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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2007
Time: 6:00 PM **Cookie Social**
(note special time)
Welcome new members,
Supply table open
7:00 PM Meeting
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Annual Show and Share

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many people first become interested in genealogy after inheriting a family heirloom – a sword from the War of 1812, an old family bible filled with names and dates of important milestones, an old quilt and, of course, the ever popular “mystery photos.”

In my case it was a Gillham family tree, prepared by a distant cousin for use in her DAR application. This was passed down by my paternal grandmother whose maiden name was Gillham. She also left a number of typed notes with titles such as, “A few notes about my Grandfather Brown” and “Notes about my grandmother, Mary Ann BROWN Cantrill.”

From these I learned that Zebulon Brown's surname was actually LeBrun (he was French Canadian) and Mary Ann's father's name was Empson Bird Cantrill, and a number of other details that have enabled me to push my research back another generation or two. (Not in the case of Empson B., however. I still have not been able to discover where in Kentucky he was born and who his parents are. I suspect space aliens.)

All this is, of course, leading up to our meeting in November which will once again feature members' Show and Share. Gather up some of your favorite family goodies and bring them along to show off. We're all dying to see them and possibly discover how you became interested in this fascinating hobby!

[Submitted by Judy Meredith, Program Chair]

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

November's program will feature our annual Show and Share. Gather up your family "stuff" and bring it along to show off. It's also our cookie social, so bake up a batch of your favorites and bring them, too. Please let me know if you're planning to bring a family item, so I'll have some idea how many tables to set up. This will be just as interesting as you, the members make it!

There is no meeting in December.

[Judy Meredith, Program Chair]



FAMILY HISTORY EXPO VII!

Plan now to attend!

Richard Black, Director of the Godfrey Memorial Library, will speak on "21st Century Family History Research". This keynote address will compare genealogical research methods past and present, review recent trends in researching (i.e. the ability to search across multiple databases at one time), and explore future trends (i.e. pay-per-view records).

When: Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Where: Redmond Stake Center, 10115 172nd Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 (Across from Redmond High School)

What: A great day of FREE classes for all levels of family history researchers!

Sponsored by the Redmond and Bellevue Stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Box lunches available for a \$5.00 donation.

Class lists, directions and registration are available on our web site:

www.nwfamilyhistory.net. If you have questions, contact Mark Hoover at 425-869-5656 or email him at markhoover64@hotmail.com.

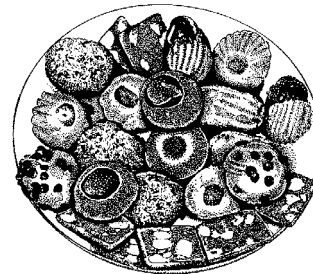
GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

The topic for our Friday, Nov. 2nd meeting will be "Prussia - Its Rise and Fall" presented by Dorothy and Alice. There will also be time for general research questions. We will meet at the Crossroads Mall Community Room (near the Lotto/Information booth) on November 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M..

The new, extended focus of our group is the German Empire which includes present day Germany and parts of other countries, including Poland, France, Belgium and Russia. If you're researching in any of these areas, please join us. Visitors are always welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Ann Passe: annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104

[Submitted by Ann Passe, German Interest Group Chair]

**COOKIES-COOKIES-COOKIES!**

At the November regular meeting from 6:15 onward, we will enjoy our Annual Cookie Social.

Members donate their favorite treats for all to enjoy. We also feature coffee, tea, apple cider, and all the trimmings.

Come early with donations, then visit with friends before the meeting. Donations should be there by 6:00.

KITCHEN HELP is welcome and needed.

[Betty Bennett, cookie chairman]

THINKING OF YOU

A Sympathy card was sent to Elsie Gustafson at the death of her husband Bert. A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Gene Fagerberg at his death. Mary Magnuson was sent a Thinking of You card. Janis Ulstein, Pat Clarke, Myra McDowell, and Frankie Larson all were sent a Get Well card.

[Ilelene Edmonson, Sunshine Chairman]

IRISH SIG

At the October 3 meeting of the Irish Interest Group, Dorothy Johnston shared a very useful CD of compiled genealogical information called "Resource County Roscommon."

If you discover your ancestors hail from Co. Roscommon in the late 18th and through to the early 20th century, the collection of genealogical material on this CD will please you enormously.

The CD contains some 1,871 pages, 126 maps and 199 documents on the county. The list is quite comprehensive allowing you to approach much of the material from different directions, for example, if you know the name of a townland but not the parish, it will display the name of the parish, and vice versa. For beginners, it even gives good advice on Irish genealogical research as well as brief explanations of terms used. The CD can be obtained by using PayPal and sending USD 23.50 to ohaylock@bigpond.net.au.

[Submitted by Ann Lamb, Irish Interest Group chair]


FREE

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library 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 7-9 PM and **Wednesdays** from 1-3 PM.

HISTORY IS HAPPENING IN THE REDMOND AREA!

The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, November 10, 2007, 10:00 A.M. to noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Dianna Broadie of the City Planning Department will talk about work to mark the City's heritage. Additionally, we will show "history mystery" photos from the Sammamish Valley News collection, for audience identification. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact Society president Judy Lang at 425-885-2919, or email your request to redmondhistory@hotmail.com. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, "Redmond Reflections", are available in our office, which is open Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. and Monday and Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Visit our website: www.redmondhistory.org.

[Submitted by Doris A. Schaible of the Redmond Historical Society]

THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF STEVENS COUNTY New Book Announcement:

The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society is proud to announce that "The People's History of Stevens County" by Fred C. Bohn and Craig E. Holstine is once again available in print. NeWGS recently had the book reprinted with permission from the Stevens County Historical Society who sponsored the original publication in 1983. It has been out-of-print for many years.

This book chronicles the history of Stevens County in Washington state. Based on 96 oral interviews done in the early 1980's that resulted in almost 225 hours of tape transcribed by members of the historical society, the project was accomplished through a grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

With the help of professional historians Bohn and Holstine, and over 50 historical illustrations, the history of Stevens County is brought to life.

John R. Jameson from the Department of History at the Washington State University in September 1983 says, "Taken collectively, the interviews in the Stevens County Oral History Collection add a dimension to our understanding of northeast Washington's heritage; they have given us information that would have been impossible to obtain in any other way.

"The authors skillfully have blended their own remarks and those of the narrators to produce a readable and interesting book that not only is a good story, but also shows the historian as a detective gathering scraps of evidence from which to draw conclusions."

Chapter topics include Early History, The Stevens County Heritage, Everyday Life, Stevens County Women, Schools and Learning, The Mining Frontier in Stevens County, Loggers and Lumbermen, Farming and Agriculture, The Roaring 20's and the Great Depression, and Looking Back. Also included are biographical sketches of the oral history interviewees.

By Fred C. Bohn and Craig E. Holstine; Originally published in 1983; Reprinted in 2006; 8.5x11; 127 pp; softbound; indexed; Order from: Northeast Washington Genealogical Society, c/o Colville Public Library, 195 South Oak, Colville, WA 99114; or www.newgs.org; ISBN: 970565429; \$19.95 includes p&h.

[from Leland Meitzler's blog, 10/28/2007]





► VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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 and using the same people over and over, for every job, they are sure to get burned out. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment- type jobs. Please look at page 11 for available jobs.

► **EGS Club Secretary** – We need a club secretary. Please call Norb Ziegler 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com to volunteer.

► **Nominating Committee** - A new Nominating Committee Chairman and some members are needed to work on the Nominating Committee each spring to locate new officers for EGS. Please call Norb Ziegler 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com.

► **Education Committee** - An Education Chair is desperately needed . Contact Norb Ziegler at 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com.

► **Research Assistants** – We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library, due to a recent vacancy. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair. Contact Winnie Sihon at wsihon@comcast.net or 425-746-3573.

► **Treasurer**- A new treasurer will be needed in 2008.

"If you don't know your history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

~ Michael Crichton

Local Meetings and Events

- **Family History Expo VII** will be held on November 10, 2007 (2nd Sat. in November) from 9:00-5:00 P.M. at the Redmond Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10115 172nd Ave. NE, Redmond, WA and will be a day full of free classes on family history research. Classes offered will cover all experience levels, from beginners to advanced researchers. See article elsewhere in the newsletter
- Second Thursday of each month, **Brick Wall Series at NARA**, 6125 Sand Point Way, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.. Come bring your brown-bag lunch and your "impossible genealogy problem" and our knowledgeable staff will brainstorm possible solutions.
- **Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Conference, 2008** will have as its theme the Civil War in the Pacific Northwest, and will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Seattle's Museum of History & Industry. Visit the Guild website at www.pnwhistorians.org for the general call for presentations. The Program Committee is issuing a special call to genealogists and family historians for presentations on Civil War family history, with a link to the Pacific Northwest. It is difficult to stipulate what such links might be. The connection may be as simple as that shortly after an east coast Civil War experience, a veteran migrated to Oregon, Washington, Idaho or British Columbia. Or that an ancestor was assisted by the Freedman's Bureau. Or that the individual or family lived in the PNW during the Civil War, in town, on a reservation, on a homestead or at the goldfields.

EGS 2007 MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name	Meeting Notice
EGS Board Meeting <i>(First Thursday 10:00 A.M.)</i>	The EGS Board will meet on November 1st at 10:00 A.M. at the Redmond Library.
EGS General Meeting <i>(Second Thursday, 7:00 P.M.)</i>	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Bellevue Regional Library.
Computer Interest Group <i>(Fourth Saturday, 9:30 A.M.)</i>	Will meet Saturday, November 24th at 9:30A.M. in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall. The topic is Legacy v7. <i>(Margaret Perdue, 425-643-3502, or m.perdue@comcast.net)</i>
Czech/Slovak Interest Group <i>(Check EGS Bulletin each month for meeting time information)</i>	Meets November 17th, 2007, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 at Firestation #22 in Houghton for our annual Thanksgiving Celebration Potluck. <i>(Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org.)</i>
EGS Lunch Bunch <i>(Fourth Thursday, 11:30 A.M.)</i>	Meets every fourth Thursday at Crossroads Food Court. <i>(Call Myra McDowell at 425-641-4650 or mcdowellml@yahoo.com)</i>
German Interest Group <i>(First Friday, 1:00 P.M.)</i>	Will meet Friday, November 2nd, 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M., at Crossroads Mall Community Room. See article. <i>(Call Ann Passe 206-232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net)</i>
Irish Interest Group <i>(First Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.)</i>	Will meet Wednesday, November 7th at the Bellevue Family History Center, 10:00A.M. to 12:00 noon. <i>(Call Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)</i>
Italian Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 1:30 P.M.)</i>	Will meet Saturday, November 17, 1:30-3:30 P.M., Lake Hills Library. <i>(Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)</i>
Scandinavian Interest Group <i>(Second Tuesday, 10:00 A.M.)</i>	Will meet Tuesday, November 13th at 10:00 A.M. to noon in the Regional Archives Building at Bellevue Community College. <i>(Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)</i>
Shore to Shore Interest Group <i>(changes monthly, call Jan)</i>	<i>(Call Jan Henderson 425-483-0334)</i>

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	LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria 4200 124th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361	LDS Fam. Hist. Center - 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 425-564-3940	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223
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2007-2008 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- January 7-11, 2008 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. See [24/7 Family History Circle Blog](#) for details.
- April 12 - 13, 2008 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium Tukwila, WA. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Speakers include Cyndi Howells, James Felak, Chuck Kusak, Daniela Sipkova Mahoney, Shon Edwards, Leo Baca and others.

THREE GENEALOGICAL EXERCISES

There are lots of skills associated with genealogical research. Some of these include locating evidence, analyzing it, translating language, reading old handwriting, understanding archaic words, and most of all reading between the lines to locate informational sources that can further your research.

There are three exercises that I use for honing my research skills. Let me share these with you.

Dissecting Obituaries

I usually read the obituaries in the local newspapers on a regular basis. No, I'm not morbid; I simply want to see what information is included. I'll usually pick two or three at random; the names and sizes of the obituaries don't matter. You may recall in school having to diagram sentences. What I do is similar—I "dissect" the obituary.

First, I read the obituary in full. Next, I use a pencil to underscore individual pieces of information in the obituary that point to some resource that may or will be of genealogical value. The obvious items are name, gender, age, residence, life events, place where a funeral or memorial service is scheduled, names of officiating clergy, place of interment, and names of any survivors. Other information may include occupation, name of spouse(s), sibling(s), place of birth, life events, military service, church affiliation, occupation, and more.

I prepare a list that includes each of these underlined clues. Underneath each one, I notate 1) what information that clue can provide; 2) what records might exist of the fact or clue; and 3) where the record(s) would be held. A typical short obituary usually has at least a dozen such clues to records. I then use telephone and city directories, the Internet, and other resources to determine the location that I would contact for more information. The exercise takes about thirty minutes or

less for each obituary.

Mailing List and Message Board Queries

When I see a posting [on a mailing list or message board] that relates to an area where my ancestors lived or to a surname I am researching, I read it and print it. I almost immediately get into my genealogical database and check for any information I have on individuals. If I read a posting related to a geographical area, a church, a school, or other institution or organization, and I have a reference book or documents relating to the subject, I will craft a private response to the person.

This exercise allows me to re-read and re-focus on content that I perhaps have not examined in some time. It also forces me to look at my own knowledge and determine if I have more information to apply to my own research.

The Tombstone Game

I spend lots of time in cemeteries, as do most genealogists. Occasionally I will simply select one tombstone, copy the name and dates down, and take it home. Later, I will start checking databases to see what I can learn about the person. Can I locate the person in a census? Is there an electronic version of an obituary? Are there military records? Are there other vital records? In other words, I try to practice my research skills in electronic databases to see what I can learn. This often forces me to look at different records and/or different locations. This makes me a better researcher and helps me stay abreast of new materials online.

These three little exercises take a comparatively small amount of time. They are the equivalent of crossword or Sudoku puzzles for the genealogist. I hope you'll try one or all of these exercises. They are educational, interesting, and fun.

Happy Hunting!

[excerpted from George G. Morgan, 24/7 Family History Circle]

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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. The Supply/Book Table, get acquainted, browse, ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

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