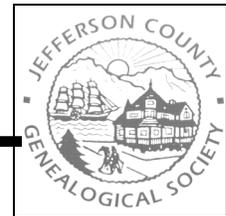


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SOCIAL HISTORY

ELEANOR STEELE JOHNSTON

The first woman to cross the United States by stagecoach with her children.

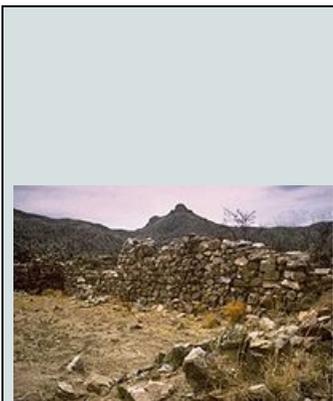
By Betty Burdyslaw

The web is a wonderful way to find historical information and occasionally help one find tidbits about their own family members. One such treasure came to me while browsing the Rootsweb.com message board function. I was looking to see if there were any postings regarding a couple of my great, great, great grandparents Thomas McConnell Johnston and his wife Eleanor Steele Johnston when I spotted a message stating that Eleanor was the first woman to cross the United States with her children on the Butterfield Stage Coach in 1860.

I already knew that Eleanor Steele was born in Williamson Co. TN in 1815, had married Thomas Johnston in 1837 in Springfield, MO and died in 1899 in Napa, CA and that she had a daughter Mary Elizabeth Johnston, who would become my great, great grandmother. I really didn't know anything about her life. The little clue about the Butterfield Stage Coach led me to search the web where I found a couple of interesting articles. (The main article about the trip refers to Eleanor and Thomas as Johnson rather than Johnston but all of the children and in-laws names fit.)

Thomas McConnell Johnston was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and his ministry took him to California to publish a newspaper in 1859. Eleanor and their 4 younger children, ages 18, 16, 4, and 3 began their journey to join him. I found an article that states that "The Rev. Johnson left his family in Missouri and traveled to California with a wagon train. At the time there was little hope that his wife and four children would be joining him in a couple of years. But Preachers then, as now, were led by the spirit, and that's how come him to go." The article goes on to state "It's easy to imagine Nellie Steele Johnson's excitement at the prospect of going by stagecoach all the way to California, and in about twenty-five days! But it is doubtful if she realized the importance of her place in the history of the great venture, for she was the first white woman to make the trip from Missouri to California via the Butterfield Stage."

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The remains of the Butterfield station at Apache Pass, Arizona.

[Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia]

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

JESSE STEWART

Well, we made it through another winter. Although it wasn't much of one this year, I hope you took the opportunity to hibernate and take some time with your genealogical research!

We've had a busy first few months of 2010 at JCGS. Our members have given of their time and put on great programs at our monthly meetings. Marge Samuelson's reconstruction of the lives of her Civil War ancestors was creative and entertaining – not to mention informative. In February, Al Standish, Marge Samuelson, Bev Brice, Lorrell Louchard and Barb Larsen helped us understand what happened on the home front during times of war – very insightful. And, Pam Wilson helped us learn to conduct an oral history – an important tool for gathering information about the people themselves.

Our 2010 seminar, *Military Records Through the Eyes of a Genealogist*, was a success. Al Standish, our Treasurer, reports that although not all expenses are yet accounted for, it appears we made some money for the Society. But these educational opportunities are about more than making money – they are about providing new information and insights for our members. For me, it made me think about my ancestors, both direct and collateral, who served their country from the Revolutionary War through World War II, and appreciate what they did to make it possible for me to spend my time learning about them.

In addition, we have had very successful Resource Corners on a number of topics useful to furthering our family history research – using circumstantial evidence and censuses as well as some tips and tricks for using Microsoft Word. New discussion groups were started – one on New England research and one for users of RootsMagic genealogy software. Several trips were made by groups to Fiske Genealogy Library to take advantage of their “seminars” and strong collection of books. Don't forget – you can initiate a discussion group or trip to a local library; just send out a message on our e-mail list to find others of like mind!

Sherry Kimbrough, a volunteer at the Research Center, and her husband Landon, our webmaster, moved “across the water”. Sherry found time for JCGS in her busy work schedule to “man” the library and has conducted training and resource corners for us. We miss her cheery disposition, and invite her to visit often. Landon has graciously agreed to continue supporting our website – THANK YOU BOTH for your support of JCGS!

Al Standish as our Treasurer reports: “As you may know, American Marine Bank, where some of our CDs were held, was taken over February 1st by Columbia State Bank, resulting in a dramatic decrease in CD rates. We reinvested our affected funds with Frontier Bank. Meanwhile the gradual improvement in the economy has led to a modest rise in our holdings with the Seattle Foundation where we closed 2009 with \$97,100. As of the end of March, our CDs and savings stand at \$25,028.36 with about \$4,000 currently available for operating funds. These plus dues and an anticipated disbursement from the Seattle Foundation will support our subscriptions (such as Ancestry.com), book purchases, computer systems maintenance, programs, rent and utilities. Recall that the bulk of our CDs are reserved for furnishings to be installed in our section of the planned addition to the Historical Society Research Center.”

Our Education Committee has great things in store for us in the coming months, so be sure to join us for monthly meetings and resource corners. We'll be focusing on using Social History as an adjunct to the names, dates and places in our genealogy research. The article by Betty Burdyschaw in this newsletter sets the stage perfectly – who were these people, especially the women, who braved the unknown? Let's not forget the life stories of those incredible females who made us who we are!

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

BEV BRICE

How do we decide what books belong in our library? Not an easy question but over the years we have come up with the following criteria:

A priority will be Jefferson County resources and regional materials appropriate to supporting Jefferson County research. May be purchased with JCGS funds.

A second priority will be resources that will support sound genealogical research. These will cover a broad area of general reference and can be shaped by changes in membership needs over time. These materials are designed to "give people a place to start" in their research. May be purchased with JCGS funds.

Resources covering specific areas of research in the United States and abroad will also be part of the collection. The acquisition of these materials will be primarily supported by member donations and by a matching purchase plan. The matching plan allows members to pay half the cost and the society pays the other half. The books will be the property of the society, but the donating member has first opportunity for use.

We will not take periodicals unless it is a full year's donation or the prospect of the full year coming in the future. Each donation will, of course, be evaluated on its relevancy to researchers.

Newsletters that we receive from other societies that do not include genealogical content will be removed at the end of the year.

We will not take reference books that are mainly "address references" when up to date information is available on-line.

We will not accept partial copies from records unless they are of significant size to be useful to researchers.

We will not accept Family Newsletters unless from Jefferson County families.

We encourage members to donate resources they no longer need that match these criteria. We are also always open for ideas of what you would like us to purchase with your society's funds. Our budget for this year is \$750. Leave a note for me at the Library with your thoughts.

Another way you can contribute is through the 50/50 purchase plan.

In times when money is tight, what could be better than splitting the cost of a book you want to use in your research. Tell us what you want along with the price, and if we think it fits in the library, we split the cost. You get to use it for 6 weeks and then it goes on the shelf at the Research Center for others to use as well. There is a form to fill out at the Research Center or email Lorrell louchard@hotmail.com.

References for Social History in the JCGS Library

Unlike some Genealogical Libraries, we include books in our collection that provide background for the lives of our ancestors. There are way too many to list, but let me give you an idea of what you will find. Be open minded in your search for these resources. Many of the books are included in the US-Gen category on the shelves, but some can be found in the state or county of interest.

It is particularly difficult to find out about the lives of our female ancestors. To help you out, we have several books that talk about the western pioneer woman's experiences. The series of books under the framework or "Everyday Life" cover time periods in England and discuss how people lived and what they thought about in different time periods in America. These are found in the US-Gen section.

Have you ever wondered what epidemics hit the area where your family lived? We have 3 books on this topic that give an idea of what it was like. You will find references to these experiences in County Histories as well. What about natural disasters like major storms or earthquakes? You will find *When the Mississippi Ran Backward* about the 1811-1812 New Madrid earthquake, *Historic Storms of New England*, and *The Children of the Blizzard* about the Northern plains area in 1888. The depression of the 1930s left a lasting impact on families, so look at *The Worst Hard Times*. There are several books describing the experience of being held as captives by Native Americans. These are on the shelves under the US-Gen category as well as US-New England.

A classic reference that many of us go back to time after time is *Albion's Seed*. An in depth discussion of the cultural traits of four groups that emigrated from England in Colonial times: East Anglia to Massachusetts, the South of England to Virginia, North Midlands to the Delaware, and Boarderlands to the backcountry. What a help it is to understand the characteristics of these groups of families. It can explain a lot about where they lived, what their life experiences were, and even what kind of relationships existed within the family.

Barb Larson's book review this issue gives a feeling for a mode of transportation and the taverns that were such an important part of Colonial life. And so it goes, a treasure trove of great reading awaits you. These resources add the really fun part to your family history. Enjoy.

DON'T MISS IT!

JCGS has a full schedule of events for the coming quarter. You can refer to the calendar in this issue for dates and times (don't forget to mark your calendars), but some of the special things coming up include our monthly meetings, discussion groups and resource corners:

New Members

WELCOME!

Stan Howell

Robert L. Garten

Eileen Johnson

Tom Kintner

O'Neill D. Louchard

Kathie Norvell

Ernest Sauerland

Emily Shelton

Lynne Sterling

Michael Eidlin

Julie Bleakley

RESOURCE CORNERS:

MAY: We all know the obvious, avoid adopting research from an online source that gives the father's birth after the child's birth. There is more to think about than that, however, and Jesse Stewart will be pointing out some of the traps to avoid.

JUNE: History and Social History are invaluable aids in our research. Not only do they give us the background that we need, but they also provide important clues for successful research. Shirley Beebe has consistently used these sources in her research. She will be sharing examples of how it can be done.

JULY: Researching in Europe presents a different set of challenges with the diverse organization of records and language barriers being two that come to mind. Ginny Majewski has agreed to share her experiences in how to successfully research in Europe.

AUGUST: Social Networking is the hot topic these days with lots of new ways to look at information on the web. Since many of us have not kept up with the offerings, Claire Smith has agreed to show how this was helpful in solving some of her difficult research problems.

Discussion Groups:

Roots Magic Support Group: appropriate for those who use the Roots Magic genealogy software or for those who want to get an idea of how it works. Questions such as: how to enter source information, creating custom reports, and editing sentence structure will be addressed.

No question is too mundane to ask, the purpose of the group is to share our experiences using the software. Along with your questions, bring a laptop if you have one, but this isn't essential.

Writing Your Family History Discussion Group: What has emerged over the time we have met is the wide diversity of styles for presenting your family research and stories. Those who have put ideas on the page and those who are just thinking about doing so find the group helpful. Everyone is welcome.

New England Discussion Group: Defined as the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and a spillover into New York since so many people migrated that way. The depth of information available for researchers in the area is astounding. We share what we have found to be useful and are good at listening to research problems. If you had ancestors in this area, do join us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER * OCTOBER * NOVEMBER

| DATE | ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED |
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| May 1 | Roots Magic Support Group |
| May 7 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| May 8 | Writing Your Family |
| May 14 | Education committee Meeting |
| May 15 | Monthly Meeting: Betsy Howell "Researching Civil War Ancestors" |
| May 28 | New England Discussion Group |
| May 29 | Resource Corner: "Evaluating online Genealogical Data." |
| June 4 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| June 5 | Root's Magic Support Group |
| June 11 | Education Committee Meeting |
| June 19 | General Meeting: "The Forgotten Women" panel discussion |
| June 24 | Volunteer Meeting |
| June 25 | New England Discussion Group |
| June 31 | Resource Corner: "Using Social History in your Research" |
| July 2 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| July 3 | Roots Magic Support Group |
| July 9 | Education Committee Meeting |
| July 10 | Writing Your Family History Discussion Group |
| July 17 | General Meeting Garry Zimmerman "Social History" |
| July 30 | New England Discussion Group |
| July 31 | Resource Corner: "Researching in Europe." |
| August 6 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| August 7 | Roots Magic Support Group |
| August 12 | Library Committee Meeting |
| August 13 | Education Committee Meeting |
| August 14 | Writing Your Family History Discussion Group |
| August 21 | NO MEETING IN AUGUST |
| August 26 | Volunteer Meeting |
| August 27 | New England Discussion Group |
| August 28 | Resource Corner: "New Social Networking; New online research tools." |

ELEANOR STEELE JOHNSTON

The first woman to cross the United States by stagecoach with her children.

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I suspect that any excitement soon turned to weariness. A web article about the Butterfield's Stagecoach states:

"The passengers rode three abreast, squeezed into back and middle rows, both facing forward, and into a forward row, facing rearward. The facing passengers in the forward and middle rows had to ride with their knees dovetailed. All the passengers rode with baggage on their laps and mail pouches beneath their feet. They travelled relentlessly, day and night, with no more than brief moments at way stations for often poor food and no rest. They suffered, not from brief dust and snow storms, but from continual heat and choking dust in the summer and intense cold and occasional snow in the winter."

The Butterfield Stage Coach operated for only two and one half years(1857-1861) to deliver mail and transported passengers to increase their profits. It was much faster than travel by wagon train on the California/Oregon Trail which typically took months. The Butterfield

Tipton, MO and traveled a southerly route to Fort Smith, AR across Indian Country (now Oklahoma), Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and up the California Coast to San Francisco, all in 25 days of bone wearying, cramped conditions. Anyone traveling any distance in a car with a toddler in modern times can imagine what it must have been like to take on a trip with young children under such conditions. It doesn't sound like a pleasant undertaking by any means.

Back to the article about Eleanor, it states: "Mrs. Nellie Steele Johnson, started the trip from the home of her brother William Steele, whose home was just off the Butterfield Trail in Stone County, MO." The article says that "The women folks in the family cooked and fixed up a great basket of food, "grub" is what it was called then, to take along on the trip." It goes on to say that in the excitement of catching the stagecoach, the basket was left behind.

"At one point on the way the stagecoach was stopped by a band of Indians. They wanted to see the white children riding on the coach and when their wish was granted, the coach was allowed to continue on its way. Margaret remembered that incident and told of it a numbers of times. It was a rugged trip." Margaret was the oldest of the children (16 at the time.)

What a treasure it was to find such an interesting story about a grandparent I knew next to nothing about. One must admire the courage and determination our ancestors endured. (Now I need to find out how Nellie's older daughter, my great, great grandmother Mary Elizabeth Johnston McGinnis made it to California. She and her new husband were in Missouri when her mother and younger siblings made the stage coach trip out but they followed not too long after. It's probably too much to hope that I'd find another adventure.)

Sources:

First Woman Traveler on Butterfield Stage by Mary Scott Hair, Published in the White River Valley Historical Quarterly, Volume 6, Number 9, Fall 1978. (Found on the internet by googling Nellie Steele Johnson.)
Stories about the Butterfield Stage can be found by googling the Butterfield Stage Coach.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Barb Way

Our second period theme will be "Social History".

For May's meeting we will have our own Betsy Howell. Betsy wrote "Acoustic Shadows" "Men at War" and a "Daughter Who Remembers Them". She will talk about her journey of researching her great-great grandfather's civil war history and her father's WWII service and how this research evolved into her memoir.

In June we will have a panel of several of our members led by Eileen Martin sharing the letters and journals of their female ancestors. The title of this panel is "The Forgotten Women".

July brings us Gary Zimmerman with a talk on Social History and its relationship to genealogy. Gary has been with us on many occasions and always gives an interesting talk. We look forward to seeing him again.

In August there is no general meeting planned.

JEFFERSON COUNTY RESEARCH

Jefferson County Directories 1872-1956 help you find MORE than where your ancestor lived.



Recently additional years of the /Port Townsend/Jefferson County Directories have been indexed by surname. These directories are very different from what we think of as Telephone Books today. Bruce Freeland and Peggy Manspeaker Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center volunteers and Lesa Barnes, a JCGS volunteer have been hard at work. Early Jefferson County directories from 1887-1956 were indexed by JCGS volunteer Tom Berg and now the combined efforts of JCHS and JCGS volunteers are adding 1872, 1878, and more years to 1956. Not every year is available.

In 1878 one can learn the name of the person listed, whether they were a bachelor or bachelorette, married living with spouse or married living alone, a widow or widower, occupation, and place of birth. No residences are listed here, but by 1887 the address of the residence and of business location are included along with the occupation. Sorry the place of birth is not included in any other year. As you can see, information changes year by year. Some of the directories are only for the City of Port Townsend and some include residents in the County.

Another really fun part of these directories are the ads. If your family had a business, look at what you might find.

Are your families in the directories? We have indexed all these directories by surname and first name in what we call The Kiosk—a computerized database that allows us to search 16 categories of records instantly. Come into the Research Center to see what we have for your families. If you are unable to come, then visit our website www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs and print off a research request form. Send it with \$7.50 for an individual record or \$10 an hour for a record search (\$20 if you are not a member)



JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

MARION LAMBERT VINCENT—HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

Marion Lambert Vincent is well known to old time Jefferson County residents. An historian, and author of "The Dungeness Massacre," and "The Seven Brothers of the House of Ste-Tee-Thlum" a collection of Indian legends. Her ancestry goes back to the time of the American Revolution, she claimed five Indian chiefs and three Indian princesses in her lineage. She tells the story of two white women, shipwrecked near the Ozette Indian village on the Washington coast in 1775 whose lives were spared by the Indians. One became the wife of a Clallam chieftain. She was known as Sally the first. Their daughter was called Sally the second. Sally the third, wife of a Chimacum chief, whose village was on the east side of Discovery Bay, was Mary Ann's maternal grandmother. Mary Ann's mother, Annie Jacobs, was only fifteen when she married Charlie Lambert born Carl Lunebourg, a native of Sweden and forty years her senior. Charlie died in 1887 leaving Annie, age 23, with four children to raise.

On the delayed birth certificates for three of the children we find the following: Cynthia Lambert born 4 Jan 1882 at Port Townsend, Father Charles Lambert, born Sweden, color or race, white, age 46. Mother: Annie Jacobs born Port Discovery, color or race, Clallam Indian, age 20. The sworn affidavits were given by Marion L. Vincent and Frank E. Vincent her husband in 1947. The delayed birth record for Charles Augustus Lambert, born 16 Jan 1884 gives: Father, Charles Lambert of Port Townsend, color or race, white, age 48, born Sweden, occupation: Merchant. Mother: Annie Jacobs Lambert, of Port Townsend, color or race, white, born in Port Townsend, occupation, housewife. Annie Lambert Reyes, his mother gave the affidavit, dated 20 Jul 1941, Clallam County. Evidently Annie Jacobs Lambert had remarried. Annie died 1 Jul 1946 in Port Townsend.

The third child, Tillie Lambert's delayed birth certificate, born 20 Jul 1886 at Port Discovery Father, Charles Lambert, born Stockholm, Sweden, color or race, white, age 65, Mother, Annie Jacobs, Port Discovery WA, color or race, white, age 24. The affidavit was signed by Marion Lambert Vincent, sister, and Cynthia L. Larsen, sister. I could not find a record for Marion Lambert's birth. The discrepancies in their father's age and their mother's color may just be a lapse of memory, but it's interesting how hard it is to discover the real answers from such documents.

The following information is from her obituary in the October 1966 Peninsula Daily News. Marion was born in 1880 in Port Townsend, went to the old Mill school at Uncas, a small community at Discovery Bay and Port Townsend; also at Haskell Institute, Lawrence Kansas, followed by a course in nursing at New York. She served as matron at Fort Mojave in Arizona; later she held the position of girls matron at the Colville school. While living at Waterbury CT she married Thomas Mayer, they had four children. She married Frank Vincent in December of 1921, he was a well-known outdoorsman who died in 1947. After Frank's death she moved to Blyn WA not far from her parents property. In addition to English she spoke three Indian tongues: Clallam, Chinook and Mojave. Marion Lambert Vincent died in October of 1966.

Marge Samuelson

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

SOCIAL HISTORY

A small selection from
the JCGS Library

Women's Diaries of
the Westward Journey

Victorian America:
Transformations in
Everyday Life
1876-1915

Westering Women
& The Frontier
Experience
1800-1915

The Reshaping of
Everyday Life
1790-1840

Home Life in
Colonial Days

Albion's Seed

Everyday Life in
Early America

Cherokee Trail Diaries

English Women's
Clothing in the
Nineteenth Century

| Title | Author | Comments |
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| GERMAN RELIGIOUS LIFE IN COLONIAL TIMES | Lucy Bittinger | Religion in Germany and various religious groups in Colonies |
| INDEX TO U.S. MARSHALLS 1789-1960 | Nigel D. White | From National Archive Records |
| DENIZATIONS AND NATURALIZATIONS IN THE BRITISH COLONIES IN AMERICA 1670-1775 | Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck | Naturalizations English and colonial sources |
| WHEN THE MISSISSIPPI RAN BACKWARD | Jay Feldmon | 1811-1812 the New Madrid earthquake with information on the Mississippi River area |
| THE GREAT MIGRATION IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ENGLAND 1634-1635 Vol 6 R-S SURNAMES | Robert Charles Anderson | Latest in series |
| THE WILDERNESS ROAD | Robert L Kincaid Jay Monaghan | Description of travel through the Cumberland Gap |
| FINDING THEIR WAY FROM THE GREAT ROAD TO THE WILDERNESS ROAD 1745-1796 | Mary B. Kegley | Discussion of road Conditions. |
| GENEALOGY & HISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA CD | | 18 books various county histories and gazetteer |
| GENEALOGY & HISTORY OF THE STATE OF KANSAS CD | | 15 books, various county histories, Civil War Regimental history, tales and sketches early settlers. |
| THE SHAKER COMMUNITIES OF KENTUCKY | James W. Hooper | Images of America book with photographs and text. |
| THE JOURNAL OF JOHN WINTHROP 1630-1649 | Richard Dunn Laetitia Yeandle | Original journal. |
| HENRY COUNTY MISSOURI | | History Henry and St. Claire Counties, maps and 1913 statistics Henry County |
| HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY DATA RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT & SETTLERS OF NEW JERSEY & THEIR DESCENDANTS. | | Stillwell's genealogies. |
| GENEALOGY & HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY NY CD | | Gazetteer and 3 histories plus North country history including St. Lawrence, Oswego, Lewis and Franklin Counties. |
| THE OHIO FRONTIER | R. Douglas Hurt | Life and conditions before 1800. |

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

| Title | Author | Comments |
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| EARLIEST TENNESSEE LAND RECORDS AND EARLIEST TENNESSEE LAND HISTORY | Irene M. Griffey | Public Land Grants listed. |
| EAST TENNESSEE TAX RECORDS INDEX VOL. 1 WASHINGTON CO. 1778-1821 | Geoffrey D. Rasmussen | Gives name, year and location. |
| THE SOU'WESTER 1982, 1987, 1988 | Pacific County Historical Society | Historical Society Quarterly |
| THE HISTORY OF WISCONSIN FROM EXPLORATION TO STATEHOOD VOL. 1 | Alice E. Smith | Comprehensive history, completes set. |
| THE HISTORY OF WISCONSIN, THE PROGRESSIVE ERA 1892-1914 VOL. IV | John D. Buenker | Comprehensive history, completes set. |
| VICTORIAN FASHION IN AMERICA | Kristina Harris | For photo identification. |
| AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF HAIRSTYLES 1830-1930 | Marian I. Doyle | For photo identification. |
| THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS | Elizabeth Wilson Lou Taylor | For photo identification |
| DOING ORAL HISTORY | Donald R. Hickey | Excellent detailed history |
| THE WAR OF 1812 | A.J. Langguth | War of 1812 told through important people of the era. |
| LIFE DURING THE CIVIL WAR | David Norris | Social history of soldiers and civilians, not detailed but evocative ie: medicine, fund raising. |
| PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR | Miller | Military pictures source for uniforms and information on companies. |
| STAGE COACH AND TAVERN DAYS | Alice Morse Earle | Social history of mode of transportation and place of taverns in community life. |
| COWS ON THE LANDSCAPE AND A MILKMAN AT YOUR DOOR: DAIRY IN UNION COUNTY 1900-2005 | Union County Historical Society | Social history of farms and dairy operations anywhere this time period. |

ATTENTION JEFFERSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Books, magazines, and CDs in the JCGS collection can be checked out for two weeks by members. This does not include members books on loan. There are computers available for use by members, subscriptions include Ancestry, library edition; Footnote; New England Historic Genealogical Society; Newspaper Archives. For what's new at these sites see page 10. There are also volunteers available to help you with your research.

Good research starts in a genealogy library.

What's New on the Web

Ancestry

Ancestry continues to add titles from many foreign sources – beware, many are in the original language! It seems as if the German databases include genealogies, histories and actual civil and church records. For France, there are databases for Allier, Paris and Upper Brittany births, marriages & deaths; and for Italy, civil registrations 1866-1938 for the Piedmont area. Titles for Australia include references for Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales. Wonderful information for England such as Birmingham Pub Blacklist (1903-6); Gretna Green, Scotland Marriages 1795-1895; De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (1914-24); Ireland Casualties of WW I; Alien Arrivals in England (1794-1921 & 1810-1811) are all new. Canadian researchers will be happy that the 1861 Census as well as Ocean Arrivals for 1919-1924 have been added.

But closer to home, new databases include the 1880 federal schedule of defective, dependent and delinquent classes for some states have been added; Volumes 1 & 2 for US Public Records Index (1950-93); Connecticut Divorces (1968-1997); Vermont birth, marriage & death (1909-2008); the Nebraska State Census 1860-1885 and US Navy Cruise Books (1950-88). US Federal censuses – probably the indexes - for a number of years have been updated.

What's new at New England Historical and Genealogical Society

Change in magazine title from New England Ancestors to *AMERICAN ANCESTORS*. The publication's name change reflects a growing realization that the research interests of NEHGS members can't be neatly confined within the geographical boundaries of New England.

Register now available in PDF Format!

In response to member requests, NEHGS is pleased to present a fully searchable, print-formatted, downloadable version of the *Register*, a journal published from 1847-2009. Many years of genealogies, histories, and record abstracts.

There do not appear to be new databases added to the website in recent months. Apparently a major change is in the works.

Footnote

WWII US Air Force Photos and interactive World War II collection, which includes an interactive version of the

USS Arizona Memorial

WWII Hero Pages

WWII photos documents previously unavailable on the internet

Missing Air Crew Reports

Civil War and Later Veterans Pension Index and Civil War "Widows' Pensions"

Pennsylvania Archives

Revolutionary War Service Records

Peel's Prairie Provinces <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/Henderson.html>

Henderson's Directory with information on people and cities in Alberta, Manitoba, and Northwest Territories Canada. From 1900s through early 1960s.

Papers of the US War Department 1784 to 1800 <http://wardepartmentpapers.org>

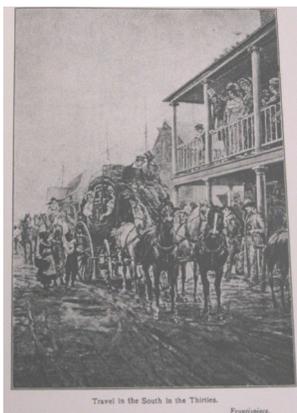
40,000 documents, you can view original pages. Background information on your Revolutionary War ancestors.

Starting Place for German Research <http://wiki.familysearch.org>

How to find information to get you started. New feature of Family search covers many topics, this is just one.

Yizkor Books Online www.jewishgen.org/Yikzor/database or www.nypl.org/research/chss/jws/yiksorbokonline.cmf

BOOK REVIEW BY BARB LARSEN



STAGE COACH AND TAVERN DAYS By Alice Morse Earle

This book is new to our collection. It is a reproduced book from 1900. A disclaimer states, "Due to the very old age and scarcity of this book, many of the pages may be hard to read due to the blurring of the original text... Because this is such an important and rare work, we believe it is best to reproduce this book regardless of its original condition". My observation is that the text reproduced clearly but some of the numerous photos show their age. We are given a peek into the happenings surrounding the taverns and adventures of travel in the early days of our country.

The chapters I found interesting were Tavern Fare and Tavern Ways, Signs and Symbols, and Pack-horse and Conestoga Wagon. The book has 499 pages and includes an index. It is number 10 filed under H- Reference- Misc in our library.

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1941–2010**

Karen Driscoll was a member of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society for about six years, five of which she produced the JCGS Newsletter. Karen brought a sense of style and polish to our newsletters. She was a valuable member and a particularly wonderful friend to all who knew her. Karen and her husband Andy built and own the Plum Wild Farm at Center Washington, raising farm animals and creating beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. Five and a half years ago she was diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer. As was her way she actively worked to find the best treatment and until recently lived a very active and meaningful life. She will be missed by those of us who knew her, but also her loss will be felt by JCGS members who have enjoyed reading this newsletter. Our thanks and sympathy go out to Karen's family.

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