e" - or Van Houghton) was stationed on board the USS West Virginia as a Gunners Mate in 1930. His home port was San Pedro, California, but the ship traveled to Puget Sound (Bellingham, Seattle, Bremerton and sometimes to other ports in California, as well as to Hawaii and one time they went "towards" China/Japan. He had previously been through the Panama Canal.

September 1930 (when he first met Mother and they

started their two year correspondence), he was sleeping at Fort Lewis, Washington (near Tacoma) and on/about the 27th he was headed back to San Pedro, California on the USS West Virginia. Why he was billeted at Fort Lewis, I don't know. Perhaps the ship had been undergoing some repairs or they were doing some drills or something at Fort Lewis. He traveled from there to Seattle and back after he met Mother earlier that month.

I have his Navy Log also that would give me info on earlier part of the year, but am unable to get my hands on it at the present and I've not yet scanned those pages. I would presume he was probably either in San Pedro or on his way between Ports when the Census was taken.

Does anyone have any knowledge of how Censuses were handled for the Military during those early years? It seems they would have been able to take a Census of those on board and transferred it with the mail when that was picked up and delivered even at Sea.

Thank you for any info or serious (non/low cost) ideas you can supply to help me find this record. I dislike having to just give up and not have this portion of his "record". Joan E. (Van Houten) Gathings

I received back this reply:

Dear Ms. Gathings: This e-mail is in response to your request for information about the enumeration of naval personnel in the 1930 Federal population census.

If your father was not listed at his residence, he could be listed on a ship or at the naval base. We have found, however, that many of the ships are not included in the microfilm copy of the 1930 census and the originals no longer exist.

If you know where he was stationed, you could try locating the enumeration district (ED) and then read that ED. You can find ED descriptions on Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts, 1830-1950 (National Archives Microfilm Publication T1224). I called NARA's Southeast Region in Morrow, Georgia. This research facility has select rolls of this microfilm publication including roll 61 which provides ED descriptions for Alabama in 1930. For more information see http:// www.archives.gov/southeast/public

It is also possible the indexers doing the online database misread the handwriting on the census schedule or accidentally omitted the information.

I hope that this information helps you with your research. Sincerely, REBECCA SHARP Archives Specialist

This led me to thinking about MISSIONARIES and folk living ABROAD. So I send off another letter: *Dear Rebecca Sharp, 28 August 2009*

Thank you very much for your prompt response to my question regarding my father not being in the 1930 Census (Military – on the USS West Virginia). I am disappointed that 1) he is not listed, and 2) that the originals were destroyed before making sure that ALL data was correctly transferred to database to be SAVED for the future. I truly hope that the Archives have corrected that problem for any past and present Saves since that time.

I have a couple additional questions (along the same line) regarding Censuses that I hope you will be able to answer so I (and other researchers I know) will have the answer for any future needs.

QUESTION 1: HOW and WHERE are the MILITARY enumerated on the Census (any year) when

A: on a Ship either at sea or at an American base or on a Base in a foreign country (e.g. Army) B. Is it a separate listing apart from the "normal" EDs?

QUESTION 2: HOW and WHERE are MISSIONARIES enumerated on the Censuses (any year) when

A: living in a foreign country?

QUESTION 3: HOW and WHERE are AMERICANS enumerated on the Censuses (any year) when

A: living abroad (either for their jobs or personal reasons)?

THANK YOU for your promptest response. Sincerely yours, Joan E. (Van Houten) Gathings

On 18 September I received this reply from Rebecca Sharp (Census Bureau):

Dear Ms. Gathings: The Census Bureau microfilmed the 1900 to 1950 census schedules. The

originals were destroyed after filming and therefore the National Archives received only the microfilm copies of the records. Unfortunately, we have found that not all the records were microfilmed

including the ships in the harbor on the 1930 census.

In the 1920 census, the Census Bureau included Americans overseas at military and naval forces as well as the Panama Canal. In 1930, the Census included Consular Services and the Panama Canal. The Consular Services appear to include only those people who worked on the staff of the consul; not other Americans living abroad.

For additional information on Americans living abroad see the attached Census Bureau technical paper, Americans Overseas in U.S. Censuses by Karen M. Mills: <u>http:// www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/overseas/</u> twps0062.html

I hope that this information helps you with your research. REBECCA SHARP (Archives Specialist Archives I Research Support Branch National Archives and Records Administration)

If you copy/paste the above link you can see how any Americans overseas were (mainly NOT) enumerated. It's a PDF file and a brief description of it (first page?) reads:

Americans Overseas in U.S. Censuscs Karen M. Mills

This report documents the treatment of Americans living overseas in each of the decennial censuses, particularly those conducted in the 20th century. It presents a detailed, historical look at hon such people have figured into the censuses--which components (if any) of the U.S. population living abroad were counted in the overseas population, how the data were collected, how (if at all) these people fit into the apportionment, and the instructions given to stateside census takers on how to handle people absent from a household who were living outside the United States.

The report has been divided into five PDF files (about 4.9 Mb total). The five file links correspond to the following sections in the report:

Cover, Title Page, Introduction, and Overview

Censuses Before 1900, 1900 Census, 1910 Census, and 1920 Census

1930 Census, 1940 Census, 1950 Census, and 1960 Census

1970 Census and 1980 Census.

1990 Census, References, and List of Technical Papers

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division Questions? 1-866-758-1060 Page Last Modified: August 27, 2008

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