



# Jefferson County Genealogy Society Newsletter

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## DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL SEMINAR SATURDAY, MARCH 20th

by Bev Brice

We are lucky to have Gary Zimmerman back again as our lecturer for the seminar this year. Gary is the President of Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle, but that doesn't begin to describe him. Gary was a chemistry professor and has excellent lecture skills from his years of teaching. I have attended a number of his lectures in Seattle, and he constantly amazes me. He has a depth of knowledge and research experience that gives everyone in the room—no matter their level of experience—nuggets to take home. Gary put his family history together when he was 19 and it has been his passion every since.

We all have immigrant ancestors—the only question is when they came (from 12,000 years ago on....). Finding information about them is never a simple task. That is why I am so pleased that Gary will be tackling this subject for us. Expect to learn the information you need to conduct successful research. Over lunch we will have "County Tables" where you can share experiences with other who are researching the same area as you.

The afternoon will concentrate on finding and printing maps from the internet. I don't know about you, but I often end up with one-quarter of what I thought I was getting. Since maps are such an important tool in our research, this should relieve a lot of frustrations.

Other highlights of the day:

- Heritage Quest Library will be here with books to sell.
- There will be a sale table for items you want to donate with the proceeds going to the society. This is a good way to pass on magazines you have read, books and other things genealogy-related.
- Brings snacks we all can share

The seminar is a fun day that I always look forward to. Remember to send in your \$15 registration before March 15th. The form is on page 4. If you forget you can buy your ticket at the door for \$20. The seminar is held at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 in the morning and the session lasts until 3:00 in the afternoon. If you have questions you can call (360) 385-6599 or email [www.rootswev.com/~wajcsg](http://www.rootswev.com/~wajcsg). Bring a sack lunch, food to share and genealogical "STUFF" to donate for the sale table. This is the time to clean your shelves and donate what you can. It helps you, helps the society and helps the lucky genealogist who buys it!

## SPECIAL TRIPS OF INTEREST:

- *National Archives in Seattle*
- *Seattle Genealogical Society*
- *Tacoma Public Library*
- *Fiske Genealogical Library*
- *Clallam County Genealogical Society Library*
- *Seattle Public Library*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Lorrell Louchard

The Executive Committee met February 6, 2004. We discussed the excellent comprehensive reports on the budgets by Marge Samuelson. We are in very good condition financially, thanks to the grant given us through the Seattle Foundation. There were one-time expenses in connection with the move to the Research Center in 2003, and we purchased a reader-printer from the checking account which was not in the 2003 budget. Our total income for 2003 was \$80,439 which included the grant to pay for the Research Center. The estimated income for 2004 is \$6,550, and expenses, \$3,653. Now that we are no longer solely dependent on membership for income, the Executive Committee's next task will be to develop a philoso-

phy and plan for budgeting.

The Library Committee will discuss establishing a focus for our collection, and how we should best promote use of the research facilities. We need to review the information we post on the website as to what is free, and what should require a fee. We need to hear from you about what you want the Genealogy Society to do for you at our May general meeting.

Elections will be held in May for President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary. Lorrell has served two terms as Recording Secretary and is resigning this year. Laura Eccles is the Coordinator for the Nominating Committee. Please give serious consideration to running for one of these position. Another important position which needs to be filled is Chairperson for the County Fair Booth.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Bev Brice

As a society we can have great pride in the genealogical information on Jefferson County families that we have made accessible to researchers. Since our beginnings in 1983 we have persistently extracted and indexed Jefferson County genealogical information. We have published 25 books and posted some of the indexes on our website.

Thanks to Phil Kohl's work we have searchable databases in the "Kiosk" on the computer at the Research Center. This makes accessing information for researchers a dream; put in the name and you can see what we have instantly. Phil's computer expertise, many, many hours of work and a great deal of patience have created a truly unique resource.

Phil has also set a high standard for "quality control" to ensure that we have the most accurate information that is possible. The JCGS website and the Jefferson County Genweb sites are also thanks to Phil's effort and on-going maintenance. How do you even begin to acknowledge the appreciation that we have for all he has done and continues to do for us?



Activities currently underway include the following:

- Cemetery Updates; Eileen Martin is coordinating the effort. Marge Samuelson and Harlean Hamilton are currently working on Chimacum Cemetery. Gardner and Brinnon are underway. Elise Lopeman contributed Shine. There are many more to do.

- Marine Hospital records; Harlean Hamilton is extracting additional information.
- Obituaries: Lora Eccles continues to update the index that includes 17,000 names.
- Press Index; Eileen is heading up a project to index all the Leaders. Marge Samuelson and Dorothy Hermanson have helped and Harlean has compiled a list of names of Military personnel mentioned around the World War II time period.
- St. Paul Episcopal Church records have been made available thanks to Nancy Vleck. Some have been extracted and more are waiting to be done for the 1943 time period.

The support team for these projects includes all library volunteers, but especially Tom

Berg, Louise Cannon, Sue Snyder, Joan Buhler, Jean Redcap, Eunice Franklin and Jesse Stewart.

We need help with these projects. you can enter data into the computer at home or at the Research Center, proof read, or learn more about Filemaker Pro (our database) and help with formatting.

Let me know if you would like to help. I can be reached by email at : bb@olympus.net or by phone at 385-6599. It feels good to help other researchers when we have all benefited from such efforts in areas where our families lived.

## Jefferson County Reflections "Women's History Month"

by Marge Samuelson

Port Townsend Leader, July 25, 1925

### "Mrs. Maynard Answered Last Call, July 20th"

"Mrs. Henrietta Maynard, a native of Germany and a resident of this county since 1888, died following a lingering illness on Saturday of last week, death finding her in a hospital at Victoria where she was at the time a patient.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. U. Richmond of Gardiner and the attendance was countywide, hundreds of friends and acquaintances gathering at the Maynard home, where the last rites were performed. There was an abundance of flowers at the service and these tributes were particularly beautiful. As a part of the service was the old German song, "Blue is the flowers Called Forget-Me-Not" sung by Ben Pettygrove, with a violin obligato played by Alvin Schier, a selection which was a great favorite of Mrs. Maynard. Twenty years ago Mrs. Maynard first spoke to Mr Schier, telling him of the deep love she had for this song, and then, and frequently following, she had asked that when her death came he would play the violin accompaniment of this song which she desired to be sung at her burial...



Henrietta Maynard

Internment followed in the little cemetery on the shore of Discovery Bay, and in the carefully tended burial spot Henrietta Maynard was placed at rest by the side of her husband, Sydney Maynard, who had preceded her in death several years previous. Pallbearers had been some time ago selected by Mr. [sic] Maynard and these were old friends, consisting of Walter Rutz, Phil Chase, Ben Pettygrove, Has. Brown, W.J. Fritz and F. W. Hastings.

Few people in this part of the state were more widely known than Henrietta Maynard. She came to Port Townsend in the late '80's, and was then the wife of J.P.L. Meyers, who represented Germany as vice consul at Port Townsend. Following his death she was united in marriage with Sydney Maynard and since the latter's death she had continued her residence at Maynard, a post office named in her honor. She was born in Germany, of a titled family, and

her first husband, Mr. Meyer, was also of a noted house. When Mrs. Maynard first arrived in this city it was a busy place, the "boom" being on, and she was prominent socially for a number of years. She was then a young woman of splendid appearance, brilliantly educated, a horsewoman of unusual excellence and always an ardent sportswoman. She loved hunting in its various forms, and her admiration for it continued with her during life. She was then a woman known probably as widely in the northwest as any woman of her day, and her friends were found in a great many places of the Pacific Coast. Some years ago Mrs. Maynard purchased property on Discovery Bay, and since then she had constantly lived there. She engaged in business, conducting a hotel, and was also owner of a store, her home and place of business so situated as to enable her to enjoy the pleasures of rural life, with excellent hunting and fishing opportunities close at hand. She possessed a strong personality and her life was an active one."

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Obituaries are a good source of family information, but sometimes a few things are left out or handled in a delicate way. For example, Henrietta did not marry after her first husband died. They were divorced in 1895, in a very messy court case with details published, often verbatim, in the Leader under headlines such as, "Ready for War", "...Mr. Meyer Gets Out Temporary Restraining Order", "Mr. Meyer Wants Wife to Answer for Contempt", and "Tales Told by Both Sides."

In the court's final ruling the judge wrote, "It is evident that the defendant is wayward in many ways and also that the plaintiff is of a quick, nervous temperament and prone to be jealous." The trial brought to light another marriage to a Mr. Von Ploennies which was not mentioned in the obituary.

Henrietta Siebel Von Ploennies Myer Maynard was an independent women in times when women were supposed to "keep their place". She started the first animal shelter in Jefferson County, was an accomplished rider, hunter and fisher and an astute business woman.

Sources: Discovery Bay Cemetery Index, 1914 Voter's Registration, Funeral Home Index, Federal and Territorial Census Records, Obituary Index and the Port Townsend Leader. The Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center has the Port Townsend Leader on microfilm and original copies from 1889 to 2004.

# MARCH 2004

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14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Southern Research Group</i>	20 <b>Annual Seminar</b>
21	22	23	24 <i>Library Volunteers</i>	25	26 <i>Resource Corner</i>	27
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Mar 2-Research Trip to National Archives and Seattle Genealogical Society in Seattle
- Mar 5-11:00 Program Committee, Resource Center
- Mar 9-1:30 New England Group, Resource Center
- Mar 11-10:00 Library Committee, Resource Center
- Mar 12- 9:30 Executive Committee, Research Center
- Mar 19- 10:00 Southern Research Group, Research Ctr
- Mar 20—9:00 to 3:00 Annual Seminar, Tri-Area Community Center
- Mar 24-10:00 Library Volunteers, Research Center
- Mar 26- 10 :00 Resource Corner Group—Immigration discussion, Research Center

**PRE-REGISTER FOR THE MARCH 20th ANNUAL SEMINAR  
SAVE \$5.00**

✂ **PSST!** if you don't want to cut up your newsletter just mail in your check with a note and your name and address. ✂

### MARCH 20, 2004 JCGS SEMINAR

**“Finding the Origins of our Immigrant Ancestors”**

**“Maps on the Internet”**

**by Gary Zimmerman, President of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle**

**Pre-registration \$15    At the Door \$20**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Marge Samuelson, JCGS Treasurer, P.O. Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368-0627**

## JOIN US ON RESEARCH TRIPS

by Jesse Stewart

The monthly JCGS research trips offer members the opportunity to visit places which provide genealogical reference materials with others in our organization. In general, these outings will take place during the first week of the month, varying days of the week as much as possible (specific days will depend upon the hours of operation of the resource center).

All trips are dependent upon someone willing to do the driving. Travel expenses are split at 20 cents per mile.

### Tuesday, March 2: National Archives & Seattle Genealogical Society.

The Archives are well known for having microfilms of all federal censuses from 1790-1930 as well as index books and Soundex microfilms to help you find your ancestors more easily. The Archives also have other resources available such as Revolutionary War Pensions and land bounty records, Civil War military indices, some passenger and naturalization lists, some land records, listings of postmasters and more. You can check the website at <http://www.archives.gov/facilities/wa/html>.

Across the street from the Archives is the Seattle Genealogical Society (open 10-3) which houses many reference books and CD's specializing in Canada, England, Scandinavia, Washington State, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Oregon and family histories. A listing of resources is available at <http://www.rootsweb.com/aseags/library/html>. There is no entrance fee for the Archives, however, the Seattle Genealogical Society charges \$4 for non-members.

**April**—If there is interest among our members, we could take a trip to Olympia for Washington State research. While there we could visit the state archives for Washington State birth, death and marriage records, the state library for newspapers and census records or perhaps the regional Washington State Archives, Olympia branch. Let me know your wishes.

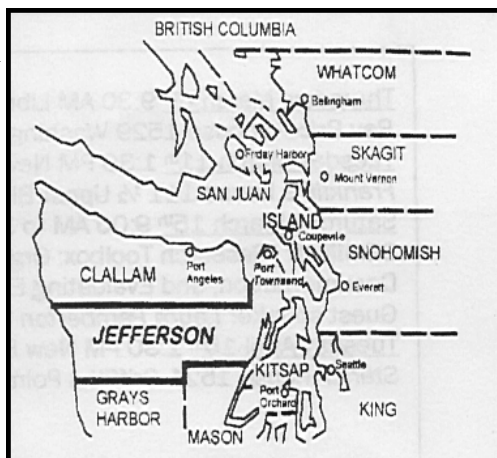
**Thursday, May 6: Tacoma Public Library** The TPL

has an extensive catalog of genealogical resources, including many local, county, and state records as well as a vast collection of family histories. Their website is [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/](http://www.tpl.lib.wa.us/) You can search their catalog.

### Looking ahead in the year, on Wednesday, June 2nd a trip is planned to the Fiske Genealogical Library.

The library has a wide variety of resources for North America and Europe, but specializes on New England, New York, middle Atlantic states and New France and Quebec. Family genealogies and family group sheets are also available. Microfilms and CD-ROM archives, including the New England Historic Genealogical Society Register for 1847-1994 are available. Computers have internet access. There is an entrance fee of \$5 for non-members. The library will be open from 12 to

8. A catalog of books is on their website: [www.fiske.lib.wa.us/](http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us/).



### On Friday, July 2 we will go

**to the Clallam County Genealogical Society Library.** This is a rare chance to stick closer to home. The CCGS has a fairly extensive library with strong collections of Clallam County obituaries, CD-ROMs of vital statistics and census records for Washington, DAR reference materials, and many US states particularly Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, New England and New York.

### On Monday, August 3rd we are scheduled to go to the Seattle Public Library.

Hopefully, the Library will be fully functioning in it's new building! This invaluable resource offers many reference books for most states and many counties, immigration, foreign countries, family histories, and some microfilms. The Library catalog is on line at <http://www.spl.org> so you can search the catalog to see if your areas or families are represented. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for one or more of these trips. If you're interested, contact Jesse Stewart at [Jessebirder@cablespeed.com](mailto:Jessebirder@cablespeed.com) or 437-8103.

# APRIL 2004

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April ?—*Research Trip open to suggestions....*
- April 13—1:30 *New England Group, Research Center*
- April 17—9:30 *Monthly Meeting, "Serendipity" Group Discussion of Accidental Discoveries in Your Research, Tri-Area Community Center*
- April 23—10:00 *Southern Research Group, Research Center*
- April 28—10:00 *Library Volunteers, Research Ctr.*
- April 30—10:00 *Resource Corner, Research in Your Back Yard: the JCGS Library. Tell about a good book you donated or what has been of help to you.*

## APRIL PROGRAM

### SERENDIPITY

#### ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERIES IN YOUR RESEARCH

It has happened to all of us — you open a book to look at it and it automatically opens to the one page that lists your family. The stories are interesting and fun to share, and that is what we want to do at the April meeting. Think about how some mysterious force has guided your work and bring the story to share.

#### WELCOME NEW JCGS MEMBERS

Maxine Wilson

Peter and Mary Jo Olsen

David Sullivan

Connie Ross

Frances Wright

## LORA ECCLES "DISCOVERS" DISCOVERY BAY HISTORY

*by Karen Driscoll*

JCGS member, Lora Eccles, has been diligently indexing the Jefferson County obituaries for the Library since about 20 years ago when she was asked to do a "little job". That wasn't really enough work for this energetic lady so when her daughter moved to Discovery Bay recently, Lora decided she would look up some facts about the history of that area and make up a little booklet as a gift.

That idea grew just like her "little job" on the obituaries did. Lora has been working on this new project for quite a while now. She has researched the records and interviewed about ten of the old timers from the area. One 90+ year old named, Bernard Peterson, from Peterson Road near Center, has met with her three times. He is very enthusiastic about the project. Many people have given her pictures of the old school, the residents, the logging activities and the trains.

Recently a group of residents of Cape George and Chevy Chase have become interested in preparing a history of the Bay and they have invited Lora to share her pictures at their kick-off meeting in the Gardiner Community Center (the old Gardiner School). Their goal is to do a history that covers an area larger than Lora's Head-of-the-Bay study. We are waiting to see if they can match her work ethic...

## NEW BOOKS AT THE RESOURCE CENTER

by Jesse Stewart

As reported in the December newsletter, we added over 230 books to our collection between September and December 2003. Well, we keep growing! Already in 2004, we have received these thirty six new resources:

- **Canada**—The Gulf Islanders (British Columbia) by Derek Reimer
- **Great Britain**—The Mabinogion (Wales) by Jones
- **New England**—The Yankee Exodus by Stewart H. Holbrook, Yankees Were Like This by Edith Austin Holton, The Yankee Whaler by Clifford W. Ashley and “NEXUS” newsletter of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.
- **Massachusetts**—It’s An Old Cape Cod Custom by Edwin Valentine Mitchell, Cape Cod Yesterdays by Joseph C. Lincoln, Time and The Town by Mary Heaton Vorse, A Pilgrim Returns to Cape Cod by Edward Roe Snow, I Retire to Cape Cod by Arthur W. Tarbell and The Devil in Massachusetts by Marion L. Starkey.
- **Missouri**—Missouri Family Histories and Genealogies, a Bibliography by David M. Hehir
- **New Hampshire**—November Rowen by Cornelius Weygandt
- **North Carolina**—The Formation of the North Carolina Counties 1663-1943 by Tom Camfield
- **South Dakota**—Mato Paha: Land of the Pioneers of Northwest Meade County, Central Meade County 1903-1963, Echoes Through the Valleys, Southwestern Meade County, and Cowboys and Sodbusters (Butte County)
- **Washington**—Sound and the Mountain by Roland Carey, The Sound of Steamers by Roland Carey,

Crosscut by the Centrum Foundation, Forts of the State of Washington by J. S. Whiting and Island County by Elizabeth H. Dodge.

- **Wisconsin**—Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter (miscellaneous issues)
- **Immigration**—American Immigration by Maldwyn Allen Jones

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- **Military**—Photographic History of Civil War Opening Battles by Blue Gray Press, Photographic History of Civil War Prisons & Hospitals by Blue Gray Press, and Civil War Reader by Richard Harwell

- **General Reference**—Signers of the Declaration of Independence: Biographical & Genealogical by Della Gray Barthelmos, The Americans: The Colonial

Experience by Daniel J. Boorstin and “Family History” magazine published by Everton

- **Family Histories**—Family histories on surnames; Calloun, Fitch, Oliphant, and Stewart.

### Thank You

Joan Buhler, Tom Camfield, George Denniston, Betty Kappler, Bud and Eileen Martin, Marge Samuelson and



Discovery Bay 4-H Group about 1955

Top row-Arleen Hoogstin, Ruby Northrup (leader), Lillian Horne (asst.)  
Second row-Marilyn Hoogstin, Lorraine Hunter, Bonnie Bowman  
Seated: Helen Northrup, Donna Bowman  
photo courtesy Lora Eccles

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- *May 6-Research Trip to Tacoma Public Library*
- *May 7-10:00 Executive Committee, Research Ctr.*
- *May 11-1:30 New England Group, Research Center.*
- *May 15- 9:30 Monthly Meeting, "Plan for the Future", Tri Area Community Center*
- *May 21-10:00 Southern Research Group, Research Center*
- *May 26- 10:00 Library Volunteers, Research Ctr.*
- *May 28-10:00 Internet Research, "Good Sites and How to Search", Research Center*

## MAY PROGRAM

### "PLAN FOR THE FUTURE"

*by Bev Brice*

In 1999 we sat down together and made a list of what we wanted the society to do. Part of the list included monthly meeting structure and program ideas, internet access, discussion groups, and new library location. A lot has happened since then. With hard work and good fortune we have accomplished many of our goals.

So now is the time to decide—where do we want to go from here? Come with your ideas and we will see where they lead us. Looking forward to seeing Round 2!



**8th Grade Graduation, 1939, Discovery Bay School**

Top- Ivan Hunter, Ed Telling, Jack Johnson, Jr. Cole  
Bottom- Mildred Brown, Jean Montross, Betty NcNeil, Jo Schmocker, George Perkins, Teacher *photo, courtesy Lora Eccles*



Left—Old Discovery Bay Rail Road Shed

Right— McCurdy Building , Taylor Street around 1887 with Delmonico Restaurant





# Jefferson County Genealogy Society

## Officers

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### Membership Dues

\$15 Single / \$20 Couple

#### Research Center Location

13692 Airport Cutoff Road

Hours: 11 to 4 Monday—Friday

Phone (360) 385-949

\$3.00 admission for non-members

*If your address label  
is highlighted  
you have NOT paid your  
2004 membership dues*

### Surname List

Tom Berg is maintaining a list of surnames being researched by members of our society. Send your updated list to:

P.O. Box 627,

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## Treasurer's Report

### Activity for November 25, 2003 to February 9, 2004

Checks # 780 to # 798

Beginning Balance \$ 5,063.26

Income \$ 806.06

Expense \$ 3,619.59\*

**Income less expense (\$ 2,813.53)**

\* purchased new film reader for \$2,981.49

### CD's

1 year \$ 578.30

6 month \$ 569.07

6 month \$ 770.85

1 year \$ 777.46

Checking \$ 2,249.73

Seattle Foundation \$77,434.79

**TOTAL ASSETS \$82,380.20**

Respectfully submitted, *Marge Samuelson*, JCHS Treasurer

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web site  
[www.rootsweb.com/  
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*Meetings: 3rd Saturday each  
month—9:30 AM  
Tri-Area Community Center,  
Chimacum, Washington*



**Old Discovery Bay  
Store around 1920's**

from left to right-  
Hired hand  
Mrs. Lundgren  
Mr. Lundgren

*photo courtesy  
Lora Eccles*