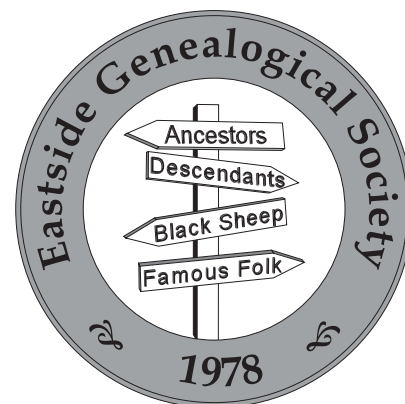


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: *Preserving Family History Through Photo Restoration
 and Repair*
Speaker: Joe Townsend

About The Program:

Our speaker for the January 14th meeting will be Joe Townsend who owns "Photo Restoration and Retouch" in Redmond. The title of his presentation is "Preserving Family History Through Photo Restoration and Repair." After his talk he has invited us to bring photos for consultation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2009 draws to a close and 2010 is but days away it is appropriate to take stock in some of the EGS achievements over the past year and to consider some of the opportunities and challenges that the society will be facing in the coming year.

High on the list of successes for this past year are the monthly programs that have been set up by Judy Meredith. These programs have covered a wide range of genealogical and historical topics and have been both entertaining as well as educational.

The society's newsletter, *Bulletin Board*, under the very capable editorship of Kim Nichols, continues to be the proverbial glue that holds the society's far flung membership together along with the society's webpage for which Kim is the webmaster. Many are the comments that we get during the year that the EGS newsletter is the most informative source on local genealogical happenings.

The EGS special interest groups continue to be a major success with the Computer Interest Group under Margery Perdue leading the way with an excellent slate of programs and almost standing room only during their regularly scheduled meetings.

Dorothy Pretare has done an outstanding job of ensuring that the EGS activities are well publicized and our membership committee under Dorothy Mehrer has worked hard to maintain our membership numbers.

Patti Wehrs has demonstrated that it is possible to be an effective Sunshine chair, even if one does spend six months a year in Puerto Rico.

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, February 11, 2010
 Bellevue Regional Library

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Winnie Sihon and Sarah Fleming have kept the Library Committee and Acquisitions on course and have greatly facilitated the BRL-EGS relationship.

A pleasant surprise to me, at least, has been the number of successful EGS programs that have been presented through the library this past year despite the absence of an Education Chair and committee. Dave Abernathy gave a hands on session of using computers for genealogical research in January, Sarah Fleming gave a class on newspaper research in September and this was followed by two classes on the selection and use of genealogical computer programs sponsored by the Computer SIG in November and December featuring John Wise, Ann Lamb, Joe Flint and Barbara Raemer as presenters.

Despite the retirement of several board members during 2009 the board has continued to perform well with new members Ed Schultz, Treasurer, and Sarah Fleming, Acquisitions, fitting in well. Sharron Filer, our trustee, has been a real positive force on the board as well.

Last, but certainly not least, a big thanks to our membership without whose active participation much less would get done. The EGS now has new membership flyers thanks to the thoughts, skills and efforts of many of you. And your president sincerely apologizes for not getting the two sides of the first 30 flyers in proper register so that by filling out the form in full and sending it to the membership chair much of the useful information about the society was lost. When the postal service does this trick with stamps or the mint does it with coins oddities are created that may be worth hundreds or thousands or even more. Sometimes it is difficult to catch a break!

So what challenges can we anticipate in 2010? Well, for starters we have elections coming up in May where we will be voting on a president and secretary. And of course, if our sitting vice-president is nominated for president and is so elected, then we will have an opening for a new vice-president as well. (And no, the current president has no aspirations of standing for re-election in any capacity.) After the dust settles on the elected positions there will be a number of committee chair positions open including education, programs, and possibly others. If any of you are interested in any of these positions please make your interest known to Norb, Judy or myself.

Other changes that may be in the wind include the possible relocation of the genealogy section of the library to just across from Room 6 on the second floor. The remodeling of Room 6 may not occur in the coming year but the relocation of the genealogical collection almost surely will.

Best wishes to one and all for a happy and safe holiday season and I will look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Bob Barnes

CITY DIRECTORIES PRESENTATION

On January 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library, Bob Barnes, President of the Eastside Genealogy Society will be giving a program on using city directories to track one's ancestors. Please join us for this informative presentation.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

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

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

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – OCTOBER 1, 2009 BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY, ROOM 6

Present: Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Ed Schultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership; Dorothy Pretare, Publicity; Patti Wehrs, Sunshine

Committee Reorganization (Library Committee): A revised job description for the Book Acquisition Committee Chair was approved. It will require a change to the by-laws to reflect inclusion of the Book Acquisition Committee Chair, with the Library Chair also being a member of this committee.

Open Positions: Education Chair; Research Assistants; SIG Representative. Margery Perdue's resignation letter for the position of Special Interest Group Representative dated 28 September 2009 was read and accepted. Margery will continue as chair of the Computer Interest Group. The Special Interest Group Representative is recommended by joint decision of the SIG leaders to the President for consideration and appointment. It was noted that none of these jobs are full-time jobs.

Membership: Dorothy Mehrer reported 241 memberships, 261 individuals. Sponsoring gift memberships for Christmas or Birthday, bringing a friend to Show & Share, bringing a friend to a meeting or an event to introduce our activities were again discussed.

Newsletter/Website: Continuation of ON-TIME submission of articles by the 15th of each month is appreciated. Website has been a major undertaking and is soon to be implemented. All agreed that Kim is doing a marvelous job while undergoing personal hardships; her excellent efforts are hereby recognized.



Outreach: Family History Expo November 14 at the Redmond Stake. Sarah Fleming presentation on newspaper research at BRL on September 12, Computer User's SIG presentation comparing different genealogy software programs November 7 and December 5 at the BRL. A first quarter 2010 class on City Directories is planned.

Programs: Judy Meredith reported October's program will be a panel talking about specific cemetery experiences. November, our annual Saturday daytime 'show & share' and cookie social. Members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Treasurer's Report: A motion passed to create an Account Identifier Code (AIC) for income from donations. Ed Schultz will incorporate the new line item in the financial reports. (Donations including memorials, are not a part of the EGS budget.)

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

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 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.

2009 COOKIE FEST



Our 2009 November Cookie Fest was successful, again, thanks to our generous and talented members. Although the weather outside was frightful many braved the cold and joined us for hot cocoa, coffee, tea and cider. Along with the great displays of genealogy histories and stories, it seemed everyone was having a good experience and enjoying the treats.

Dave and Betty Bennett have done this for the past 10 plus years, with the help of volunteers, but have decided to turn the job over to others. Thank you to everyone that helped make this successful, especially Betty and Dave Bennett!

U.S. CENSUS 2010 – HELP WANTED

The US Census is now taking applications for numerous local, part time jobs that need to be filled for next year's Census 2010. Hourly pay is good, hours are flexible and the work will be interesting, particularly for those of us involved in Genealogy. If you think you might be interested contact the following: Phone 1-866-8612010 or online visit www.2010censusjobs.gov

CENSUS 2010 SUPER BOWL AD AIMS AT MOTIVATING YOU TO FILL OUT FORMS

To motivate you to fill out the census form, the Census Bureau will run a Super Bowl 2010 ad, according to Media Daily News.

The February 7 game on CBS comes soon after the Census kicks off a \$300 million-plus outreach campaign. And importantly, just a few weeks before the Bureau begins disseminating its questionnaires.

The Super Bowl offers a chance to swiftly reach a massive amount of the U.S. audience. Last year, 151.6 million people -- about half of the U.S. population -- watched at least a portion of the game. On average, the game was seen in 48 million homes and viewed by 98.7 million people.

The Super Bowl takes place only a couple weeks before the 2010 Census forms are sent out. The question is: Will the Census Super Bowl 2010 ad be funny?



You can read more at http://www.mediapost.com/publications/?fa=Articles.showArticle&art_aid=119207.

A note to newsletter readers outside North America: the Super Bowl is a strange ritual that takes place each year in the United States. It's tough to explain. In fact, we don't understand it either.

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2010 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE – FOLLOW YOUR ANCESTRAL TRAIL

Where did your ancestors come from? Whether they came from Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, or Central or South America, there's something for you at the National Genealogical Society's 32nd Family History Conference, *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*. This year's conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center nestled in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, from 28 April to 1 May 2010. The convention center is steps from the Family History Library, the largest genealogy library in the world.

The major focus of this year's conference will be increasing research skills in foreign countries. Featured at the conference are several International Workshops that will combine lecture and hands-on research planning and problem solving. The Hispanic Workshop will look at the establishment of settlements in La Nueva España (what we now know as Mexico), some areas of the southern United States, and parts of Central America. Learn about migration routes of immigrants to Latin America as well as the importance and availability of Catholic Church records. The Eastern Europe Workshop will include a presentation of the changing borders of Eastern Europe. Participants will learn record keeping fundamentals in Austria, Hungary, Russia, and Prussia, what records are available, and how to build pedigrees using church records and civil registration. The Norway/Denmark Workshop will discuss the latest Norwegian and Danish genealogical collections available and explore record types from parish records to seldom used and lesser-known collections. The Italy Workshop will discuss how to find Italian records and how to read Italian civil and church records. The Swedish Workshop will be a great launching point whether you are just starting out or have been working on Swedish research for some time. The workshop will use a case study approach followed by hands-on activities.

Each International Workshop also includes prearranged lab time at the Family History Library. There is no additional fee for the workshops beyond the conference registration; however, pre-registration is required. Seating is limited, so be sure to register early.

In addition to the workshops, the international lecture track will offer talks about Irish, Italian, German, French, Polish, Swedish, Finnish, and Canadian research. Learn to research in the archives of Spain and Latin America, to solve research problems using probate records in England and Wales, or learn about Austrian Catholic church records.

Registration for the conference is now open. Registration details and the conference program can be found online at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration.

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING INFORMATION

History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our meeting. The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 10:30 AM to Noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Lorraine McConaghy, historian at Seattle's Museum of History and Industry, will be talking about her new book regarding the history of the Pacific Squadron five-year commission of the U.S. Sloop-of-War, *Decatur*, including episodes in the Strait of Magellan, Seattle, Nicaragua, and Panama.

Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, *Redmond Reflections*, are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON STATE MEETING INFORMATION

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State will next meet on Monday, January 11, 2009 at the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Doors open at 7:00 PM. The topic is *Mapping Madness: Historical Maps and Genealogical Research*, with speaker Ron Arons. Ron will discuss a variety of websites that offer historical maps for genealogical research. He'll review the basics of the Internet-based mapping facilities. Ron will then introduce other online mapping facilities. Ron Arons began researching his roots a dozen years ago and has spoken at eight IAJGS conferences. A popular and entertaining presenter, Ron has given presentations at JGSs, synagogues, JCCS, history conferences and book fairs across the country. In January, 2008 he discussed Jewish criminals of New York's Lower East Side on the PBS TV series, "The Jewish Americans." In June 2008 his book, *The Jews of Sing Sing* was published. Ron earned a B.S. in engineering from Princeton and a MBA from the University of Chicago.

COUSINS BY BILL DILLON

Wondering how the expression “Kissing Cousins” originated, I turned to the dictionary and Google, but found only a mundane definition: “A distant relative known well enough to be kissed when greeted.” I would change that to “special enough” because well-known seems an inadequate qualification. Also, they don’t have to be “distant.” Those of us researching family roots know that any relative who has and shares information about family history is a priceless resource. All those special relatives qualify as kissing cousins in my definition.

Unfortunately, many of us didn’t have time or interest to go looking for unknown cousins, aunts and uncles - or question those we knew - until retirement age. By then many of our potential resources had passed away. I was lucky to have a Kansas cousin who also descended from my Irish immigrant great-grandparents, and was actively researching the family for many years before I retired. He found me and shared the information he had compiled. That helped get me started, and after retiring I located a Minnesota cousin who found World War 1 notes from his Dad showing the place in Ireland where our family lived. I’ve never met either of these cousins, both men, but we’ve been exchanging information now for almost 20 years. I don’t know about kissing, but these guys are definitely worth a hug if we ever meet! How about “Hugging Cousins” to describe the relatives who share facts and stories about our families?

With this encouraging success I went looking for relatives of my Dad’s mother whose Walling parents had moved to Bickleton in Washington Territory in 1883. I found a cousin still living there in his grandparents’ old home. He was not into genealogy, but his grandmother collected and kept all pictures, letters and family stories. She had written an account of the Walling family’s Vermont roots and westward moves. My cousin still had this great accumulation of family history and gladly shared it with me. He also put me in touch with another cousin whose wife is a dedicated genealogist. That couple located and visited some relatives still living in Vermont, returning with pictures of the family and the grave and headstone of an ancestor who was a Revolutionary War veteran. Thanks to this cousin and his genealogist wife, I now trace lines of descent back to the early 1620’s in Massachusetts and to the 1400’s in England. I also learned that in 1638 ancestor Thomas Walling was one of a small group that helped Roger Williams found Providence and the colony of Rhode Island - escaping from the strict Puritan constraints in Massachusetts. Other ancestors were in Salem at the time the witch trials occurred.

These discoveries have given me a better appreciation for the fact that family history is American history, and to some extent, world history. We all share it, but finding the connections is a never-ending challenge. Much of our success can be credited to contacts with “Hugging Cousins.” Most families probably have several of these helpful relatives who willingly share their information about ancestors long gone. It’s worth looking for them. And give them a hug when you meet! *(Submitted by Bill Dillon, EGS member)*

TOP TEN MOST POPULAR ONLINE GENEALOGY MAGAZINES

The Genealogy In Time web site has an article that lists the most popular online genealogy magazines, as measured by Alexa. Alexa is the world’s leading company for measuring internet traffic. The company monitors the web traffic of millions of internet sources, including thousands of genealogy sites.

The sites listed are:

1. Eastman’s Online Genealogy Magazine
2. Family Tree Magazine
3. Family Chronicle Magazine
4. Journal of Genetic Genealogy
5. The Global Gazette
6. Genealogy In Time™
7. Genealogy Roots Blog
8. Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly
9. Genealogy Magazine
10. Family Research

You can read more and see the links to the sites at http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/top_ten_most_popular_online_genealogy_magazines.html

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FILLES DU ROI

If you have French-Canadian ancestry, you probably have encountered the term "Filles du Roi" at some point in your genealogy research. Millions of today's Canadians and Americans can find one or more of the Filles du Roi in the family tree. I thought I would explain the term this week and also provide some historical background information.

The French term "Filles du Roi" translates literally as "the daughters of the King." Between 700 and perhaps 1,000 young, single women traveled to Quebec City, Trois Rivières, and Montréal from 1663 to 1673 as a part of a program managed by the Jesuits and funded by King Louis XIV.

These hardy immigrant women married and raised families. In fact, many of them raised large families in the tradition of the day. Many of their sons and daughters went on to also have large families, and so on and so forth for generations. As a result, millions of living people are descended from this group of pioneer women.

In the mid-1600s, most of the people arriving in what was then called New France were young French men intent on farming or fur trapping. Relatively few women traveled to the new land, which created a problem for these young men: there were very few women of marrying age.

As if the farmers and fur trappers didn't have enough competition finding wives, King Louis XIV sent almost 1,200 soldiers of the Carignan-Salières regiment to Québec in 1665 to fight the Iroquois Indians, who were aggressive and killed many settlers. The soldiers were deployed at strategic points of the territory to defend the colony and its residents. The regiment was successful, and a peace treaty with the Iroquois was signed on July 10, 1667. The Regiment then returned to France but left behind 400 soldiers and officers, aged between 19 and 30, who all agreed to remain in the country as settlers. With an additional 400 young men added to the colony, the marriage problems worsened. Jean Talon, intendant of New France, carried out the colony's first census. He recorded that the population was a bit more than 3,000, with 719 unmarried males and only 45 unmarried females living in the colony. This did not bode well for the future of the settlement.

In the custom of the day, the oldest daughter of a family in France received as large a dowry as possible from her parents to improve her chances of marriage. Dowries often included furniture, household articles, silver, land, or other inherited goods. Younger daughters of the same family typically received smaller dowries. Daughters of impoverished families often received no dowry at all, which reduced their chances of finding a suitable mate. These younger daughters were prime candidates for an opportunity in the New World.

Starting in 1663, the French government recruited eligible young French women who were willing to travel to New France to find husbands. The King of France offered to pay for transportation to New France of any eligible young woman. He also offered a dowry for each, to be awarded upon her marriage to a young Frenchman. Each woman's dowry typically consisted of 1 chest, 1 taffeta kerchief, 1 ribbon for shoes, 100 needles, 1 comb, 1 spool of white thread, 1 pair of stockings, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of scissors, 2 knives, about 1,000 pins, 1 bonnet, 4 laces, and 2 silver livres (French coins). Many also received chickens, pigs, and other livestock. Because the King of France paid the dowries instead of the parents, these women were referred to as the "Daughters of the King," or "Filles du Roi."

Their travels must have been difficult. In 1664, the Conseil Souverain reported to the French minister for the colonies, Jean-Baptiste Colbert, that sixty of the 300 people who embarked at La Rochelle the previous year had died at sea before reaching New France.

In France Madame Bourdon was made responsible for one hundred and fifty girls whom the king sent to New France in vessels from Normandy. She wrote that the young women in her charge gave her plenty of exercise during such a long voyage since they were of all kinds and conditions. Some were very badly brought up and very difficult to handle. Others were better bred and gave Mme. Bourdon more satisfaction.

There are many contradictory stories about the origins of these women. Some stories claim that they were mostly prostitutes who were forced onto ships in French harbors and sent to New France against their will. Other stories claim that these women were mostly recruited by Jesuits who insisted upon accepting only women of the finest moral character. The truth is probably somewhere between these two extremes. About 40 Daughters, called Daughters of Quality
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(filles de qualité), were from wealthy upper class families and had dowries of over 2000 French pounds. Several of the Daughters of Quality have provable descents from royalty.

On October 27, 1667, in a letter to Jean-Baptiste Colbert, Quebec intendant Jean Talon confirmed the recent arrival of the first young ladies. Jean Talon wrote:

Instead of the 50 that your despatch had me hope for, 84 young girls were sent from Dieppe and 25 from La Rochelle. There are fifteen or twenty from quite good families; several are real young ladies and quite well brought up...

The vast majority of the group was of French origin, although there were girls of other nationalities as well. According to the records of Marie de l' Incarnation, who knew many of these women, there were among them one Moor, one Portuguese, one German, and one Dutch woman.

Those who arrived safely usually found husbands within a few weeks. In fact, there are records of some of the young women marrying within days after their arrival in New France. Since many of them produced large families, hundreds of thousands - if not millions - of people in North America today can find one or more of these young women in their family tree.



An alphabetical listing of all the Filles du Roi and their husbands is available on the Encyclopedia of Genealogy at: http://www.fillesduroi.org/src/Filles_list.htm

You can find a lot more information about the Filles du Roi on the World Wide Web. Some of the better sites include the following list:

In English:

A Scattering of Seeds: The Creation of Canada: <http://www.whitepinepictures.com/seeds/i/12/sidebar.html>

An essay by Peter Gagné on Quintin Publications' Web site: <http://www.quintinpublications.com/fdr.html>

La Société des Filles du roi et soldats du Carignan at <http://www.fillesduroi.org/>

In French:

Les Filles du Roi at Mouvement estrien pour le français: http://www.mef.qc.ca/filles_du_roi.htm

Les Filles du Roi at <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/alain.perron/fillesduroy.htm>

Memoire de Sieur Jean Talon at: http://www.mcq.org/histoire/filles_du_roi/

A chart of the origins of the young women may be found at The Musée de la civilisation and the Musée de l'Amérique française: http://www.mcq.org/histoire/filles_du_roi/plan.html

If you do not read or speak French, the above sites can be translated into English by using the machine-generated translation services available at Google. The results will be grammatically incorrect and even humorous at times, but still quite readable.

There are many other Web sites devoted to the Filles du Roi. Use your favorite search engine to find them or click here for a search on Google.

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EGS JANUARY 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, January 7, 10:00 AM—Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group will not meet in January 2010 as it is near the New Year's Holiday. This group will next meet on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 1:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 4. Contact John Howell at 206-817-7516 for further information.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Got photos? Don't know how to organize them on your computer? Frank Curtis, CIG member, will lead a discussion that will include various software programs--some free, some \$, all able to help you start the year by organizing your photos, deeds, vital records, and whatever else you want to add. Meet with us from 9:30-11:30 AM on Saturday, January 18, in the Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue. (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next Czech Interest Group Meeting is Saturday, January 30, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland. See website for more information: http://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, January 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room. Please note change of date , as the usual date is January 1, New Year's Day. Ken Passé & Bob Steurich will do a presentation about genealogy research in Germany. Visitors are always welcome to join us. (Ann annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Contact Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com for information about the next meeting.
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The IIG will next meet at Lake Hills Library from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Saturday, January 23, 2010. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Legacy Interest Group will meet Wednesday, January 6, 2010 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the Crossroads Mall Community Room. We'll be going over Events and Event Sentence Definitions - how to set wording options in the Master Event Definition list for new events you create or to change an existing sentence structure to something you're more comfortable with. As always, questions will be answered. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, January 12, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College. The speaker for the meeting will be Ginny Sharp Sommarstrom, professional genealogist from Seattle and current president of the Seattle Genealogical Society. Her topic will be <i>Researching Your Swedish Ancestry in the 21st Century.</i> Please see the website for more information eastsidedig.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 does not have a travel activity planned for January. We will resume in February when the weather hopefully will be better. Please call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078, for information .

LOCATION ADDRESSES

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

STATE CENSUS RECORDS ONLINE

Miriam Robbins Midkiff has written a great article on her AnceStories blog listing all the known state census records that are available online. She writes:

“How are state censuses helpful in genealogy? They were often held in the years between the decennial federal censuses; many were enumerated in years ending in "5," such as 1885, 1895, etc. They are also a great substitute for the missing 1890 Federal Censuses. If your ancestor lived in a territory prior to statehood, chances are you'll find him or her enumerated several times, since territories often took multiple censuses in order to prove they had enough residents to be admitted to the Union. Finally, state censuses contain answers to questions that aren't normally asked in federal censuses: complete birth dates, specific birth locations, detailed information about your ancestor's farm (acreage owned, number of cattle, pounds of butter yielded in the past year, or bushels of wheat harvested). They often show lists of marriages by township in states that did not yet require keeping of vital records; names of churches and industries within the township, showing a larger picture of the community; and even details such as whether your ancestor served in the military or had a log or frame home!”



Miriam's article continues with even more explanation and then lists online state census records available for 24 states.

This article is a keeper! I copied-and-pasted it to my list of "things I may need to know someday." You might want to do the same.

You can find Miriam Robbins Midkiff's list of State Census Records Online at <http://ancestories1.blogspot.com/2009/12/state-census-records-online.html>.

While on that site, you might want to check out Miriam's other articles on the AnceStories blog. Good stuff!
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