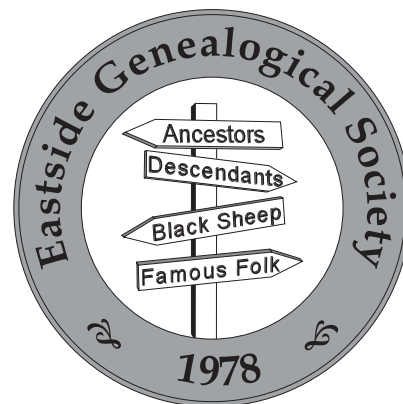


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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2008
Time: 6:30 PM Welcome new members,
Supply table open
7:00 PM Meeting
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: Civil War Research
Speaker: Laura Pemberton Sparr

So a question for us is what do we want to consider changing (if anything, I suppose) to adapt to the changing information landscape? How can we be the most relevant to our membership and the community we serve? What do we want to look like as an organization, two to three years down the road? There are many “right” answers to this question, of course, and it will be important to hear the different points of view from all of our members.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow EGS Members,
As we begin a new year, I would like to offer several ideas regarding how our organization may want to adapt to some of the changes we are facing in today’s internet driven world of genealogical research. The inspiration for these ideas is an article published in FGS Forum, Fall 2007, Volume 19 Number 3, entitled “Societies Going Virtual” by David E. Rencher, former president, Federation of Genealogical Societies.
A challenge facing our organization currently is that today’s information landscape - both free and fee based internet information resources - is erasing the need for and attractiveness of traditional genealogical societies, such as ours. The evidence in our case is decreasing membership, declining book sales, underutilized library research assistance, and fewer members who are actively involved in the affairs of our organization. I’m not saying that this is all due to the increased availability of internet resources, but I certainly believe it has been a significant factor.

First of all, I think we need to leverage those services that are unique and/or complement the changing information landscape. In other words, those things that we do that are independent of internet resources, but dependent upon people to people contact and personal relationships. Examples include our very popular special interest groups (SIGs), our high quality monthly speakers and programs, and our electronic newsletter. Two of the three rely on personal contact and relationships that the internet cannot match. And our electronic newsletter compliments the changing information landscape with unique reports and links to the internet.

Secondly, we should take advantage of the new technologies, and consider changes to our offerings that make sense and can be supported. For example: an on-line research help capability (for both members and non-members); downloadable podcasts of our monthly programs; possibly redesign and update our website so that it can be both a research tool and research database for data unique to our area (Eastside cemetery data bases, for example); and sponsor/support a

newsgroup for members only, where questions can be asked online, and information exchanged. Some of these can be fee based for non-members.

None of these changes will be successful without the strong support of our members, of course. We will need to identify skill sets necessary to support any changes. These include technical skills, project management skills, and of course the necessary funding. We may not have the skills and/or scale to do these things. An option is to merge some of our resources with other societies in the region so that jointly we can offer more to the communities we serve. Perhaps we should have town hall meetings to explore these ideas further and build support. I offer these ideas as food for thought as we begin 2008. Although most of us are probably very comfortable with the organization as it operates today, we need to protect against becoming irrelevant as the world around us changes. I will be interested in your comments, and feedback from the board.

Finally, contrary to my earlier announcement of stepping down early as president, I have agreed to stay on as president through the end of my term in May, and am interested in working on whatever changes are supported by the membership going forward.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Norb Ziegler,

zieglerwa@sprintmail.com

SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to all the generous members who contributed to the November COOKIE FEST. We enjoyed a large selection of delicious treats, with many left over. The sale/auction afterwards brought a profit of \$14 after expenses and although it was a smaller crowd than expected, many people took home cookies to enjoy. Some of the remains were donated to a charity. I think this event was even more successful than the previous 7 years. See you next year.....Betty Bennett and helpers.

MORE THANKS...Each time we hold an event requiring large coffee urns, we have been lucky to borrow one from Suzy Page. Suzy has now made a gift of her coffee urn to the Soci-

ety. It will be put to good use, and we'll think of Suzy's generosity each time we use it. We have two 30-cup urns already and this will answer our needs nicely. Thank you Suzy Page! *(Submitted by Betty Bennett)*

THINKING OF YOU

A Get Well card was sent to Marilyn Blake. Sympathy cards were sent to John Wise in the death of his older brother, the family of Myra McDowell at her death, and the family of Mary Dore at her death. *(Submitted by EGS Sunshine Chair, Ielene Edmondson)*

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

- Ann Browning is researching Lister, Britton, Burt, and Powers among the Orphan Trains and English Felons to the Colonies before 1776.
- Karen Nold is researching in Pottsville and the surnames: Brennan, Haley, Yeasted, Plappert, Nold, Kramer, Stifler, Eisenbeis, Hill, and Cook. *(Submitted by EGS Membership Chair Dorothy Mehrer)*



SUPPLY TABLE FIRE SALE!

We will be having a "fire sale" at the Supply Table during our January 2008 General Meeting. All books will be sold for half the last marked price. This will be the last time the books will be brought to the EGS General Meeting as we will no longer offer books for sale on a regular ongoing basis. Please come check the available books for some great bargains. *(Submitted by Supply Table Chair Kim Nichols)*

IN MEMORY OF MYRA MCDOWELL

On 20 October 2007 Myra McDowell, our friend and fellow member of EGS for 20 years, passed away. Although poor health had limited her participation in the Society for several years, her interest in the group's activities continued. Our conversations usually included comments about those projects as well as discussions about our own research.

Myra volunteered to chair the Sales Table project shortly after joining EGS. Up until then it had been difficult to locate genealogy books for sale. There were not many such books being published yet, and few places selling them. Myra, a book lover, was able to stock publications about any researcher's favorite subject. Later, computer research became important and the exclusive emphasis on books decreased.

This was a busy time for her, and I was privileged to work with her. As the inventory of the Sales Tables increased, we were able to show and sell books at various seminars and workshops, locally and in Portland. It was fun! We provided a service, met many serious researchers, and heard various speakers. Myra stored the books at home and had to transport them to these events, so the experience was hard work, too.

In addition to this contribution to EGS, Myra was also involved with the EGS Book Acquisition Committee which chose, purchased, and donated suitable books for the genealogy collection in the Bellevue Library.

Best of all, Myra was a great friend. Many of you probably remember her quiet demeanor and her assistance in finding a helpful book from the sales tables for your research. She was a kind and loyal person, and I miss her friendship and support. *(Submitted by Gloria Brown, EGS member)*

IN MEMORY OF MARY DORE

EGS member Mary Dore passed away on November 6, 2007. Mrs. Dore, who lost her fourth child, Christine, to SIDS in 1961, was instrumental in raising money for SIDS research and starting one of the nation's first foundations dedicated to searching for the causes of what was then called crib death. A service was held in November, and the family asks that memorials in her name be sent to the SIDS Foundation of Washington, 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N., Suite 348, Seattle, WA 98103; or

the Fred H. and Mary S. Dore Charitable Foundation, 117 E. Louisa St., No. 293, Seattle, WA 98102.

EGS OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Eastside Genealogical Society Board thought it would be a good idea to publish the board meeting minutes as a means to more effectively communicate the affairs of the organization. This is our initial report, and we hope that you find it informative. Please feel free to direct any questions regarding content to any member of the board. The minutes will either be published in their entirety or in a summarized / edited version at the board's discretion. Please note that the minutes will not be considered for publication until they are approved at the subsequent board meeting, so the actual publication in the newsletter will lag by a number of months.

Eastside Genealogy Society Board Meeting
Minutes of October 4, 2007. Held at Redmond
Regional Library.

Present: Norb Ziegler, Bob Barnes, Judy Meredith, Sharron Filer, Dorothy Mehrer, Dave Abernathy, Walta McCarley, Sarah Fleming.

- A decision was made to publish the minutes in the bulletin after approval at the subsequent board meeting.

- It was noted that a memorial service will be held for Gene Faberberg, former EGS President, on November 4th at 1 p.m. at Anthony's Home Port Restaurant at Shilshole Bay, Seattle.

- Sarah Fleming gave a report of the book acquisition committee, including a brief history of the committee. The books were stored in a couple of different places before being located at the Regional Library. Guidelines were given in November 1994 and the first committee meeting was held December 1994. Three of the original members are still active. The committee purchases books with suggestions from SIGS and the membership. Older editions go into circulation. The genealogy section is available to other branches but not for interlibrary usage. Auburn, WA has a big collection of genealogy materials. Memorial money is given to the book committee to purchase a book in the name of the deceased member. CDs are not purchased. At first CDs were available but they are too hard to keep. Seattle Public Library has given theirs to the Seattle Genealogy Society. There are currently 8 members and a library liai-

son. The committee meets 3 - 4 times a year. The book acquisition committee did not order all the books they planned last year, but approximately \$400 were ordered and have not yet been paid for. The board made the decision that the bill from last year will be paid against this year's budget and treated as a budget variance. The books from last year that were not purchased can be ordered up to the total amount budgeted this year. If money becomes available later in the year, additional purchases may be approved. Sarah will send a committee report to the board. The committee's next meeting will be at the Bellevue Main Library Saturday, December 1st in room 4.

- Discussion about positions still open and procedures to do election of officers.
- By-laws discussion continues. Bob and Dave are working on ways to go forward. Report at next board meeting.
- Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Heritage Fair Book Sale Saturday Oct. 6th - Bob and Judy will sell books at this event.
- Family History Expo November 10th. A few SIGSs have signed up to participate.
- SIGS report. Dave has resigned from the computer SIG. He will continue as SIG representative unless the groups wish to select another person. The November meeting will be on Legacy 7.
- Newsletter update: Barbara Zanzig is doing the October and November bulletins and Kim Nichols will start in January. Thank you, Pat for all the years and hard work you have done on this project.
- Membership - Dorothy reported there are 288 memberships with 306 individuals.
- Website Task Force - surveys were received but figure they came from current users and may not be a true picture. Dave spoke about the surname file for the internet. It would contain name only so there would be no privacy issue. The contact information would be generic and someone with the right access would forward requests to the "card" person. Dave and Bob also spoke about having a library book list and an interactive calendar on the

site. The committee met September 24th. If you have any input, please contact Kim Nichols.

(Submitted by Walta McCarley,
summarized by Norb Ziegler.)



NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY DONATED BY EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The following books were purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' suggestions, or donated by members, and have been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the October Bulletin. Look for these books in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor.



Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865 Vol 8, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Virginia Genealogical Society, 2007, 702 pp. This is the 8th in a series, which is an index of

all Virginia estate-related records found in will books and other collections and covers the counties of Charles City, Greensville, Henrico, James City, Prince George, Surry and Sussex; cities of Petersburg, Richmond and Williamsburg. R929-3755 V8. Previous volumes are also at the library under the same index number.

Gone to Texas: Genealogical Abstracts from The Telegraph and Texas Register 1835-1841, compiled by Kevin Ladd. Published by Heritage Books, 2005 (1994), 330 pp. Includes indexes. 10,000 names. R929.376425 GON.

The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia, by Peter Wilson Coldham, Heritage Books 2006 (first published 1997), 450 pp. Nearly 400 convict ships carrying 50,000 men, women and children left British waters bound for the southern colonies of America where their human cargos were sold. About 25,000 passengers are listed here. Includes indexes. R929.3752 COL.

Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for pre-1906 San Francisco research, by Nancy S. Peterson. California Genealogical Society, 2006, 222 pp. R929.107207 PET.

History of the Colony of New Haven To Its Absorption Into Connecticut, by Edward E. Atwater. Heritage Books, 1989 (1902), 767 pp in 2 volumes. R974.6 ATW V.1, R974.6 V.2. Note: This book was donated by EGS member Jan Watson.

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book to add to our collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or if you have one to donate, please let the Book Acquisition Committee know by contacting Sarah Fleming at 425-957-1134 or Carl Cason via e-mail at ccason621@msn.com. Suggestion forms are available at the General Membership meetings. *(Submitted by Carl Cason, Book Acquisition Co-Chair)*

EGS BOOK ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

What does the EGS Book Acquisition Committee do? We purchase books on your behalf for the Bellevue Regional Library (BRL) genealogy collection. We also accept appropriate book donations from you. BRL will not accept family histories or books on specific counties, except Washington State counties or eastern counties through which lots of people passed. If you have suggestions for books to add to the collection or books you would like to donate, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

The original BRL genealogy collection was very small. In October 1994 EGS worked out an agreement with BRL to donate our existing library, which was mainly in storage with a few books at the Lake Hills Library, and to purchase books to build the collection. The first book committee meeting was in December 1994 with Margery Perdue as chair. Margery served as chair until November 2002 when Carl Cason and Sarah Fleming became co-chairs. Current committee members are Mary Anagnost, Carl Cason, Marty Gale, Barbara Guyll, Margery Perdue, Winnie Sihon, Sarah Fleming, and Gayle McGlenn, BRL liaison.

EGS has added approximately 900 books to the BRL genealogy collection. Some of these books are in memory of deceased members. You, the EGS membership, can be proud of our contributions. If you have not used the collection in a while, you just might find something that will advance your research.

For the first few years, the committee concentrated on building a good basic collection. We tried to find something on each state and on countries of primary interest to the membership. We bought newly published or reprinted books of merit. We took suggestions from the membership, the special interest groups, and the interli-

brary loan librarian. More recently we have bought some multi-volume sets, e.g., The Great Migration series. We keep trying to fill in the gaps in the collection. We do not buy CDs because BRL circulates all their CDs.

The South King County Genealogical Society buys books for the Auburn Library. The BRL and Auburn collections complement each other, i.e., a good many books are unique to one of the collections. You have easy access to Auburn's books. Just ask a reference librarian to request books to be sent to the branch of your choice. *(Submitted by Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisition Co-Chair)*



DEPARTURE OF IMMIGRANTS.

IRISH INTEREST GROUP MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The Irish Interest Group has changed its meeting place. Starting January 2, we will meet at the Community Room at Crossroads, Bellevue, at 10 AM on the first Wednesday of each month, except December, July, and August. The Community Meeting Room is located just off the main court in a hallway between Pzazz Hair Design and the Shoe Pavilion and opposite the Information Kiosk. Members may enjoy the opportunity to gather after the meeting for lunch in the Food Court. For information, contact Ann Lamb at 425-557-0440, cell 206-850-2095 or annl7777@aol.com

CYNDI HOWELL TO SPEAK AT APRIL SYMPOSIUM

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International is sponsoring the 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southcenter. See www.cgsi.org/ for an application form. On Friday evening, April 11, the


FREE

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in **room 6** on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are **Tuesdays** from 7-9 PM and **Wednesdays** from 1-3 PM.

dinner will be highlighted by local and nationally known genealogist Cyndi Howell, of Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites on the Internet. Her talk is entitled "The Internet Made Me an Expert on Everything."

On Saturday, April 12, there will be 10 sessions over 5 one hour time slots. Noted DNA expert Leo Baca from Texas will be one of the speakers. Again, check out the CGSI website for more information: www.cgsi.org/. A Tillicum Village experience is planned for that evening. If you just want to hear Cyndi's program, get the registration form from the website and just sign up for that. You can sign up for any part or all of the April Symposium. *(Submitted by Rosie Bodien)*

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Thirty-eight (38!) computer genealogists gathered at the November 27 meeting of the Computer Interest Group to hear Sherry Holthe reveal some of the new features of v7 of Legacy, a popular genealogy software program. After her presentation Sherry agreed to follow up on the suggestion that she form a Legacy Users Group, where she would be available to answer questions and to assist both new and current users. Fourteen people expressed interest, and she is currently looking for a place where the group can meet monthly. If you have suggestions for a location, please send to sherdh@centurytel.net.

The next meeting, on Saturday, January 26 in the Community Room at Crossroads (at the south end, across from the Lotto kiosk) will feature Gordon Young, talking about "Organizing Your Photos for Digitizing" --take care of those holiday photos, as well as those from the past. There will be a chance for you to ask questions about both computers and genealogy software programs after Gordon's talk, and all are welcome to join us for lunch in the Food Court after the meeting.

The Computer Interest Group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at Crossroads; fu-

ture programs include talks on finding ancestors by using newspapers online, backing up your data, various genealogy software programs, using ancestry.com, cemeteries online, and genealogy websites. Any other ideas for programs that you want? or can present? Call or email Margery Perdue at m.perdue@comcast.net or Virgil Morgan at virgm@cablespeed.com.

A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS - PART 2 LOCATING ALTERNATE SOURCES OR HOW TO FIND WHICH RECORDS SHOULD BE SEARCHED IN AN ANCESTOR'S DISTANT LO- CALITY

The original DearMYRTLE blog entry titled *A variety of questions - Part 1* includes comments from an overwhelmed researcher who states:

"I need to figure out how to find ancestry in places like Pennsylvania [...]. I also have Qs about how to find records in different lands whether for Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and perhaps other countries as well once I clear up all the conundrums I'm still experiencing in tracing all the branches of my family in America. Last but not least, I know that some of the original records of my family were destroyed due to fires, like the Great Earthquake & Fire of San Francisco, California in 1905, or the U.S. Federal Census of 1890, or home fires where important correspondence and other documentation were stored from the 1880s onward. How do I recreate these wheels from just a scrap of a letter [circa] 1900 to find the records that were gathered and lost in the fire?"

To this Ol' Myrt here replies: What seems like a lost cause isn't - you just haven't uncovered a solution YET. THERE IS NO "WHOLE EARTH CATALOG" OF ALL BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH RECORDS. Researchers must acknowledge several common misconceptions:

- ▶ You can find anything you want on the web. (It isn't all there yet.)
- ▶ The Family History Library has filmed eve-

► The Library of Congress owns a copy of every book that was ever printed in the US. (It doesn't.)

One great exception to this "whole" approach is a project of benefit to researchers with ancestors in Scotland. The government of Scotland made a decision to provide indexes and scanned images of the following records, mostly on a pay-per view basis: Scotland census (1841-1901), church (1553-1854 births, baptisms, banns and marriages), vital records (birth 1855-1906, marriages 1855-1931, deaths 1855-1956), wills and testaments (1513-1901 free) www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Challenges When Locating Records

The rules are different there. Researchers are most likely familiar with the court system and vital records offices in their own localities, but rules vary from place to place. One cannot assume that because the state of Washington keeps older records in regional records centers that the same will be true when looking for earlier generations in the state of Montana or the Dakotas.

Each state in the U.S. has different record groups, based on requirements imposed by the state legislature, the court system, and the division of jurisdiction. For instance, New England states have counties, but detailed birth, marriage & death records are typically kept on the town level. Virginia has several cities including Alexandria that are not part of a county. Instead of counties, Louisiana has parishes.

Diversity among record collections is further complicated by the passage of time, the requirements of the governing body and definitions of words at the time the record was created. There were the original 13 colonies before they became states. So-called western states were territories before they became states. Territorial records proved useful when researching my Caucasian British & Danish immigrant ancestors in Utah, but many territorial records in Oklahoma concern Native Americans.

Laws change over time. Immigration law has changed through the years, permitting wives to be automatically naturalized with their husbands, and later requiring them to file separately. In this case, even the name of the federal agency governing immigration has changed from the once familiar Immigration & Naturalization Service to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. For a synopsis, see the USCIS' Legislation from 1790-

1900, a 5-page .PDF document.

In the US, federal law enacted by Congress granted certain rights to war veterans, and later to widows. An ancestor may have served in the War of 1812, but legislation providing pension benefits for one of my friend Barb's ancestors wasn't brought about until 1878.

Errors in deductive reasoning cloud research, particularly when using a heretofore unfamiliar record group for the first time. A newbie researcher Ol' Myrt worked with was discouraged when he did not find an ancestor in War of 1812 pension files despite a strong family tradition of service. Further study proved the matter quite simply reflects the fact that the gentleman in question died before pension benefits were provided. Pension files are not comprehensive lists of all who served, but merely those who survived and chose to make application.

Church records pre-date the keeping of public vital records in most localities throughout the world. Some churches were great record keepers, others were not. Survival of old parish records from tiny towns in Lincolnshire, England depended on freedom from natural disasters and financial resources to fix leaky roofs and the like. For some of my research I've had to rely on the secondary records known as BTS or Bishop's Transcripts which were the annual reports that were hand-copied and submitted by the local priest. These have survived quite simply because they were housed in the distant diocese office.

I have also made mistakes in church record research, being unaware of the variety of churches from various denominations in the area at the time my ancestor was living. While it seemed logical to search Church of England and Society of Friends records, I didn't make progress until I looked at Methodist records that included the following sub-groups in my research: Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist, Methodist New Connexion and United Methodist Church. Also in the area in 1847 was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Who knew? Well, Ol' Myrt sure should have known and I do now. If you wish to make progress climbing your family tree, YOU will become an expert on the area where your ancestor once lived.

(Reprinted with permission, DearMYRTLE, October 22, 2007 blog, <http://www.dearmyrtle.com/>)



► VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Could you donate a few hours a week [or a month] to the Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers and using the same people over and over, for every job, they are sure to get burned out. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment- type jobs.

► **EGS Club Secretary** – Due to a recent resignation, we are desperately in need of a society secretary. Please call Norb Ziegler 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com to volunteer.

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

► **Education Committee** - An Education Chair is desperately needed due to retirement of Dana Siverling for health reasons. Contact Norb Ziegler at 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com.

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

Local Meetings and Events

1. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State is sponsoring *The Universe of Immigration Records, 1882-1954*, at the Strom Jewish Community Center, Mercer Island, on **Monday, January 14, 2008 7-9:30 PM**. Cost: \$5. Marian Smith, Historian, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (INS, now USCIS) will discuss records of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS, now USCIS) found at the National Archives and at USCIS. The lecture will begin with an overview of all types of records that were created and maintained over time, and how these records are distributed between the two agencies. She will then cover the services and records becoming available through the new USCIS Genealogy Program. This program is appropriate for: Newcomers and experienced genealogists alike. For additional information, go to www.jgsws.org or email president@jgsws.org
2. Second Thursday of each month, **Brick Wall Series at NARA**, 6125 Sand Point Way, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Come bring your brown-bag lunch and your "impossible genealogy problem" and our knowledgeable staff will brainstorm possible solutions.
3. History is happening in the Redmond area! The Redmond Historical Society will meet on **Saturday, January 12, 2008**, 10:30 AM to noon, at The Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85 Street, Redmond, WA. The Society will be remembering the late Larry Nelson. Note the change of location. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact Society president Tom Hitzroth at 425-885-2919, or email your request to redmondhistory@hotmail.com. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, "Redmond Reflections," are available in our office, which is open Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00 to 6:00 PM. and Monday and Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Visit our website: www.redmondhistory.org.
4. Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Conference, 2008 will have as its theme the Civil War in the Pacific Northwest, and will take place on Saturday, **March 1, 2008** at Seattle's Museum of History & Industry. Visit the Guild website at www.pnwhistorians.org for the general call for presentations. The Program Committee is issuing a special call to genealogists and family historians for presentations on Civil War family history, with a link to the Pacific Northwest. It is difficult to stipulate what such links might be. The connection may be as simple as that shortly after an east coast Civil War experience, a veteran migrated to Oregon, Washington, Idaho or British Columbia. Or that an ancestor was assisted by the Freedman's Bureau. Or that the individual or family lived in the PNW during the Civil War, in town, on a reservation, on a homestead or at the gold fields.
5. **April 11 & 12, 2008** Genealogical and Cultural Symposium at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southcenter sponsored by Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International. See www.cgisi.org/ for more information.

| EGS 2008 MEETING CALENDAR | |
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| EGS Group Name | Meeting Notice |
| EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday 10:00 AM) | The EGS Board will meet on January 3rd at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Library. |
| EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM) | The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. |
| Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM) | Will meet Saturday, January 26th at 9:30AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall . (Margery Perdue m.perdue@comcast.net or Virgil Morgan virgm@cablespeed.com .) |
| Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check EGS Bulletin each month for meeting time information) | Will meet on Saturday January 26th , 9:30 AM to noon at Firestation #22 in Houghton (Kirkland.) (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .) |
| EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM) | Meets every fourth Thursday at Crossroads Food Court. (Call Myra McDowell at 425-641-4650 or mcdowellml@yahoo.com) |
| German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM) | Will meet Friday, January 4th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, at Crossroads Mall Community Room. Gary Saaris will make a presentation titled "Travel to the New World". He will focus on emigration/mmigration in the 1800's. |
| Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM) | Will meet Wednesday, January 2nd at at Crossroads Mall Community Room. , 10:00AM to 12:00 noon. (Call Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com) |
| Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM) | Will meet Saturday, January 12th, 10 am to noon, Lake Hills Library. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com) |
| Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM) | Will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00AM to noon in the Regional Archives Building at Bellevue Community College. (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com) |
| Shore to Shore Interest Group (changes monthly, call Jan) | (Call Jan Henderson 425-483-0334) |

| LOCATION ADDRESSES | | |
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| Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760 | Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA | FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690 |
| FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781 | Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430 | Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350 |
| National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999 206-336-5115 | LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria 4200 124th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361 | LDS Fam. Hist. Center - Redmond 10115 172nd Ave. NE Redmond, WA 425-861-9273 |
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| Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007 425-564-3940 | Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636 | Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223 |
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2008 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EVENTS

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| January 7-11, 2008 | Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. Register online at www.infouga.org |
| February 2-9, 2008 | Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree, St. George, Utah. Family history and genealogy enthusiasts will be gathering at the Dixie Convention Center and will not be disappointed with the more than 100 classes being offered to help you jump start the process. The great thing about this is you don't even have to have Utah roots. More Info: www.myancestorsfound.com |
| April 12 - 13, 2008 | Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium, Tukwila, WA. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Speakers include Cyndi Howells, James Felak, Chuck Kusak, Daniela Sipkova Mahoney, Shon Edwards, Leo Baca and others. |
| May 14-17, 2008 | National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. Missouri has long been known as "The Show Me State," with residents often saying, "I'm from Missouri--you'll have to show me." This unofficial state motto will have special meaning for the nation's genealogists as they gather in Kansas City from 14-17 May 2008 for "Show Me the Way to Our Nation's Records," the annual NGS Conference in the States. More Info: www.ngsgenealogy.org |
| September 3-6, 2008 | The 2008 FGS Conference "Footprints of Family History," held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Hosted by FGS and a number of local genealogical and historical societies in the Philadelphia area, this conference will have something to offer for every level of genealogist or family historian. More information, plus registration is available at the society's Web site www.fgs.org . |

UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE FISKE LIBRARY, SEATTLE WA

The following classes will be offered at the Fiske Library, 1644 43rd Avenue East in Seattle. For information, please call 206 328-2716.

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| 23 January | Irish Research | Patty McNamee |
| 30 January | Wisconsin | Gary Zimmerman |
| 6 February | American Indian Research: Pacific Northwest Tribes | Carol Buswell |
| 13 February | Minnesota | Gary Zimmerman |
| 20 February | Documentation | Karl Kumm |
| 27 February | French Canada Research | Gary Zimmerman |
| 5 March | On-line Maps | David Ault |
| 12 March | Olympia Field Trip: State Archive & Library Please register. | |
| 26 March | Evidence & Proof | Gary Zimmerman |
| 2 April | and Companies, Bounty Land & Westward Migrations- 1773-1850 | Gary Zimmerman |

NEARBY HISTORY AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY, SEATTLE WA

The MOHAI will be offering several classes that may be of interest to family historians. For information and registration for these classes, call 206-324-1126 ext. 30.

1. Nearby History – A Course In Doing Your Own History, each Saturday, January 19 – February 23, 2008, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, tuition \$75 MOHAI members/\$85 public. Everyone has a history interest – what's yours? Research your home, neighborhood, family or personal collection. This 6-session introduction to historical methods and resources will help you learn step by step how to explore your own history.
2. Nearby History – An Introduction to Oral History Interviewing, Saturday April 12, or Saturday November 1, 2008, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, \$40 MOHAI members/\$50 public. A day long training in the practice of recording oral history. What is transcription? How can you get the best interviews?

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MEETINGS:

EGS monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:00 P.M. at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th Street and 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue WA. The Supply/Book Table, get acquainted, browse, ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

Effective 1 January 2001, membership dues are: Individual –\$17, Couple –\$22, Senior –\$15, Senior Couple, \$19, Lifetime – 15 times annual membership. To join the society, send your check with your name, phone number, address (nine digit zip please) and e-mail address (if applicable) to the address at the bottom of this page.

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