

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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JCGS MAKES MAJOR PURCHASE FOR LIBRARY

by Jesse Stewart

The Society purchased 15 new titles for the library in January and February. On the recommendation of Bev Brice, Librarian, the Executive Committee chose to fill in some gaps in the Library's collection focusing on areas being researched by club members. According to Bev,

"...we all had ancestors who immigrated to North America and many of us have southern connections. Our resources in these areas needed to be strengthened, and we were lucky to have some funds to build up our collection".

Many of the new materials are CDs, each of which has digitized and searchable images of a number of books relating to the area of study. What a wonderful way to review numerous books at once! For example, the CD Genealogical Records: Early West Virginia Settlers contains 15 books including Genealogies of West Virginia Families; Cabell County Annals & Families; Early Families in Grant & Pleasant Districts; Greenbrier Pioneers & Their Homes; Marriage Records of Berkeley County, VA; West Virginia Early Estate Settlements; West Virginians in the American Revolution among others.

Focus on Immigration

In one way or another, our ancestors immigrated to America from other countries—many from Europe. To complement the resources already available at the Research Center, this purchase included:

German Immigration

Passengers & Immigration Lists—Germans to America (1875-1888) (CD)

Germans to America—1850-1874 (CD) Immigration Records: German & Swiss Settlers in America 1700s-1800s (CD) A collection of 24 digitized books including Swiss Emigrants in the 18th Century, German Immigration into PA 1700-1775, Thirty Thousand Immigrant Names in PA 1727-1776, Germans of Colonial Georgia

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A sampling of the new books and CDs purchased by JCGS

JOAN BUHLER DESERVES THANKS

by Bev Brice

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society members started staffing the Historical Society Library about 1985. I am not sure just when Joan Buhler began working on Wednesdays—every Wednesday that is—but it was very close to this date.

Joan has decided that it is time to take a well earned break from this weekly responsibility. This does not mean she is sitting idly at home as she is still getting our mail and coming out once a week to do the research requests on behalf of the Society as well as continuing to proofread our research work and has recently added proofreading the newsletter to that task. This is in addition to her work landscaping around the Center described in an article on page 8.

Joan has been one of the very important anchors needed to keep the library operation going. She is not only an excellent researcher but very familiar with Jefferson County families. She knows where to find the “good stuff” in the Historical Society collection. Obviously we miss having her on duty every Wednesday. **THANK YOU JOAN** for all those years of keeping us on track, and for continuing to be such a strong supporter of JCGS.

CEMETERIES, OLD CHURCHES AND FUNERAL HOMES — GENEALOGISTS’ FAVORITE HAUNTS

Eileen Martin and Lora Eccles are “skulking” around the Jefferson County cemeteries to help JCGS update our indexes of burial sites.

Lora Eccles has been “haunting” dusty attics and basements for Jefferson County church records as part of her job as Research Coordinator. Lora has also organized a crew to “exhume” the last three years of funeral home records.

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VOLUNTEERING — WHERE THE ACTION IS

There are some interesting volunteer jobs available for the asking. Walking a cemetery is a short term project that involves teams of people working together. Once the field work is done, we need additional help in entering the information into the computer either working at the Center or at home.

How often do we find invaluable help in our research from someone who goes out of his or her way to share what they know? JCGS gives you a chance to “pay back” those kindnesses by becoming a Library Volunteer. This job has some good perks; you learn more about doing research, learn our library better (see what is there to benefit you), and become familiar with Jefferson County history and genealogy. We ask that you commit to training weekly for one month. Then we can set you up on a schedule that works for you. Give it some thought and let Bev Brice know if you would like to give it a try.

MAJOR PURCHASE FOR LIBRARY (CONT.)

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and more.

Irish Immigration

Irish Emigrants in North America Volumes 1 & 2 (book)

The Search for Missing Friends—Irish Immigrant Advertisements 1821-1920 (CD)

Digitized version of the original books.

Italian Immigration

Passenger & Immigration Lists—Italians to America 1880-1893 (CD)

New Southern Material

Our library collection is now more well rounded with the addition of titles related to research in the southern states. Many of our members had ancestors who spent at least some time in the south, where records are sometimes hard to find. We now have:

Marriage Index—KY, NC, TN, VA & W V 1728-1850 (CD) Courthouse records from many counties

Marriage Index—AL, GA, SC, 1641-1944 (CD) Courthouse indexes from many counties

Marriage Index—AR, MS, TX 1766—1981 (CD) Courthouse indexes from many counties

Early Louisiana Settlers (CD) Ten digitized books including The Canary Islands Migration to Louisiana, The Settlement of the German Coast, Census Tables for Louisiana 1600-1783, The New Orleans French 1720—1733, Louisiana Troops 1720-1770

Early West Virginia Settlers (CD)

Finding Your Quaker Ancestors

The Hinshaw series of books detailing Quaker records has been a boon to genealogists. Now, all 6 books are included in one CD—easily searchable by first and last name (Hinshaw's books only index surnames, so finding your John Smith can be very tedious!)

Members' Contributions

Members continue to make our collection great. Thanks to all the contributors listed on the sidebar of this page. Some of the new additions are:

Norway: dictionaries and several resource books

New England: First Settlers of New England; Boston Marriages 1752-1809

New York: 10,000 Vital Records of Western NY

Pennsylvania: Settler's Forts of Western PA: City Directories 1887-93 (selected cities & years); Bucks County PA Church Records of the 17th & 18th Centuries (Vol. 2)

Maryland: 1783 Tax List, Baltimore County; Moravian Families of Graceham, MD (Frederick County)

Virginia: Virginia Colonial Ancestors (CD of digitized books); 1787 Censuses for Shenandoah, New Kent & Northumberland Counties; Virginia Genealogical Research

Kentucky: Pendleton County Marriages

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Thanks for the books!

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DISCUSSION GROUPS, RESOURCE CORNERS AND RESEARCH TRIPS

Discussion Groups meet for an informal sharing of research problems and successes. The JCGS currently has two groups which meet regularly at the Resource Center. The Southern Group covers everything genealogical South of the Mason/Dixon Line. The Researching the States Group covers genealogical information related to working within a particular state. If you are researching in the state noted in the JCGS Calendar of Events come and share the fun and learn together.



Lora Eccles researching for the JCGS Genealogy Library

Resource Corners are informal classes on various research methods. The class in June features club member, Yvonne Weir, who has expertise in repairing books. She is willing to teach up to 8 members how to repair books. She will supply the materials necessary, you bring your book that needs help.

The resource corner for July addresses organizing your "genealogical stuff". Bring along samples of how you organize your family history "stuff". This includes all aspects of organization from Family Group Sheets to photos and working papers.

In August the subject is helpful programs for your computer. Sherry Kimbrough has made good use of so called, "add-on" computer programs to help with research. These are programs that work with the information in your genealogy software. An example is *Gensmarts*, but there are others as well. She is willing to share with us the ones she has used and how they work.

Research Trips are an excellent way to extend your genealogy research in the company of friends. The trip in June will be to the Tacoma Public Library which has an extensive catalog of genealogical resources. Their searchable catalog is on line at www.tpl.lib.wa.us. The August trip will be to the Seattle Public Library in its fascinating new building. Their catalog is on-line at <http://www.spl.org>. If you are interested in these trips see Jesse Stewart at:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE — JULY — AUGUST

June 3rd, Friday 10:00 AM	Library Committee Meeting	Research Center
June 6th, Monday	Trip to Tacoma Public Library	Tacoma
June 10, Friday, 10:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Research Center
June 14th, Tuesday 10:00 AM	Researching in the States: Wisconsin	Research Center
June 17th, Friday 10:00 AM	Southern Discussion Group	Research Center
June 18th, Saturday 9:30 AM	Monthly Meeting: Brick Wall Discussion Help your fellow members	Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum
June 24th, Friday 10:00 AM	Resource Corner: Learn to Repair Books with Yvonne Weir	Research Center
June 30th, Thursday 10:00 AM	Library Volunteer Meeting	Research Center
July 12th, Tuesday 10:00 AM	Researching the States: Missouri	Research Center
July 15th, Friday 10:00 AM	Southern Discussion Group	Research Center
July 16th, Saturday 9:30 AM	Monthly Meeting: Creating An Oral History Group Discussion	Tri-Area Community Center Chimacum
July 28th, Thursday 10:00 AM	Library Volunteer Meeting	Research Center
July 29th, Friday 10:00 AM	Resource Corner: Organizing Your Research	Research Center
August 1st, Monday	Research Trip to Seattle Public Library	Seattle
August 9th, Tuesday 10:00 AM	Researching in the States: Indiana	Research Center
August 12th, Friday 10:00AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Research Center
August 15th Monday	Deadline for Newsletter Articles	email to plumwild@olypen.com
August 19th, Friday 10:00 AM	Southern Discussion Group	Research Center
August 20th, Saturday 9:30 AM	Annual Potluck Picnic Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert with your favorite beverage	170 Lopeman Road, Port Hadlock
August 25th, Friday 10:00 AM	Resource Corner: Add-on Genealogy Computer Programs with Sherry Kimbrough	Research Center

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

by Marge Samuelson

A good place to look for family stories is in the pages of the local newspaper.

As recorded in the files of the *Port Townsend Leader*...

Fifty Years Ago

Quakers expected— Members of the Commercial Club were told yesterday that in all probability, Jefferson County will soon have among its citizens, a colony of Oklahoma Quakers who will improve at least 1,000 acres of now latent soil. That assurance came from G. A. Adams, a representative of the colony, and was fortified with the statement that even though the colony does not locate here, the city may depend upon having Mr. Adams for a citizen.

Saloon Closed— The village of Hadlock is now a no-license town. Such a condition was brought about yesterday by the Board of County Commissioners in revoking the license under which W. M. Glaster and Korter Brothers operated two saloons there. E. P. Blake, manager of the Washington Mill Co., was the leading petitioner for the closing, on the grounds the establishments were detrimental to the best interests of the village.

Forty Years Ago

Hurt in Fall—Word was Welch has sustained injuries in a fall into a crevasse of Humes glacier, on the southern side of Mount Olympus. Welch is one of a party of four who left here on a trip to the mountains last week.

Shoots Bear—Maurice Thomas, 12 year old Leland boy, recently killed a 200 pound black bear near his home. He bagged the animal with a 30-30 rifle he was carrying while on search for the family cows. The carcass sold for \$15 to a Seattle Market.

House Party—Dr. and Mrs. Baylis H. Earle entertained a house party of young girls at Diamond Point this week for their daughter Anne. Among those attending were Miss Helen Kinkaid, Miss Francel Hill, Miss Adele Maas and Miss Edith Slayton.

Thirty Years Ago

Boozers Bamboozled—How many hundred quarts of "choice" bottle-in-bond "Old Crow Whiskey" have been guzzled by the sly Volstead violators in Port Townsend and Chiacum Valley in the last few months? Some of the purchasers of this choice supply will be painfully surprised to learn of Sheriff Chase's capture at C... C... 's Place at Irondale, where five bottles of faked, whiskey-colored Moonshine stuff, was taken together with a supply of Old Crow labels, blue foil bottle caps, corks and other paraphernalia. C... was fined the usual \$250 and costs, which he is serving out in the county jail.

Jitney Service—Manager Sam McGee of the City Transfer Co. has announced that he will resume the jitney service to Quilcene beginning Sunday.

Attend Convention—Local legionnaires attending the state convention at Longview this week include Tony Sofie, Jr., Dennis Sullivan, Dr. George Bangerter, Paul DeChamplain, Frank Kroeger, Mike Castellano, Wilbur Kendall, W. T. Martin, John O'Dell and E. E. Rairdon.



What was showing at the local theater in 1956

"A good place to look for family stories is in the pages of the local newspaper."

MAJOR PURCHASES FOR LIBRARY (CONT.)

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Illinois: [Hamilton & White County Marriages](#); [The Yankee Settlement—Villages of Vergennes](#)

Wisconsin: [Places & Faces in Marquette County](#) (newspaper selections); [The Emigrants Handbook and Guide to Wisconsin](#)

Minnesota: [Indexes to the 1888 & 1900 Plat books of Renville County](#); [Indexes to Cemeteries of Renville County](#)

Washington: [Washington Territory](#) (includes information on Oregon)

Civil War: [Official Military Atlas of the Civil War](#)

Instruction: [Genealogy Source Book](#); [Using Land Records](#); [Immigrant Ancestors From Europe—a Research Study Guide](#); [More Brick wall Solutions](#)

General Information: [American Colonies](#)

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY (CONT.)

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Retains Crown—Walter Swanson of Brinnon retained his claim to the world log-rolling championship after defeating his brother in final competition for the Cloquet belt at North Lake near Tacoma, last week.

Buchillo Injured—Dan Buchillo received a badly bruised leg but no serious injuries Sunday when he was run over by the tram used to pull fishermen's boats ashore on the beach at Fort Worden.

If you haven't been to the Research Center for a while, you'll probably find something to help you in your research. Come on it and check out the collection. What are you waiting for?"

New "Photo-Management" Program Big Help to Genealogists

by Karen Driscoll

A relatively new computer program called "Picasa" has a lot to offer genealogists. The program is a photo management software from Google that helps you find, edit and share your pictures in seconds. Even if you already have a digital photo program to import pictures from your digital camera into your computer and you already have a great photo editing program like Photoshop, you will still find this program very useful, I believe.

As you import digital pictures from your camera and scan in images they gradually accumulate in a number of folders. Sometimes when you name them or edit them they are saved to a default folder that is hard to find later. Gradually what started out as something fairly straightforward can turn into a filing mess. Picasa is the solution. Picasa, immediately upon being downloaded onto your computer, searches your hard drive and collects all your pictures into one easily managed, beautifully organized place. This file does not disturb your original files on your hard drive in any way—it just sets them up in an organized little library of thumb-nail pictures that you can edit, rearrange into special purpose folders, label, present as a slideshow or timeline, give on a gift CD and on and on. You may be able to do all these function already, but with Picasa you can do them much more easily and efficiently.

The edit program is much simpler to use than Photoshop and at the same time more powerful than the programs that come with your digital camera. One of

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MORE THAN JUST FAMILY TREES ARE NOW GROWING AT THE RESEARCH CENTER

100 new trees and other plants have recently been planted at the Research Center thanks to the efforts of Lora Eccles and Joan Buhler. They arranged to obtain some of the plants from the Jefferson County Conservation District and were out there for two weeks straight digging holes. Lately the trick has been to keep them watered. They are planted along the building and along the back edge of the parking lot, with a forsythia to the right as you go down the hill to the highway.

Just like with our research, we will have to be patient to see the full effect, but it is a wonderful addition to the Research Center. They join the other plantings these two have done around the building and the power box in the last year and a half.

A very big **THANK YOU TO**
Lora and Joan.



GENEALOGY CLASSES COMING SOON

Beginning Genealogy Class will be held the month of October. It is scheduled for Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30, October 1st through 31st at the Research Center. This is a very fine, comprehensive class for beginners or for anyone wanting to brush up on his or her skills. It is taught by two experienced and proficient genealogists, Bev Brice and Eileen Martin. If Monday afternoons are not a good time for you, please let Bev or Eileen know.

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“PHOTO MANAGEMENT” PROGRAM (CONT.)

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my favorite features is the button called “I’m Feeling Lucky”. Click this and Picasa will change your picture’s color and contrast to produce what it thinks is the ideal image. If you don’t like the results just “unclick”. You will be amazed at what it can do to an old color photo. I took a digital photo of an old, very faded but precious watercolor and then submitted it to the “Lucky” process. Judge the results for yourself... and it looks even better full sized!

I’ve saved the best news for last...the program is completely FREE! No junky ads, no other unwanted stuff. To download the program just google “Picasa” and follow the directions from there. You can also download a user’s guide.



photo of old painting as it looks now



Same photo after one click on Picasa

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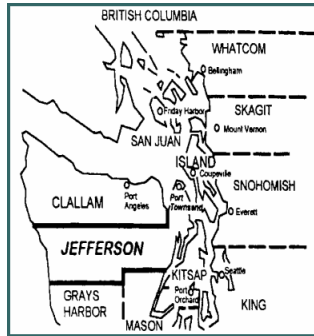
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Dues

Membership Dues
\$15 Single/\$20 Couple

Research Center Location

13692 Airport Cutoff Road
Hours: 11 to 4 Tuesday-Saturday
Phone (360) 385-9495
\$4.00 admission for non-members
\$2.00 children



Surname List

Tom Berg is maintaining a list of surnames being researched by members of our society. Send your updates to P.O. Box 627 Port Townsend, WA 98368-0627

Treasurer's Report-Respectfully submitted by Marge Samuelson, May 18, 2005
February 22,2005–May 18, 2005 Checks #988 –997

Beginning Balance	\$6900.15
Income	\$2542.90
Expenses	\$761.61
Income less expenses	\$1781.29

6 month CD	\$569.07
1 year CD	\$772.77
6 month CD	\$778.77
1 year CD	\$579.02
Checking	\$8,681.44
Seattle Foundation	\$90,918.21
Total	\$102,298.94

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Meetings:

*3rd Saturday
every month
9:30 AM*

*Tri-Area
Community Center*

*Chimacum,
Washington*

**Visitors
Welcome**

**CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOK STORE AT THE
RESEARCH CENTER**

by Karen Driscoll

Just inside the entrance of the Research Center, a slender bookcase has been labeled "The Research Center Bookstore". This small "store" contains a fascinating assortment of books and pamphlets about Jefferson County history that deserves your attention.

These books would make wonderful gifts for visiting friends who are curious about this area as well as for newcomers who have recently settled in the county. Or perhaps you don't know the local history as well as you would like.

It makes it so much more interesting to live in an area when you know something about its past. Ordinary streets and buildings take on a whole new look when they are "colored in" by your mind's eye with the stories they have to tell. We live in an amazing, historic area full of great ghosts—some admirable and some scoundrels but all worth knowing.

Proceeds from the sales go to help support the Research Center.

