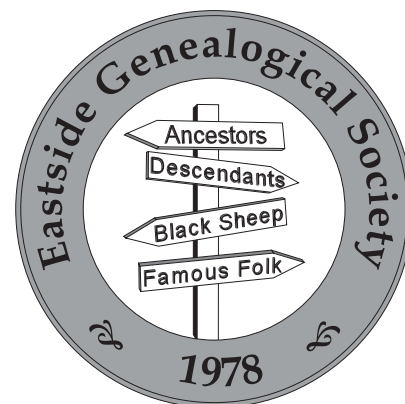


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### EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2010  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Bellevue Regional Library  
**Topic:** *Researching in the Old Northwest*  
**Speaker:** Gary Zimmerman

#### About The Program:

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Gary Zimmerman. Gary will talk to us about *Researching in the Old Northwest*. Come and find out how and where to search for your ancestors in what is now Ohio. Gary Zimmerman is a fourth-generation resident of Seattle, and officer in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington and the President of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. Please join us.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you research your family history, don't neglect the bigger picture. You need to know what was happening in the world around your family as well as what was happening in their personal lives.

If, when they came to the new world, was there a war going on in the old? Were they fleeing a famine? Were they part of a religious group that was being persecuted? Why did they settle in a particular part of this country?

To find the answers and flesh out the story of your family, you need to study history—world history, American history and local history.

Histories of the world and America abound. To find local histories takes a little more digging.

Check with local historical societies and libraries. They can be gold mines. These groups may be selling local history books, books of cemetery transcriptions and so forth. Local genealogy societies may have similar resources.

Some county histories have been transcribed and are online. Some may also be found on Google books and at Heritage Quest (available at home through King County Library System—go to “data bases,” “genealogy” and sign with your library card number.)

Most of these histories contain bios of prominent citizens, some of whom may be your people. If you're really lucky, you might find a picture!

Local industries are usually covered, which could give you clues about what your people may have done besides farm. (*Continued next page*)

### NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:  
Show and Share  
Bellevue Regional Library

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Old newspapers are good sources for historical events—national, and world-wide as well as local. You'll find coverage of train wrecks, steamboat explosions, mine disasters, extreme weather events, such as tornadoes, blizzards, and droughts, earthquakes, hurricanes and more. Your people may have been affected by some of these.

So be sure to cast a wide net—you never know what nuggets will turn up to aid you in your search and create a more complete picture of your family.

Happy hunting!

Judy Meredith, President

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

☞ Linda DILLMAN is researching MERRICK in England and Ireland; PORTER in England; MASON and DILLMAN in Kirkland; FRYER in England; and CHEVRIER in Wisconsin and Canada.

☞ Melissa KACHER is researching in Ohio, the UK, and the Austro Hungarian Empire.

☞ Michelle ANDERSON KHUON is researching ANDERSON, COX, HANCOX, JONES, PIHL, RAIFORD, REEVES, SWANSON, TROTT, and WESTFALL in Sweden/Scandinavia, Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic region, and Alabama/Southern states. She is also interested in photography and digital archiving.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EGS needs a cookie chairman (a once a year job), library help desk volunteers, and an assistant for our Library Chairman. None of these are terribly time consuming. For information about these positions, contact Judy Meredith (425-702-9321) or the appropriate chair person listed in the back of the Bulletin.

## PRESERVE THE WAR OF 1812 PENSION PROJECT

Had you realized that 2012 is the bicentennial of the War of 1812? The Federation of Genealogical Societies (of which EGS is a member), the National Archives, and the genealogical community have started a project to digitize the War of 1812 pension files. The Preserve the Pensions project seeks to raise \$3.7 million. The hope is to raise the bulk of the funds before 2012 and to complete digitization of 7.2 million images in 180,000 files before 2015, the bicentennial of the war's end. The digitized pensions will be available for free on the National Archives web site. Each \$1 you contribute will digitize two images. For more information and to donate go to [www.fgs.org/1812](http://www.fgs.org/1812). (Submitted by Sarah Fleming, EGS Book Acquisitions Chair)

## ATLAS OF HISTORICAL BOUNDARIES WEBSITE

If you have had any problems trying to figure out what county in the United States your ancestors might have lived in when they were born, married, died or owned land, you may be interested in a new database that the Newberry Library has created and put on the Internet.

The database contains information on all the counties in each of the 50 states from the date of that states formation. Each county in a state is listed from its date of creation to the present day. There is a map showing the outline of the county at its creation with corresponding dates. The next page for that county shows any changes in the outline, the dates for the second map and what occurred to change the shape of the county. Each time there is a change to the county in question, there is a new map shown with dates and the reason for the change.

The database is called the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries and it can be found at: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/> (Submitted by Suzy Page, EGS member)

**EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY OF AUGUST 5, 2010**

**Present:** Judy Meredith, President; Carol Pattison, Vice-President/Program Chair; Ed Schultz, Treasurer; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions; Bob Barnes, Past President/Education Chair; Sharron Filer, Trustee

**Book Acquisition:** Sarah announced that the next meeting of the Book Acquisitions Committee is in September.

**Education:** A long standing vacant committee Chair position was filled when Bob Barnes volunteered to serve as Education Chair. Bob reported that the planning for the BRL/EGS Introduction to Genealogy classes have been scheduled at the BRL from 2-4 PM in Room 1 on Sunday, September 26, October 10, October 24, November 7 and 14. The library staff liked the syllabus so now Bob is searching for talented and enthusiastic presenters!

**Membership:** Dorothy reported a total of 255 memberships representing 265 individuals. In the month of July the EGS had 3 non-renewals and 3 new members.

**Programs:** A presentation of the SIGs and their activities will be featured at the August meeting. The September program is still open and Sarah will talk to her contacts at NARA to see if the EGS can get a presentation on Footnotes by one of their staff. [Subsequent to the Board Meeting the presentation on Footnotes was confirmed. Thanks Sarah!] The October program will feature Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Library who will speak on research land records in the Old Northwest. The November meeting will be the annual "Show and Share."

Carol Pattison volunteered to become Program Chair if she had a committee. Bob and Sarah volunteered to serve on the committee so Carol is now Program Chair as well as Vice-President.

A motion was made to permit the EGS to draw upon savings to bring in a speaker or speakers of note for either monthly meetings or seminars upon approval of the Board. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

A companion motion followed. The motion was to amend the amount in the current budget of the Program Chair to \$500. In the case that a given speaker requests an honorarium of more than \$100 it will be taken to the Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

**Publicity:** The Publicity Committee will now be co-chaired by Dorothy Pretare and Tom Webb.

**SIGs:** No reports were available from the SIG contacts. Board members reported that the Computer SIG meeting in July was well attended, and about fifteen people showed up at the Legacy meeting.

**Outreach:** Presentations will be made at the Bothell River Fest on Sunday, August 29th from 10-3, and at Newcastle Days on Saturday, September 11th. Sign-up sheets for both will be at the August meeting. The Family History Expo is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th.

*(A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.)*

**FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP**

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12<sup>th</sup> St. and 110<sup>th</sup> 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.

## EGS FALL INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY CLASSES CONTINUE

Don't forget the EGS introductory genealogy classes are continuing. The classes consist of 2-hour sessions that are free and open to all. They are held at the Bellevue Regional Library on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 PM on the following dates:

- October 10—The Internet and Genealogical Research
- October 24—Using Library Resources and Services—Lisa Fraser, BRL  
Census Records—Carol Pattison, EGS
- November 7—Land Records, Maps and Map Sources, County Histories
- November 21—Newspaper Research—Sarah Fleming, EGS and Using  
City Directories—Bob Barnes, EGS
- December 5—Military Records, Tax Records, Church Records, Vital  
Records, Immigration, Court Records



Please let your friends and research buddies know about these classes. We hope to see you there.

## SAVE THE DATE – FAMILY HISTORY EXPO 10 IN BELLEVUE

Be sure to mark your calendars for Family History Expo 10. The Expo will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the Bellevue Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007. Don't miss this all day, free event of inspiring classes & exhibits that just might topple your brick wall! Go to our web site <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net/> to the class offerings and check back to register for Expo 10 in the fall. For the latest info, contact the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.

## SEATTLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR "ON THE MOVE" ROADS, RAILS, SHIPS, AND TRAILS

The Seattle Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar to be held Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Nordic Museum in Ballard (3014 Northwest 67th Street). The Seminar will feature programs by local speakers with an emphasis on 18th and 19th century westward migration. Sarah Thorson Little will present the general session, "Routes to Our Roots." She will cover general migration patterns and the many records available to genealogy researchers. Followed by three additional sessions attendees can select from nine migration presentations. Each presentation will cover the historic and geographic context as well as sources for tracking ancestors along those routes. This promises to be an informative day for beginning and experienced family researchers. Learn more about the Fall Seminar on the SGS website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags). For a registration brochure, contact SGS at (206) 522- 8658 or email [sgsseminar@gmail.com](mailto:sgsseminar@gmail.com). Registration deadline is October 15.



## HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY AUTUMN QUEST 2010

Heritage Quest Research Library will be holding their Autumn Quest 2010 seminar on Saturday, October 2 at the Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S Union Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405-1017. The seminar will feature national best-selling author Daniel M. Lynch (*Google Your Family Tree*). He will be returning by overwhelming demand to give us more insight into how to use the Internet for genealogy, using not just Google, but a wide range of tools and techniques. If you were one of the 155 who attended last year, we know you will want to hear Dan again. If you did not attend last year, this is your opportunity to hear one of the best speakers available in the Genealogy community today. The seminar is \$35.00 per person, and more information is available at <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GENEALOGY

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is a free-content online encyclopedia created by its readers, people like you. The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is available to everyone, free of charge. Everyone can also contribute information, again free of charge. You can find it at <http://www.eogen.com/>

You can search the encyclopedia at any time by clicking on **Search** in the menus. You can also click on **Index** to view a list of all the entries.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a compendium of genealogical tools and techniques. It provides reference information about everything in genealogy except people. Look to the Encyclopedia of Genealogy to provide explanations of how to look up your family tree, explanations of terms found in genealogy research, including obsolete medical and legal terms. It will describe locations where records may be found. It also will describe how to research Italian, German, Polish, French-Canadian, Jewish, Black, Indian and other ancestors. In short, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will serve as your standard genealogy reference manual.



The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is created by genealogists like yourself. In fact, YOU can help by adding content: your own knowledge and expertise can help others. If you see anything in the encyclopedia that is incorrect, YOU can change it! If you see anything that is incomplete, YOU can add to it! If you note anything that is missing, YOU can add it! The encyclopedia will succeed because people like you contribute nuggets of information. When enough "nuggets" are added, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will become a gold mine.

NOTE: This encyclopedia is not a place to find all the ancestors of John Doe or all the descendants of John and Mary Smith. The World Wide Web already has many online message boards and databases that perform that function well. Instead, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a clearinghouse of genealogy techniques: where to find records, how to organize the data found, what the terminology means, and how to plan your next research effort.

To contribute, visit the **Contribute Information** page to find out how you can edit an article, or experiment in the sandbox. (Submitted by Kimberly Nichols, newsletter editor)

## INTERNET ARCHIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND WAYBACK MACHINE

The Internet Archive, <http://www.archive.org/>, is a digital library of free books, movies, music and a wayback machine. The Internet Archive is a non-profit that was founded to build an Internet library. Its purpose includes offering permanent access for researchers, historians, scholars, people with disabilities, and the general public to historical collections that exist in digital format. Founded in 1996 and located in San Francisco, the Archive has been receiving data donations from Alexa Internet and others. In late 1999, the organization started to grow to include more well-rounded collections. Now the Internet Archive includes texts, audio, moving images, and software as well as archived web pages in our collections, and provides specialized services for adaptive reading and information access for the blind and other persons with disabilities.

Some of the data collections are not only interesting, but of great value to genealogists, and come from libraries and depositories around the world. Included are books and documents relating to county and state histories, surnames, and more. Once you find a text document you would like to read, you have the option of reading it online, or downloading it to your computer as either a PDF, EPU, Kindle, Daisy, Full Text or DJVu file. Other data can be downloaded as well. (Editor's note: I was able to find a book about one of my family lines, with important information I have been missing.)

The wayback machine lets you go back in time to view a website in the past. Browse through over 150 billion web pages archived from 1996 to a few months ago. (Submitted by Kimberly Nichols, newsletter editor)

## GENEALOGY'S OFTEN-MISPELLED WORDS

Print this article out and save it someplace. I have no idea why, but many of the words used in researching your family tree are difficult to spell. I constantly see spelling errors in messages posted on various genealogy web sites. When someone misspells a word, it feels like they are shouting, "I don't know what I'm doing!"

Here are a few words to memorize:

**Genealogy** – No, it is not spelled "geneology" nor is it spelled in the manner I often see: "geneaology." That last word looks to me as if someone thought, "Just throw all the letters in there and hope that something sticks." For some reason, many newspaper reporters and their editors do not know how to spell this word.

**Cemetery** – The letter "a" does not appear anywhere in the word "cemetery." You can remember the spelling by an old saying, "We go to the cemetery with E's." (ease)

**Ancestor** – This simple word is often spelled "ancestor," "ansester," or "ansestor."

**Ancestry** – This word is often misspelled "ancestry." I often see errors when someone is referring to the ancestry.com online web site.

**History** – More than once I have seen someone refer to their "family histroy" or "family histry."

**Descent** – Perhaps not as common, but I have seen this spelled as "decent," which sounds almost the same.

**Progenitor** – I can never remember how to spell this word. I simply try to avoid it when I am writing!

The late Dick Pence was quite a storyteller, and once told of an online genealogy article he wrote in which he poked fun at common spelling errors by genealogists. He deliberately misspelled ten different words in the article, including all of the words I listed above. In the text of the article, he never mentioned that the article was a tongue-in-cheek attempt at humor.

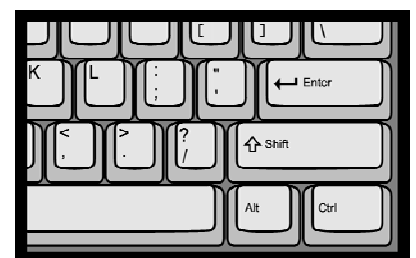
Dick soon received an email message from an irate lady who apparently didn't realize it was a deliberate attempt at humor. She scolded him for his spelling errors, writing, "Mr. Pence, you should be ashamed of yourself. I am an English teacher and I want to tell you that I found seven spelling errors in your article!" (*The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter on August 17, 2010 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>.)*

## FREE ONLINE GENEALOGY CLASSES

Did you know that the Family History Library offers free online classes? To find what is available, go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), and use the drop-down menu under "Research Help," then go to "Online Classes." Topics include:

- ◆ England Beginning Research
- ◆ Ireland Research
- ◆ New Zealand Research
- ◆ Reading Handwritten Records Series
- ◆ Russia Research
- ◆ Principios básicos para la investigación genealógica en Hispanoamérica (México)
- ◆ Germany Research
- ◆ Italy Research
- ◆ Poland Research
- ◆ Research Principles and Tools
- ◆ U.S. Research

Classes are available any time - so you could attend when ever you have the opportunity, day or night. Classes consist of a video, a slide show, a hand out you can download and print, and a listing of other resources for the topic, if applicable. New classes are added so check back at the website periodically to see what has been added. (*Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS member*)



## THE 101 BEST WEBSITES FOR GENEALOGY

Family Tree Magazine has their annual list of the 101 Best Web Sites for genealogy online. The list has been a Family Tree Magazine staple since the beginning of the magazine, and for good reason.

Their experts painstakingly review hundreds of genealogy-related websites to narrow the list down to the very best online resources. These websites are sure to help even the most specific or unusual genealogical interests.

The Best Web Sites are categorized for nationality, military, and genetic researchers, or scan the entire list for the perfect sites for you. Some of the great resources include:

- The Best Sites for International Searches shows you how to perform efficient searches for your relatives from far away.
- The Best Sites for Vital Records Searches takes you through searchable databases of health records, historical societies, and state archives.
- The Best Sites for Virtual Library Searches guides you through great library collections from the comfort of your own home.

You can find the list online at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/101best2009>

## INTERNATIONAL COALITION ON NEWSPAPERS NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

The International Coalition On Newspapers digitization website lists newspapers from around the world that have been digitized and that are available for you to view. You can browse by collection, country, or state. Some of the links lead to paid sites, but others are free. The site can be found at <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm> This website might be a good place to check to see what newspapers have been digitized.



## ANCESTRY.COM TO ACQUIRE IARCHIVES AND FOOTNOTE.COM

[Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) announced on September 23 it has entered into an agreement to acquire iArchives, Inc., and its subscription genealogy website [Footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com).

The purchase price will be about \$27 million in a mix of Ancestry.com stock, cash and assumption of liabilities. The transaction, which will make iArchives a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry.com, is expected to close early in the fourth quarter of 2010. As part of the transaction, Ancestry.com expects to issue approximately a million shares of common stock.

“This acquisition will provide the company with a complementary consumer brand, expanded content offerings, and enhanced digitization and image-viewing technologies,” states Ancestry.com’s announcement. To read more, visit <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2010/09/23/AncestrycomToAcquireIArchivesAndFootnotecom.aspx>

## FINDING DIRECTION IN U.S. CENSUS RECORDS BY JULIANA SMITH

Back in July, we posed a question to our friends on Facebook asking how they liked to learn new things. The first option was “I dive right in and ‘if all else fails, follow directions.’” The other options included learning along the way, reading instructions upfront, and learning in an instructional setting like a class, but the overwhelming response was to that first option.

Amen to that. My dad has recited the latter part of that quote to me throughout my life, but despite many home improvement projects gone awry, I’m afraid I’m a dive-right-in kind of gal.

Fortunately for those of us who are divers, sometimes the directions we need for our family history can be found in records. Once we’ve finished the “I found my ancestor” happy dance, if we stop and savor what we’ve found, we’ll find that often the direction we need is hiding in those delicious details. Since census records are among the most used records in family history, let’s take a look at the direction and clues we can find in those records (*Continued next page*)

that can lead to more discoveries and reveal your family's story.

**Clues in Birth Dates and Places** — Once we get past our ancestor's name in the census, often the next place we look is the age and birthplace fields. Not only does this information help to identify our ancestors in the census, but it can lead us to vital records for our ancestor and other family members, where they're available. Be sure to seek out birth records on all family members because your ancestor's sibling's record could include details not found on the record of your direct ancestor.

In addition, make note of places of birth of the children. For immigrant families, when used in conjunction with their ages, this can often help narrow the immigration timeframe. For families who moved from state to state, it will help pinpoint where the family lived in that estimated birth year.

**Marriage Clues** — The 1900 and 1910 censuses include the "number of years of present marriage." This can be a great help in your search for marriage records.

You can also loosely estimate marriage dates based on the age of the eldest child, providing that you take into account the possibility that there could have been a child (or children) born prior to the oldest child listed that perhaps died young. The 1900 and 1910 censuses list the number of children born to mothers and how many were still living so this can alert you to the possibility of children that are not listed. Also bear in mind that not all children were born a full nine months after the marriage and that they may have even been born before the marriage. Children may have been born out of wedlock or to a previous spouse.

Censuses from 1850-1880 indicate whether persons were married within the census year, (June 1st of the prior year through May 31 of the census year).

**Immigration and Naturalization Clues** — The 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 U.S. censuses all asked for the year of immigration, so if you have immigrant ancestors who were alive and living in the U.S. for one or more of these enumerations, be sure to seek out that date and use it to narrow your search in passenger arrival records.

Those same census years will also reveal naturalization status for immigrants. "Al" indicates the person was an alien and had not begun the process; "Pa" means he or she had filed "first papers;" and "Na" tells us that person was naturalized. Look to the 1920 census to learn the year of naturalization.

Some earlier censuses also made reference to immigrants in the household. The 1870 census noted "male citizens of the U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards," which for immigrants would indicate that they were naturalized, and the 1820 and 1830 censuses counted the number of "foreigners not naturalized."

Once you determine that your ancestor was naturalized, you can start your search for his or her naturalization record.

**Military Clues** — If you're looking for clues as to the military service of your ancestors, several censuses can help. The 1930 census asked, "Whether a veteran of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition," and "What war or expedition?" "Mex" for the Mexican Expedition (1916-17 quest to capture Pancho Villa), "CW" indicates participation in the Civil War, "Sp" for the Spanish-American War, "Phil" for the Philippine-American War, "Box" for the Boxer Rebellion, and of course, "WW" for World War I.

In 1910, the census wanted to know how many Civil War veterans were still living and asked whether the person was a "survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy."

Often overlooked is the column in the 1840 census that asked for names of "Pensioners for Revolutionary or military services, included in the foregoing." Names found in this column could include veterans or their widows, who may be living with children or other family members.

**Addresses** — Beginning in 1880, addresses are listed, which can be incredibly helpful, particularly in urban areas where our ancestors typically moved around more frequently than their rural counterparts. (*Continued page 10*)



## EGS OCTOBER 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on <b>Thursday, October 7, 10:00 AM to Noon</b> at the <b>Bellevue Regional Library, room 6.</b>
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on <b>Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library.</b> Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Find out how to use <a href="http://Footnote.com">Footnote.com</a> at the <b>October 23</b> meeting of the Computer Interest Group, held in the <b>Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue, 9:30-11:30 AM.</b> Members will demonstrate how they found original historical documents showing their ancestors. Although <a href="http://Footnote.com">Footnote.com</a> is a subscription site, you can view many documents free; see what they have, then join us to find out how to view, download and share copies of these important documents. (Margery Perdue, <a href="mailto:m.perdue@comcast.net">m.perdue@comcast.net</a> )
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be a special Thanksgiving meeting on <b>Saturday, November 13</b> from <b>12:30 to 4:00 PM.</b> See website for more information: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/</a> (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or <a href="mailto:rosie@bodien.org">rosie@bodien.org</a> .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth <b>Thursday, 11:30 AM,</b> at <b>Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.</b>
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	Our next meeting will be on <b>Friday, October 1</b> from <b>1:00 to 3:00 PM</b> at the <b>Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room.</b> The topic will be "Hannover, Germany: Governmental and Church Organization and Finding Records" by Patti Wehrs.  *Please note that our November meeting will be on <b>Friday, November 5</b> from <b>1:30 to 3:30 PM</b> at the <b>Bellevue Regional Library (change of time and location).</b> (Ann <a href="mailto:annp42@comcast.net">annp42@comcast.net</a> or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish Interest Group will meet on <b>October 6.</b> The topic for our meeting will be "Census Substitutes": How do we research our Irish Ancestors when all the Censuses for Ireland in the 19th century were destroyed? (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL7777@aol.com">AnnL7777@aol.com</a> )
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group will meet <b>Saturday, October 16, 1:30-3:30 PM</b> at <b>Bellevue Regional Library Room #3 (Note change of location).</b> (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or <a href="mailto:collectingroots@msn.com">collectingroots@msn.com</a> )
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The next Legacy Interest Group meeting on will be on <b>Wednesday, October 6</b> from <b>12:30 – 2:30 PM</b> in the <b>Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue.</b> The topic will be converting sources from the old Basic style to the SourceWriter format and discussing sourcing in general. (Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet on <b>October 12</b> from <b>10 AM - Noon,</b> at the <b>Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue College.</b> Our speaker for the meeting will be Jerry Handfield, State Archivist for Washington State. His topic will be "What to Save in Grandma's Attic." Please see the website for more information: <a href="http://eastsidesig.spaces.live.com">eastsidesig.spaces.live.com</a> (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore group will meet <b>Monday, October 4</b> at the <b>Crossroads Mall Community Room</b> from <b>1:00 to 3:00 PM.</b> We will discuss what is available for our research at local libraries and museums. Our next field trip will be a trip to the <b>Seattle Public Library</b> on <b>Tuesday, October 19</b> at <b>10:00 AM.</b> We will meet on the 9th floor where the genealogy material is located. We will travel by bus. The library has many helpful books and many city directories. Copy machines are available. We will plan to eat lunch in the library lunch room facility. There are places to buy sandwiches or you can take your lunch. We welcome visitors. Please contact Shirley for meeting information. (Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078)



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Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Issaquah, 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
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Using the address, branch out to churches and cemeteries in the vicinity in search of the records your ancestor left there. City directories can help you bridge the gap between those census years.

**Those “Other Columns”** — There are a lot of other clues to be gleaned in those “other columns” that we may tend to gloss over. I wondered about some discrepancies in my great-grandparents’ 1910 census record and questioned whether I even had the right family. But when I looked at the column that asked, “Whether able to speak English” and saw that they only spoke Polish in the house, I could more easily understand how the enumerator with the Irish-sounding surname of McOmber might have a hard time communicating with whoever answered the door. I was later able to confirm through other records that I did indeed have the right family.

**Letting the Records Guide You** — Family history is a constant learning experience, and even those of us with a “dive-in” philosophy are going to have to learn about the records we use, learn history, learn geography, and so much more. But how nice is it when the “directions” we need can be found in the records of our ancestors? Makes following directions a little bit easier, eh? (*The Weekly Discovery, September 23, 2010, Copyright 2010, Ancestry.com*)

### REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING INFORMATION

The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10:30 to 12:00 noon at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. A tourist train from Redmond to Woodinville? That is one of the proposals by a Northwest rail company, GNP Railway, now before the City of Redmond. A more controversial GNP proposal is running rail cargo into Redmond. GNP founder Tom Payne and Cascadia Center consultant Tom Jones will discuss both proposals, in particular the vision of thousands enjoying the Sammamish Valley heritage while riding and dining in comfort. For more information, visit [www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org).

### THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON STATE LECTURE

The JGSWS presents our first annual Joseph Voss Memorial Lecture, *Discovering the Lost Jewish Town of Trochenbrod* with speaker Avrom Bendavid-Val, on Monday, October 11, 2010. Doors open at 7:00 PM, presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM. WiFi will be available. Auditorium, Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island WA 98040. Free admission for JGSWS members, \$5.00 for non-members. The town of Trochenbrod, in what is today northwestern Ukraine, was created in the early 1800s as an agricultural village. As the community grew from village to town, it became the only freestanding Jewish town ever to exist outside of Israel. It was a thriving regional commercial center with a highly diversified and self-sufficient economy. In August and September of 1942, the Nazis and their collaborators murdered the people of Trochenbrod. Because no one but Jews had lived there, all traces of the town were erased. Our speaker will tell us the story of Trochenbrod and the methods of research he used to uncover its previously lost history. Some of you may have read about or seen a fictional story about this town in the book and movie "Everything Is Illuminated." Visit our website at: <http://www.jgsws.org>.

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