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Genealogy Seminar — A Day of Discovery with Lisa Louise Cooke



Its coming soon! Put Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8:30 AM—3:30 PM on your calendar. The Seminar will be held at the Bremerton Elk's Club at 4131 Pine Road NE. Have you registered yet?

The day will include four instructional sessions. I know I can use them. How about you?

The Genealogist's Google Search Methodology. Learn how to Google successfully with the latest strategies.

How to Organize All this Genealogy Stuff. Learn how to organize paper, data, digital files and Web info.

How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case. Learn how to become a detective and track your ancestors.

Future Technology & Genealogy – Five Strategies You Need. Find the right technology for your needs now and in the future.

Lisa Louise Cooke is a well-known genealogist and owner of Genealogy Gems. She has a Podcast, an audio show, and has authored multi-media materials, books and a video series. She is a sought-after speaker and has done many webinars. If you haven't heard her speak before, or even if you have, you are in for a special treat on September 22, 2018 when she comes to Bremerton.

Door prize drawings and snacks are available at each of two break times plus a chance to visit the Heritage Quest Research Library Bookstore. At the Closing, we will have the final door prize drawings and the raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are available in advance or on-site at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle drawing is for a tech basket worth more that \$250 including a Samsung Galaxy Tab A 16GB tablet. You must be present to win the raffle basket.

Registration fee is \$50 for PSGS members and \$55 for non-members. This fee includes a lunch provided by the Elks Club.

Registration forms are available at: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/psgs/seminar2018/>

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Presidential Ponderings

by Mary Ann Wright

I am excited to announce that Peg Powell has agreed to chair the PSGS Antique Show Committee! Peg joined PSGS last year and is looking forward to learning all about the Antique Show. This year she shadows Anita Williams from the Historical Society. Next year, Peg will be in charge of the 2020 event and, with the help and support of all the committee members, will do a great job! Welcome and thank you, Peg!

In May, the Executive Board recommended the 2019 dues remain at the current rate--\$15/single and \$20/joint membership. In July, the Nominating Committee begins a search for members willing to share their leadership talents as an elected officer for 2019. On September 22, Lisa Louise Cooke will join us as the featured speaker at our Seminar. The officers and committee chairs continue to look for opportunities that can enhance your research skills. If you have any specific ideas, please contact one of us. We'd love to hear from you.



Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright

The Genealogy Center Collection Project committee has been hard at work reviewing each book in our collection. Over the years, the committee members have had numerous occasions to be in the Genealogy Center, either as a volunteer or doing research, and they still are amazed at discovering the books hiding in plain sight! At just about every meeting one of them will say, "I didn't know we had this book!" After finishing up with the Immigration/Migration section, we've moved on to the Northeastern United States resources, reviewing our books on Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and some of Massachusetts at our last meeting. We'll finish up Massachusetts and then go on to Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey during the upcoming meetings.

Meanwhile, three members recently completed their GC Volunteer training and have begun selecting shifts in the Genealogy Center. I will be hosting another training in the next few weeks, so if you are ready to join our Volunteer Team just let me know. As a volunteer you, too, can discover treasures on the shelves in the Genealogy Center!

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2019 ANNUAL TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY

Want to know more about your ancestors? Where they came from and when? Does researching in the Salt Lake City Family History Library interest you? If so, then accompany PSGS on its annual research trip.

The Family History Library has the largest and most extensive genealogy collection in the world. Taking up five floors, it is the world's most popular destination for researching ancestors. Their database contains over a billion names taken from thousands of original records including births, deaths, marriages, census data and patron contributions. Holdings also include genealogical records for 110 countries, territories, and possessions. This data can be found on microfilm rolls, microfiche, family and county history books, city directories, periodicals, etc. There are numerous microfilm/microfiche readers and printers and also computers including free access to subscriptions at major genealogical websites. The microfilm is in the process of being digitized and some can only be viewed at the Family History Library or a local Family History Center.

Are you afraid to track your family history alone? Don't be. Hundreds of staff members and volunteers are available to aid you with your research and offer assistance in reading and translating genealogical documents in several languages. Free classes on genealogical topics are also available. This library is a "must visit" destination for anyone who does genealogical research. If you're looking for information about your ancestors, chances are you'll find it here.

Online research at home, while popular, is no substitute for researching your family history at the Family History Library. While LDS hasn't filmed every document, there is more information available at the library than online. You can immediately pull out a roll of film, use a book or a computer to travel the world. Finding your information in one place is easier and cheaper than traveling all over gathering records.

Why accompany PSGS and not just visit the library by yourself?

Besides the help provided by library staff, you are with a group that you know and although they're researching their own family history, most are willing to help you. The group has a wide variety of expertise and it's also a great chance to get to know your Society members better.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square www.plaza-hotel.com from Sunday, February 3 to Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Standard Room Rates are \$92 a night for Single/Double and \$99 a night for Triple/Quad.

Deluxe Room Rates are \$102.00 a night for Single/Double and \$109.00 a night for Triple/Quad.

\$10 for each rollaway bed.

Plus 12.92% tax (subject to change).

Participants take care of their own transportation and provide a credit card for the room on arrival. A firm rooming list needs to be provided to the hotel.

All those interested in going or who would like more information please contact Larry Harden prior to November 30, 2018 at:

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Putting Down Roots

When DNA Finds a Missing Family

Member

by Jeanie Schulze



Sometimes DNA can uncover unexpected family secrets and missing persons. My DNA connected me to a cousin who was the daughter of my father's missing half-sister—we'll call her "Jane Doe". She disappeared not long after my father returned from World War II and both my father and mother often wondered what happened to her. It was a mystery that wasn't solved until Ancestry DNA sent me an email with the message, "I think I'm your cousin." It's quite the story so don't be surprised if you feel a little confused at times. I've changed names to maintain some privacy for my cousins who are still alive.

When Dad was overseas, a pregnant Jane (about 15) married her mother's hired farm hand, "Frank Black". She had a daughter "Mary". Jane and Frank moved to southern Indiana where she divorced Frank shortly after they arrived. However, Jane continued to live with Frank and had three more children including my cousin who found me through DNA. Sometime shortly after my cousin was born, Jane left her abusive husband and abandoned her children. Meanwhile, Frank was arrested for stealing for which he received a year in prison. It was at that time he signed a paper turning their children over to the Indiana State foster care system. All were placed in foster homes and eventually adopted.

My cousin grew up knowing only about one brother until she was about 19 when her sister Mary contacted her to let her know that their grandfather had died. My cousin had no idea that she had an older sister Mary who remembered their mother. After a failed marriage, several miscarriages, and the loss of her job, Jane's first daughter, Mary, committed suicide. Shortly after her sister's death, my cousin started looking for her mother.

Several years later my cousin discovered her mother, Jane Doe, was married to an "Andy Green" in Utah and wrote to her. Green knew nothing about Jane's children with Frank, became upset, and tore up my cousin's letters after Jane received the first two. Eventually Jane called my cousin and told her not to contact her again. She didn't want her husband to know about her children and was afraid that Green would divorce her. Essentially, Jane abandoned her daughter twice.

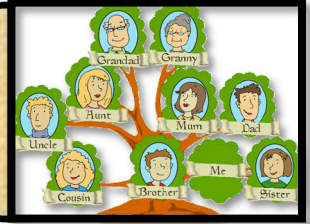
Meanwhile, my cousin learned her mother had been married three times and eventually contacted some of her unknown half siblings. After Jane Doe left Frank Black she turns up in the records in Chicago married to "John Smith". She had another daughter and son. When the children were still very young, Smith died of carbon monoxide poisoning and the police were sure Jane Doe had killed him but were unable to prove it. She abandoned these children as well and left town to wander around through West Virginia, Florida and Texas before she turns up again in California married to "Harry White." With Harry she had two more children. When Harry died Jane married Andy Green with whom she was living when my cousin tracked her down. Jane Doe Black Smith White Green died in 1999.

My cousin considers being placed in foster care to be a blessing and she considers her adoptive parents to be her true parents. She eventually married and has children and grandchildren. She started working on her family tree about two years ago, submitted her DNA and found me a year ago. My mother and father passed away before I discovered what happened to my father's half-sister Jane—but given her journey of abandoning children and possibly murdering one of her husbands, perhaps that is just as well.



My Favorite Ancestor—Aunt Bessie Smith Francis

by Sharon Hornback



What will you be doing when you are 90, 95, 96? I have an aunt who was very active in those years. She is not as active any more, but then she is 101-1/2, so she can slow down a bit. Let me tell you about my Aunt Bessie (Smith) Francis.

Bessie Caroline Smith was born 18 November 1916 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was the third child born to my grandparents. My mother (Ann Jane Smith) was born two years later and she and Bessie remained close until my mother's death in 2000. Bessie did a lot of traveling during her young life from Minneapolis to Portland, Oregon; back to Minneapolis; out to Seattle, Washington. About 1920, the Smith family settled in Richmond Highlands area north of Seattle. They and my great grandparents (the Partridge family—no, not the singing group, but the chicken farmers) bought land next to each other and finally stayed put. After five girls, my grandfather finally got a boy. The Smith family was complete.



Aunt Frances, Aunt Myrtle, mom-Ann Jane, Aunt Bessie
About 1920 in North Seattle.

Bessie graduated from Lincoln High School (on 45th Avenue in Seattle) in 1934. After that she worked for a short time as a waitress in one of my 2x great aunt's restaurant. One night at a dance at Parker's Dance Hall, my mother introduced Bessie to the love of her life, Doug Francis.

After a short time together, they married on 23 December 1936. Bessie and Doug stood before a Justice of

the Peace in north Seattle with her mother Myrtle Smith as a witness. Bessie wore a maroon dress. They moved to a piece of property that was part of Grandma and Grandpa Partridge's land. Bessie and Doug received a 40-foot wide parcel. They started out in a one-room shack with a curtain in the middle. The house went through many remodels through the years. It now has 11 rooms, covered patio, double garage, and workshop and sits on about half an acre.

I lived with Bessie and her family off and on during my younger years until I was about 10 or so. During the school year of 1954/55, I lived at her house continually while my mom was going through her divorce. I would visit my mom on the weekends. My two cousins, Carolyn and Roberta (Bobbi), became my older sisters. Since they were seven and five years older than I, I looked up to them and wanted to do what they did ... mostly.

I got to help collect eggs from the chicken coop---
until I got hives from the chicken lice and couldn't go into the chicken coop any more.

I got to sleep in the Nash Rambler with the girls when we went camping---**until** I started kicking Carolyn and Bobbi and then I got to sleep in the tent with the grownups. I might have said the girls were picking on me.

I got to help pick pansies and fill all the cheese spread jars that lined the window sill. I liked that job, so kept doing it.

I got to help weed the gardens---**until** I pulled up a flower. Bobbi told me I would really get in trouble and I had better take the flower to Bessie to let her know what I had done. Bessie just thanked me for bringing her a flower. I got to continue to weed, but I am not sure if that was a good or bad thing.

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A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



April 25, 2018 “Researching the Civil War”

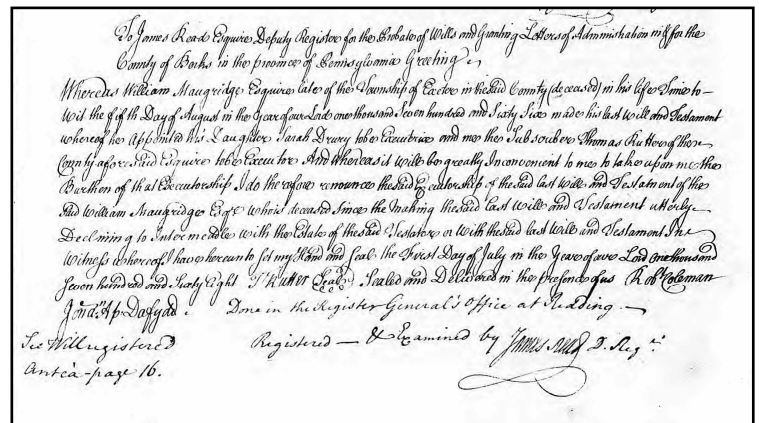
Presenter: **Laura Sparr**

Laura spoke about tips for researching “The War between the States,” looking at federal records, repositories, websites, publications, printed materials, maps, dates and events. She shared a list of books that contain information on people and battles of the Civil War. The Union named battles after places, rivers, or streams; while the Confederacy named their battles after places or geographic areas. We were reminded that border states could have units from both sides. I think everyone received some good information from Laura.

**May 23, 2018 “Where There’s a Will, (There’s a Way
To Find New Genealogical Information)”**

Presenter: **Mary Kircher Roddy**

Mary spoke about how wills help you establish genealogical relationships, prove a theory, or just get to understanding your ancestors and their world a bit more. Mary talked about wills and abstracts and understanding the differences between them. She shared what to do with the will once you find it. Mary defined some of the words used in wills such as testate, intestate, executor/trix, administrator/trix and testator. When you find a will, transcribe it first and then glean all the treasures from it. Lots of good information from Mary.



June 27, 2018 “Genealogy Timelines”

Presenter: **Winona I Laird**

Winona spoke on how timelines can aid in your genealogy research in many ways. Timelines create a personalized path through the past. Winona also said that timelines can serve as an outline for writing your ancestor's story. The timeline is one way to understand how your ancestor fits into history. Timelines in Excel help keep your research organized and expose the gaps in your research. Information on your timeline could include Date, Age, Event, Place, Source, Source number and Notes. A free excel spreadsheet was made available from Beth Foulk's website to get you started on a time line. Go to:

<http://genealogydecoded.com/researching/resources/> Look at Genealogy Worksheets, Simple Ancestor Timeline Table with Source List. I can see a lot of us starting to use timelines as part of our genealogy research.



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

Jul 25, 2018

"GEDCOM"

presenter: **Jerri McCoy**

Learn how to safely create a GEDCOM to share your genealogy research with others.

Aug 29, 2018

"Digging in Dead Man's Land"

presenter: **Jim Johnson**

Find death records in physical repositories, on the internet and in old newspapers

Sep 26, 2018

"How to Find Your Revolutionary Ancestors"

presenter: **Ann Crawford**

Discover the Revolutionary War patriots hidden in your family tree and learn which documents will prove your lineage

Schedule of Classes — July through September 2018

Jul 7	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Genealogy Series, part 3 (What to Do With What is Collected, Transcription Tools & Research Planning) Presenter: Janet Camarata
Jul 28	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Genealogy Series, part 4 (Sources & Citations, Cemetery Research, Find a Grave, Billion Graves, Interment.net) Presenter: Janet Camarata
Aug 4	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Genealogy Series, part 5 (Evidence Analysis Process, Obituary Research, Newspapers & Periodicals) Presenter: Janet Camarata
Sep 4	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	WEBINAR: Keeping Up with the Smiths & Joneses Presenter: Gail Blankenau
Sep 15	Saturday	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Genealogy Series, part 6 (Keeping a Genealogical Diary/Journal, County Histories & Google Books, Internet Archives) Presenter: Janet Camarata

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

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My Favorite Ancestor, *(cont'd from page 5)*

Bessie gave me a bit more leeway than Carolyn and Bobbi got. She felt sorry for me because I missed my mom. Things Bessie taught me included: clean up everything on your plate by eating around the clock (one bite of each food and then onto the next); Always make your bed before you leave the house because there could be a fire and you wouldn't want the firemen to know you didn't make your bed; Ask to be excused from the dinner table and always thank the cook for a very nice dinner (even if it was something that you didn't like); and just the right way to pick raspberries from the bushes in the back yard when they were perfectly ripe.

Many holidays and birthdays were spent around Bessie's dining room table. Sometimes we would make big tables in the unfinished upstairs using plywood and saw horses, if a lot of family was coming. She never turned people away and could make a meal out of almost nothing.

Bessie was like my second mother to me. She was able to be a stay at home mom and my mom had to work all the time. When I was in junior high, I had mono and couldn't go to school. My mom and her husband would bring me to Bessie's in the morning and I would climb in bed. Bessie would fix my lunch and then boil my dishes because no one could eat off my plates. I had a tutor from the school district that visited me at Bessie's house, so I could keep up with my school work. This went on for about nine weeks.

I remember one weekend after I was married and my daughters were about 2 ½ years and 4 months old. We were all visiting at Bessie's house, not sure why because I had walking pneumonia and probably should have been home. Anyway, I was very tired, and Bessie offered to keep the girls for me for a couple of days. That sounded good, but I hadn't left them before. My husband and I made it about a half mile away and I couldn't stop crying. We went back and got the girls and I resigned myself to being sick and still taking care of two small children. We drove home to Renton. The next morning about 8 AM, there was a knock at the door. I opened it and there was Bessie. She

came out to take care of the girls and I went back to bed. She did this for two or three days, going home each night.

In 1996, her husband Doug fell and had a stroke. He ended up in Anderson Nursing Home. Bessie visited him at least once every single day until his passing on 1 January 1999.

My mom passed in 2000 and after that Bessie became more of a full-time mom to me. She was the one I called and could talk to about anything.

Bessie was the smallest person among her siblings. She often ate off a salad plate when everyone else had a full dinner size plate. She was always working on some project. The only time I saw her sitting was when she was doing needle work or sewing. Bessie's energy made her my idol; I want to be able to do the things she has done at her age.

In 2006 (age 90), she planted and cared for a garden of zucchini, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, and more.



Bessie (Smith) Francis age 98

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Genealogy Gems

The Silverware Set by Sandie Leslie Valor Morrison

On Thanksgiving Day 2017, my family gathered at the new home of my son, Jim Grosvenor. Jim had prepared a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings by himself in his new kitchen and it was delicious.

After dinner, my niece Tiffany Dillman, mentioned that her sister Tamara Martin had given her something to give to Jim. It was a silverware chest with a set of 12 place settings of Community silverware. It included dinner knives, salad knives, dinner forks, salad forks, tea spoons, dessert spoons, butter knives and serving spoons plus several miscellaneous serving pieces.

Inside the chest with the silverware was a handwritten card with the names of Mrs. E. Wheeler, Janelle Valor and Tamara Dillman. Jim asked who was Mrs. E. Wheeler? They turned to me when I said "Oh, I know. She was Elisabeth Wheeler, the mother of Leslie Wheeler. Your grandfather, Rudy Valor and Leslie were best friends since grade school back in the 1920s in Tacoma. In August of 1939 Leslie and Rudy went on a camping trip to Mt. Rainier. They climbed Pinnacle Peak and then the big mountain to Camp Muir. When they got home, Leslie's mother, Elisabeth, told them that Hitler had invaded Poland. WWII had started.

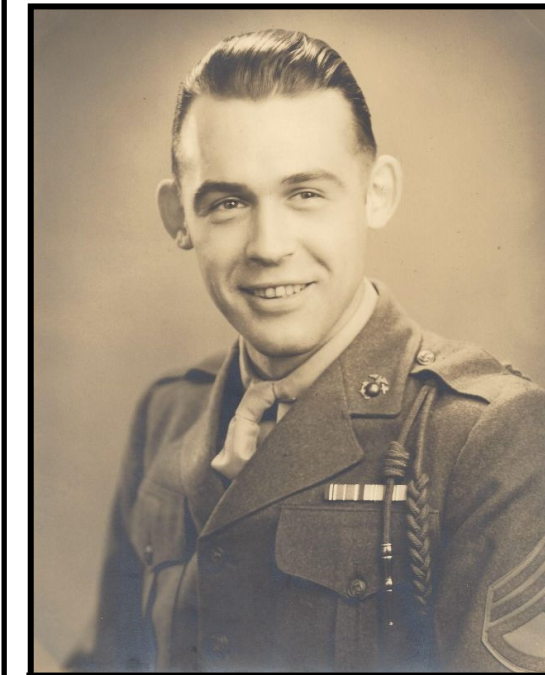
Leslie had been working part time at a restaurant his mother had started when Leslie's father injured his right hand in a planer machine at a door company. There was a USMC recruiting office located in the same building as the restaurant. Leslie became acquainted with the recruiting sergeant and soon joined the Marine Reserves. The day the Tacoma Narrows Bridge fell down in November of 1940 was the day the Marine Reserves were called to active duty. Leslie's train was delayed several hours and rerouted so as to avoid having to go under the crumbling bridge. After reporting to Camp Pendleton, Leslie's unit was sent to occupy Iceland as our leaders were afraid Germany might invade Iceland

to use as a submarine base. When Churchill stopped there, he spoke with Leslie regarding the weapon he was carrying at the time. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, the United States was officially in the war.

Leslie came home on leave and the friends were together again at Easter time, 1942. All too soon Leslie was sent to Guadalcanal and his unit took part in that battle. In November of 1943, his outfit was sent to Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. The atoll of Tarawa was in the shape of a horseshoe and the largest island, Betio, is at one end. Leslie was not in the group that first stormed ashore, but went in afterwards to secure the areas inland. While they were mopping up, they walked into an ambush set up by about 200 of the enemy. The Japa-

nese killed 33 US Marines but were all killed themselves. Leslie was hit and killed by a sniper's bullet in the neck. Leslie died on November 23, 1943 and was buried on Betio.

When I was born on



Leslie Wheeler

May 5, 1943, my dad Rudy Valor gave me the middle name of Leslie to honor his best friend. Little did my dad know that six months later Leslie would be killed.

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Genealogy Gems

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Leslie was the only son of Joe and Elizabeth Wheeler. I remember visiting them with my parents when I was a little girl. There was a horsehair couch that I was told to sit on. This was when little girls wore dresses and were told to mind their manners and be quiet. And I did. But that horsehair couch sure was rough on my bare legs. I do remember enjoying the home baked cookies and glass of cold milk Mrs. Wheeler set before me in the kitchen.



Elizabeth & Joe Wheeler

So somewhere along the way Elizabeth Wheeler gave my mother, Janelle Valor, the chest with the silverware.

And my mother gave the silverware to her granddaughter, Tamera Dillman Martin. Then Tamera sent the silverware to her cousin, Jim Grosvenor, to use and enjoy in his new home.

To me in a way it is as if the silverware has come full circle. From Elizabeth's home to the home of my son. Now my son knows the story of Leslie Wheeler's life and how I came by my middle name, Leslie. And you fellow genealogists will know how delighted I am to have someone in my family take the war mementoes that I have, all

the newspaper clippings, old letters from Leslie to my dad and old photos of Leslie and his parents. In my heart I now know that Leslie will not be forgotten but remembered each time the silverware is brought out for those special family gatherings.



My Favorite Ancestor

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A walk outside always entailed a bit of weeding or dead heading flowers, which kept her gardens tidy. In her 90s, she climbed up to the patio roof to clean off the fir needles. At age 92, she had a full hip replacement. She did need a little extra help at home while recuperating. At age 95 she was still using the electric trimmer on her hedges. She would mow the far back yard but was paying someone to mow the front and back yards. When she was 96, Bessie was diagnosed with lymphoma on her neck. She went through some treatments and came through with flying colors. I would go spend nights with her after this when her daughter, Bobbi, was out of town. I didn't have to do much, but if anything happened I was close.

In 2016 at the age of 99, Bessie gave up driving. It was her choice. I think we all breathed a bit easier. Over the past few years, she didn't drive far and stayed mostly on the back roads, but it was still good she stopped. Bobbi planned an open house for her 100th birthday in November of 2016. Bessie greeted people. It helped that they wore nametags because it was hard to remember all the people. After that, her energy started leaving her. Shortly after her birthday, she started having a caregiver coming in. Later she had two shifts, then three. We had a small celebration for her 101st birthday last year. I spent Christmas with her, which was a good thing as we got snowed in and the caregivers couldn't make it over. By February, she had taken a couple of falls before the first shift caregiver arrived in the morning. It was time for her to leave her home and go into a care facility. It is a nice place and she has her own room. She's not walking any more, just using the transport chair. Conversations are few, but she likes to look at pictures and does recognize her visitors.

And she has a smile that will still light up a room!

Putting Down Roots

Uncle Frank by Charles Treiberg



My first Genealogy project, which I'm still working on, is to research the tree of my mother, Lucille Plitzko. Her parents, Telesphor and Anna Plitzko, were both born in Germany and I wanted to trace their voyage from Germany to Maryland, where my mother and I were both born.

I started by checking ship records for the name Plitzko and got lucky when I found my grandparents' names on the ship manifest for the SS George Washington, which arrived in New York in Feb 1911. Their destination was Glenavon, a village in Saskatchewan. What I didn't expect to find was the name Faustin Plitzko who arrived in New York in Dec 1910. On the ship manifest, his destination was also Glenavon. Who was he?

My grandfather's birth record was available on a microfilm in Family Search, and among his brothers and sisters on the same film was a younger brother, Faustin. Now I knew who he was.

I found my grandparents and Faustin on a June 1911 Census in Saskatchewan; I found a record of my grandparents crossing the US border in Montana Sept 1912; and I found a US citizenship application for Faustin dated Sept 1913. On the application, he never mentioned being in Canada.

Now my trail was running cold. I found my grandparents with 4 children in a 1920 census in Maryland but nothing between 1912 and 1920. I didn't know if Faustin or Telesphor had ever been in the Military, so I decided to try Fold3. That's where I struck gold.

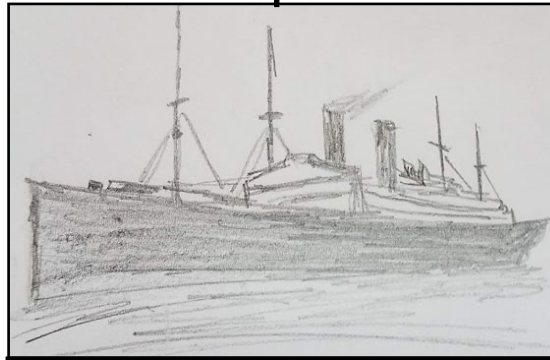
There was a long and detailed report about Faustin done in 1918 by the Bureau of Investigation (now the FBI). Faustin was working on a ship in Florida and had a pay dispute with the owner, and the US Marshall's office

came in to mediate. Because this was during WW I, and Faustin was a German, the first thing he was asked was to show his registration papers as an enemy alien. He didn't have any. Among other things they found out:

- He was in a prohibited area of the Shipyard;
- He had been using the alias Oscar Foster to conceal his identity;
- He was sending coded messages to a woman in Rhode Island;
- He had been taking pictures of ships in a restricted area;
- He lied on his prior citizenship application;
- He was arrested on Feb 16, 1918, and deported to Holland on June 26, 1919.

But Faustin was not that easy to get rid of. In April 1922 he took a ship from Bremen, Germany to Buenos Aires. And in April 1923 took a ship from Para, Brazil to

New York. In May 1923, he applied for, and was ultimately given, US citizenship. He lived in Maryland, close to where my family was living outside Baltimore. I remember his presence as a young child, but not specifically what he looked like. But I do remember he was always referred to as "Uncle Frank".



SS George Washington

As a side note, when arrested, Faustin was required to give all details about his life beginning with his entry into the US in 1910. It was then I found out that my grandfather had purchased a farm in Saskatchewan and Faustin helped him run it. They both got typhoid, lost the crop, and had to sell the farm. That was their reason for coming to the US.



Side By Side

Charles Treiberg

Lisa Treiberg



I was born in Baltimore, Maryland and at a young age my family moved to Southern California. After moving my family to the east coast and back, I made a permanent move to Bremerton in 1979 to work at Bangor as a civilian employee. My first career was working as a Computer Specialist for the U.S. Government, and my second career was working as a Groundskeeper and Pest Controller for a Government contractor at the local navy bases.

My wife, Lisa, had an interest in Genealogy long before I did. I picked it up after going with her to various conferences and seminars, as the designated driver, and seeing how much information was available.

My Mother's maiden name is Plitzko, and that is the family line I am researching. Her parents were both born in a small village in Germany (now Poland) called Nesselwitz. They came to the US in 1912 after being in Canada for 18 months. The German church records I have been looking at are available on Family Search, and because most of them have been digitized, I can view them at a local Family History Center.

I volunteered to work at the last Antique Show and will continue to do so in the future.

Like our ancestors, our family had moved often until we put down roots in Kitsap County many years ago.

Having always been interested in history (the more ancient the better), genealogy was a natural progression. My grandparents were all immigrants and as I grew up there were more questions about their backgrounds than there were answers; a bit of a mystery even to my parents. So once retirement provided ample time; technology enabled convenient options for a novice; and the realization that the family had become so small that there was no time to waste; I dug in. It's so easy to get lost in the old records and it seems that little mysteries solved provide great rewards.

My search involves Finland, Italy, Germany and Ireland. I finally realized concentrating on one country at a time was less confusing, so for now Finland is my focus. I've gathered pages and pages of facts – I only wish I had stories to enrich them.

I enjoyed volunteering for the Antique Show this year and will do so in the future. The PSGS is a wonderful organization that is an asset to the community.

PSGS NEEDS YOU.....

It is time to be thinking about serving as part of the 2019 leadership team for Puget Sound Genealogical Society. We will appoint a chair for the Nominating Committee in July. Some of our amazing officers may wish to run again, and that would be wonderful, but all positions are open. Officers of PSGS include President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Descriptions of the duties for each of these positions are listed in the Member Handbook located on the Members page of PSGS (pusogensoc.org). Take a look and see what position speaks to you. Our new Nominating Committee will soon be hard at work. Elections will be held at our Annual Business Meeting, October 24, 2018.



Bob Howard's

South Kitsap's Happenings

Hello to all our PSGS Members,

At our South Kitsap meetings, we have been researching ships' passenger lists the last three months and finally had some success. We found the ship that some of Beverly Green's ancestors arrived on. This is a subject that has been difficult. Unless you know just where and when your ancestors arrived it is a guessing game. There are volumes of books with lists in them, but if you don't know the details, you must go through each book page by page and line by line. Another difficulty is knowing the name that they arrived under. We find that our ancestors' names evolved.

Many of our meetings involve the general sharing of ideas. By doing this, we help each other while helping ourselves.

The South Kitsap Chapter did not meet in July due to the holiday on the fourth.

Our next meeting will be the 2nd of August at 9:30 AM at the Church of Christ in Port Orchard. Our subject will be "Finding your ancestors' trails – using trails, roads and maps." Everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Howard

DID YOU KNOW? — BIGS

The Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society (BIGS) has numerous links on their webpage to a variety of genealogy topics (www.bigenealogy.org). For instance, clicking on "states" gives a listing, by state, of the digital archives available. Montana has a database of newspapers from 83 town, county, school and tribal newspapers dating from 1883-2015 (<http://montananewspapers.org/>). Kentucky has a digital library of books, newspapers, maps, images, etc. (<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>). Utah has not only a link to the Utah Digital Newspapers (<https://digitalnewspapers.org/>) but also a link to the Utah State Archives (<https://archives.utah.gov/research/indexes/20842.htm>), which has a searchable database of more than 250,000 death certificates, 1904 to 1958, with images of original records. Similar results are found in other states. Besides states, comparable links are available for countries, bible records, DNA, biographies, immigration, military and much more.

Grandma's Kitchen—Recipes From the Past

by Mary Ann Wright

A Busy Day Dessert

My mom was a nurse who worked private duty from 7am to 3pm each day. With Daddy also working, and my sisters and I at school all day, preparations for dinner were usually hurried. Mom insisted on providing a balanced meal but Daddy would have been content with fried chicken, mashed potatoes and corn! One good thing was that Mom felt that a balanced meal also included a dessert—music to Daddy's ears and his 3 daughters, too. He did have a sweet tooth. Sometimes we had Jell-O or maybe some brownies, but Mom often would put together a sheet-cake, topped with melted butter, brown sugar and pecans. She called it a Busy Day Cake.

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cups milk
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp flavoring
- 3 Tbsp melted butter
- 5 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts

Mix flour, sugar, salt and baking powder in mixing bowl. Add milk, shortening, 1 egg and flavoring (vanilla, almond, etc.). Beat well for 2 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 9x11 pan. Bake about 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Mix remaining ingredients together and spread on cake while cake is warm. Place cake under low broiler until topping bubbles. Serve warm or when cooled. Makes 8 servings.



Sarah Compton Corbett (Mary Ann's mom) c 1938

Busy day cake.

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. flour
 1 C. sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
 2 tsp. B.P.
 $\frac{2}{3}$ C. milk
 $\frac{1}{3}$ C. shortening
 1 egg
 1 tsp. flavoring

Put all ingredients in mixing bowl and beat well for 2 minutes. Pour into greased and floured pan and bake about 30 minutes at 350.

Mix together:
 3 Tbsp melted butter
 5 Tbsp brown sugar
 2 Tbsp cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. nuts (chopped)

Spread this mixture on cake while cake is warm and place under low broiler to toast.

Recipe in Sarah Corbett's handwriting



Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Happy New Year Fellow Researchers!

I know that this is July but by the time we are done with this issue you will be thinking about 2019. It is just around the corner – time flies when you are having fun researching. Last issue we told you about the meetings for May, June and July.

In May, we tried to break down some brick walls. There were many helpful suggestions that were shared with those with problems in their research.

In June, Janet Camarata came to our meeting and gave us three good rules for genealogists to follow. The first was to be a good researcher (you know, like citing our sources and such). The second was to understand the scope of your records. Go beyond the first page when looking at websites – dig deeper. Third is knowing how to research the database you are using. Again, delve deeper.

On July 4, the library was closed, and our meeting was cancelled.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year –

Our August meeting will be held at the Gazebo in Allyn, Washington. We will be treated to an explanation of the history of the oyster shed located there. It is in the process of being preserved. After the history lesson, we will have a potluck in the Gazebo. All are welcome. Our local history can be a large part of who our local ancestors were and the work they did.

In September, we will be back at the Timberland Library in Belfair, Washington. Madi Cataldo will make a presentation about British food. As far as I know there will be no samples, but we will enjoy Madi's information.

October's agenda is still up in the air so please check our website for updates. November is our Christmas potluck. In December and January there will be no meeting so.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Please remember that you are all invited to attend any and all of our meetings. They occur on the first Wednesday of each month February through November at 1:00 pm.

Good luck on your genealogy journey!

Did You Know???

We have updated our Facebook page! Check us out at [Puget Sound Genealogical Society](#) to keep current on our Society happenings, when and where classes are scheduled, our Fall Seminar, upcoming field trip opportunities and much more. Be sure to Like and Share our page with others. Special thanks to Ann Northcutt and Jackie Horton for their previous work and to Sharon Overman and Gwen Detweiler for volunteering to spread the word via social media about all events related to PSGS.

Reminder.....

Have you paid your 2018 Puget Sound Genealogical Society Dues yet? Dues are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family in the same household. Applications can be found on the members page at www.pusogensoc.org or the Genealogy Center at Sylvan Way. Don't forget that members get a discount for our 2018 Seminar. Thanks for your support!



Opportunities

Genealogy Center Volunteers NEEDED!

Curious about what resources might be available in the Genealogy Center to help you in your research? How about wanting a few hours of quiet time to work on your own genealogy projects? Then being a GC Volunteer is the perfect answer to these questions!

Please sign up to volunteer. For more information, contact:

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