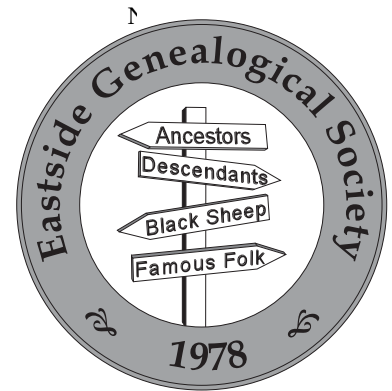


EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN BOARD



Please Note: Beginning in September, EGS will be meeting at the Redmond Library while a construction project takes place at the Bellevue Regional Library.

NOVEMBER EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: **Redmond Library** —Note Location Change
Topic: *Accessing Digital Books Online*
Speaker: Dr. Gary Zimmerman, President of the
 Fiske Genealogical Library

About The Program:

Many public domain books of interest to genealogists are being digitized at a rapid rate. Included are books from the Library of Congress, Allen County Public Library, Family History Library, and many other repositories. Dr. Zimmerman will show you where to find these books.

DECEMBER – NO MEETING

EGS does not meet in December. Instead, spend the time enjoying the holidays and we will see you at our January meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We had a better turnout at our October meeting at our new venue at the Redmond Library. We even got to see a couple of people we don’t generally see in Bellevue, so you all come!

As is customary, I asked about recent research success stories. One thing in particular caught my attention—the value of networking.

One of our members contacted a person from out of state regarding a line he was researching and in the course of the conversation, the gentleman said, “Did you say you live in Bellevue, WA? I’m having a problem finding a grave there.” Long story short, these two have been sending stuff back and forth to the benefit of both.

So network! Post queries, come to meetings and chat, join special interest groups, attend the upcoming Family History Expo on November 5th (watch the website for more info: www.wafamilyhistory.net). Also tell your friends about your families—they might be researching the same region and stumble across a tidbit. (Ask Bob Barnes about this.)

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And as always there are numerous ways you can volunteer to help your society out. Call or email the contacts listed in the back of the Bulletin.

Happy hunting!
Judy Meredith, EGS President

HELP NEEDED TO INDEX THE 1940 U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS

On April 2, 2012, NARA will provide access to the images of the 1940 United States Federal Census for the first time. Unlike previous census years, images of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made available as free digital images.

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the largest, most comprehensive, and most recent record set available that records the names of those who were living in the United States at the time the census was taken. 132 million people were living in the 48 Continental United States in 1940.

The 1940 census included several standard questions, such as: name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth. But the census also introduced some new questions. One example is that the enumerator was instructed to mark (with a circled x) who in the household responded to the census questions. Other questions included whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24-30, 1940, and the income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939. Other new, interesting questions were asked: Where people lived 5 years before; Highest educational grade achieved; and Detailed income and occupation.



Family Search is now signing up volunteers to help index the 1940 U.S. Federal Census. FamilySearch.org and its partners will start publishing the 1940 U.S. Federal Census for free on April 2, 2012, the day the census is released by NARA. FamilySearch.org will also provide digital images to tens of thousands of volunteers to start transcribing the records so they become searchable. Complete publication of the index will depend on how many volunteers like you can help. For more information, and to sign up to help index, please go to <https://familysearch.org/1940census>. (Submitted by Sarah Fleming, EGS Book Acquisitions)

FAMILYSEARCH ONLINE FILM ORDERING SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

The new FamilySearch Film Ordering System is now available to the U.S. Northwest/West Area. This area is in addition to other areas that currently have access to the FamilySearch Film Ordering System.

FamilySearch continues to make great strides in making family history research easier by making it possible for you to order microfilms from the comfort and convenience of your own home. No longer will you have to wait for your next trip to a family history center to order a film. Nor will you have to travel to a family history center, hoping they have the film you want, only to discover it's not there.

Ordering microfilms is as easy as ever.

1. Go to familysearch.org/films and sign into FamilySearch using the Sign In link located in the top right corner of the screen. If you do not have an account, clicking the Sign In link will help you register.
2. Locate the microfilm number(s) you want to order from the Family History Library Catalog located on FamilySearch.org. Note: Before ordering any film, check to see if the Family History Library Catalog has a digital copy available online.
3. Select your loan type, enter the microfilm number, and click Search. Repeat this step for each additional item.

For more information, see <https://www.familysearch.org/node/1264> (Submitted by Sarah Fleming, EGS Book Acquisitions)

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SUMMARY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2011**August 2011**

Membership: Updating needed in the membership packets, applications and other printed matter to include dues added for printed newsletters, and change of meeting place due to construction of the new BRL parking garage. Bob Barnes will follow up.

Programs: Sarah Little will speak in September about tracing living people, Carol Pattison will provide an October program, Gary Zimmerman of the Fisk Library will speak on digitized books. Additional ideas were to have someone from the National Archives talk on the 1940 census, a talk on the changes on FamilySearch, Darlene Hamilton on the most efficient way to search other library sites, and a question and answer session.

Education: Bob Barnes is planning to hold fall classes again – will have to decide possibly between Lake Hills or Redmond libraries. Carol Pattison suggested having a monthly 2-hour session for beginners, perhaps rotating libraries.

Outreach: We will have a table at the Bothell RiverFest, 28 August, from 10 AM to 3 PM. More volunteers are desired.

Bulletin: Articles to consider are finding owners of found objects, finding living relatives, and how the Red Cross reunites families.

New Business: Bob Barnes offered to host an appreciation dinner in honor of Ed Schultz and Kim Nichols.

A list of new genealogy books at the Seattle Public Library was received. After discussing how to make it available, it was decided to simply add a link to the Seattle Public Library to our website.

G-mail sites for publicity and information are to be added to the website, rather than personal email addresses, so anyone filling in can access the mail.

Darlene Hamilton has retired from the Seattle Public Library.

Sarah Fleming has continued to investigate various insurance plans, gathering information from other nearby societies and FGS. South King County Genealogical Society went from about \$500 to \$240 for basic liability from a Kent agency. FGS's policy would cover each officer, field trips and other subjects.

The September 1 EGS Board Meeting will be held at 10 AM at the Redmond Library.

September 2011

Treasurer: Kay emailed the treasurer's report to board members prior to the meeting.

Membership: We have 260 members. Bob will update flyers and membership packets.

Programs: September, Sarah Little; October, Carol Pattison, organization; November, Gary Zimmerman, online books. Other program ideas: 1940 census, DAR web site, FamilySearch changes, mountain men (interesting display at Riverfest).

Publicity: Dorothy still needs backup. G-mail accounts for publicity and information have not been added. Dorothy will notify SIG leaders when available.

Education: Bob is planning Introduction to Genealogy classes at several different libraries. Kirkland is scheduled for 29 October, 1-3. Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Newport Way have expressed an interest. No requests yet from Redmond or Bothell. Sarah gave Bob information on obtaining free "Ask Granny" materials, a course developed for senior citizens.

Outreach: We participated in Bothell Riverfest and will have a table at Family History Expo, 5 November. Sarah suggested we tag our flyers so we know if we get any members from these events. Dorothy will make greeter badges for the general meetings.

Book Acquisition: Committee will meet 24 September.

Library: Winnie needs a replacement for Jack Newman for 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

Old business: Sarah will contact the So. King Co. insurance agent to see if we can save money.

The "thank you" dinner to honor Ed and Kim will be rescheduled.

New business: We discussed having a summer recess for July and August. Bob will draft a bylaws change for the next board meeting.

We need to be proactive re cleaning out EGS materials in Jack Newman's garage. Dorothy suggested we scan the first page and officer page of each Bulletin Board

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- Nancy BAIN
- Lily KOHN, who is researching BOGACHICK, NAPADENSKY, MENDELSON, SPIVACK, and KOHN in US and Eastern Europe, Jewish, the Holocaust, Poland, Romania, and Russia. She also needs someone who can read Polish.
- Carl WADE is researching SPRAY and WADE from early Seattle and Juanita.

CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATES

On page 8 of the September/October EGS newsletter there was an article about Illinois Prairie Pioneer Certificates from the Illinois State Genealogical Society. The Chicago Genealogical Society also offers two certificates for Chicago and Cook County.

Their "Pioneer" certificate covers those living in the area from 1833 until 8 October 1871 (date of the Great Chicago Fire.) The other certificate, "Rebuilder," runs from 9 October 1871 until 30 April 1893 (the ending date marks the Columbian Exposition.) Information for these certificates is available on their website: <http://www.ChicagoGenealogy.org/> Click on "Ancestor Certificates." (Submitted by Suzy Page, EGS member)

SKEWING - A TECHNIQUE FOR SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION

How do you read a signature that is heavily slanted with the letters seemingly run together? Genealogists have that problem when trying to identify signatures but numismatists (coin and money collectors) also have the same problem when trying to identify signatures on banknotes and checks.

Open a digital image of the signature in a photo editing program and then skew it (slant it) until the signature appears to be more vertical. A great example can be found in The E-Sylum, an electronic publication of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, at http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v14n43a06.html. (The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2011 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>.)

LIBRARY AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the first and third Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Jack Newman is resigning after many years of providing help at these times. Anyone interested should contact Winnie Sihon at wsihon@comcast.net or 425-793-5424. Help Desk volunteers are needed for other times as well.

An assistant for our Library Chairman is also needed. And there is a need for a Publicity assistant. 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.

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 your 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.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- ◆ Learn how to research your family history! Family History Expo 2011, Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (On-site registration opens at 8:00 AM) at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Bellevue South Stake Center (behind the Temple) at 15202 SE 28th St., Bellevue, WA 98007.

Many classes for all interests and levels from beginner to advanced, and a keynote address on "Discovery of Self" by Norman J. Landerman-Moore. Free; register online to guarantee printed materials. For more information, registration, and directions, see <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net/>

- ◆ History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our meeting. The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, November 12, 2011, 10:30 a.m. to noon at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Tom Hansen and Gordon Dudley will be presenting "What Life was Like on Weber Point." Come and hear their stories of growing up on Weber Point and what it was like for their parents when they first arrived.

Also, remember the quilt raffle in honor of Redmond's Centennial celebration in 2012. Tickets sell for \$2 each. 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 Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Visit our website: redmondhistoricalsociety.org. There is no December meeting.

- ◆ The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents Publishing Your Family History by Nancy Adelson, JGSWS President and Program Chair on Monday, November 14, 2011. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM, at Stroum Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island WA 98040. Free admission for JGSWS members and one guest per year, \$5.00 for non-members. FREE Wi-Fi access (bring your laptops) and extensive library materials available for your research. Visit our website: <http://www.jgsws.org>.



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM: Nancy Adelson will present a step-by-step overview, starting with quick and easy methods of sharing your genealogical research to publishing a book online to the process of working with an agent and publisher. Learn about reports and sharing options available through family tree software and online sites. Discover the simple way to start writing and organizing your book, how to apply for your copyright and Library of Congress Pre-assigned Control Number, and get tips on self-publishing, online publishing, and selling options. Realizing that few people have enough time to devote to genealogical research, much less write a book, this lecture demonstrates how easy it can be to complete both tasks. Using her self-published book, *A New York City Boy*, as an example, she will demonstrate how to share your work NOW.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Nancy Adelson is a founding member, President, and Program Chair for JGSWS, Director of GerSIG, Program Co-Chair of the 2013 IAJGS Conference, and Committee Chair for the IAJGS International Jewish Genealogy Month. She has researched 3700+ members for her husband's (Sephardic) and her (Eastern and Western European) families, going back to the early 1700s. She has presented at numerous IAJGS conferences, at local events, and on cruise lines. Nancy has received the IAJGS Salutes award, the Washington State Genealogical Society Award for Outstanding Efforts in Preservation, and the JGSWS Outstanding Community Service Award.



WHAT HAPPENED TO GRANDPA'S THINGS? BY HARRY RINKER

In a previous "Rinker on Collectibles" column, I wrote: "Grandfathers get short shrift. Over 90 percent of all objects I see belong to the grandmother or some female relative. Is this because sentimentality is primarily a female virtue? I am not convinced. In going through the family heirlooms I own, most are female related. I have added this to my "think about it" list. If I successfully sort it through, I will share my thoughts."

Several readers responded with their thoughts in respect to the above. Ellie wrote in a July 27, 2011 e-mail: "The men in my family do not hold on to sentimental items. When my father died, the only items we had were letters (thank goodness he kept those), his broken wristwatches and his gun. I also think 'household' items are considered to belong [to] the lady of the house... Then again, when I worked in a coffee shop 15 years ago, I was shocked at the amount of money people spent for Mother's Day. A new deluxe coffee-maker, a grinder, 5 pounds of beans, and a new set of mugs for Mom. Come Father's Day, customers would buy 1/2 pound of coffee for dear old Dad and be done with it. I thought it reflected the amount of time fathers spent with their children in the past—something that I believe is changing with today's parents."

Bill Castle offered this observation in his July 22 e-mail: "As to the point of why it's always Grandma's things, it's probably related to bicycles. Boys' bikes are worth more than girls bikes. The boys destroyed their bikes, so there are fewer of them around. Same with a lot of guy things. They're either broken, given to a buddy or sold. There aren't many things guys hand down (guns being the major exception here in the South)."

Nick Ryan, an Australian whose grandfather was 100 when he died, noted in his July 22 e-mail: "Grandfathers..., unless they were handy at something themselves like carving, rarely left anything as hand me downs—work was hard, hours were long. Relaxation time for the man of the house was probably recuperation time before work began. Maybe some fishing rods, some books, their own personal items like razor, etc., show up as treasured items but that's about it."

Before proceeding, three points need to be established. First, there is no question that there are exceptions to every generalization that follows. This article offers concepts to stimulate thinking, not absolutes. Second, the article deals with personal items not collections. Collecting is sexist with many of the top, that is to say the most expensive, collecting categories heavily male dominant. Third, a collector and saver are two different entities. While a few savers transition into collectors, most do not.

On average, women outlive men. It is not fair. Why should women have this privilege? I cheer silently (I know better than to cheer out loud) each time I read an article indicating that the gap is getting smaller. In this era of women's rights and equality, I am all for women dying at the same average age of men.

What does all this have to do with the survival of grandpa's things? The answer is as obvious as the nose on your face. The person who survives controls what happens to the other person's stuff. Traditionally, the widow inherits the entire estate. The kids are expected to wait their turn. Societal convention demands this. It takes a strong man to leave a will that directs otherwise.

Well meaning family members, friends, and acquaintances advise the widow within days of a spouse's or partner's death to "get rid of his things and move on." The pressure to discard is enormous. The grieving widow is overwhelmed. The kids do not live nearby. Besides, they never expressed interest in their father's things.

There are far more "his" and "her" things in a relationship than there are "our" things. Once the man dies, the widow's interest in his things vanishes. His clothing goes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. The rest is sent to the auction or the dump. A widow might select two to five things to keep as remembrances; but, these have more sentimental than dollar value.

His family heirlooms get treated no better. Death often ends the wife's relationship with the spouse's family. Daughter-in-law is not the same as daughter. Few women call their husband's parents Mom and Dad. Most marital relationships with the spouse's family are not deep but rather tenuous at best.. (*continued next page*)

[Author's Aside #1: This becomes compounded if a second or third marriage is involved and there are children from previous marriages. For the sake of argument, the assumption in this column is that the marriage is traditional and the couple remained together for a lifetime.]

My grandfather and father were savers, based primarily on the "it's too good to throw out" and "I will never know when I might need it" principles. Neither viewed what they saved as a collection. Dad had a coin collection, but it was a frivolous rather than a serious hobby.

My father saved two groups of material. The first contained personal items, but not always family related. In addition to my Dad's match rifle shooting jacket and medals won at shooting competitions, he saved a few headline newspapers and odd and end souvenirs from vacation trips. My mother was responsible for all the family albums and pictures including those of my father's siblings and their family.

The second group of objects was utilitarian in nature, consisting primarily of tools he acquired from relatives. My Dad was not a builder, but he was capable of repairing things. If Dad bought a new object to replace an old one and the old one still worked, he saved it. "You never know" was among his favorite expressions.

[Author's Aside #2: My mother and father lived through the Depression. As a result, they were minimalists not materialists. My generation took the opposite approach. Today grandpa's and grandma's pile is overwhelming to the heirs. In 2011, I am not certain grandma is doing better than grandpa in respect to her things passing down through the family.]

If grandpa's things are lucky enough to survive during the lifetime of his widow, they face a fate worse than death when it comes time to dispose of grandma's estate. Women, often daughters or granddaughters, are faced with the task of disposing of an estate's personal property. Even when a male serves as executor, he is quick to pass the disposal task to a female. The male does not have the time. Chances are the female does not either, but she is stuck.

I was around when my Prosser aunts cleaned out Grandpop Prosser's home on Depot Street in Hellertown. His things and money were protected from outside female predators by the family encouraging (a polite word for the truth) him to marry my grandmother's maiden sister Annie. Aunt Annie was never Grandma Annie to any of his grandchildren. Grandpop's relationship with his eight daughters, especially his younger ones, was not the best. When my aunts entered the house after Annie's death, "get rid of the stuff" was their rallying cry. The trash cans were filled to the brim with Grandpop's things. I saved the goose-feather artificial Christmas tree and a few other small items.

Ellie's contention that household goods are assumed to belong to the woman of the house was true historically. Women managed the house while the husband worked. While the reality of this ended along with the 20th century, the perception prevails and is likely to do so for another generation or two. Grandpa never owned the family china, flatware, stemware, pots and pans, furniture – the list continues ad infinitum. Grandpa owned what resided in the bureau in the bedroom and the areas assigned to him in the basement and the garage. Grandma controlled the rest.

I did not discuss the concept that the female is gifted with a level of sentimentality and romanticism far in excess of the male. This is a given. Females have a much stronger link with the past than do males. It is a grandmother-mother-daughter thing.

I welcome your thoughts about why grandma's rather than grandpa's things survive in greater numbers. My e-mail is harryrinker@aol.com.

(Submitted by Marty Gale. Copyright 2011 by Harry L. Rinker. Rinker hosts WHATCHA GOT?, a national syndicated antiques and collectibles call-in radio show, and is the author of Rinker on Collectibles, a nationally syndicated column now in its 24th year. For more information see: www.harryrinker.com. You can listen and participate in WHATCHA GOT?, Harry's antiques and collectibles radio call-in show, on Sunday mornings between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Eastern Time. If you cannot find it on a station in your area, WHATCHA GOT? streams live and is archived on the Internet at www.gcnlive.com)

OUR STORY IS IMPORTANT: PRESERVE IT BY JULIANA SMITH 07 SEPTEMBER 2011

This morning I took my breakfast out to the back porch to enjoy a crystal blue sky and a beautiful early September morning. With the September 11th anniversary upon us, I couldn't help but remember that on the morning of 9/11 the air had a very similar feel to it. Crisp, clear, and with no hint of what was to come. My daughter was in Kindergarten and I remember running to school to pick her up, wondering how to explain to her what had happened. The other day I asked her about it, because I wondered what the memories would be like from her perspective. It was interesting to hear the things she remembered and what stood out to her.

As family historians, we go back in time and learn about the things that happened to our ancestors and if you're like me you wonder what it was like for them. The immigrant ancestor crossing an ocean to a new world, the Civil War soldier preparing for battle, the housewife finding a way to support her family when her husband is unable to work—what was it like from their perspective?

Sometimes we get lucky. We may have correspondence, a diary, or perhaps some pieces of the story passed down through the family. Or maybe we find insights into a time or event as it was recorded by our ancestors' contemporaries—a neighbor's diary, or a letter written home from a soldier who fought in the same battle as a relative. Too often though, we have to satisfy ourselves with small clues found in records and by reading a generic and impersonal history. Don't you wish your ancestors were like you and had left some sort of legacy in their own words?

Some of you, like me, may have felt a little guilt twinge there. It's time. I am determined to leave my stories for my daughter and her children—and their children. I don't want future generations wondering, "What was that like?"

I have several journals lying around where I've recorded a handful of memories, news from our family, and reactions to events in the world around us. Too many of them begin with, "Today I will get organized and start recording my personal history."

Today is that day, and I've got some ideas to make it work this time.

Use What You Have

In this day and age, we may not realize it but we're journaling all the time—probably more so than in years past. Our Facebook status updates, Tweets, emails to friends and family, blog posts, calendar entries, holiday letters—all of them chronicle our lives. Even if they're not detailed, they can form a framework we can work with. Make a habit of copying and saving relevant electronic updates into a document on your computer.

To organize these mini-entries of sorts, start a folder and just add to it as you go. Begin the name of each document, photo, or other memory with the date like this: 20110911Trip. That way if you sort by file name, when you look into that file your memories will be in chronological order.

Break It Down

When you look back at your entire life, the prospect of putting it on paper can be daunting. Break down the task into segments—perhaps a decade at a time. Use photographs and timelines to prompt you. Pretend you're one of those ancestors you'd love to know more about. What would you like to ask them? Then ask yourself that question. (See today's second feature for a list of even more questions to get you started.)

Don't feel like you have to do it in order. Let your memories take you where they will and enjoy the ride. When you're reminded of something or a memory comes flooding back, just take a few minutes to capture it. It doesn't have to be edited and ready for public consumption at that moment. When you get more time, go back to it and fill in the blanks, making it into a story. As you continue to collect the stories in this way, soon you'll realize you're on your way.

Find It a Home

One of the biggest challenges I have is finding the right medium. I'm one of those people caught between the paper and electronic world, wanting the best of both. The small journal I can curl up with in the (*continued next page*)

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yard and the computer where I can quickly copy and paste all those emails and Facebook posts both have a place in my journaling world. What I need is a place where paper and electronics can live happily together. I have a lot of stories in those unfinished journals, and I have electronic notes that I'll need to bring together when I begin compiling a more cohesive story. In the case of my journals, I may have to go in and weave those words into stories I have in electronic form. In some cases, I may take the easy way out and scan a few pages. After all, how cool is it to find great-grandma's words in her own handwriting, right?

For the compiled version of all the stories and thoughts I've collected, I've just created a word-processing document. It's easy to edit, add photos and images when I'm inclined, and I can rearrange portions easily without worrying about format problems. I can also export sections. For example, a story about me and my grandma can be copied into the Stories section of my online tree and attached to both of us.

Interview Questions for Yourself and Others

Where did you grow up? How long did your family live in the area(s)?
 How many siblings did you have? What were their names and how old were they? What were they like?
 Were there other family members in the area? Who?
 Did you live on a farm? What kind of crops did you grow? What kind of livestock or other animals did you keep?
 Did you have any pets?
 What was the house or apartment like? How many rooms? What kind of amenities did it have? (Indoor plumbing, electricity or gas, phone, television, etc.) Were there any special items in the house that stand out in your mind (favorite possessions of yours, your parents, or siblings)?
 What kind of area/neighborhood was it? Did the town have a railroad? Post office? What kind of stores or shops?
 What was your family's religious affiliation? Where did you go to church? What religious ceremonies did you take part in? Did you have godparents or sponsors?
 Where did you go to school? What level education do you have? What was your favorite subject to study? Did you have any special interests when you were growing up (sports, hobbies, crafts, etc.)? What kind of games did you play? What was your favorite toy? What did you do for fun (go to beach, park, movies, zoo, etc.)? Did your family ever take trips or go on vacation?
 Do you speak any foreign languages?
 Did you have family reunions?
 Who were your friends when you were growing up? Who were the close friends of the family? Describe the personalities of your family members. Are there any physical characteristics that run in your family? Were there any serious illnesses in your family? Do any illnesses run in the family? Were there any memorable traditions that your family practiced? Can you remember any stories that were told to you as a child (fictional, folklore, or real life)? What events stand out in the memory of your childhood (historical, personal, familial, storms or disasters, fire, etc.)? What inventions or developments changed your life, and how? (*From The Weekly Discovery, Copyright 2011, Ancestry.com*)

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 Issaquah, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350	National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999 206-336-5115	Fiske Genealogical Library 1644 43rd Ave E/ Seattle, WA 98122 206-328-2716
FHC - Redmond 10115 172nd Ave. NE Redmond, WA 425-861-9273	Newport Way Library 14520 SE Newport Way Bellevue WA 425-747-2390	North Bend Library 115 East Fourth St North Bend, WA 425-888-0554	Redmond Regional Library 15990 NE 85th St Redmond, WA 425-885-1861
WA State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223	Fire Station #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

EGS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2011 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, November 3, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Redmond Library . NOTE Change of Location.
EGS General Meeting	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 PM in the Redmond Library . Visitors are welcome. No December meeting. NOTE Change of Location.
Computer Interest (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	The Eastside Genealogy Society Computer Interest Group will take place at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 26 . We meet in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue . If you wish to receive e-mail notification of the SIG meetings please send a request to egscomputersig@gmail.com (Joe Flint, joeflint@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be a Special Thanksgiving meeting on November 19, 12:30 to 4:00 PM at Fire Station #22 in Houghton . 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 next meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, November 4 at NARA (Seattle area National Archives) at 6125 Sandpoint Way NE, Seattle. We will have a workshop on finding and using NARA records and "Immigration and Naturalization Records." Please contact Ann (annp42@comcast.net) if you'd like to attend. Non-members are welcome. WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING AT THE CROSSROADS MALL THIS MONTH or in December! Our next regular monthly meeting will be in January location to be determined. In December we will have our Christmas Party at Ann & Ken's home – date to be announced. (Ann Passe, annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Please contact Ann for meeting information. (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The IIG will meet on Saturday, November 19, 1:30 - 3:30 PM at the Redmond Library . Dorothy will present the topic "Bring your Laptop with Wireless Access to Bookmark and Explore Great Websites." Please bring a laptop with wireless access as there is no projector available at the library. Dorothy will be sharing the best websites for research in the 50 states, a website with a list of best websites for researching around the world, and will be exploring the FamilySearch website. (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, 2 November from 12:30 – 2:30 PM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue . We're going to have general Q&A on Legacy. . We will also meet on Wednesday, 7 December from 12:30 – 2:30 PM in the Community Room and the topic is TBD. (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 8 from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Archive Building on the Bellevue College Campus . The Speaker will be Kristine Leander, Executive Director of the Swedish Cultural Center. We will meet December 13 for our annual Potluck Christmas Party. . Please check our new website at http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com Contact Sandy for meeting information.(Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group	Please contact Dave & Betty Bennett at daveandbetty@comcast.net for information.

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