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WHERE IN THE WORLD...ARE YOU RESEARCHING?

A suggestion was made at one of our committee meetings to share where we are researching. There must be some overlaps in or detective work. It is hoped that with the printing of the information our members sent in, we can see some like places. Maybe you can reach out (through this Newsletter) and share information and tips for researching in your area. Do you have a brick wall you are trying to break down? Did you find a super site for information in your research area? Hope-

fully the attached list will help you develop your own information (see page 13). Maybe you will even find a cousin when you share your research information.

If you find someone you want to get in touch with and need their contact details for more information, please contact the current Backtracker Editor, Sharon Hornback at ...

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Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

This is my last Prez Ponderings as I am turning the reins over to our new President. Tamma Farrah has graciously volunteered to run for the position. I will serve as Past President and provide support as needed. However, we still need a First Vice President. The VP's primary responsibility is to support the President and coordinate the programs for eleven General Meetings. Previously, a Program/Education Committee collaborated on organizing programs and classes, ensuring that the Vice President and the Education Chair did not work alone in these tasks. Unfortunately, we still need an Education Chairperson. Until this position is filled, classes will be temporarily suspended. Programs are in place for January and February 2026, but after that, if there is no VP, there will be no Programs. These positions are not stand alone, you will receive plenty of support, so please, please consider volunteering!

The Executive Board recently voted to rent a storage facility. For the last five years, we have been storing our stuff in a condo garage. It was time to have a larger more accessible storage unit. A plan was placed in motion; we rented a facility at Prime Storage on Highway 303 (next to Wal Mart) and moved everything on Wednesday October 1st. I want to thank the following for helping on such short notice: Mahala Henry and her husband, Jeff; Sharon Hornback, Rich and Jeanny Peel, and my husband, Richard.

It has been a privilege to serve as PSGS President for the past six years, but I believe it is time to pass the leadership on to someone new. Thank you for your support.



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Genealogy Center Report

By Elisabeth Demmon

The Genealogy Center has been busy this quarter with 167 visitors since the beginning of July. The Center's volunteers continue to devote their time and expertise to help patrons find the tools they need to discover their ancestors for which I am very grateful.

The following books were added this past quarter with the support of the library's Collection and Technical Services Department.

You will find the books on the center shelf near the back where previous new books have been placed.

Call Number	Title	Author
Genealogy 907.2 Mills 2024	Evidence Explained: City History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace 4th Edition	Elizabeth Shown Mills
Genealogy 929.1 Tatters 2024	Storytelling for Genealogists: Turning Family Lineage into Family History	Doug Tattershall
Genealogy 929.1072	Finding Your Father's War: A Practical Guide to Researching and Understanding Service in the World War II US Army	Jonathan Gawne
Genealogy 929.2 Burt Burt	Early Days in New England: Life and Times of Henry Burt of Springfield and Some of His Descendants 1893	Henry M Burt and Silas W. Burt
Genealogy 929.2 Crofts Winder	John and Ellen Crofts and Their Posterity	Frank and Ella Winder
Genealogy 929.2 Huns- ber 1969	The Hunsbergers: A Portion of the Genealogical History of a Few Swiss Hunspergers	George S Huns- berger
Genealogy 929.2097 Gardine Robinso	The Gardiners of Narragansett: Being a Genealogy of the Descendants of George Gardiner, The Colonist, 1638	Caroline Elizabeth Robinson
Genealogy 929.3742 Wilson 1993	Inhabitants of New Hampshire 1776	Emily S. Wilson

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Call Number	Title	Author
Genealogy 929.3745 Genealogy 2010	Genealogies of Rhode Island Families: From Rhode Island Periodicals Volume 1 Adams – Slack	Carol Lee Ford, Indexer
Genealogy 929.3746 White 1994	The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records Andover 1848 – 1879, Ashford 1710 – 1851, Avon 1830-1851	Lorraine Cook White
Genealogy 929.3747 Perry 1999	The Fitch Gazetteer: An Annotated Index to the Manuscript History of Washington County, New York, Volume 3	Kenneth A. Perry
Genealogy 929.3747 Perry 2007	The Fitch Gazetteer: An Annotated Index to the Manuscript History of Washington County, New York, Volume 4	Kenneth A. Perry
Genealogy 929.3755 Nugent 2004	Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666	Nell Marion Nugent
Genealogy 929.3755 Sunlight 1931	Sunlight on the Southside: Lists of Tithes Lunenburg County, Virginia 1748-1783	Landon C. Bell
Genealogy 929.3756 Fouts 1982	Marriages of Bertie County, North Carolina 1762-1868	Raymond Parker Fouts
Genealogy 929.3747 South C 1983	South Carolina Genealogies: Articles from The South Carolina Historical (and Genealogical) Magazine, Volume II Colleton – Izard	The South Carolina Historical Society
Genealogy 929.3764 Huckaba 1974	Ninety-Four Years in Jack County, (Texas) 1854-1948	Ida Lasater Huckabay
Genealogy 929.3769 Green 1983	The Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts	Karen Mauer Green
Genealogy 929.3769 Green 1985	The Kentucky Gazette 1801-1820: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts	Karen Mauer Green
Genealogy 929.3773 History 1977	The History of Jo Daviess County, Illinois : containing a history of the county, its cities, towns, etc., a biographical directory of its citizens, war records of its volunteers in the late rebellion, general and local statistics, portraits of early settlers and prominent men	The Heritage Collection

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Call Number	Title	Author
Genealogy 929.3777 His- tory 1982	History of Henry County, Iowa	Henry County Bicen- tennial Commission
Genealogy 929.3778 Bell 1986	History of Early Reynolds County, Missouri	James E. Bell
Genealogy 929.3778 Blattne 1993	Divorces, Separations, and Annulments in Missouri 1789 to 1850	Teresa Blattner
Genealogy 929.378 Cour- age 1975	Courage Enough: Mon-dak Family Histories Richland County, Missouri	Bicentennial Edition

Also: Added Books for Youth: Children and Teens

Title	Author	Publication Date	Suggested Reading Level in Years of Age
Basic Genealogy for Kids	Bonnie Hinmas	2011	9 +
National Geographic Guide to Genealogy	T. J. Rester	2018	12+
Roots for Kids: Finding Your Family Stories - Third Edition	Susan Provost Beller	2020	13-17
The Kids Family Tree Book	Caroline Leavitt	2017	11+

WHERE TO FIND BIRTH INFORMATION

by Tamma Farra

Tamma Farra shared the following article she found in the Lewisburg Leader (Lewisburg, Ohio) newspaper. She received permission to print the information in our newsletter. It originally appeared in the Thursday, June 23, 1938 issue on page 8, column 2. This may give you some other ideas of where to find birth information on your ancestors.

Use Family Bible

For Proof of Age

Development of the federal old-age insurance program under the Social Security Act has given added importance to the record section of the old family Bible, baptismal certificates, and other papers carrying birth dates.

With the size of the average payment of lump-sum claims for old-age insurance benefits increasing steadily, Joseph T. Ware, manager of the Social Security board's field office at Dayton, has been instructed to inform claimants that when a claim is for over \$100 proof of age will be required, except in the case of a claim made by the heirs or estate of a wage-earner who has died.

Lump-sum payments amount to three and one-half per cent of wages received since January 1, 1937.

Ordinarily, where the amount is \$100 or less, Mr. Ware said, proof would be required only when the birth date as stated in a benefit application is not the same as the date shown by the board's records.

The Social Security board, recognizing the difficulties in supplying proof of birth since many states have not required certificates until recent years, has provided that when an applicant cannot obtain evidence without difficulty and expense he will be directed to file for consideration Bible, family, business, fraternal, school, governmental, or other similar records.

Lump-sum benefits are paid to covered workers who reach 65, or to the relatives or representatives of estates of those who die. These are the only claims now being paid. Beginning in 1942, monthly checks will be sent to those who qualify for federal old-age insurance retirement benefits.

The Genealogy Center Needs You

The Genealogy Center is open for patrons every Monday through Saturday from 12—4 p.m. However, it can only be open when volunteers are available to staff it. Would you like to be a Genealogy Center Volunteer? Can you volunteer 4 hours of your time each month? You do not need to be an expert genealogist. You will receive orientation training for the library and the GC.

During the time you are volunteering in the GC, if there are no visitors, you can work on your own genealogy. This is also a great time to familiarize yourself with the extensive selection of books available. You can also access the Library Editions of Fold 3, Family Search, and Ancestry.

Contact Sharon Hornback if you are interested at sharonhornback@comcast.net.

Silverdale Cemetery becomes 30th Kitsap location inducted in Washington Heritage Register

Gwen Detweiler found the following article in the Kitsap Sun. We received permission to publish it in our newsletter. Hopefully you will be able to visit this cemetery.

One of Kitsap's earliest cemeteries for settlers, veterans and indigent burials is now recognized among Washington state's historic places.



Skylar Stock

- The cemetery off Anderson Hill Road has been used for indigent individuals in recent years.
- Established in 1917, the five-acre site is the resting place of the man who named Silverdale.

The oldest cemetery in Silverdale was added to the Washington Heritage Register on May 27, joining other local landmarks like Point No Point Light Station in Hansville and the John Henry Turpin Post Office Building in Bremerton.

The Washington Heritage Register honors historically significant sites throughout Washington State and aims to protect and put a spotlight on the inducted locations.

"Silverdale Cemetery is not only a resting place for many of our community's early settlers and veterans, but it continues to serve a vital role today," Kitsap County Commissioner Katie Walters said in a press release. "It has been used for the dignified burial of 92 indigent individuals to date."

Sitting at almost five acres, the land for Silverdale Cemetery, sometimes known as the Silverdale Pioneer Cemetery, was set aside for a burial area in the county's early settlement period by William Acker, on Sept. 21, 1896. On Aug. 20, 1917, a group of 20 men formally established the Silverdale Cemetery Association, birthing the cemetery as it is known today. The cemetery is on Impasse Place NW, just north of Anderson Hill Road.

"This site holds deep historical significance, reflecting Silverdale's heritage and the stories of those who helped shape our region," Walters said.

Silverdale Cemetery's earliest known buried community member was a settler named William Littlewood (1823-1895). Another influential occupant was Christian Braendlein (1861-1932), who is credited with naming the community of Silverdale.



In recent years, the cemetery has hosted regular ceremonies to bury indigent community members. The practice began in the early 2000s through the Kitsap County Coroner's Office, and every few years when the remains of individuals

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were accumulated a burial service would be held. The last burial was held in July 2024.

From the archives: 'They were not alone and they won't be forgotten'

The registry is managed by the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, whose primary goal is to "advocate for the preservation of Washington's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources." Overlapping with the National Register of Historic Places is common, but the Washington Heritage Register covers more niche locations

across the state.

"The Silverdale Cemetery is a quintessential example of a small pioneer cemetery that gives a linkage to the community of the Puget Sound," Michael Houser, the DAHP state architectural historian said.

It's induction will join over 2,100 different sites on the register, potentially benefiting from property tax deductions, according to a letter sent to Walters by Allyson Brooks, the state historic preservation officer.

PSGS Antique Show

Save the dates of February 21 and 22, 2026. Planning is in progress for our next PSGS Antique Show. Please watch for email blasts and articles in the next Backtracker. Your help will be needed to take part in admission collections, putting up

signs, assisting the vendors to move in and out of the President's Hall at the Kitsap Fairgrounds. Please help in the areas volunteers are needed for our only fund raiser of the year. Thank you for helping out.



- ✓ **Sales & Appraisals**
- ✓ **Free Parking**
- ✓ **On-Site Café**
- ✓ **Discover Treasures**



Antiques



Vintage Items



Collectibles



Expert Appraisals

February 21 & 22, 2026

Presidents' Hall at Kitsap Fairgrounds

Central Kitsap History

Submitted by Randy Hunt

I have been doing historical research for well over 20 years, mostly for the Central Kitsap area. I have found newspapers to be a great source, particularly for verifying times. While going through old *Kitsap County Herald* newspapers, I came across the following articles, a few of which stood out as being written differently than all the others I had read. I thought there might be a fun

way to share a little history and make an interesting article for the paper. So, I did a little research about the names and have provided that as well. The names come first and then the reprints from the Herald.

If anyone needs a little help with Central Kitsap History, you would be welcome to contact me at marvelrandy306@gmail.com

1919-Holly: **Adessia Ruby Pearl 'Hooker' Yarborough** (1889 Lincoln, Neb.-1920 Holly, Wa.) arrived on the scene at Holly about 1919 with three young sons. Her husband, **Leroy William Yarborough** (1888 Hastings, Neb.-1965 Philadelphia, Penn.) was an officer in the U.S. military stationed in the Philippines, eventually retiring as a colonel. Her normal address was on Aurora Avenue in Seattle, but her intent was to stay in Holly as she enrolled her sons in the school at Holly. Her parents, she was the oldest of three, Edwin T. L. and Ruby Helena Hooker, also lived in Seattle and would come for visits. In a very short time, she became enamored of the area and the community enamored of her. A writer, poet and artist, she became

a stringer for the *Kitsap County Herald* newspaper, writing articles about the people and about the area that would bring it alive in the mind. In January 1921, when her heart failed, it was written of her, "*Mrs. Yarborough was a lady of genius. It seems too bad that death removed from our midst one of such rare talent. She was only a little more than thirty years of age.*" She left behind her 3 boys, Willaim Pellam (1912 Seattle, Wa.-2005 Southern Pines, N.C.), Edwin Kay (1914 Seattle, Wa.-1987 Morristown, N.J.) and Alfred Leroy Yarborough (1916 Seattle, Wa.-1991 Seattle, Wa.). With the pen name "A.H.Y." her most significant writing in the newspaper was a descriptive story about *Joe Hammond Bay* (at Holly).



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Submitted by Randy Hunt (Cont'd from page 9)

Holly, Joe Hammond Bay

Later known as Wyatt Bay, and then Holly Bay.

Article, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 15 October 1920, Holly.

Holly

Within the scenic horse-shoe bend called Joe Hammond Bay, on Hood Canal, stands an old two-story frame building, an empty dwelling. The county road rudely pushed its way close to the front door and left the entrance below the street level. The windows have proven a temptation to some youngster who played on the opposite side of the road, where the beach offered numerous stones of the right size and shape to throw. A grape vine has climbed to the second story, unchecked by pruning shears, and huge rose bushes offer a varied confusion of blossom all summer. In the rear of the old house are some grand old holly trees. In the winter their brilliant green foliage and scarlet berries call forth many exclamations of appreciation. This is the old home of Robert Wyatt, one of the first settlers on Hood Canal, and our town received its name from Robert Wyatt because of the fine old holly trees surrounding his home.

The youngest son of Robert Wyatt, Arthur Wyatt, owns the old home now, but owing to the fact that the old house is rather shaky Arthur Wyatt, his wife and two small sons live in a cozy temporary cabin south of the old house. A Dorothy Perkins climber almost hides the roof of the snug abode. Many a weary traveler has been refreshed by a cold drink from the clear creek that runs beside the cabin. Arthur Wyatt farms on a small scale and has recently bought an interest in the Holly general merchandise store and post office.

Ralph Wyatt Jr. and Rob Wyatt are successful poultry men. They live on the hill over-looking the bay. Two other prosperous poultry men live in the valley — Wm. Hole and Wilfred Hole. This val-

ley is a fertile farming district. Dan Buchanan and family have recently moved into the valley, where Mr. Buchanan expects to farm on a much larger scale than was possible on the 14-acre hillside farm over-looking the canal. However, this hillside home has been bought by an artist from Seattle, Mrs. Adessia Yarborough, and is proving quite satisfactory, as the view afforded of the canal offers unlimited inspiration.

Just at the entrance to the valley, and approached by means of a rustic bridge over a rushing gurgling brook, are the grounds and fine old dwelling of Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. Andrews' mother is with her at present. Later in the season they intend to go south.

Joe Hammond Bay is never empty. This is the home of the launches that carry the mail — the *Ladona* and the *Discoverer*. Lewis Pfundt's *Vigilant*, which goes north fishing each year, is often at anchors; and also, the *Rambler*, a superb fishing boat owned by F. Pfundt and his son Albert. Then there are the shrimping boats of I. E. Stever and his sons, F. C. Stever and G. M. Stever.

Albert Pfundt is a wide-awake citizen of Holly. We owe our county road to his untiring efforts. Now he has bought an interest in the dock, store and post office, and today the pile-driver was busy pulling out old rotten piles and re-placing them with new ones. The Holly people need an up-to-date store and now we know we will get one. The Albert Pfundt home is on the south side of the bay. It is an attractive two-story modern dwelling. A small cottage is nestled among the trees near the beach and in this Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Erickson live. He is a retired carpenter and a boyhood friend of the Pfundt's.

The large modern home built by S. Aardal has been sold to Frank Millar. The people of Holly wish to welcome Mr. Millar and wife and babies to our town. We hear the Mr. Millar is a poultry man. We wish to assure him of success; as others among us have made well.

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Central Kitsap History

Submitted by Randy Hunt

The sewing circle met at Hollywood, with Mrs. Arthur Wyatt. Despite the rain, there were seven ladies present. Any lady living in Holly is eligible to membership. One of the un-written rules of our club has been that the hostess shall serve only one article and tea or coffee. We were agreeably surprised when Laura Wyatt served a dainty baked apple concoction, cinnamon cake and coffee. As the ladies worked on the contents of their various sewing bags the conversation naturally drifted to the departure of Fred Wyatt and family. We all expressed our regrets at losing them and hoped they would find their new home all they anticipated. In the midst of this conversation who should arrive but Mr. Fred Wyatt's married daughter, Violet Keller. She had returned to Holly on a launch after some belongings that were forgotten in the rush of moving. She assured us all that they were quite comfortably established. They are locating about two miles beyond Potlatch. Mr. S. Aardal and Fred Wyatt intend to build a dock and store there.

The Baptist Sunday School meets at the school house at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. All are invited to attend.

Those interested in Christian Science are requested to meet at Miss Webster's at 11 a.m. Sunday, for the lesson.

This is about all from Holly but you expect to hear from us often, now. A town of 75 inhabitants should furnish quite a little interesting reading, and the correspondent for Holly will do the best possible. And now I bid you good afternoon.

A. H. Y.

Article, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 29 October 1920, Holly.

Holly

Good morning! Did you ever hear Grandpa Pfundt tell a story? Well, if you haven't you have missed a great deal. When the fact was mentioned to him that each person in Holly was to enter the limelight through the pages of the Kitsap County Herald, he told this story.

"Once a preacher attended a dinner, given by some friends, on Saturday night. Late in the evening he mentioned the fact that he would have to go soon, as he hadn't selected his text for the sermon he was to preach on the morrow. His friends bet him another dinner that he couldn't take the text they would hand him as he mounted the platform and preach a decent sermon from it. He took the bet. As he went to the platform Sunday morning an envelope was handed to him. Tearing it open he found a blank sheet of paper. He held it up and said, "There is nothing on this side." Then turning it over he said, "And I find nothing on this side. My text for this morning is nothing. God created all that was created from nothing." Then followed a sermon such as he had never preached before."

Grandpa Pfundt seemed to think that we people of Holly would have to make a lot out of nothing to have anything to write about him. However, we do not agree with him and we will leave it to those who read this to decide whether there were things that should be written.

Right here we would like to suggest that if by chance an outsider doubts that Holly is an ideal place to live, they would consider the fact that the inhabitants stay; the sons inheriting the goodly acres of the fathers; for example, Grandma and Grandpa Pfundt. Their old home can be seen half way up the hillside from the beach, almost hidden in the midst of an old orchard.

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Central Kitsap History

Submitted by Randy Hunt

As years passed, Mr. Pfundt informs us, the climb to the old home began to be dreaded, so he and the wife built the cozy bungalow near the road, where they now reside. On their right hand their son, Lewis Pfundt, and family live in an attractive, re-modeled float house, while to the left is the large home of Albert Pfundt and family.

We confer the title of the best gardener of Holly on Grandpa Pfundt. Each vegetable in its season is the finest to be seen anywhere. On October 12th visitors ate strawberries out of his patch. The spuds he raised this year are so large that one has to take a second look to be certain they are spuds. Hugh bunches of white grapes hang from a vine that is carefully pruned and trained over the south end of the wood shed. Grandma Pfundt takes a great deal of pride in her flower garden. From early spring until late fall the hillside is a mass of blossom. I doubt if there is a family in Holly who has not enjoyed a bunch of her exquisite flowers. When the snow covers the garden with the white blanket the windows of Mrs. Pfundt's cottage are full of fragrance and bright-colored blossoms.

Grandma Pfundt's daughter, Mrs. Larson, is with them at present, and all Holly is feeling the radiance of her smile. Tilly Larson is a trained nurse and it won't be surprising if the inhabitants of Holly play ill to have her in attendance. We would advise Joe to keep his boots on during the wet weather. Oh, Say! We know a good joke. A certain bachelor was heard to ask, "Have some honey?" (and of a respectable married woman, too!) but it wasn't so shocking, after all, when you understand that the bachelor was passing her a bee product at table. This makes one think of the old adage "Evil is to him who thinks evil." Did I say this joke was about Joe O'Bryan? Well, I didn't intend to. We know something more important about Joe. Someone saw him receive that letter

addressed to Mrs. Joe – and – we all wonder where he keeps her.

Well, to return to my subject – the Pfundt's. Strangers find the fact that there are so many people answering to the family name rather confusing. It seems at first that he is either a Pfundt or Pfundt's son, unless he happens to be a Wyatt or Wyatt's son. However, there are some very important people in Holly who do not answer to either of these names. Among the most appreciated and loved citizens there is one name which I am certain every person in Holly has spoken, with words of praise ensuing. OUR TEACHER – MISS WEBSTER. A.H.Y.



WHERE IN THE WORLD...ARE YOU RESEARCHING?

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Member Name	Place Researching	State or Country
Leah Snider	Vienna	Austria
Jim Brown	Sampont, Vance	Belgium
Liz DuBois	California	CA
Bryan Worthington	Saybrook	CT
Mark Watson	Moravia	Czech Republic
Mark Watson	Denmark	Denmark
Lisa Montgomery	Cornwall	England
Liz DuBois	England	England
Hazel Thornton	Lancashire	England
Bryan Worthington	Lancashire	England
Jim Brown	Puttelange les Thionville, Gavisse, Lichtenberg, Reichshoffen	France
Sharon Hornback	Habersham Cnty & Rome	GA
Lisa Montgomery	Baden & Bavaria	Germany
Hazel Thornton	Essenheim	Germany
Mark Watson	Lower Saxony & Mecklenberg	Germany
Mark Watson	Schleswig-Holstein	Germany
Jim Brown	Temmels	Germany
Larry Harden	Appanoose Cnty	IA
Larry Harden	DesMoines, Cntys	IA
Jim Brown	Dubuque	IA
Dorothy Easterday	Iowa	IA
Larry Harden	Jackson Cnty	IA
Mark Watson	Jasper/Poweshiek Cntys	IA
Mark Watson	Marion/Mahaska Cntys	IA
JeDene Reeder	Adams, Crawford & Hamilton Cntys	IL
Dorothy Easterday	Illinois	IL
JeDene Reeder	Lacon, Marshall, Peoria Cntys	IL
JeDene Reeder	Shelby, White, & Woodford Cntys	IL
Larry Harden	Clark Cnty	IN
Lisa Montgomery	Clark/Floyd Cntys	IN
Tamma Farra	Co Tyrone	Ireland
Liz DuBois	Ireland	Ireland
JeDene Reeder	Marshall & Saline Cntys	KS

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Member Name	Place Researching	State or Country
JeDene Reeder	Barren, Bourbon, & Butler Cntys	KY
JeDene Reeder	Calloway, Clark, & Fayette Cntys	KY
JeDene Reeder	Graves, Jefferson, & Logan Cntys	KY
JeDene Reeder	Madison & Marshall Cntys	KY
Mark Watson	Mason Cnty	KY
JeDene Reeder	McCracken Cnty	KY
JeDene Reeder	Muhlenberg Cnty	KY
JeDene Reeder	Woodford Cnty	KY
Jim Brown	Flaxweiler, Kehlen, & Holzem	Luxembourg
Jim Brown	Steinsel, Junglinster, & Roeser	Luxembourg
Diane Bertram	Beverly	MA
Diane Bertram	Danvers/Lynn	MA
Diane Bertram	Duxbury	MA
Gwen Detweiler	Massachusetts	MA
Bryan Worthington	Springfield	MA
Leah Snider	Dearborn & Detroit	MI
Hazel Thornton	Kalamazoo Cnty	MI
Jim Brown	Caledonia	MN
Diane Bertram	Minneapolis, Hennepin Cnty	MN
JeDene Reeder	Bates, Cass, & Knox Cntys	MO
JeDene Reeder	Nodaway Cnty	MO
JeDene Reeder	Vernon Cnty	MO
Lisa Montgomery	Beaverhead/Broadwater Cntys	MT
Lisa Montgomery	Lewis & Clark Cntys	MT
Sharon Hornback	Granville/Bertie Cntys	NC
Liz DuBois	North Carolina	NC
Mark Watson	Thayer Cnty	NE
Liz DuBois	New Jersey	New Jersey
Hazel Thornton	Buffalo, Erie	New York
Liz DuBois	New York	New York
Ruthie Reinert	Rogaland Fylke	Norway
Ruthie Reinert	Vest-Agder Fylke	Norway

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Member Name	Place Researching	State or Country
Tamma Farra	Adams & Darke Cntys	OH
JeDene Reeder	Butler, Clermont, & Franklin Cntys	OH
JeDene Reeder	Hammond, Knox, & Miami Cntys	OH
Dorothy Easterday	Ohio	OH
JeDene Reeder	Preble Cnty	OH
Diane Bertram	Sandusky, Erie Cnty	OH
Tamma Farra	Scioto Cnty	OH
JeDene Reeder	Shelby Cnty	OH
JeDene Reeder	Wayne Cnty	OH
Gwen Detweiler	Bucks County	PA
Hazel Thornton	Lancaster Cnty	PA
Gwen Detweiler	Philadelphia	PA
Bryan Worthington	Lycoming Cnty	PA
Dorothy Easterday	Pennsylvania	PA
Larry Harden	Westmoreland Cnty	PA
Tamma Farra	York Cnty	PA
Leah Snider	Lublin	Poland
Liz DuBois	New Netherland	pre USA
Sharon Hornback	Newport	RI
Mark Watson	Sweden	Sweden
Leah Snider	Lwow, Brody, Czernowitz	Ukraine
Liz DuBois	New England	USA
Sharon Hornback	Glloucester & Essex	VA
Diane Bertram	Rose Hill, Lee Cnty	VA
Gwen Detweiler	Virginia	VA
Sharon Hornback	Rutland	VT

Hope you find what you are looking for. Let me know.

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Looking Forward...

to the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

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| Oct 22, 2025 | <p>The Witches of Salem--There are no Witches-are there? Of course not!
 Presented by Jerri McCoy</p> <p>We of the twenty-first century are very much aware that hags do not fly across the moon on brooms. But in 1692 Charity and Mercy and plain good sense were all thrown into the fire of zealotry. Like Autumn brush fires, the witch hunt would swell and burn through Salem Village and neighboring towns. How were witches identified? What happened to them? And who were those that were executed that terrible year in Salem? Come learn a little bit about them and their accusing neighbors.</p> |
| Nov 19, 2025 | <p>No OMPF? No Problems!—Presented by Sara Cochran</p> <p>Researching 20th Century veterans is especially difficult as a fire destroyed millions of Official Military Personnel Files in 1973. This class will look at other ways to find the stories of the WWI and WWII veterans in our families.</p> |
| Dec, 2025 | <p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p> <p>Stay tuned for more information. We are searching for a new place to hold our party this year, so planning is taking a bit more time. Thank you for your patience. Keep a close eye on your email for the details.</p> |

Schedule of Classes — October— December 2025

Please note that there are no classes scheduled for the rest of the year, 2025.

PSGS is currently looking for a new Education chair so that we can continue to present more exciting and informative Genealogy Classes for our membership and the community in the new year. Please consider filling this worthwhile position. If you are interested, contact Jean Yager at psgsociety1301@gmail.com

Family Crest Program for Teens

By Mahala Henry

As part of the PSGS commitment to share their members' passion for genealogy, we are embarking on developing a teen program whose goal is to spark interest via exposure to and experience with genealogy concepts, practices, and tools. Genealogy is a means to explore the elements and context of familial identity. Defining those elements and context via exploration and research connects the individual identities of family members with one another, and the tools that genealogists use such as Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets assist in organizing individual information in a form that can be used to analyze and associate those relationships.

The program we are developing to ignite in teens an awareness of genealogy is to create a family crest. The crest is the product in that it symbolizes the familial identity; however, it is the process that we are most interested in conveying and encouraging.

Our date for the program presentation was October 7, 2025. The program was presented as part of an ongoing KRL activity but participation is open to all teens. For program volunteers, the development process has included six meetings held at the Genealogical Center and some individual independent volunteer tasks to support program activities.

Developing such a program requires contributions of time, interest, and participation by several PSGS program volunteers, who want to share their passion for genealogy and believe it is important to encourage and expose youth to the tools and practices a genealogist may use to explore and discover the unknowns of family, community, history, and personal context.

Updates on this program and possible further events will be shared in future Backtrackers.

Genealogy Center Book Drawing

PSGS Genealogy Center Volunteers are the stars that keep the center open for research at KRL, Sylvan Way Branch. As a special thank you to the volunteers, they get a chance to enter quarterly drawings for genealogy related books. Volunteers have their names entered in the drawing when they volunteer 3 times in the quarter and get another entry for each time they volunteer thereafter.



Mahala Henry won the July drawing, Scottish Genealogy.

The October drawing will be for the book titled, Organizing Your Family History Search by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.

PSGS Annual Research Trip Update

By Diane Howell Evans



Thank you to all PSGS members who voted on the library they would most like to visit on our next genealogy research trip. The votes are all counted, and the winner is the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ACPL is a major research destination and the second largest genealogical library in the U.S. after the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. For more details on the specific collections in the library, the library itself and Fort Wayne visitor information, please review my July-Sept *Backtracker* article or visit the library's website at: [Genealogy | Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#). The Fort Wayne visitors guide can be found at: [Free Fort Wayne Visitors Guide – Family-Friendly & Budget-](#)

Friendly Travel

ACPL is located near the Fort Wayne Convention Center and the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center. I am currently working with Whitney, Hilton Sales Manager, on genealogy group rates for our visit. We typically make our research trips in February or March, but Whitney has informed me the weather in Fort Wayne during these months is never consistent. The NOAA weather data recommends April 30th through July 15th or the month of September as the best times to visit Fort Wayne. June was the preferred month for our visit, but all dates are being considered for the most economical group rates with a Sunday/Monday arrival and Friday/Saturday departure.

The Hilton is located only a minute walk from the ACPL and much of the walk is through the covered Convention Center. A complimentary shuttle to and from Fort Wayne International Airport is available but requires reservations.

As soon as group rates and dates are available an e-mail will be sent to the membership with reservation contact information and procedures.





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October General Meeting

Mark Wednesday, October 22, 2025 on your calendar. Please attend the General Meeting from 1—3 PM either in person or by zoom. This is a very important meeting where new officers will be elected. Your attendance is essential so we have a quorum to complete our election process. Thank you for making time to attend the October meeting.

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Sharon Hornback will soon prepare her last Backtracker. PSGS is looking for a new editor. Sharon will cease being the Backtracker Editor in three more issues.

Are you ready to become the new editor? You must be a member of PSGS. If you wish to accept now, Sharon will work with you on her last three issues. Please let her know if this is something you would like to do. Contact Sharon at ... sharonhornback@comcast.net . Please be sure the Backtracker continues.

PSGS ANCESTRY SIG (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)

Do you want a place to discuss genealogy? Do you want help in finding new ideas for research? Do you want to share a great find you made that may help others? Then the PSGS Ancestry SIG is the place for you. Join us on the second Monday of each month in the Heninger Room at the Sylvan Way Library from 10:15am to 11:30pm. This is an in-person only group facilitated by Karen Duke. Hope to see you there!

BELFAIR CHAPTER

The Belfair Chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Timberland library in Belfair. Meetings begin at 10:30 am facilitated by Lynda Peel. You do not need to live in Belfair to come. All are welcome. Please join us.