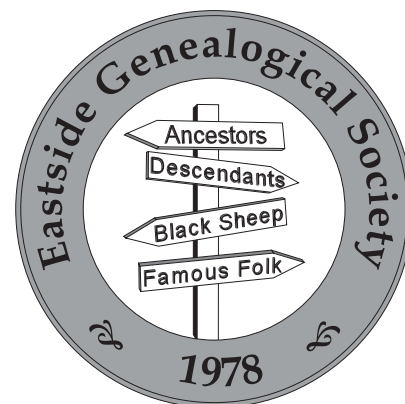


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2009
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: Cemetery Stories
Speaker: EGS Members

About The Program:

In celebration of Halloween, I'm inviting everyone to bring their cemetery stories—have you been lost in the back of beyond looking for an obscure cemetery? Have you had a close encounter of the third kind trying to find your dearly departed's grave? Encountered angry farmers, dogs, snakes, etc.? We want to hear of your adventures! And by the way, we really don't need a recitation of your family lines, no matter how intriguing, back to the ark! We want everyone to have time to share.

Plan ahead for the November meeting. The November meeting will be the 21st (Saturday) beginning at 2:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library. Bring us your family "stuff" to admire—it's our annual Show and Share and Cookie Social.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As summer is winding down the membership of the EGS can look forward to a busy and productive autumn with many programs sponsored by the EGS and its sister genealogical societies filling the calendar as are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. As individuals we can participate in these activities in at least two ways, as information gatherers e.g. students, or as part of the information delivery system as teachers, instructors and society representatives. I hope that many of us choose to do both.

This brings me to an issue that has been a concern for some time and that is a lack of participation in the staffing and outreach opportunities where the EGS is interacting with the public at large. This point was brought home to me rather forcibly a couple of weeks before this year's Strawberry Festival when the sponsors contacted me and asked if the EGS was going to be participating. Then several of our members came up to me the week following the festival and were surprised not to have seen us there. The reason that we were not there is that the those of us who staffed the EGS booth the last two years were unable to commit the time and effort to pull off another two-day stand with minimal assistance.

A similar situation transpired in August at the Bothell Riverfest and Volunteer Expo when only two of us set up, staffed and took down the EGS display. Fortunately it was just a one day gig. We had a good time, nice weather, a good crowd and we enjoyed a great barbershop quartet right next door. We talked to a number of booth visitors and passed out membership flyers and event information to about two dozen individuals who (*continued next page*)

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Saturday, November 21, 2009
 2:00 PM
 Bellevue Regional Library

Show and Share
 Cookie Social

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expressed a serious interest in genealogy, our programs and class offerings. I believe that these outreach activities are an important element in recruiting new members, but if we can't muster enough staffing to pull it off our recruiting efforts are bound to suffer. Our next public outreach opportunity will be on November 14 at the Fall Family Expo in Redmond and we will have sign up sheets at the October meeting so please sign up!

There are some happenings at the Bellevue Regional Library that all library researchers and library users should be aware of. Starting in mid-September, increased library security measures will require that the access to the staff area from Room 6 must remain locked during our library research assistance hours on Tuesday nights from 7:00 -9:00 PM and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 -3:00 PM. Access to the staff area will only be provided at the beginning and end of each session. This change has been prompted as a precautionary measure by the spread of petty thievery on the first floor from the public areas to the staff areas. If you are a library patron or research assistant please be aware of this situation and do not leave valuables like laptops, purses and the like unattended.

On a more positive note, the BRL reference staff has noted that we are running out of shelf space in the genealogical reference area and that the patron interest in things genealogical continues to increase. Currently the library staff are examining the potential for conversion of Room 6 to more permanent genealogical use which might include reducing the number of tables and converting the west wall to genealogical shelf space. The library shelf sections across from Room 6 may also be converted to genealogical reference materials that are currently on shelving east of the microfilm readers. Stay tuned for more information as there should be opportunities for EGS input on this activity!

Lastly, I would like to announce that Judy Armstrong Meredith, our long standing (suffering?) Program Chair, 72 months and counting and our current vice-president has been recognized by the Washington State Genealogical Society as EGS's volunteer of the year for 2009 for her efforts on the behalf of the Society (Please see article on page 5). Congratulations, Judy!

Bob

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new member Margarete (RIEBOLD) LANZENDORFER. She is interested in German Ancestry and researching RIEBOLD, ENGELS, HOFFMAN, SCHNEIDER, AHRENS, KACHLER, WILLEMS, WANGLER, LANZENDORGER, REHMAN, MERGET, and BRENDEL.

CORRECTION: MARY SANGALANG'S ARTICLE

Last month's newsletter included an article by EGS member Mary Sangalang. In the article, she told about Anthony Carpentier, who was shot down. It should be WWII that Anthony Carpentier was shot down over Ploesti, Romania, not WWI as previously stated.

UPDATE: TOMBSTONES CAN'T BE PUT BACK... OR CAN THEY?

Last month we included an article entitled "Tombstones Can't Be Put Back." It is now reported that nine of the tombstones indeed have been put back. Nave Cemetery trustee Mike Frye reported on Monday that nine headstones have been returned to their rightful sites in one of the area's most historic graveyards. The action comes after township work crews displaced headstones at the Nave Cemetery in Springfield Township, Ohio this month, upsetting members of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Workers may never be able to find the right spots for other markers, trustees said.

The Nave Cemetery, also called the Millsboro Cemetery, contains the remains of 52 people, dating from 1821 to 1957. At least two veterans are buried there, including a soldier from the Revolutionary War and one from the Civil War. The most recent burial was of Mary Nave, who was born in 1865 and died in 1957. Tom Neel, director of the Ohio Genealogical Society, thanked trustees for returning the nine head stones. You can read more in a new article in the Mansfield (Ohio) News-Journal at <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20090825/NEWS01/908250306>. (The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>)

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – AUGUST 6, 2009**Present:**

Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Ed Schultz, Treasure; Sharron Filer, Trustee, Patti Wehrs, Sunshine Chair.

Discussion:

Member Recognition: Bob Barnes nominated Judy Meredith for the WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program. There is a posthumous category and it was agreed Pat Clarke should be nominated.

Bob Barnes will ask Lisa Fraser if it's possible to hold future board meetings at BRL.

Open positions continue for Education Chair – others are willing to help, Library co-chair to handle scheduling of volunteers and their substitutes (can be done by phone), Publicity assistant/co-chair, and Program note taker (summarizing speakers for the newsletter).

Bob Barnes discussed splitting the library committee in two, with Book Acquisitions Committee a separate function.

Reviews of EGS job descriptions should be turned in to Sharron Filer by next month.

Reports:

Budget: A motion passed to accept Bob Barnes budget proposal for 2009-2010.

Revised Membership Flyer: Will be printed in time for the Bothell Riverfest on August 30.

New Member Packet: Contents are being worked.

Newsletter: About 150 copies are still being printed, with 17 being exchanged with other societies. We need to encourage members to sign up for email delivery.

Outreach: Bothell Riverfest August 30, SGS Fall Seminar October 17, Family History Expo November 14. Sarah Fleming presentation on newspaper research at BRL on September 12, WSGS Conference in Spokane September 11-13, Computer User's SIG presentation comparing different genealogy software programs November 7 and December 5.

Programs: Judy Meredith reported future programs. September – Ed Schultz on "Telling the Future About the Past." A panel discussion about obits and cemetery research is a possibility for October. Idea for November, our annual Saturday daytime 'show & share' meeting, is an 'Antiques Roadshow' theme with appraisers.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Schultz has purchased a new EGS Treasurer's rubber stamp. He will track the Memorial Fund separately from the EGS Budget. (*A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.*)

FREE GENEALOGY CLASSES

FAMILY FINDER SERIES II: Taught by Mary H. Slawson, KSL Radio "Relatively Speaking," Author of *Getting It Right*. Classes will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Classes begin on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 2009 at 10:00 AM (Beginner) and 11:00 AM (Advanced) and finish on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Class schedule is as follows:

- Beginner class: 10:00 to 11:00 AM, topic Legacy Genealogy Software: Insider Tips & Tricks for Great Results! Tues. Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10. All 6 weeks will focus on Legacy.
- Advanced Class: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Attend one, some or all; each class stands alone. Dates and topics are as follows: Tues. Oct. 6 Google Search Tips for Family Finding, Tues. Oct. 13 Irish History: Helps for the Irish Researcher, Tues. Oct. 20 Gaelic Families, Tues. Oct. 27 Research Strategies & Brick Wall Busting, Tues. Nov. 3 Colonial & Pre-Revolutionary War Research, Tues. Nov. 10 Family History Finds in the Newspapers.

Questions? Call the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS

1. **Which genealogy software program is best for you?** What are the features on the new versions of Family Tree Maker 2010, Legacy 7, Roots Magic 4, and The Master Genealogist 7? Have these questions answered when the Computer Interest Group and the Bellevue Regional Library present programs on **Saturdays November 7 and December 5**, from **1:00 -3:30 PM** in **Room 1** of the **Bellevue Regional Library**. Legacy 7 and Family Tree Maker 2010 will be demonstrated in November, and Roots Magic 4 and The Master Genealogist 7 will be the program in December, so mark your calendars now!
2. Seattle Genealogical Society presents an Oral History Seminar. The fall seminar, *Sharing Generations: Past and Future*, features topics for both the beginning and experienced family researcher. The seminar will be held **Saturday, October 17**, from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** at the **Sand Point Education Center** (6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle). Speakers will present information about capturing memories using today's technology to help record family oral history. The seminar offers two all day specialty workshops or four information sessions. The all day workshops feature the Grandparent and Grandchild Oral History Workshop to assist a Grandparent and Grandchild (8-16yrs) pair in recording family stories; or a Beginning Family Researcher Workshop with tools and techniques for data collection, organization and researching family history. If you want more variety, the information sessions start with an opening session on Oral History from John C. Hughes, Chief Oral Historian for the Washington State Legacy Project, followed by three hour long sessions. Choose from: Tips for Making a Family Interview Better, Making a Video Biography, Finding Oral Histories Online, Secrets of Self Publishing, Preserving Photo Heirlooms, Bring Your Family History To Life, Digital Storytelling To Enrich Family History, Connecting With Cousins on the Internet, or Security of Your Genealogy Files. For more information about the seminar topics or speakers please consult the SGS website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/ . For a registration brochure, contact the SGS at (206) 522-8658 or email sgsseminar@gmail.com.
3. **Digging For Your Ancestors Using Google**, a one day seminar sponsored by Heritage Quest Research Library on **Saturday, October 10, 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM**. Join national best-selling author of the book *Google Your Family Tree*, Daniel M. Lynch, as he demonstrates the tools in Google. The seminar will be held at the **Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union, Tacoma, WA**. For a brochure and registration information, see <http://www.hqrl.com/AQ09brochure3.pdf>
4. It's time to mark your calendars for **Family History Expo 2009!** The date is **Saturday, November 14, 2009**, at the **Redmond Stake Center Building of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10115 172nd Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052**. A fabulous day of free genealogy classes on a variety of subjects will be taught by experienced local genealogists. Registration and check-in will be from 8:00-9:00 AM, Welcome and a keynote address will be from 9:00-10:00 AM, and classes will start at 10:00 AM and run all day until 4:30 PM. Bring your own lunch, or order a sack lunch at our online registration site. Get the latest details by contacting the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.
5. **Nearby History Workshop, Saturday, November 14, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**. Everyone has a history interest – what's yours? Join the Museum of History & Industry for a day-long Nearby History workshop that introduces the skills and resources needed to manage your own historical research project. Taught by MOHAI historian Lorraine McConaghy, this award-winning program will introduce three case studies in personal history that provide a framework for conducting a successful history project from start to finish, tailored to your own particular interest. Learn how to research your home, neighborhood, family or personal collection and more. Registration through www.brownpapertickets.com (800-838-3006). \$45 MOHAI members, \$55 for non members, \$5 day-of fee. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Questions? Contact lorraine.mcconaghy@seattlehistory.org or phone 206/324/1685 x23.
6. History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our meeting. **The Redmond Historical Society** will meet on **Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10:30 AM to Noon**, at **The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA**. Lorraine Mills and Duane and Joanne Isackson will be talking about the 100th anniversary of the Happy Valley Grange. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, *Redmond Reflections*, are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER NOMINATION

The Eastside Genealogical Society (EGS) is proud to nominate to the Washington State Genealogical Society Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program Judy Armstrong Meredith as our outstanding volunteer for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Society. Judy has served in the capacity of EGS Program Chair for over six years and in that role has set up 72 consecutive monthly programs for the EGS membership. She was elected Vice-President of the EGS in May 2008 and has been a member of the board of directors since 2003. Judy has also served as a library research assistant at the Bellevue Regional Library for a number of years as a part of the Society's genealogical outreach program and has given programs and classes on genealogical topics as well as having participated in the planning and staffing of the EGS booth at many local fairs and genealogical expos; she is also an active participant in several SIGs. Throughout it all she has been a frequent contributor to the Society's newsletter. And somewhere, somehow she has managed to stay active on her own genealogical pursuits. As one fellow board member observed, Judy is our energizer bunny! Indeed.



Submitted by Bob Barnes, President EGS

GENEALOGY MYTHS: REAL, FOOL'S GOLD, OR BOTH? BY DICK EASTMAN

Family stories are a wonderful thing. They often give you insights into the lives of your ancestors. However, beware! Not all family stories are true. Many such stories are fictional. Yet, even the stories that are either entirely or part fiction may contain clues to facts. Good genealogical practice requires that we admit the fiction. But the next step the genealogist takes separates art from science. Before we discard these stories altogether, we need to mine them for nuggets of truth. Let's look at a few of the more common "family legends" to see which ones you can mine for real gold.

Myth #1: Our name was changed at Ellis Island.

Fact: No evidence whatsoever exists to suggest this ever occurred. In fact, Ellis Island had rigid documentation requirements. Anyone who arrived at Ellis Island without proper documents from "the old country" proving the person's name and providing other required information was sent back at the shipping company's expense. In fact, the shipping companies obviously knew this and always checked for proper documentation before allowing any passengers to board the ship in Europe or the British Isles.

Many people assume that there was a language barrier at Ellis Island and that millions were admitted under different names because immigration officials could not communicate with the newly-arrived travelers from many lands. This is also a fallacy. Ellis Island hired a small army of interpreters. The interpreters spoke the required languages fluently. Most were either prior immigrants themselves or the children of immigrants who learned their mother tongue as children. No immigrant was ever admitted until after answering multiple questions, usually through an interpreter on the Ellis Island payroll.

One interpreter at Ellis Island was Fiorello La Guardia, who would later become famous as the mayor of New York City, responsible for cleaning up the corruption of Tammany Hall. He worked at Ellis Island for an annual salary of \$1,200 from 1907 to 1910 and helped thousands of Italians and other immigrants enter the country. Perhaps your Italian ancestor was admitted with the help of Fiorello La Guardia.

Thanks to the documentation verification conducted at the port of embarkation in Europe, your ancestors' names were known and proven before arriving at Ellis Island and were never changed there. A very few exceptions were made in 1945 and 1946 as refugees from the war-torn areas of World War II were sometimes admitted without documentation. Looking at Ellis Island records will almost always show the original names as first recorded in "the old country." Of course, you will find major spelling variations, as many illiterate immigrants could not spell their own names even in their native languages, much less in the still-unlearned English language. *(continued next page)*

You can read more about this myth at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/07/ellis_island_an.html and at <http://eogn.com/archives/news0120.htm>.

Even so, I suggest you ponder these family stories a moment before you categorically discard them. They may hold a nugget of truth that you can use to track down your immigrant ancestors. Many family names were changed in the months or years after arriving at Ellis Island. As immigrant families settled into their new neighborhoods, many adopted "Americanized names." Teachers, clerks, and neighbors sometimes found the original names to be difficult to pronounce; so, they frequently called these people by traditional American names. In many cases, the new immigrants or their descendants adopted the new names. Therefore, you might find yourself checking immigration records for name variants, based on clues in the stories passed down to you.

Myth #2: All the records were destroyed during the war.

Note: there are many variations of this one, such as "all records were destroyed in the flood," "all records were destroyed during the fire" and many others.

Fact: In short, it is essentially impossible to destroy all records in any catastrophe because records typically are stored in many different places. Census records are kept in one place, tax records are stored in a different location, and military pension applications are stored in a third location. One fire or one flood or even one war never destroys all the records. If you hear this myth, don't throw in the towel: search on!

Myth #3: There were three brothers who came to America. One went north, one went south and the third went west...

Fact: This is an excuse used by lazy genealogists who cannot explain why the same surname exists in different places. In fact, the families probably are not related at all. It is interesting to note that nobody ever seems to know the first names of these "three brothers." I find it amusing that nobody ever mentions "four brothers" or "five brothers." There were always three. This one is a red flag; ignore any claims of three brothers.

Myth #4: We are descended from a Cherokee princess.

Fact: Sorry folks, but North American Indians did not have royalty. There never was any such thing as a Cherokee princess or anything similar in the Navajo, Apache, Pueblo, Abenaki, or other tribes. When Pocahontas went to England, the publicists of the seventeenth century claimed she was a princess in order to create publicity. However, the title existed only in the imaginations of the early promoters. P.T. Barnum was also known to apply the word "princess" to some of his female Indian performers but, again, you shouldn't believe everything that P.T. Barnum claimed. There has never been a princess in the Cherokee tribe or any other North American tribe.

If you have an Indian princess in your family tree, she must have been born in India.

Myth #5: Our family always spelled the name as ...

Fact: The moment that you insist your surname was always spelled a particular way, you have just labeled yourself as a beginning genealogist. Name spellings have varied widely and, in fact, have only become standardized in the past 100 years or so. The people who created earlier records often were census takers, town clerks, tax collectors, clergymen, and others, who wrote down what they heard. In the days when most people could not read or write, many did not know how to spell their own names. When a clerk asked, "How do you spell that?" the most common answer was, "I don't know." A census taker late for dinner on a long, hot, dusty, summer day may not have cared whether a name was spelled STUART or STEWART.

For instance, my mother always spelled her maiden name as Deabay. In old records, I have found my ancestors listed with the name of Dubé, Dube, Deabay, Deabey, de Bay, du Bay, Debay, Dubey, and other variations as well. My grandfather spoke two languages fluently but could not read or write either one. He never went to school and didn't know how to spell his own first or last names. His sons (my uncles) have since adopted three different spellings of their own last name. When speaking English, my grandfather always called himself Mike; but, *(continued next page)*

when speaking French, he would tell you that his first name was Maxime. Some people called him Max. Every census taker spelled his names differently.

Even William Shakespeare signed his own name in different ways:

- (a) From 1612 deposition: William Shackper
- (b) 1612 Blackfriars deed: William Shakspear
- (c) 1612 Blackfriars mortgage: Wm Shakspea
- (d) His 1615 will, page 1: William Shackspere
- (e) Will, page 2: Willm. Shakspere
- (f) Will, page 3: By me William Shakspeare [often questioned as by a different hand]

Note: there is some controversy as to whether or not all these signatures were actually written by William Shakespeare. However, assuming that he was literate, we could assume that he at least dictated the spelling.

My favorite story is the man who wrote his own will in the 1600s on a large piece of parchment paper. The will was several paragraphs long. In his own handwriting, he wrote his own name three different times on the one piece of paper, using three different spellings of his own name!

Myth #6: Our ancestors came over on the Mayflower.

Fact: If every claimed Mayflower ancestor actually was on the Mayflower, that ship must have been bigger than all of today's cruise ships combined! In fact, William Bradford of Plimoth Plantation recorded the complete list of all 102 passengers in 1650. His hand-written list has survived and has been digitized. You can find it on the web in many places.

About half the passengers died in the first year at Plimoth. In order to claim Mayflower ancestry, you must be able to document descent from one or more of the surviving passengers listed at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/mayfpas.htm>.

Myth #7: Our ancestor arrived on a later voyage of the Mayflower.

Fact: Sorry, folks, but the Mayflower only made one trip to Plimoth.

Myth #8: We are related to Robert E. Lee.

Fact: If all those claims are true, that must have been a very big family! In fact, the name Lee was common in Virginia and elsewhere with many different, unrelated immigrants of the name. There were tens of thousands of Lees in the U.S. by the mid-1800s, and most of them were not related to each other. Robert E. Lee was a hero of the Confederacy, and many Southerners perhaps wished they were related to him. In fact, very few were.

Myth #9: A town in England, Norway, Germany, etc. is named for our family.

Fact: Names of towns were generally created long before people started using family names (surnames). If your ancestors came from the region in question, it is more likely that your ancestor adopted the name of the town, not the other way around. The good news is that such a story may give you the name of a town that you can check for records of your ancestral family.

Myth #10: Our ancestor was a stowaway on the ship.

Fact: That's a romantic story but rarely true. If a stowaway ever was found, he normally would be sent back in chains to "the old country" on the ship's return. Very few ever escaped and became residents of the New World. If you hear such a claim in your family, try to prove it. I doubt if you can. (*continued next page*)



Myth #11: Our ancestor was burned at the stake as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts.

Fact: No accused witches were ever burned at the stake in North America although that did happen in Europe. Nobody ever started a fire for that purpose in Salem. All of the accused Salem witches were hanged, except for Giles Cory (also spelled Corey or Coree), who was pressed to death, a particularly cruel and painful way to die. You can find more information about poor Giles Cory at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giles_Corey.

Not all family legends are false, but they may be misleading.

Family legends may provide clues, even when they are not completely accurate. For instance, when I was growing up, I was told that our Eastman ancestors came from Salem, Massachusetts, and participated in the Salem Witch Trials. After researching the family tree for a while, I was disappointed to learn that there were no families named Eastman in Salem during the time of the witch trials. Apparently, the story was false. But wait a minute; there is more to the story.

It seems that the original immigrant named Roger Eastman and his wife Sarah did live about 25 miles north of Salem. Several of the Salem witch trial victims came from their town and, indeed, both Roger and Sarah dictated depositions telling how they believed one of their neighbors was innocent of the claims made against her. The depositions presumably were later read aloud in court in Salem.

Another ancestor, named Goodale, did live in Salem during the witch trials, and his descendants later married into the Eastman family. So, indeed we did have ancestors in Salem, but they were not named Eastman. Also, our Eastman ancestors did contribute a bit to the Salem witch trials, although apparently not in person.

While the original family legend told to me turned out to be false, it held at least two nuggets of truth confirmed with other research.

Finally, I have to list one "semi-myth." There are many variations of this, but generally, it is something like this: "We are descended from royalty." Another variation is, "Our ancestors were rich and famous."

Fact: This story is probably true, even though most people who make these claims have no idea of who those ancestors were or when they lived. In fact, you have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, and so on in a geometric progression. If you go back 300 years, you have roughly 3,000 ancestors. Going back a thousand years results in theoretically billions of ancestors, more people than ever lived on the face of the earth! In reality, the same ancestors will show up in multiple places in your family tree as you have multiple lines of descent from many of these people.



The odds are that at least a few of these millions or billions of ancestors were members of royal families or had money. If we could create complete family trees for thousands of years, every person on the face of the earth probably would find royal ancestors some place in the family tree. The odds of royal ancestry are overwhelming.

Almost everyone is descended from kings and queens. Your challenge is to find your royal ancestors and to document your descent from them!

Family legends are a fascinating part of who we are and where we came from. Many of the storytellers who passed down these tales surely believed them, and even those who didn't must have had a strong sense of family pride. Why would your ancestors repeat these stories if not to preserve their family's history? Be aware, however, that many family legends are false or perhaps only partly true. Ferreting out the nuggets of truth can be a fun exercise that enriches your family tree. *(The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>)*

EGS OCTOBER 2009 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, October 1, 10:00 AM—Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6 . Note change of location.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library . Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The October meeting of the Canadian Interest Group will be held Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library, room 4 . Members will discuss their Canadian research and findings acquired during the summer. (Contact <i>John Howell</i> , jhowell54@comcast.net or 206-817-7516)
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	What are virtual worlds? What do they have to do with genealogy? Hear EGS member Barbara Zanzig answer these questions and more when she talks about this new tool at the October 24 CIG meeting at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall . (<i>Margery Perdue</i> , m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next Czech Interest Group Meeting is Saturday, November 14, 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland . See website for more information http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (<i>Rosie Bodien</i> , 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM , at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court .
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	On October 2 , we will meet at our regular time (1:00 – 3:00 PM) but we will meet at the Bellevue Family History Center, 10675 NE 20th St. in Bellevue . For directions and more information about the FHC see their website: http://www.bellevuewafhc.com/ This will be an opportunity to learn what's currently available from this great resource. Visitors are always welcome to attend! (Contact: <i>Ann Passé</i> 206 232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish and Scots-Irish Group will meet on October 7 in the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall . Peter O'Toole will show his O'Toole Family Search in Dublin. (Contact <i>Ann Lamb</i> 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com for information about the next meeting)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	We will meet on Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM - Noon, Lake Hills Library (NOTE: change of time) . (<i>Mary Sangalang</i> , 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Legacy Interest Group will meet Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM in the Community Room at the Crossroads Mall . We'll focus on questions and answer. SourceWriter seems to be confusing for some people so if you have any items that you're not sure how to source, bring it with you and we'll see if we can figure it out together! (<i>Sherry Holthe</i> , sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College . Please see the website for more information eastsidesig.spaces.live.com (<i>Sandy Arildson</i> , 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore Interest group will take an October trip to the Fiske Library in Seattle on Monday October 5 . We invite any others who would like to join us, you are welcome. Please call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078, for directions and information .

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350	National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999 206-336-5115	Fiske Genealogical Library 1644 43rd Ave E/ Seattle, WA 98122 206-328-2716
FHC - Redmond 10115 172nd Ave. NE Redmond, WA 425-861-9273	Newport Way Library 14520 SE Newport Way Bellevue WA 425-747-2390	North Bend Library 115 East Fourth St North Bend, WA 425-888-0554	Redmond Regional Library 15990 NE 85th St Redmond, WA 425-885-1861
Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223	Fire Station #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Could you donate a few hours a week (or a month) to the Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment-type jobs.

- **Research Assistants**— We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair.
- **Education Chair**—To coordinate classes and educational opportunities.

If you can help, please contact Bob Barnes at 425-747-4863 or rstithbarnes@hotmail.com.



FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

UPDATING YOUR EMAIL

Do you receive the newsletter by email? If so, be sure to update your email address if it changes so you will continue to receive the link. Please send your changes to kimberly@dormik.com. Thank you.

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PURPOSE:

The EGS provides members a forum for learning and the exchange of information related to genealogy. The Society obtains and provides resources for use by members, encourages genealogical research and education, and provides community outreach through programs, classes, seminars and library volunteers.

MEETINGS:

EGS monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:00 P.M. at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th Street and 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue WA. A get acquainted and ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

Effective 1 January 2001, membership dues are: Individual—\$17, Couple—\$22, Senior—\$15, Senior Couple, \$19, Lifetime—15 times annual membership. To join the society, send your check with your name, phone number, address (nine digit zip please) and e-mail address (if applicable) to the address at the bottom of this page. Please mark "Membership" on your envelope.

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