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NOVEMBER EGS GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE
 Bellevue, WA
Topic: *FamilySearch.org*
Speaker: Celia McNay

Speaker: Celia McNay did her first family history project when she was 16 years old for a special church event. She has been doing genealogy, preserving family stories, and searching out relatives ever since. Now with a bachelor's degree in Family History from Brigham Young University and over 25 years of research, she has formed her own research company, Go West Family Research. Celia is a member of Eastside Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and is working on her national certification. Although her first love is picking through old documents, Celia also enjoys teaching others about genealogy. She has served as a Family History Consultant for the LDS Church for the past 9 years, teaching classes and helping others become excited about their family tree. She has taught for the Bellevue Regional Library in their 'Genealogy Boot Camp' workshops in 2013 and 2014.

About the Program: Celia will go through the major parts of the familysearch.org website with tips on searches, using information, and tutorial helps. She will introduce the Family Tree, which is a linked pedigree tree with family group pages. She will also share the Memories sections and if time permits demonstrate uploading pictures and documents.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The free Family History Fair will be held Saturday, November 8, 2014 at South Bellevue LDS Stake, 15202 SE 28th Street, Bellevue, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. You can see the schedule of classes and register on their website at: <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net/2014/index.html>.

EGS will have an information table at the event. We could use some more volunteers to man the table. Even an hour of your help would be great. Please contact Carol Pattison at maycreek@aol.com if you can help.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Donna HUNT
- ◆ Jill STINOGE researching MEINEITH in Germany and Ireland.
- ◆ Bill and Marietta STOKES

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FAMILYSEARCH'S ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Dennis Meldrum and Tim De Graw gave a session titled “What is Happening with FamilySearch Books” at the BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy back on 29 July 2014. Meldrum announced that FamilySearch had exceeded 150,000 books in their electronic book collection! That is amazing. In addition to family, local, and county histories, the collection contains directories, how-to books, medieval genealogies, Bible records, cemetery records, vital records, biographies, periodicals, yearbooks, and gazetteers. Only books are included in the collection. Generally, that means it's going to have a title page and an author.

FamilySearch is digitizing these books to make them readily and freely available, and to preserve them for future generations. And it is not just digitizing FamilySearch's own collection. Here is a list of its partners. (I've shown how many books have come from each, according to the FamilySearch Books website.)

- Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, Indiana) - 21,954 – There are eight full-time missionaries scanning there.

- Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library (Provo, Utah) *
- Brigham Young University-Idaho David O. McKay Library (Rexburg, Idaho) *
- Church History Library (Salt Lake City, Utah) *
- FamilySearch Family History Library (Salt Lake City, Utah) - 123,495 *
- Houston Public Library Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research (Houston, Texas) - 4,454
- Internet Archive (various institutions)- 20,931
- Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center (Independence, Missouri) - 4,075

As of the time of the conference, FamilySearch was soon going to add additional partners: Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Larsen-Sant Public Library (Preston, Idaho), and Onondaga County Public Library (Syracuse, New York). In addition to partner sites, they also have scanning centers in Las Vegas, Nevada; Oakland, California; Orange, California; Pocatello, Idaho; Sacramento, California; and West Valley City, Utah.

Book scanning has been possible only through the many hours worked by 190 volunteers. (They are always looking for replacements, as volunteers serve for less than two years. Contact books@familysearch.org.) At the time of the conference, volunteers had already put in 135,000 hours this year, scanning 84,000 books, or about 16.8 million pages. FamilySearch was using 38 book scanners. Two of the types cost \$15,000 and \$35,000 apiece.

Family history books are quite valuable. There are about 11.5 names per page, 60% of which are not already in Family Tree. Names are linked together into lineages. They also contain stories and photos.

It's easier than you might think to find these gems. FamilySearch's book collection allows full text searching of all 166,000 books. Begin your search at <http://books.familysearch.org>. Search for a name, an author, a place, or a title. Use Advanced Search to add additional criteria: subject, periodical title, or reviewed materials. (That later category refers to titles marked by the history department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)

Use the filters along the left margin to filter by material type (book, periodical, etc.), library collection, author/creator, and language. (As I am writing this, there are 6,000 German books, 3,500 French, 1,900 Dutch, and almost a thousand Danish books. There are books in Norwegian, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Finnish, Icelandic, Hungarian, and 16 other languages.)

Sort the results by relevance, date, popularity, author, or title. In the future, you will be able to sort the unrestricted books together.

Use advanced search features: wildcards, quotes, AND, OR, NOT, and parentheses. *(Continued next page)*

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 with your 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 every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM and every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Unfortunately, some books are still protected by copyright so they can not be viewed outside a family history center. Even less fortunate, the messages communicating this are not well worded:

•“You don’t have sufficient rights to view requested object. Access denied” – This message means the book must be viewed at a family history center or the Salt Lake Family History Library. These books are also subtly marked with an icon over the cover thumbnail.

•“Item is currently in use by another user. Somebody else is currently using this book, and only one user can use this book at a time. Please check back for availability in 60 minutes.” – You should get this error only at a family history center. If you get it elsewhere, then the system is misbehaving.

•“Unauthorized Access,” or some other variation – This is common when a book had to be withdrawn. There may have been a quality issue, or FamilySearch discovered it didn’t have rights to post the book.

•“404 error” – You can get this error if you try manually editing the URL.

There are other problems trying to use FamilySearch Books and FamilySearch is planning on addressing them. There are some browser and device issues. FamilySearch is addressing them by changing to a viewer like Internet Archives’s. This is planned for Q4 or Q1. Until then, if you have rendering issues, upgrade your browser or try a different browser, upgrade your Adobe Reader or try a different PDF viewer. Another problem is limited in-book manipulations. They plan on adding them (although they didn’t mention what they are). Searching within a book is pretty limited today; they plan on implementing more robust in-book searching. Today, searching historical records doesn’t tell you about matches in books; and record hints don’t include matches in books. FamilySearch hopes to fix these limitations. While not a problem, per se, the books.familysearch.org page is pretty dull and of limited functionality. FamilySearch hopes to beef it up, with digital donations, collection highlights (unique books), and updates.

Meldrum and De Graw ended with an invitation to submit your books for publication on FamilySearch Books. To quote from the syllabus “Your family history books can be added to the Family History Book collection. If the book is copyright we need written permission from the copyright holder (normally the author). This permission is given on the Authorized Gift Form. You can get a copy of this Form by emailing books@familysearch.org.” FamilySearch can accept books in either traditional hardcopy or electronic format. (*From The Ancestry Insider, September 16, 2014; contributed by Ann Lamb, Irish-Scottish SIG Leader*).

LINKS TO HELPFUL SITES

Recently I noticed that Ancestry.com had changed their link to ProGenealogists, their research firm. In the past, I could use their list of links to various resources to research particular areas in the US & the world.

That link is now gone but by using the WayBack Machine of [Archive.org](http://archive.org), I have located the old copies of them.

Their old “United States Genealogy Sleuth” website can be found at:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140705054450/http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>

Their old “International Genealogy Sleuth” website can be found at:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140705051840/http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthi.htm>

The links from the above websites may not be updated but at least they may provide you with some additional ideas for your research. Happy hunting! (*Contributed by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity*)

FREE ANCESTRY.COM GENEALOGY TOOLKIT

This last week, [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) released a free genealogy toolkit. It is simply a PDF file containing a list of (and links to) free resources offered by Ancestry.com. Some may lead to free resources that lead to Ancestry.com subscription resources, such as state resource guides. But that should be surprising to no one. Any credible guide to genealogy today is going to end up, sooner or later, pointing you to resources on Ancestry.com’s subscription website.

Here’s a sampling of the available offerings listed in the toolkit:

- Free Charts & Forms
- Ancestry Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources (Online reference)
- Irish Research in the U.S. and Ireland (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- 5-minute Finds (Short videos)
- County Look-up

Download your free Ancestry.com genealogy toolkit from <http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/social-research-genealogy-toolkit.pdf>. (*Contributed by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity*)

GENETIC GENEALOGY MISCONCEPTIONS

Although genetic genealogy can add valuable information to your family tree, it does have some limitations. To help you understand the benefits and limitations of genetic genealogy testing, here are a few of the most common misunderstandings. Mastering these will help you avoid the most common mistakes that beginner genetic genealogists make.

1. A DNA test can fill in my family tree.

Although DNA testing is powerful, it is merely one of many tools in the genealogist's toolbox. DNA test results alone cannot fill in your family tree or break through your brick walls. For example, although a test can determine the genetic relatedness of two or more individuals, it usually cannot reveal the exact genealogical relationship between those individuals.

2. I'd like to take a DNA test, but I'm terrified of needles.

Good news! Although DNA used to be obtained by taking blood, getting a DNA sample now is as simple as spitting in a tube or swabbing the inside of your cheek!

3. I'd like to test my great-grandfather's DNA, but he died years ago.

You don't need to exhume your ancestor to get useful information from a genetic genealogy test! Genetic genealogists use their own DNA to learn about their ancestors. For example, a man's Y-DNA was given to him by his father, who received it from his father, and so on back through time. And every one of us has autosomal DNA that we inherited from our grandparents, great-grandparents and beyond.

4. Since I'm a woman, I can't learn about my deceased father's Y-DNA.

Although as a woman you did not inherit your father's Y chromosome, there is a very good chance that there is another living source of that Y-DNA. For instance, do you have a brother who would have inherited Y-DNA from your father? Or does your father have a living brother? There are usually several different sources for the DNA you're looking for; to identify those sources you'll need to understand how Y-DNA is passed from one generation to the next.

5. DNA testing will reveal medical information about me.

With the exception of companies that intentionally test for medical data, most genetic genealogy testing does not uncover or share any important health information about the test-taker. However, test-takers should understand that some limited medical information can inadvertently be revealed by a genetic genealogy test, especially as new scientific discoveries uncover previously unknown connections between health and DNA. (*From Family Tree University Newsletter, October 15, 2014*)

STATE RESIDENT ONLY ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

Did you know that most states have a set of online databases available only to their residents? And that you can access these from home? This was news to me, but I've since discovered that I can get access to some great (and expensive) databases for FREE just by having a local library card.

Go to <http://www.geneabloggers.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/State-Resident-Only-Online-Library-Resources.pdf> to download a list of State Resident-Only Library Resources - there's nothing to fill out - it is totally FREE. (Ed. note--You might try out some of the links, some you may be able to access without the library card from that state. For example, I tried Oklahoma and was able to access the Digital Prairie database.) (*From GeneaBloggers, October 20, 2014, www.geneablogger.com*)

MASSIVE ONLINE U.S. OBITUARIES PROJECT TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

In celebration of Family History Month, FamilySearch International (FamilySearch.org) and GenealogyBank (GenealogyBank.com) recently announced an agreement to make over a billion records from historical obituaries searchable online. It will be the largest—and perhaps most significant—online U.S. historic records access initiative yet. It will take tens of thousands of online volunteers to make GenealogyBank's vast U.S. obituary collection more discoverable online. Find out more at FamilySearch.org/Campaign/Obituaries (*From AncestryInsider, October 16, 2014*)

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES AND GLOBAL FAMILY REUNION JOIN FORCES FOR THE LARGEST FAMILY REUNION IN HISTORY

The following announcement was written by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and by the Global Family Reunion: FGS Marshals Its Hundreds of Member Societies to Help Global Family Reunion Fight Alzheimer's

October 17, 2014 – Austin, TX. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the Global Family Reunion announced today their partnership for the largest family reunion in history to be held June 6, 2015 on the site of the legendary 1964 New York's World Fair to benefit Alzheimer's research, education, and training.

FGS will facilitate the organization of Global Family Reunion branch parties at many of its member societies across the United States and around the world. "As a leader in the family history community, FGS is delighted to be working with the Global Family Reunion," said FGS President D. Joshua Taylor. "As genealogy increases in popularity, events like the Global Family Reunion give our member societies the chance to show the world the best of the best. We couldn't be happier to join Mr. Jacobs and his search for cousins across the world to benefit such a worthy cause."

Brainchild of best-selling author and three-time TED talk speaker, A.J. Jacobs, the Global Family Reunion will host the event in New York. It will include talks, family history exhibits, the world's largest family photo, other family reunion activities as well as live-streaming to branch parties located all over the world.

"I'm thrilled the Global Family Reunion and the Federation of Genealogical Societies have formed a partnership. I can't wait to work with FGS and its wonderful member societies on this project to spread the word to all members of the human family about how fun and fascinating genealogy is," said Global Family Reunion Founder A.J. Jacobs. "Plus, I'm very, very distant cousins with everyone on the FGS team, so it's all in the family."



The talks and presentations will feature a wide range of fascinating experts and entertainers including Academy Award-nominated director of *Supersize Me* Morgan Spurlock, the 41st President of the United States George H.W. Bush (via video), Peabody Award-winning correspondent Scott Simon, leading population geneticist and director of National Geographic's Genographic Project Spencer Wells, and Federation of Genealogical Societies President D. Joshua Taylor.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS): The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies and family history enthusiasts strengthen and grow through online resources, FGS FORUM magazine, and through its annual national conference which provides four days of excellent learning opportunities for both societies and family history enthusiasts. To learn more about FGS visit fgs.org. To learn more about the next annual conference to be held in Salt Lake City, UT, visit fgsconference.org. Also, find FGS on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy>, on Twitter @FGSgenealogy and on the FGS Voice blog at <http://voice.fgs.org>.

About Global Family Reunion; The Global Family Reunion is an event conceived by bestselling author A.J. Jacobs. It will include presentations by celebrities, genealogists, and famous scientists, music, comedy, games, interactive exhibits and food. Jacobs became fascinated with the idea that every person on Earth is related to every other after entering his name in several genealogy websites and finding he was connected to people all over the globe. "Once we realize we're all related," he says, "we can solve the big problems, like Alzheimer's." He is using the event to collect donations, which will be distributed to Cure Alzheimer's Fund and the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter. The Global Family Reunion will be the topic of Jacobs' next book and the subject of a documentary by Morgan Spurlock (*Supersize Me*). Among those participating are actor Daniel Radcliffe, President George H.W. Bush and comedian Nick Kroll. The event has already been featured in the New York Times, People Magazine, NPR and Good Morning America. If you are interested in attending, please see the event website at globalfamilyreunion.com for more information. Plus, take a few minutes and watch Jacobs' TED talk *The world's largest family reunion...we're all invited!*

You can read all about the Global Family Reunion at <http://globalfamilyreunion.com/> (*The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2014 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>.*)

BARRY FLEIG BUILDS AN ONLINE DATABASE OF BURIALS IN COOK COUNTY CEMETERY IN DUNNING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

With over 38,000 burials spanning some seventy years, the Cook County Cemetery in Dunning, Chicago, Illinois, was a potters field serving the poor and indigent of the county. Those buried in the cemetery included deceased individuals from the County Poor house and farm opened 1854, the Insane Asylum opened 1869, the infirmary opened 1882, and the Consumptive hospital (TB), opened 1899. The cemetery received bodies from the Cook County Hospital, the city morgue, many Chicago area hospitals, and many city social institutions. About 120 bodies from the Great Chicago Fire in October 1871 were buried at the Cook County Cemetery in Dunning.

Records of those interred in the cemetery have been difficult to access. The vast majority of the records of who was buried at Dunning were destroyed in the 1960s when a storage room was flooded. Some records do remain but have not been conveniently available to the public. Barry Fleig, the former cemetery chairman of the Chicago Genealogical Society saw a need. He wanted to preserve the remaining records electronically before another disaster destroys the remaining fragile paper records.

As stated in the newly-created web site built by Barry Fleig: "We who believe that every life is sacred, must continue to remind ourselves and society that in this world and after death, God cares for us. Our fellow human beings have gone before us to face the realities of eternity. We make no judgments, but commend them to the mercy of our loving Creator. We may not have known them personally, but they were someone's Mother, Father, Grandparent, or neighbor. It has been written: To live and die alone is a human tragedy, but not to be remembered and mourned...after earthly life...is an ugly blemish on human dignity. These persons, though their earthly lives ended in loneliness and poverty, in unique ways unknown to us, they did share in the divine creation and eternal destiny that is common to our humanity. Preserving Cook County Cemetery and continuing research will help to insure that those persons who were homeless in life will not be homeless in death."

The database is a work-in-progress, not yet complete. The hope is to record about 10,000 names in it, far short of the 38,000 people believed buried in Dunning. The other records probably have not survived. Fleig said the project has "consumed" five years of his life.

The web site is available at <http://cookcountycemetery.com> with the home page providing a lot of history about the cemetery. The database itself starts at <http://cookcountycemetery.com/database.aspx?x=45&y=124>.

You can learn more about the project in an article by Heather Cherone in the DNAinfo Chicago web site at <http://goo.gl/jclEln>. (The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2014 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>.)

VETERANS' DAY REMEMBRANCE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

Red poppies, a symbol of World War I (from their appearance in the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae), are sold in Canada and the United Kingdom on Remembrance Day to raise money for veterans or worn in the lapel as a tribute.

Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans — living or dead — but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Remember to tell them "THANK YOU." (Submitted by Patti Wehrs, EGS member)



DAR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SYSTEM (GRS)

The Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a free resource provided by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since its founding in 1890. The Genealogical Research System is DAR's online genealogical portal. Here you will find collections of databases DAR has made available online. These include our Ancestor Database, Member Database, Descendants Database, DAR Library Catalog, DAR Genealogical Records Committee database and a couple of others. The databases are arranged on separate tabs to make navigation easier. It is available to the public, and contains more than 62.5 million names, making it a tremendous resource of hard to find primary source records.



Included as part of the GRS are the Genealogical Records Committee Reports (GRC). These Reports began in 1913 and continue to arrive every year. The information in these 20,000 typescript volumes is predominately Bible record and cemetery record transcriptions along with many other types of transcribed or abstracted genealogical sources. The Genealogical Records Committee has sponsored a project since the late 1990s to index all names in every one of the GRC Reports in the DAR Library.

The GRC Reports themselves are digitized. Researchers may view the digital images at the DAR Library's Seimes Technology Center. The images are not available at the present time online outside of DAR headquarters. The original typescript volumes have been retired and placed in off-site storage, so researchers must now use the digital images.

Information in the "GRC National Index" does not relate specifically to approved membership applications and supplementals and is not the contents of the files of documentation supporting them. This index is an ongoing project, and the staff of the DAR Library's GRC Office adds new index content daily. Researchers may order copies of pages in GRC Reports by contacting the DAR Library's Search Service. Please consult the Search Service information page on the Library's portion of the DAR website at <http://www.dar.org/library/search.cfm>

You can access the Genealogical Research System at http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0 and the Genealogical Records Committee Reports (GRC) at http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=6

Some tips for using the GRC are:

1. Don't choose only the state where you suspect your ancestor lived. Instead, choose "All States." By limiting your search to a specific state the search engine will only look in volumes donated by that state.
2. If you don't receive any results by typing in the first and last names of your ancestor, then just type in the surname. Surnames have multiple spellings, so you will want to search each spelling possibility.
3. In most cases handwritten pages were not indexed. If you find an indexed Bible record transcription page, look at the pages that come before and after to see the actual Bible page images.
4. Look at the volume's table of contents to see what other records were indexed to identify other records that may apply to your family.
5. The GRC online index was compiled during a 10 year period and not all entries are consistent, so you will find name abbreviations in addition to names spelled out. For example, William and Wm, or Jonathan or Jona. Think of every possible way a first name might be abbreviated. *(From DAR Newsletter, May/June 2014).*

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY FRUGAL GENEALOGISTS

Who said genealogy and the hunt for your family history has to be expensive? Just as in any other industry, there are some tricks to getting the best deals and bargains in the genealogy marketplace. With this FREE download - 7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists - you'll learn the tricks and also how to think like a savvy frugal genealogist!

Learn how savvy genealogists are finding success with 7 basic habits of frugality. You'll not only find a list of key resources but more importantly you'll learn how to embrace the "mind set" of finding the best ways to save money while researching your ancestors. Got to <http://www.geneabloggers.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/SYLLABUS-7-Habits-Highly-Frugal-Genealogists.pdf> to download your copy. (From *The GeneaBloggers Daily*, October 17, 2014)

GENEALOGY TIP: STANDARDIZE YOUR DATES

You've been working on your family history for years and have gathered a lot of information. You keep careful notes and are consistent in putting down full bibliographic citations so that others may quickly know where you found each of your facts.

How are you entering the dates of birth, death, etc., of your ancestors? What style are you using? Here in America it is common for people to abbreviate dates and to use varying styles of entry.

Here's a tip. The accepted style for writing dates is: day month year. Do not use abbreviations or punctuation. For example, if you are writing the date April 3, 1915 you should write it as: 3 April 1915.

You never want to use:

- 4-3-1915
- 3 Apr 1915
- or even worse, 3 Apr '15

If you write the date using only numerals, such as 4-3-1915... or in the European style of 3-4-1915 — it will be easily misunderstood.

Abbreviations for June: Jun and July: Jul can also be easily misunderstood. That is the same for March: Mar and the month of May.

Make sure that all of your dates are completely written out — day month year — always spelling out the name of the month.

Take the time to go back through your genealogy and make sure that your dates are all standardized. Leave a clear record that everyone will easily understand. (From *GenealogyBank Newsletter*, October 2014)



HOW ICELAND'S GENEALOGY OBSESSION LEADS TO SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS

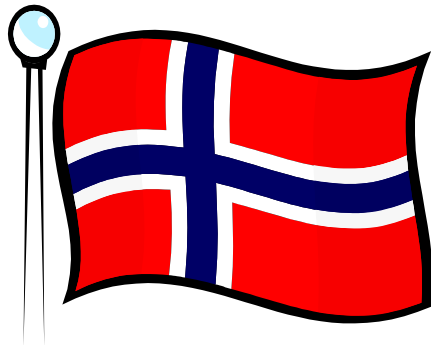
Icelanders love keeping track of how they're related, which has made them "the world champions of human genetics." For nearly a millennium, careful genealogical records had been kept in the *Islendingabok*, or "Book of Icelanders." In 1997, Icelandic neurologist Kári Stefánsson created a web-based version of *Islendingabok* in order to offer his countrymen 24/7 access to their family trees. Along with developer Fridrik Skulason, he scoured census data, church records, and family archives in order to encompass what he claims is 95 percent of Icelanders who have lived within the past three centuries. It has since become one of the most popular sites in the country.

Because Icelanders do such a good job of tracing their family histories, Stefánsson and his colleagues at Decode, the genetics firm he founded, have a rich trove of data for experiments. So far, he's discovered how specific genetic mutations affect a person's chances of having everything from Alzheimer's to blond hair. He's identified a certain cancer-causing mutation that's much more common in Iceland than in America, and he's uncovered a genetic component to longevity. "Having the genealogy gives us an opportunity to figure out how everyone is related to everyone else," he said. "If you are tracing genes to figure out disease, it is important to figure out, how does this mutation travel from one generation to the next?"

You can read more of the article at <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/10/how-icelands-genealogy-obsession-leads-to-scientific-breakthroughs/381097/> (From *The Atlantic*, October 7, 2014)

5 WEBSITES FOR NORWEGIAN GENEALOGY

If you have ancestors in Norway, their old records might be in Norwegian, Danish or Swedish. Their parish name might refer to a village, a fork in the road or the largest town in the area.



Here are some online resources for Norwegian genealogy:

- The National Archival Services of Norway, which has record indexes and transcriptions, along with some digital images. You'll also find interesting articles such as Norwegian Emigration to America 1825-1939. <http://www.arkivverket.no/eng>

- Norway-Heritage: Hands Across the Sea, with searchable indexes and helpful explanation for understanding Norwegian names. <http://www.norwayheritage.com/>

- Norwegian Genealogical Society (Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening, or NSF) website, which lets you search an online index of its publication. <http://www.genealogi.no/content/norwegian-genealogical-society>

- FamilySearch.org, which in addition to online genealogy records, has abundant information in its research wiki. https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

- Ancestry & History (Slekt & Historie), a site all about the authors' personal research, along with historical information and links to more than 100 additional resources. <http://www.borgos.nndata.no/jborgose.htm> (From Genealogy Insider, October 16, 2014)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cascade Chapter NSDAR, Tuesday November 11, 2014, 10:30 AM at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98004. The program will be "Pet Partners" with speakers Paula Scott, and Tami Cron with her Goldendoodle Miley, who volunteer at the VA. In December, the chapter will have their annual Holiday Silent Auction to raise funds for scholarships on Tuesday, December 9, 10:30 AM at the same location. For information, contact Lanabeth Horgen at lanabeth@lanabethhorgen.com.
- Annie Pulliam Chapter NSDAR will meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at Snoqualmie City Hall (38624 SE River St, Snoqualmie, WA 98065). Lyn Melton will tell us about Challenges of Pioneer Women at our November 8th meeting. On December 13, we will participate in Wreaths Across America at Sunset Hills Memorial Park, in Bellevue. Annie Pulliam Chapter sponsors Genealogy Classes at 10am on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Snoqualmie Public Library. Stay after the class and we'll help YOU find YOUR PATRIOT! Contact anniepulliamdar@gmail.com for more information.

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 425-242-8892
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 2014 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting <i>(First Thursday, 10:00 AM)</i>	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, November 6, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library. Contact Carol at 425-228-2510 or maycreek@aol.com for more information.
EGS General Meeting <i>(Second Thursday)</i>	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library. Visitors are welcome. No meeting in December.
Genealogy Book Club <i>(Fourth Thursday, Noon. Note Change for November)</i>	Next meeting Thursday, November 6, Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6, Noon to 2:00 PM. Book for this meeting is <i>A Nation Rising</i> by Kenneth Davis. No meeting in December. The January book is <i>News from the Land of Freedom—German Immigrants Write Home</i> , edited by Kamphoefner, Helbich, and Sommer. Information contact Kimberly Nichols at kimberlynichols7@frontier.com
Computer Interest <i>(Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)</i>	Next meeting will be on Saturday, November 22, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Joe Flint will present “Using Google Earth in Genealogy.” Everyone is welcome. A number of attendees meet for coffee at about 9:00 AM near Starbucks and following the meeting many continue discussions over lunch at the Food Court. Please contact Susanne Brown at egscomputersig@yahoo.com for information.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	The Czech Slovak Interest Group will meet Saturday, November 15, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at Fire Station #22. We are having our “Giving Thanks” potluck. See website for more information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .)
EGS Lunch Bunch <i>(Third Thursday, 11:30 AM)</i>	Meets every third Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.
Family Tree Maker <i>(Third Friday, 10:30 AM)</i>	The Family Tree Maker Interest Group will be meeting on Friday, November 21, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Newcastle Library, 12901 Newcastle Way, Newcastle, 98056. For more information, please contact Dave Abernathy, at davea@schmeckabernathy.com .
German Interest Group <i>(First Friday, 1:00 PM)</i>	The German Interest Group will next meet on Friday, November 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue. Claire Gebben will discuss “German Immigration Patterns.” Visitors welcome! No meeting in December – we will have our annual Christmas Party at Ann’s home. For more info contact Ann Passé at 206-232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net
Irish-Scottish Interest Group <i>(First Thursday 12:30 PM)</i>	The Irish & Scots-Irish SIG will meet on Thursday, November 6, 12:30 PM at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue. Please contact Ann for information. (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group <i>(Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)</i>	The Italian Interest group will host a table at the Family History Fair on Saturday, November 8, and will have their regular meeting on Saturday, November 15, with the topic "Favorite Italian Websites." No December meeting. We meet at the LDS Church, 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Please contact Mary for meeting information. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group <i>(First Thursday, 10:00 AM)</i>	We will meet on Thursday, November 6, at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Topic--basic Legacy features with a Q&A session. This is the perfect time to learn about some of the more basic techniques along with possibly some short cuts to help with quicker data entry, searching, reports, etc. On December 4 we'll go over using Events and Chronologies. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group <i>(Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)</i>	We will meet on Tuesday, November 11, from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Archive Building on the Bellevue College Campus. Bernie Christensen will present "Contacting Living Cousins to Find Genealogical Information." In December, we will have our Potluck Christmas Party. Please check our website at http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com . (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
The Unofficial TMG Discussion Group <i>(Third Wednesday, 11:30 AM)</i>	The Master Genealogist Unofficial Discussion Group meets from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Our next meetings will be Wednesday, November 19, 2014 and December 17. We discuss questions and tips on using The Master Genealogist software program for genealogy as well as companion programs such as Second Site, Gensmarts, etc. If you are interested in receiving reminder emails before the monthly meetings, please contact Diane at dl.hicks@comcast.net .

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MEETINGS:

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