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Left to Right — Lisa Louise Cook & Husband Bill
Bobbi & Judy partake of the buffet supplied by The Elks Lodge
Jim Johnson brought his books from Heritage Quest
The Belfair Ladies—DeLana, Marlys, Madi, & Linnie (standing)

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Presidential Ponderings

by Mary Ann Wright

Reflecting on all that has occurred these past two years, I am excited by what we’ve accomplished and appreciative of the wise counsel and support of the Executive Board! Together we’ve celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and the births of new grand, or great grand, children. We’ve traveled to the Family History Library and nearby genealogy conferences. Our own conference, held September 22, was a resounding success and much thanks go to Jean Yager and her team of volunteers in making sure everyone who attended had a great time.

Our election of officers for 2019 is scheduled for our meeting on October 24. Please be sure to attend to have your voice heard. More information is found on page 16.

Finally, please come to our annual Christmas Party, Thursday, December 6. This annual event, sponsored by the Executive Board, is meant to celebrate YOU, the membership. Come and enjoy seeing friends old and new! Details can be found on page 10. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!



Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright

Exciting News! I am thrilled to announce that Sylvan Way and the Genealogy Center has been designated as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. There are only a few hundred affiliate libraries in the country and, I believe, we are the only one west of Seattle. This means that researchers who visit Sylvan Way now have greater and more convenient access to over 2 billion digitized records (previously in the form of microfilms), including 400 million images that are currently not available to the public outside of Sylvan Way or a FamilySearch Family History Center. Using FamilySearch’s online catalog and searching locations where your ancestors lived is the best way to find these records. In addition, FamilySearch adds over 300 million records and images yearly from all over the world, with a target date of 2020 to complete digitizing all the records they can. You can use your own electronic device or one of the library’s computers, but you must be at Sylvan Way; no off-site access is permitted to view these special records. You will also need to create a free account at FamilySearch.org. Happy Researching!

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LINEAGE SOCIETY(SOCIETIES)—BOBBI KLIPPERT

When my friend, Clarajane Goux, told me about the Washington State Pioneer certificates available through a program from the Washington State Genealogy Society, I decided to find proof that my great grandparents were Washington State pioneers having been in Washington before it became a state. And so, it began.

I found land records and census records that proved that all of my father's grandparents were qualified as pioneers. They lived in the Walla Walla area and Asotin area. So, I had certificates made for my father.

My cousin, Janell, and I decided to gather information about an ancestor who we knew fought in the Revolutionary War. We picked up where the information on one of the great grandparents left off and traced back through several generations to the patriot. We had trouble finding birth certificates for my dad's parents who were born in Asotin in 1897 and Colfax in 1893. I had draft cards for my Grandfather and census records, but no birth certificate. I knew he got Social Security and was told he could have a delayed certificate in order to apply for Social Security, but we could not find one in any of the counties he lived in, or at the courthouse, or even at the museum. It was the same for the state archives and digital archives. We had to include a letter explaining why we had no birth certificate when we applied for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). For my grandmother, we used census records, their marriage certificate and a copy from a family Bible page. We were missing one link to document a connection between our great-great-great grandfather and his father who was the patriot, and had no luck finding it after much searching. My cousin, Janell, got an email

from a "found cousin" (through FindAGrave) that she connected with and found out Susan was a member of the DAR through another branch of our joint family tree. We ended up joining Daughters of the American Revolution on her coattails. We had documents back to our shared ancestor and then used her number for the rest

of the information. George E. Dodson from Pittsylvania County, Virginia, signed an oath of allegiance for the new country. After about two years, we were inducted to the Sacajawea Chapter in Olympia in April of 2015.



While we were still in the process of joining DAR, we heard about Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. The requirements for joining were tracing an ancestor who was here in the Washington Territory before 1870. We had land records that proved the great grandparents' locations when we were looking into the pioneer status of our great grand-

parents. So that one was easier. We are members of Daughters of Pioneers of Washington #4 in Olympia, Washington. That group runs and operates the Crosby House Museum, an historic house located in Tumwater. In the late 1940s, the house was given to the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington (DPW) Chapter #4 and that group added a kitchen and bathroom with plans to use the house for meetings and gatherings. The DPW Chapter #4 meets in the house for our monthly meetings, which are the first Thursday of each month from September to June. The house is furnished with period pieces, but not many are from the original family. The original owners were Bing Crosby's grandparents, but Bing never lived there, although there are a few mementos of his.

Putting Down Roots — Jeanmarie Bray In My Father's Footsteps



Edward Joseph Bray, my great uncle, my grandfather's older brother and the oldest in his family, will have been deceased for one hundred years October 24, 2018. My late father, Daniel (James) Bray, who was the second oldest grandchild on the Bray side of the family, was born ten and one-half years after his Uncle Edward's death and Edward was his only uncle, or aunt, he hadn't met.

Edward, born May 30, 1893, was named for his father, Edward. His mother's name was Mary (maiden name Kennelly). Their family was part of a large extended family within the Saginaw, Michigan area. Edward, his obituary says, attended local schools and completed high school studies at Arthur Hill High School, in Saginaw. My grandfather, Daniel James Bray who was twenty-three months younger, was the next oldest in the family, and their sister, Mary Elizabeth was twenty-two months younger yet.

My great-grandmother, Mary Agnes (Kennelly) Bray, had twelve live births over a twenty-year period, and lived until age 60. Nine of the children survived to adulthood. She had been one of a pair of fraternal twins, only her twin brother didn't survive past infancy. A pair of twins she gave birth to, a boy, George, and a girl, Margaret, born in 1909, survived only a few hours each.

I imagine the death of handsome, affable Edward at age 25 was devastating to his mother and father as well as the rest of the family. His obituary mentions a service, a private one, 'from' the family house at 1947 Gratiot



Edward Joseph Bray 1893—1918

Avenue, officiated by two Catholic priests, with friends and extended family joining in procession to the cemetery of St. Andrew's, which at that time also had a parish church, at which many Kennellys and Brays were baptized and "buried from." Some of the Kennellys attended the church as well.

Edward had been in sales in 1916-1918 with the Republic Motor Truck Company. It was one of the largest truck manufacturers in the world by 1918. It made the "Liberty Trucks," used by American troops in World War I. He'd also been a truck and car sales representative with Union Trucking in Bay City, close by Saginaw in 1915-1916.

He started his U.S. Army service July 15, 1918 at what became Michigan State University, formerly M.A.C. Michigan Agricultural College in Lansing, and had been selected for non-commissioned officers officer training

held at Camp MacArthur, where he took ill in early October of 1918. He was an inpatient at the infirmary there from October 20 until October 24 when he succumbed to pneumonia. His body was sent home in a casket by rail and was accompanied by Army Sergeant Cannady.

Seventeen (5 nieces and 12 nephews) were born to his six remaining married siblings. His younger sister Mary Elizabeth, became Sister M. Benedetta, D.O. of the Grand Rapids Dominicans, a community of Catholic sisters. She was the one who kept up contact with us the most after my parents moved to Seattle in 1956.

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Putting Down Roots—Jeanmarie Bray (cont'd from page 4)

She is buried in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Another of his sisters, Catherine (Kay), was an Army captain and had a master's degree in registered nursing. She served in World War II and afterwards. Catherine died in 1969 and is buried in Saginaw at St. Andrew's Cemetery. These sisters never married.

Charles, Dennis and Matthew married, had children and worked. Dennis was a Saginaw Fire Department Captain for a number of years. Matthew farmed and did not have a telephone, which fascinated me as a child. Julia and Frances were the youngest. Each of them married, had offspring and I presumed, maybe incorrectly, that they were homemakers. Julia lived the longest and passed away at age 89 in 2000. Those five spent their whole lives in the Saginaw area.

My grandfather, born in 1895, worked for a time for the Pere Marquette Railroad, served in the Army Engineers Corps, was drafted in 1917, seeing duty in France in 1917 and 1918 and was overseas when his brother Edward died. Most of his working career he was with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in its accounting departments, in Chicago where my dad, his sister and younger brother were raised, and later, in Detroit, where my grandparents retired to Royal Oak, Michigan by the time I was born. Our parents made sure we knew our grandparents. My grandmother, Gertrude Sager Bray, who lived for twenty years past grandfather, spent some extended time with our family in 1979.

The reason for the title of this article "*In My Father's Footsteps*" is that most of the legwork for this piece was compiled by my late father, who passed away in January 2012. My dad made few mistakes with his meticulous genealogy work, done over a forty-five year period, before his dementia got too bad. In the documentation for my ancestor Edward Joseph Bray, dad had incorrectly recorded the year of death as 1917. This was maybe because

1917 saw so many deaths from influenza. I do not know the reason for this inaccuracy.

By seeing the cemetery records and double checking with the current office staff, seeing the death certificate on *FamilySearch*, and seeing the October 24, 1918 date in my great grandmother's handwriting on Edward's obituary, I was able to determine that 1918, not 1917 was the

correct year of his death. In summary, Edward passed away eighteen days before the World War I Armistice. He never saw overseas fighting.

Thank you to the Saginaw Genealogy Society and the Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Cemeteries for research help with this article.

Two additional photographs are: (1) of Daniel J. Bray, Sr. in his Army Engineer Corps uniform (I have his infantry training manual.); and (2) Capt. Catherine L. Bray, in her U.S. Army officer's uniform, ca. 1943, at her commissioning in Battle Creek, Michigan. I included these because of the upcoming Veterans (Armistice) Day.



Daniel James Bray, Sr
1895-1967



Catherine 'Kay' Bray
1905-1969

Putting Down Roots —

Gwen Detweiler
A Brief History of a
Small Pacific Island



When I was growing up, I was always a bit fascinated by where my Mom was from. My Mom grew up on a small island in the Pacific Ocean called Chichi Jima, part of the Bonin Islands. As a child, I thought that was pretty exotic. Most people give me a quizzical look when I mentioned the Bonin Islands because most people have never heard of them. I help them out by saying it's the island where President Bush was shot down during World War II. As I got older, I started to look for information and discovered an interesting history. They now have a different name, but I am getting a bit ahead of the story.

As with other countries, and here in the states, boundaries can change, names can change and even disappear. It all can make our research a bit harder if we don't know that these changes have occurred. Though my Mom's birth certificate is from Japan, there was no Japanese blood in her family up until her generation. This is where learning about the Island history helped to tell the story.

There have been many books and articles written about both the Islands and the people from there. The Bonin Islands were first discovered in the mid 1500s but remained uninhabited. Later, in the 1600s, a Japanese explorer visited and stayed on Chichi for several months

but then left. In 1827, the HMS Blossom, commanded by Frederick Beechey stopped and he claimed them for Great Britain. He named the main island Peel Island.

It wasn't until the 1830s that men finally came to the Island and established a settlement. One of those men was my 2nd great-grandfather, Nathaniel Savory. He was originally from Massachusetts but had been working on whaling ships out of what was then called the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii). This group was led by an Italian, named Mazzaro, who was a British citizen and included another American, a Dane and some Hawaiians. Mazzaro had se-

cured permission to settle the Islands and claim them for Great Britain from the British Consulate in the Sandwich Islands. So for many years, the islands belonged to Great Britain at least in name. However, Nathaniel named his little part of the Island Yankee-town and proudly flew the American flag.



Japan, and the Orient in general, was just being discovered by the Western world, and the Bonin Islands were an ideal place for ships to stop on their way back and forth to the Orient. The Islanders had farms and raised animals. Ships would bring needed supplies to the Islands and get fresh food, meat, and fish from the Islanders.

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Putting Down Roots — by Gwen Detweiler *(cont'd from page 6)*

At one time, Commodore Perry visited and purchased some land from Nathaniel for the United States. He felt this would be a good port for ships to stop at for refueling as trade with the Far East was increasing. He also felt the United States Government should claim them but didn't drum up much support.

During this time, the Westerners who had settled

there continued to live their lives. In the 1860s, Japan, which had ignored the Islands for quite a while, were now interested.

They claimed a shogun from the 16th century, named Ogasawara, had explored the Islands and that gave Japan rights to the Islands.

In 1862, Japan sent a ship and the party that came to the Islands claimed them for Japan since no other country was actively claiming them. The Westerners were now considered to be Japanese citizens. Some Japanese citizens from mainland Japan moved to Chichi. Each group lived in their own area of Chichi

and did not have much interaction. The Japanese families stayed for a while but returned to Japan. In 1875, Japan was into expansion with their new Imperial Government and this time they came to stay. In 1876, they renamed the Islands Ogasawara Gunto and the Westerners signed away their independence and became citizens of Japan.

Fast forward to World War II. Japan established a military base on Chichi, which made it a target of several bombings from the United States, including a young American pilot named George Bush. During the later stages of the war, the Westerners were sent to live on

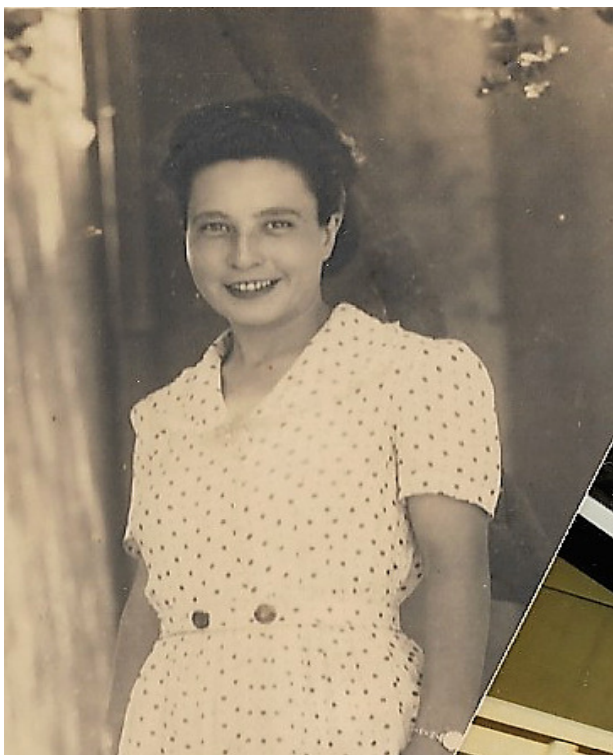
mainland Japan, which was difficult because they did not look Japanese and people were very wary of them.

After the war ended, many of the Pacific Islands were taken away from Japan including Chichi Jima/Ogasawara. The United States Navy was assigned these Islands and took control of them. Fred Savory, a descendant of Nathaniel, and also an interpreter for the war trials on

Guam, petitioned the Navy for permission for the Westerners to be able to return to Chichi Jima.

In time, this request was granted and those who were descendants of the Yankeetown settlers were able to return to Chichi. During this time, they lived on the Island with the families of the Navy service members stationed there.

They spoke English and went to school with the American children. They saluted the flag and in many ways considered themselves to be Americans. Efforts were made to convince the United States to annex the Bonin Islands and allow the Westerners



Gertrude Gilly, Gwen's mom

to become American citizens. Meanwhile, Japan wanted the Japanese families who had also lived on the Island prior to World War II to be able to return. They also wanted the Islands back. Eventually the Japanese families were allowed to return. Japan continued to press their claim to the Islands. In 1968, the United States government returned the Islands to Japan. The Islands were named Ogasawara again. And the Westerners, who had lived with Americans, on an American held Island, for 20+ years since the end of World War II, were once again citizens of Japan.

MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR by Michael Brownell

My favorite ancestor is my Finnish grandmother, Justina Emelia Rislakues (AKA Emma Rislä Browne Applegren), who came to Ellis Island from Isokyro, Finland in 1896 and made her way to Portland, Oregon where she worked as a domestic. I am still researching how she made her way to Portland; this is a big trip even today.

According to her passport and ship's manifest, she came to the USA as a steerage passenger with two girlfriends. I had a difficult time understanding how she could leave her family and come to the USA until I had an opportunity to go to Finland and see first-hand the circumstances where she lived in a one-room house with her parents and several brothers and sisters. My guess is that her way was paid by the family she worked for in Portland but I am still researching that.

While in Portland she met Ralph Browne and shortly after they married and moved to Brownsville on Grahn's Road where they operated the Rose Hill Poultry Farm. Emma passed away in 1942 and is buried at Brownsville Cemetery, an historic pioneer cemetery that I manage in the Brownsville area of Bremerton. I am very grateful that PSGS erected a sign at the cemetery several years ago.



GRAYS HARBOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The GH Genealogical Society lost its entire research library in a three-alarm fire that destroyed the Aberdeen Armory on June 9, 2018. The fire also destroyed much of the Aberdeen Museum of History, Coastal Community Action Program and the Aberdeen Senior Center.

While it will take years to determine everything that was lost, the society is particularly saddened about the loss of:

- More than 22,000 hard copy obituaries. Efforts are being made to find area obituaries at other locations such as local libraries.
- Thousands of mortuary records from now closed Whiteside and Elerding Funeral Homes for funerals from 1907—2015.
- Birth, marriage, and death records from the 1970s to 1907
- Chehalis County Marriage Index from the 1850s to 1990s.
- Unique compilations of cemetery inventories for outlying cemeteries.

GHGS has been extraordinarily grateful to those local societies and individuals who have offered financial aid and resources. They have been able to purchase a photocopier and two computers. Donations may still be made directly to GHGS; PO Box 916, Aberdeen, WA 98520.

The society is very much on the lookout for Grays Harbor related materials like old city directories, telephone books, school yearbooks, family histories, obituaries, etc. No donation is too small. If you have materials related specifically to Grays Harbor or Chehalis Counties, let them hear from you at Info@GraysHarborGenealogy.com

A Look Back...

at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS



July 25, 2018 "GEDCOM"

Presenter: Jerri McCoy

Jerri shared how to use a GEDCOM (Genealogical Data COMMunication) to share data information with others. For example, you may want to share a part of your tree with a cousin you don't know well. Using GEDCOM allows you to pick and choose what you share. When sharing, remember to be careful with the privacy of others. Jerri's handout gave step by step instructions to prepare a GEDCOM file. Also, remember to give your file a distinctive name so you can use it in the future.

August 22, 2018 "DAR presentation to Vietnam Veterans"

Presenter: Mary Ann Wright

See article and picture on page 11 for details.

September 26, 2018 "How to Find Revolutionary War Ancestors"

Presenter: Ann Crawford



Ann shared a wonderful Genealogy Worksheet that we can use as a starting point to identify possible Revolutionary War Ancestors. She gave us tips on organization and shared websites that could help us. Her handout provided steps for us to follow. Read your history to find out more about where and when battles occurred and to learn about key people.

MORE SEMINAR PICTURES

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Gwen & Jean are ready for the Seminar arrivals



Roly and Dot Eider came all the way from Australia



The Seminar Committee, helpers & presenter Mary Ann, Charles, Lisa, Bev, Sandie, Heidi, Terry, Larry Gwen, Kathy, Alta, Jean (chairperson) Sharon, Lisa Louise, Jean



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

October 24 On Lorrie Ann's Honor

presenter: **Lorrie Ann Scott**

Learn how the results from a DNA test answered a family mystery.

November 14 George & Martha: Their Early Life

presenter: **Vern Frykholm as George Washington**

Listen to George share details of his courtship of Martha and their early life together.

December 6 PSGS Annual Christmas Party

Come join your fellow PSGS members for a fun-filled afternoon. A Buffet Luncheon will be provided. We will recognize our outgoing officers for 2018 and welcome new officers for 2019. Our Yankee gift exchange always provides many laughs. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15) for the exchange and a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Where: Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Eagle's Nest Meeting Room (Across from the Pavilion)

When: 11:30am to 2:30 pm.



Schedule of Classes — October—November

Oct 2	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Outlaw Genealogy Presenter: Steven Morrison
Nov 6	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Facets of FamilySearch Presenter: Jolene Aitchison

No classes scheduled in December due to the Holidays

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

Contact: educ@pusogensoc.org

Thank You For Your Service

On June 9, 2018 the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with the Commemorative Partners organization conducted a ceremony to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and give honor to the families of these veterans. Four of our PSGS member veterans received recognition on this date, one of several ceremonies held by this chapter of the DAR. Some of our member veterans were unable to attend that presentation, but received their recognition at our General Meeting on August 22, 2018. Mary Ann Wright, a member of the DAR, presented the certificates and pins to four veterans or surviving spouses.

President Obama and Congress proclaimed Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 through Veterans' Day, November 11,

2025, as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. This Proclamation calls on all Americans to honor our Vietnam veterans who served during that period of time...November 1, 1955 to March 15, 1975... and also to honor our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted for, our former prisoners of war, and their families who supported them.

On behalf of PSGS and DAR, the members were thanked for their service. "Now and always, you are our heroes. It is never too late to pay tribute to these men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor." Each veteran, or surviving spouse, was awarded a certificate and a lapel pin, plus a copy of the signed Presidential Proclamation.



Jane McAuliffe, surviving spouse of John McAuliffe, US Navy, 1952-1973

Alta Drane, surviving spouse of John Drane, US Navy and Naval Reserves, 1947-1952/1954-1986

Demetrio Bello, Jr, US Navy, 1968-1989

Richard Villar, US Army, 1963-1987

Isamu Nagasawa, US Navy, 1961-1988

Kathy De Los Reyes, Women's Army Corps, 1969-1975

Terry Mettling, US Navy, 1966-1986

Sharon Hornback, surviving spouse of Merle Hornback, US Navy, 1961-1963



Peg Powell

Hi, my name is Peg Powell. Here's a little background about me. I was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. My family moved to San Francisco, CA when I was 2, but I spent most of my growing up years in Pacifica, CA. I spent most of my adult life in Concord, CA. My husband and I moved to Silverdale three years ago to be closer to our daughter and her family.

As for my interest in genealogy, I want to know if that old family story is true. Like many people, I didn't ask those questions you should ask before there is no one left to ask. My father always said that he was related to Chief Joseph Brant of the Mohawk tribe. I don't think anyone ever asked him why he thought that. My cousin has heard that story and did some work with a professional genealogist, but it is still an unanswered question. So far, no one in the family has proved or disproved that claim. I really have a LOT to do if I'm going to do it.

I love the classes and speakers here, but have not done much to practice what I've learned.

I'm researching Brant, Kissinger, Rising and Needham mostly in Pennsylvania. I do have some German and English family roots.

Mary Ann, our president, kept putting out that need/plea for someone to take on the responsibility of co-chair of the Antique Show. Somehow, I thought I could do that, so I'm giving it my best shot.

Wish me luck!

Side By Side



Heidi Ginder

I started doing genealogy in 1992 when I was pregnant with my son. I wanted to know more about my family history and also I am a history buff. I love anything that has to do with history of all kinds and genealogy gave me the knowledge of my family.

I joined PSGS in 2013. My goals are to have complete family trees on all my lines and to break my brick wall on my Thrall line that I have had for the last 26 years.

My surnames are Thrall, Cole, Buttermore, Detwiler, Reitze, Rumpf, Via, Brown, Bittl, Lewis, Wales, Ginder, Summers, Hullinger, Hollinger, Burris, Patrick, Ehrhardt, Ehrhart. My families are from all over the world but mostly Germany, England, Ireland, France, Spain, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Washington, Kansas, Wyoming, Idaho and Virginia.

I am the PSGS 1st VP, Chair of South Kitsap Chapter, and member of the Antique Show Committee, Seminar Committee, Website Committee, Programs Committee, Education Committee and Executive Board.

I was born in Eugene, Oregon. I lived in Germany for the first three years of my life. My father was in the Army. I was raised in Tacoma, Washington most of my life. I did live in Oregon for 5 years after high school; my son was born there. After his birth I moved back to Tacoma and worked for McDonald's for 20 years in management. I decided to move to Port Orchard in 1999 with my son because I was here all the time seeing my best friend, I liked Port Orchard and all of Kitsap County better and I met my husband here, too.

Bob Howard's

South Kitsap's Happenings

Greetings from South Kitsap

The South Kitsap Chapter did not meet in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.

At our August meeting, Jean Yager asked for suggestions for future PSGS classes. Migration was discussed on how it related to some of our attendees. We shared genealogy related family stories and helped Bev Greene locate a family member. Heidi Ginder's computer skills were very helpful in this task.

In September, Margaret Howard spoke on the research results she had received from a professional genealogist to search the Civil War records of her "brick wall" ancestor, Thomas Rust. It was interesting to follow court records regarding a dispute over his pension by his several wives – all over \$17.00. That was followed by a general discussion on how valuable Civil War records can be.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Howard

Annual Salt Lake City Trip for 2019

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

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

All those interested in going or who would like more information please contact Larry Harden prior to November 30, 2018 at treas@pusogensoc.org

Grandma’s Kitchen—Recipes From the Past

Gail Reynolds

This is my recipe handed down from my Grandma to my Mother. The handwriting on the left belongs to my Grandma and the Double is my Mother’s. There are no instructions but we always made it together. As children my sister and I were allowed to dig three holes in the flour/sugar mixture, which was sifted into the 9x9 glass cake pan. In each hole we put the vinegar, vanilla and oil. It was our favorite to put the vinegar because it reacted with the baking soda causing it to “fizzle”. We then poured the water over the top. Then mix with a fork. To check if it was mixed well, you could look from the bottom of the glass pan. Cake could be frosted after it cooled but we seldom waited that long. Who could pass up warm chocolate Wacky Cake?

Wacky Cake

1 1/2 c flour.....	3 c flour
1/2 t salt.....	1 t salt
3 T cocoa.....	6 T cocoa
1 t soda.....	2 t soda
1 c sugar.....	2 c sugar
1 t vinegar.....	2 t vinegar
1 t vanilla.....	2 t vanilla
5 T salad oil.....	10 T salad oil
1 c water.....	2 c water
25-30 min @ 350 degrees	



GENEALOGY GEMS — LOST IN NEW YORK

A binder in the GC is called New York Lost and Found. Call number is Genealogy, 929.3747, New York. Inside this binder are about 16 Newsletters that were published quarterly. People in this binder lived at one time in New York State and moved to almost every state in the US and Canada. Each quarterly edition has a Table of Contents and has an annual Index.

It takes time to review, but imagine your excitement if you find something. In one newsletter you can find a list of the Michigan Pioneer Society Members that shows their place and date of birth. There is an article on the history of Lane County, Oregon published in the 1860s that refers to a number of people that were born in New York. You might find an obituary from Iowa or an early

resident of Ohio. New Yorkers also migrated to California, Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado, Canada, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota and more.

Historical articles are peppered throughout these Quarterlies. You will be able to read about the Huguenots in New Paltz, Ulster Co., New York. Read one person’s view on Indentured Service Versus Slavery. Read about Hannah’s Quaker Marriage in the Jan 1996 issue. Learn about the Orphan Trains in the mid 1800s.

There is a little bit of everything in this book. Take a trip through it and maybe you will find your Lost New York Ancestor. Happy hunting!

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Hello Genealogy Researchers –

Happy Fall! Seems like just yesterday we had 80 degree weather. Now we have wind and rain and cooler temperatures. And...2019 is just around the corner! I know you are all looking forward to hearing Larry Harden talk about the deadline for the trip to Salt Lake City in February.

But first – we need to review. The Belfair chapter did something different in August. We met at the gazebo in Allyn for our meeting. We brought food to eat and share with each other as well as the bees that thought the food was just for them. Our speaker for that meeting was Bonnie Knight. She told us all about the history of the Oyster House that is to be renovated and relocated to the waterfront in Allyn. It will be turned into a local museum and will show how the oyster house was part of the history of Allyn and the surrounding area. I, for one, am looking forward to its completion.

We also heard from Bob Edwards regarding the tragic fire at the Grays Harbor Genealogy Society. The society is looking for people that have previously requested and received information from GH Society and can send a copy back to them so that they can rebuild their local information that was destroyed. If you are one of those people, please send a copy of what you have back to them. Thanks.

In September Madi Cataldo reviewed a class she took at Salt Lake City regarding British food throughout the centuries. It was amazing how peoples' diets changed during that time from home grown to markets and with the building of a middle class.

October We brought in reference books that usually no one else sees for they are in our personal collections. They were reference books, magazines and maps that were interesting to look at. Some members even brought books they no longer needed, so there was a book exchange as well.

To look ahead – Merry Christmas! Our November meeting is our Christmas party potluck. Everyone will bring a favorite dish and we will all share food and good times. It would be a good time to recall our best genealogy find for 2018. In December and January, the Belfair group does not have a meeting.

So...in 2019 our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, February 6th in the Belfair library at 1:00 pm. As usual everyone is always invited to attend any and all of our meetings. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Reynolds



PSGS Annual Business Meeting

At our upcoming meeting October 24, all members present will have the opportunity and responsibility to elect the members of the 2019 PSGS Executive Board. All officer positions are open to any member who would like to serve as President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary or Treasurer. Members will also vote for the Member-at-Large position. Information on all of the Executive Board positions, which includes the committee chairpersons, is posted on the members only page of our website: www.pusogensoc.org/members. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

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 explore the new FamilySearch digitized records and images only available at Sylvan Way? 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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