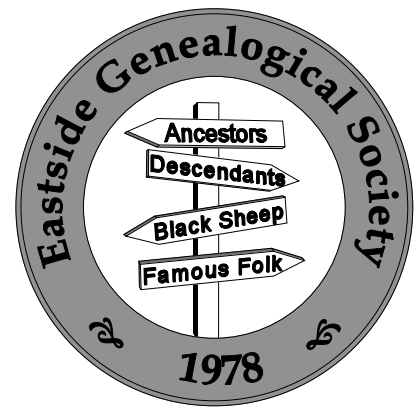


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, November 13, 2010
Time: 2:00 — 4:00 PM **Note Change of Day & Time**
Location: Bellevue Regional Library Room 1
Topic: Annual Show & Share Cookie Social

About The Program:

The November meeting will be on Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (**NOTE: change of date and time!**) in Room 1 of the Bellevue Library. This is our annual Show and Share and Cookie Social. Please bring your favorite portable family heirloom—jewelry, books, photos, scrapbooks, family bibles, old documents, family trees and whatever else your family found interesting/valuable enough to pass down and tell us all about it! And don't forget cookies! Members are urged to bring their favorite cookies. We will have cookies along with cider, tea and coffee served by the Shore to Shore Special Interest Group. Leftover cookies will be auctioned at the end of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

So far the genealogy classes here in the library seem to be a success. We've picked up 2 new members!

So this seems to be an appropriate time to remind everyone of how to get the most out of their membership.

We try each month to find programs of general interest for our meetings. Even if the subject sounds at first as if it doesn't cover your particular interest or problem, you may be surprised.

As well as our monthly meetings, we have a number of Special Interest Groups. There are groups dedicated to research of particular ethnic groups, a computer users' group, a group that gathers for field trips to various local resources, a group that gathers for lunch and conversation at Crossroads Mall and many more. Check them out in the back of the Bulletin where you'll find contact information.

And last but not least, we have volunteer opportunities! Volunteer to run for office, help with meeting set up, man a booth, such as at the Bothell Riverfest in August and the upcoming LDS Family History Expo, assist at the library help desk, or write an article for the Bulletin about your latest research trip or a report on a book you found particularly helpful.

You'll get acquainted with a really fun bunch of people with common interests and contribute to the success of the society, too!

Happy hunting! Judy Meredith, President

The Eastside Genealogical Society

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JANUARY 2011 EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:
 National Genealogical Society
 Video Seminar
 Bellevue Regional Library

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UPCOMING EGS MEETING PROGRAM INFORMATION

In January, you will have the opportunity to watch a video of pieces from the National Genealogical Society's seminar in Salt Lake City. This is no boring home movie.

The keynote speaker, Jay Verkler, is the CEO of Family Search. His talk about the development of technological innovations that have allowed us access information from record repositories around the world is fascinating. David McCullough, historian and author of numerous books, including *John Adams* is another speaker. And if there is time, we can watch The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, who, as always gives, a superb and moving performance.

For February's program, I'd like you to share some family photographs that you find particularly interesting or funny. You might have one that is particularly old, or has an interesting subject. After you have selected the photos that you'd like to bring, please scan and email them to me, Carol Pattison, at maycreek@aol.com. In that way, we can show them on the screen. If you are unable to scan your photos, then send good copies to me, Carol Pattison, at 12145 SE 91st St, Newcastle, WA 98056 and I will scan them into my computer. I think that this program can be a lot of fun but we need your photos to share. *(Submitted by Carol Pattison, EGS Vice-President and Program Chair).*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

☞ Margaret Howell

☞ Mardi Rediske

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EGS needs library help desk volunteers and an assistant for our Library Chairman. These are not 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.

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:

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.

FAMILY HISTORY EXPO 10 IN BELLEVUE

The Family History Expo 10 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 to register for Expo 10. For the latest info, contact the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Present: Judy Meredith, Ed Schultz, Sarah Fleming , Jan McGruder, Carol Pattison, Dorothy Mehrer, Sharron Filer

Library Acquisition: committee will meet September 11.

Education: Classes are scheduled. September 26 is a panel, more presenters are needed. No speakers secured for the November 7 class yet.

Membership continues to decline. 255 memberships, 263 individuals.

Outreach: Bothell Riverfest was supported by Bob, Virgil, Ron and Judy. At Newcastle Day, September 11, EGS will have covered booth #2, just inside the entrance, with a table and two chairs supplied. Set up from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Family History Expo will be held November 6 at the Bellevue Stake Center on Main Street. Seattle Genealogical Society's seminar October 23 will have no space for tables.

Program: Gary Zimmerman will present October program on researching in the old west (Ohio). November is show & share and cookie fest.

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

NATIONAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCES IN 2011

The following are national genealogy conferences that will happen in 2011:

- ◆ Rootstech, Salt Lake City, February 10-12, 2011. For more information: rootstech.familysearch.org
- ◆ National Genealogical Society, Charleston, South Carolina, May 11-14, 2011. For more information: www.ngsgenealogy.org
- ◆ Federation of Genealogical Societies, Springfield, Illinois, September 7-10, 2011. For more information: www.fgs.org *(Submitted by Sarah Fleming, EGS Book Acquisitions Chair)*

HISTORY IS HAPPENING IN THE REDMOND AREA!

The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:30 to 12:00 noon at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. We will be voting on a slate of officers; we will recognize the many volunteers who make such a difference in this organization; and a workshop for members will be conducted to educate as to duties and responsibilities of each committee of the Society. 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)

Ladies, do you have a bloodline ancestor who fought in or supported the American cause in the Revolutionary War? You may be eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

The Annie Pulliam Chapter was organized on April 17, 2010 and meets on the second Saturday of the month in North Bend or Issaquah. Cascade Chapter was organized in 1961 and meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Bellevue.

The membership committee of either chapter can help you to identify your patriot, and provide guidance and assistance with the application process. For more information, contact the EGS-DAR Rep, Donna Hart, 425-831-5978 carldonna1@comcast.net

2010 BEST STATE WEBSITES FOR GENEALOGY FROM FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE (FREE)

In genealogy, as in real estate, it's all about location, location, location. Finding where your ancestors lived is the first step in identifying records about them. Fortunately, the internet-ization of America also has swept over the nation's state archives, historical and genealogical societies, libraries, vital-records offices and other keepers of genealogical gold. Many of the resources that once gathered dust in various statewide repositories now can be accessed without changing your own location—in front of your computer, that is.

To help you find these outstanding state sites—and to salute their efforts at making genealogical and historical information available online—Family Tree Magazine has compiled this state-centric Best Websites list. Though there are many outstanding online resources for state and local information, including subscription sites, we've focused on those that specialize in one of the 50 states. The 75 stellar sites singled out here (at least one per state) represent the go-to bookmarks for browsing America's past, state by state. You can view this list, for free, at <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/2010-best-state-websites>. (From familytreemagazine.com)

FREE ONLINE GENEALOGY WEBINARS

Check out the free online genealogy education Webinars, sponsored by Legacy, at <http://legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>. If you're not able to attend, the webinars will be archived for at least 30 days after the presentation at that site. Previous and upcoming topics include *Helping Unlock the World's Records - An Insider's Perspective on Family Search Indexing* by Jim Ericson, *Mapping Software for Genealogists* and *Sharing Genealogy Electronically* by Geoff Rasmussen, and *Blogging for Beginners with DearMYRTLE* by DearMYRTLE (Pat Richley). (Submitted by Sherry Holthe, Legacy Special Interest Group Chair)

FAMILYSEARCH VIDEOS OF GRANITE MOUNTAIN RECORDS VAULT

FamilySearch has created videos that describe the Granite Mountain Records Vault where microfilm and digital media are stored and preserved. The video presents a tour of something that very few people will ever see: the inside of the Granite Mountain Records Vault.

The video is offered on YouTube in two parts: Part 1 describes the vault and tells how the temperature and humidity are rigidly controlled. Under these ideal storage conditions, microfilms are expected to last for 200 years and the digital records will last even longer. You can watch Part 1 of the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAzty9dd6rA>

Part 2 of the video describes the technologies and processes used to “unlock” the collections of genealogy records preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault. This video explains how records stored in microfilm and other formats are digitized, indexed, and published online in a searchable format, where they can be accessed by researchers around the world at <http://www.familysearch.org>. This video also discusses how FamilySearch plans to preserve these digital records indefinitely, longer than microfilm. You can watch Part 2 of the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkA2AT2FVzo>. (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>.)

GETTING THE MOST FROM WHAT YOU'VE FOUND, BY JULIANA SMITH

We've come a long way technologically with family history research tools. Years ago locating a record sometimes meant many hours cranking away at a microfilm reader and often transcribing the record because there was no machine to print it out. Now, with many records, we can sit in the comfort of our homes and locate our ancestors with the click of a mouse. Another click prints a copy, and with another click we can attach it to our electronic family tree. Voila! We're done.

Ah, not so fast. While I love the advances that technology has brought us, sometimes we're a little too quick to attach the record to our tree and move on. That wonderful find is relegated to a kind of electronic purgatory where we never fully explore it.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure that you're getting the most from every find:

1. Transcribe it.

While this might seem a bit tedious, the act of transcribing a record forces you to read and think about every element of the record. You'll be amazed at how much more you can learn from a find when you examine it closely.

2. Put it in context.

Create a chronology or timeline for all the records you've found on your ancestor and copy your transcription into that timeline. Seeing the information in the context of other information you have found can help you to estimate important dates and learn more about your ancestor.

3. Create an action or to-do list.

While you're plucking clues from your new find, ideas will pop into your head for follow-ups. Keep a to-do list open on your desktop and add these ideas as they come to you. That way you don't risk forgetting about them, and the next time you get a chance to return to your research, you know exactly where to start.

4. Add it to your tree.

Okay, if you haven't already done it, now is a good time to click and add that record to your online tree and/or genealogical software. You may have to do this in more than one place if you maintain an online tree and another in a genealogical software program.

5. File a paper copy.

I like to keep a paper copy of what I've found. When I'm looking for a new angle, I find that browsing through paper copies is helpful. Plus, when it comes to showing family what I've found, most people seem to respond better to browsing through a binder than clicking through electronic files on a computer.

6. Pat yourself on the back.

With every record you find, you're adding a piece to your family history puzzle. Take some time to appreciate each find and know that you're doing your part to preserve your family's place in history.

Have you perhaps been too hasty in dismissing a recent find? Maybe it's time to revisit what you've found and search for clues you may have missed the first time around. (*The Weekly Discovery, October 10, 2010, Copyright 2010, Ancestry.com*)

THE RISING COST OF TRAVEL VERSUS ONLINE RESEARCH BY DICK EASTMAN

A newsletter reader asked an interesting question. Here is an extract from a longer message:

As the economy continues to worsen and gas prices rise exponentially, I am curious to know how this will affect services such as Ancestry.com, 1837online, Scotland's People, Worldvitalrecords.com, and others.

Will these companies raise their prices in relation to other increases? Or will they maintain or possibly lower prices to keep subscribers? In tough times, leisure activities are among the first to suffer.

I am not sure that my crystal ball is any clearer than anyone else's. However, a few (*continued next page*)

things do seem obvious to me.

I suspect the high cost of gasoline will be good for the online sites that offer images of original records, such as HeritageQuestOnline.com, Ancestry.com, 1837online, WorldVitalRecords.com, and others. As prices continue to rise for trips to libraries and other repositories, many people will turn to cheaper, online access whenever possible.

Let's compare online research expenses versus "in-person" research:

Prices will vary widely, depending upon where you live in relation to the repositories you wish to visit. I'll start off with my own example.



I live 35 miles outside a major city and am fortunate to have several major genealogy libraries, repositories, and archives within convenient driving distance of my home. Assuming gas mileage of 20 to 25 miles per gallon and gas prices of \$2.50 to \$3.00 for each gallon, it now costs me a minimum of \$7.50 or more to visit the nearest such repositories that are about 35 miles away (that is obviously a 70-mile round trip, requiring three or more gallons of gasoline). Of course, that is for gasoline alone.

Next, add in tolls and parking. A round trip into the city from my home by the most convenient route now costs \$7.50 in round-trip tolls. In most East Coast cities, parking fees start at \$20 and go up. In fact, they go up quickly. It is not unusual to pay \$30 or more per day for parking at the repositories I visit. Some of these repositories also charge admission fees as well as photocopying fees.

A cheaper method is public transportation to the city. However, this can be a false economy. A trip by commuter train costs me a couple of dollars in gas to drive to the train station, \$4 for parking at the train station (a bargain in this area), and \$12 for a round-trip ticket. I have to be at the train station by 7:00 AM or so in order to find a parking spot as the parking lot is usually full by 7:15 AM. The drawback is that the trip takes three times as long as an automobile trip, cutting into the research time available.

Even worse, one of the major repositories that I go to is more than a one-and-a-half mile walk from the nearest public transportation. That's a long walk in bad weather! The closest regional library of the National Archives and Records Administration is even further from public transportation. I always drive there.

I now figure that a single trip to any of the nearby "free" genealogy repositories costs me a minimum of \$40 to \$60, counting gas, parking fees, and tolls.

My statistics ignore automobile depreciation, repairs, tires, insurance, and similar expenses. These expenses are difficult to calculate on a per-mile basis but nonetheless are real expenses. Please consider my calculations to be the minimum expenses; most of us will pay more than this for each trip.

Of course, I am lucky to live within 35 miles of several major research facilities and within 200 miles of almost all my ancestors in the past 375 years. If the local repositories have information about my ancestors, I am fortunate enough to pay "only" \$40 to \$60 for a single trip.

How about the person living in Iowa who is researching ancestors in New England? Or the Colorado resident who is researching in Scotland, Sweden, and Italy?

Many people live in rural areas or do not have nearby resources with information about ancestors who lived in another part of the country. Many genealogists have to pay much, much more than my \$40 to \$60 expenses. I suspect they envy those of us who are blessed with nearby, first-class research facilities.

If I need to travel to a distant state archives or local historical society or other repositories near the homes of my ancestors, prices mushroom quickly. Regardless of the mode of transportation, an overnight or longer trip to a distant repository can cost hundreds of dollars. *(continued next page)*

How about a trip back to “the old country” for genealogy research? What does that cost?

In comparison, the online services charge rather small fees for access. Several online services charge \$7.95 a month to \$14.95/month for unlimited access. Even Ancestry.com's comparatively high prices of \$12.95/month to \$19.95/month (for the U.S. Deluxe Membership) or \$24.95/month to \$29.95/month (for the World Deluxe Membership) seem much cheaper than an in-person visit to a repository. If the online service has the record you seek, the savings can be enormous.

The key phrase is "If the online service has the record you seek..." While these online services now have millions of records available, that is still a tiny percentage of all records available on paper or on microfilm. To be sure, the most popular records are now available online: U.S. census records, U.K. census records, some Canadian census records, U.S. Revolutionary War pension applications, Social Security Death Index, and more. However, if you seek a land record from Ohio or a marriage record from Vermont, you probably will not find it online. That is changing slowly but it will be years before all records of interest to genealogists are available online.

I frequently make presentations to genealogy societies and to conventions. In one of my talks, I once stated that I estimated that fewer than 2% of all records of genealogy interest were available online. A nationally-known genealogy expert in the audience disagreed with my assessment. Her estimate was that fewer than 0.02% of all records of genealogy interest are available online. Admittedly, neither of us has any documented statistics to back up our estimates.

Regardless of the precise number, it is obvious that the online sites only scratch the surface of available information. Nonetheless, if the record you seek is available online, a search of a commercial site can save hundreds of dollars in travel expenses. Even better, online searches often produce "hits" for records you didn't even consider or perhaps didn't even know about. Who knew that your great-great-grandfather filed a claim for losses suffered in the Civil War? A search of his name on the various online sites might produce results that you never dreamed of.

My correspondent asked, "Will these companies raise their prices in relation to other increases? Or will they maintain or possibly lower prices to keep subscribers?"

My belief is that the prices of the inexpensive services will remain about the same while the more expensive service(s) will be forced to drop prices, due to competitive pressures. The history of the online world has been one of constantly lowered pricing, and I do not see that trend changing. In fact, disk storage space is now much cheaper than it was only a few years ago. Web servers, high-speed Internet connectivity, and other expenses have remained about the same or have slowly come down. The one big expense is labor, and even that has been trimmed substantially in the past few years. Today's online services are leaner with lower corporate headcounts than those of a few years ago.

The long-term outlook for genealogists is great: more and more information is becoming available online every day. As this mass of available information increases, the need for expensive travel to view records in person is reduced. To be sure, we probably will always have some need to travel to distant archives, but I suspect we will do so less in the future than we do today. The potential savings in gasoline, highway tolls, hotel rooms, and restaurant meals can be measured in the millions of dollars.

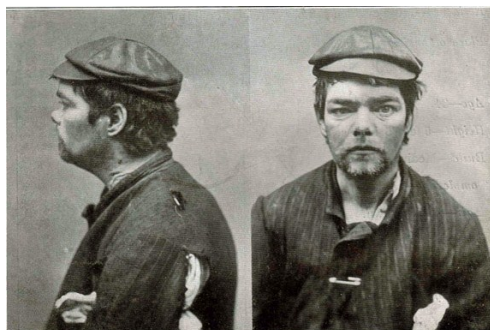
For those who can afford to travel to distant repositories to perform in-person research, I'd encourage you to do so. The satisfaction you achieve by holding original records in your hands is difficult to duplicate in an online experience. However, for many people, economic realities do not allow for travel to the distant repositories. For many people, spending hundreds or even thousands of dollars for a research trip is out of the question. Even traveling to a “nearby” facility for \$40 or \$60, as documented earlier, on a weekday, may be difficult to justify. Many people cannot take time off from work in order to pursue genealogy research. Many of us find it cheaper to spend a few hundred dollars in online fees so that we may research without travel, at any time of the day or night, including on weekends.

I am confident that online services do provide much cheaper access than any other available method. That is already true today, and the differences will increase with each passing year. *(The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It was originally published online on Sunday, October 10, 2010 and is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.)*

FIVE SOURCES FOR BLACK SHEEP ANCESTORS BY JULIANA SMITH

Your black sheep ancestors may turn up in collections beyond prison records. Here are five rich sources of information.

1.) **Court Records:** If your ancestor had legal troubles or a run-in with the law, you may find record of his or her day in court. Start your search for court records with a visit to the state archives website. A growing number of archives are posting indexes online.



Don't be surprised to find ancestors listed for seemingly minor infractions. In the index to the Posey County Circuit Court Historical Records at the Indiana State Archives (<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2764.htm>), Abel Smith is listed in 1821 for "Profane swearing." (Is there any other kind?)

In the Missouri State Archives' Missouri Judicial Index Database (<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/judiciary/allcourts/default.asp>), William T. Smith was cited as a Public Nuisance because his hog farm, slop, and sties were too close to a boarding house.

If your ancestor was convicted of a more serious crime, you may find some comfort in learning his side of the story. The State Board of Charities interviewed prisoners with life terms in the state prison at Michigan City, Indiana in the early 1900s. An index to these interviews is online through the Indiana State Archives and copies can be requested, as well as mug shots (<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2810.htm>).

Even if you don't find an index online, some states have posted research guides that will help with your search, like this one from Utah (<http://www.archives.state.ut.us/research/guides/criminal.htm>).

Also check on the county level and you may find helpful guides like this one for King County, Washington (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/archives/court.aspx>).

2.) **Census:** Ancestors who found themselves on the wrong side of the law at the time of the census were enumerated in prison. While in many cases, you'll only find them listed with "Inmate" in the "relationship to head of household" field, in 1850 and 1860 the census takers were instructed to "state the crime for which each inmate is confined."

In an example from the New York City Prison (a.k.a, "The Tombs"), you'll find crimes ranging from vagrancy to sending threatening letters, and from intoxication to assault and battery.

You can also find evidence of prison dwelling relatives in the 1880 Census Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes (ancestry.com). May E. Smith of Elgin, Illinois is listed among the residents of the State Penitentiary. In October of 1877, she was "indicted for keeping a house of ill fame."

The schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes include seven forms to enumerate the following classes of individuals:

- > Insane
- > Idiots
- > Deaf-mutes
- > Blind
- > Paupers and Indigent persons
- > Homeless children
- > Prisoners

Prison schedules are found on the same page as the schedules for Homeless Children, but on the lower half of the page. (Continued on page 10)

EGS NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, November 4, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, room 6.
EGS General Meeting	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Please note change of day and time. Visitors are welcome.
Computer Interest (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Since prices may be down before the holidays, we'll be talking about computers, printers, E-book readers and tablets available now, as well as other hardware and genealogy-related software programs at the November meeting of the Computer Interest Group at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 27 , in the Community Room at Crossroads? (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be a special Thanksgiving meeting on Saturday, November 13 from 12:30 to 4:00 PM. See website for more information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (Rosie Bodien, 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)	The EGS German Interest Group will meet on Friday, November 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library (1111 110th Avenue NE). This is a one time only change of time and location. We will have a tour of the Bellevue library with time to peruse their materials. Friday, December 10th is the date of our annual potluck Christmas Party at Ken & Ann's. (Ann annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish Interest Group will meet on November 3. Aidan Maher of the Irish Language School "Scoil na Gaeilge" (Mercer Island) will show us how to pronounce and read our Irish surnames and place names, and will talk about the history of the Irish language. (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group will meet at the following times: Saturday, November 6, 8:00 AM -5:00 PM, Family History Expo, LDS Bellevue Stake, 14536 SE Main St., Bellevue. The IIG has been asked to host an Italian booth at the Family History Expo so we'll need some volunteers to stay at the booth in between classes – you can still take the free classes, just return to the booth for breaks and lunch – it's easy and fun! View classes and preregister or reserve lunch on the website at http://www.wafamilyhistory.net **Saturday, November 20, 1:30-3:30 PM, NEW Lake Hills Library, 15590 Lake Hills Blvd. http://www.kcls.org/lakehills/directions.cfm There is underground parking and an elevator near the entrance at the south end of the building. Conference room is on the North end of the library. **NO Dec. meeting. Buon Natale ed Buon Capo D'Anno a tutti! (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The next Legacy Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Legacy has more than one place to enter data and we'll be discussing the pros and cons of the various options, including how they'll show up in reports (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet on November 9 from 10 AM - Noon , at the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue College. Please see the website for more information: eastsidesig.spaces.live.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore To Shore group will meet on Monday, November 1 at the Crossroads Mall for our Birthday lunch at 11:30 AM followed by our November meeting in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Our November research trip will be to the Fiske Library in Seattle on Monday, November 15. We will meet at the Bellevue L.D.S. church parking lot on N.E. 20th Ave. between Bellevue Way and 106th Ave. N.E. at 9:15 AM to carpool. We give the one who drives \$2:00 from each rider. There is a \$5.00 charge to use the Library. We take our lunch and eat there. The Fiske Library newsletter can be accessed on line and you can browse their holdings to see what is available there. Visitors welcome. (Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078)

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
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3.) **Newspapers:** The antics of your black sheep relative may have landed him or her a spot in the newspaper — and not just locally. When Henderson Gibson, Byrd Powers, F.F. Hamblin, and John Gibson of Whitley County, Kentucky, were arrested after prohibition agents seized their stills and liquor in December 1920, news of the raid made the front page of the Morning Herald of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Search historical newspapers for your ancestor's story.

4.) **Biographies and Local Histories:** Local histories sometimes include mentions of a city or town's more notorious residents. *The American Metropolis: New York City Life in All Its Various Phases*, by Frank Moss, LL.D. (1897) includes an entire chapter on the Five Points neighborhood with stories, descriptions, and in some cases engravings of 6th Ward ruffians.

In some cases, you may find your ancestor's nefarious deeds mentioned in connection with the biographical sketches of the police responsible for their undoing. In *Our Police: A History of the Pittsburgh Police Force*, the chapter that profiles Detective Jeremiah Gumbert, also includes details on his more notable cases. The Pittsburgh police book also includes an entire chapter of "Celebrated Cases in this vicinity."

5.) **International Collections:** Your ancestors abroad probably include a few rogues and there are a growing number of collections on Ancestry.com in which you can learn more about them. William Arnold is among the criminals that can be found in the England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892. He was convicted of highway robbery and sentenced to death in the Old Bailey, April session, 1820.

If your Birmingham ancestor had a fondness for the drink, you might find him or her in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Pub Blacklist, 1903-1906.

Space was short for prisons for much of history in the UK, and you may find that your ancestor served part or all of his sentence in the hulk of a ship. On board the Fortitude, Robert Scargall, age 65, was sentenced to life in prison in July of 1825 for stealing sheep, but was pardoned in July of 1834 serving close to nine years for his crime. Wm. H. Reynolds was also sentenced to life in prison for "Shooting at with intent to kill." He was paroled after just over seven and a half years. You can search the UK, Prison Hulk Registers and Letter Books, 1802-1849 here.

Here are some of the other UK and Australian prison, convict and transportation collections currently available on Ancestry.com.

UK, Licenses of Parole for Female Convicts, 1853-1871, 1883-1887
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