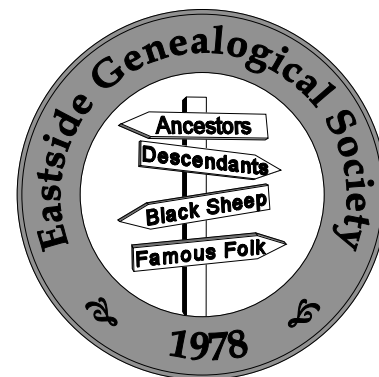


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APRIL EGS GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015

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: *The "Push" and the "Pull:" Decision-Making of the
19th Century Emigrant*

Speaker: Jill Morelli

Speaker: Jill Morelli is a professional genealogist who has traced her Scandinavian and German families for over 30 years. She now lectures and writes on her family's ethnic groups, methodologies for successful problem-solving and general topics of interest. She blogs regularly at "Genealogy Certification: A Personal Journey." (<http://genealogycertification.wordpress.com>). In 2014 and 2015, she attended SLIG (Advanced Methodologies & Advanced Practicum) and is a graduate of ProGen. Currently, Jill is the Publications Director for the Seattle Genealogical Society and the Puget Sound chapter representative for the Association of Professional Genealogists. Jill is an architect and works for the UW School of Medicine.

About the Program: Why did our ancestors risk everything to come to this country? What were their motivations? Learn the Px4 approach to understanding the complexity inherent in the "push" and "pull" approach to emigration. Multiple case studies will be studied for motivations.

BOARD MESSAGE

Hi all,

I hope you're all having some success with those pesky brickwalls, or with finding interesting things about those you've already found.

Here is a sometimes overlooked resource: state archives. They're not all created equal, but most have at least some nuggets and some are treasure chests.

For example, I have, at last count, 25 families in Maryland. My maternal grandfather was born and raised there and various lines go from there back to colonial days.

So a few years ago I found the Maryland State Archives. I have found tons of stuff clear back to the colonial era. Now this isn't the easiest site to search, but stick with it. I've found will abstracts, Baltimore city directories dating back to the 1700's, land records, death record indexes (they make it pretty easy to send for copies) and lots more, including one of (*continued next page*)

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my favorite finds so far.

Reading a Baltimore paper from the fall of 1886, I ran across an item mentioning my 2nd great grandparents. Low and behold, it stated that Ella Spurrier had filed for divorce from Henry. So went to the Maryland State Archives site and, after a lot of digging found them. The database also had instructions as to how to get a copy of the paperwork. Sent the check. A month or so later, a CD came in the mail. It contained 30 pages! All the depositions and so forth.

It seems Henry had been “keeping company with women of ill repute” and, horrors, doing it openly! Divorce granted. This all helped explain the note my 2nd great grandmother wrote on the back of a photo of herself that she had sent to my grandfather and his younger sister, saying that she certainly missed getting to see them.

I’ve also had luck with the Illinois State Archives and the Missouri State Archives. To find the archives in your state, just google the name of state plus archives. Good luck!

As a post script, your board is still looking for volunteers: vice president, library help desk people, program chairman and webmaster. We can’t have a society if we don’t get volunteers! We on the board all help each other so it isn’t as if you’ll be thrown to the wolves! And, you’ll be able to join us for lunch after the board meetings.

Happy hunting.
Judy Meredith, Past President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

- Donna and John BAILEY
- Les SCOTT
- Ivana STEWART researching DUNN, GIESE, MUELLER, and THOMPSON
- Sue STEWART researching WILSON in Scotland; ROYCROFT in Ireland and Scotland; TOWNSLEY in Ohio and Virginia; HARRIS in Michigan; NATION, SMITH, and STEWART in N. Carolina and Pennsylvania

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need several volunteers to give research assistance on Tuesday evenings at the Bellevue Library from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Substitutes are also needed. Please call Winnie Sihon at 425-793-5424.



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.

MARCH MEETING SUMMARY – A CASE STUDY IN WWII RESEARCH

On March 12, we were fortunate to have speaker Mary Kirker Roddy give a presentation on “Lt. Mark L. Golden: A Case Study in WWII Research.” Mary told us of the story of finding a box of her father’s things after he passed away. In the box were letters to her father, signed “As ever, Mark.” Mary set out to find out who Mark was, and what happened to him. Her presentation detailed how she went about doing her research and what she found out.



www.militarymuseum.org and www.brightok.net/~gsimmons/remember.html, provide histories, maps, photos of bases and recollection of personnel.

Mary also mentioned that fold3.com has other military records pertaining to WWII, including missing crew reports.

A handout was recently sent out to EGS members by email, but here are some of the links Mary gave in her presentation:

- B-17 websites including www.b17queenofthesky.com and www.b17.org/history/interactive_tour with an interactive tour of the B-17. B-17’s tour the country. There is nothing like being in one to bring dry accounts into startling perspective. The Museum of Flight in Seattle has a B-17 on display during the summer months. Check their website for information.
- 447th Bomb Group website, www.447bg.com, has crew lists, photographs, diaries, day-by-day details of missions and a combat mission chart. Other bomb groups have websites too — google to find.
- Military base websites, including

LIVE STREAMING BROADCAST AT THE FGS CONFERENCE

If you can't make it to the conference, you can still watch ten lectures from the comfort of your home or office! NGS will stream these lectures live and you will continue to have access for 90 days from the end of the conference (16 August 2015). To register go to <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/live-streaming/>.

Conference attendees may also benefit from purchasing the NGS live streaming package by registering for either track or the bundled package, which they will be able to view after they return home. By selecting different presentations while attending the conference, they can expand their overall conference experience.

NGS has selected some of the most popular topics and nationally known speakers for the two featured tracks. Registrants for live streaming can sign up for either track or the bundled package that includes both tracks.

- Track One: Viewers will be able to view five lectures on “The Immigration & Naturalization Process” from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 14 May 2015. The lectures will cover immigration and naturalization records, uncovering the immigrants’ story, and useful hints on how to discover their home town.
- Track Two: Five “Methodology Techniques” lectures will be live streaming from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 15 May 2015. They will address methodology techniques for use with historical context, forensic genealogy, and DNA, as well as problem solving using a combination of resources.

One track (either Track One or Track Two) is \$65 member, \$80 non-member. The bundled package of both tracks is \$115 member, \$145 non-member.

Additional details can be found on the NGS Conference website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/live-streaming/>.

NGS has selected PlayBackNow to broadcast the live sessions and to provide the recorded sessions for later viewing. Instructions for viewing the live streaming will be sent to registrants before 13 May 2015.

Registration for live streaming will close at midnight 29 April 2015. All registrants will receive an electronic version of the NGS 2015 Family History Conference Syllabus. Registration is discounted for NGS Members.

LIBRARY OBITUARY COLLECTIONS: MICHIANA REGION BY SARA ALLEN

Obituaries provide key information about an ancestor's life. Beyond names, dates and places, obituaries can shed light on the decedent's personality, interests, affiliations and vocation. In order to locate an ancestor's obituary, the first places to check are the local libraries and genealogical societies in the town or county where the person died, which often hold copies of the town's historical newspapers (in print, microfilm, or online) and usually will provide copies by mail for a small fee. Many of these organizations have compiled print or online obituary indexes to help facilitate finding the correct obituary, if the date of death is unknown. Obituary indexes can be searchable by name, date, address, name of newspaper, and/or keyword (which might include survivors, cause of death, or other details from the obituary itself).

For example, if you seek the obituary of a person who lived in Michiana (North Central Indiana and Southwest Michigan), many of the libraries and societies there have posted links on their websites to obituary indexes or to actual digitized obituaries for their communities. In the Michiana area, the South Bend newspapers run obituaries for persons from all of the smaller communities within St. Joseph County and for many persons from the seven surrounding counties. Check out the impressive online obituary sources for this region:

“Bremen Enquirer” Online Obituaries, April 1884-2009 (www.bremen.lib.in.us/historical/bpl_obituaries.asp)

“Elkhart Truth” Obituary Index, 1921-present (www.myepi.org/epl/cgi-bin/obituary_search.php)

Michigan City Obituary Index, 1887- present (www.mclib.org/genealogy/obituaryindex.html)

Nappanee Obituary Index (<http://history.nappanee.lib.in.us/obituaries.asp>)

New Carlisle Online Obituaries, search the keyword field for the word obituary and the name of the deceased (https://ncpl.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas19_1301713)

Niles, Michigan, Obituary Index, click link off the home page (www.nileslibrary.net/)

“Plymouth Pilot” Obituary Index, July 1922- May 1983 (www.plymouth.lib.in.us/resources/genealogy/plymouth-newspapers-obituary-index.aspx)

“South Bend Times” Index, 1881-1913 (www.sbags.org/times.htm)

“South Bend Tribune” Obituary Index, 1913-present (www2.sjcpl.org/db/obits)

Wakarusa Online Obituaries (<http://wakarusa.lib.in.us/historical/obituaries.asp>)

“Walkerton News” Index, 1886-1929 (<http://sbags.org/walkerton.htm>)

No matter where the person lived, once it is determined where the local newspapers are archived and if there is an index, chances are an obituary can be found if one exists. If the search comes up empty at the local and regional levels, there is often a statewide organization that collects newspapers from all over a particular state, usually the state library, archives, historical or genealogical society. In Indiana, this organization is the Newspaper Division of the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. Not only does the Indiana State Library retain print or microfilm copies of newspapers from every county in the state of Indiana, it also lends most of the microfilm copies on Interlibrary Loan to other libraries. Interlibrary loan requests should be initiated at your local library. The Indiana State Library also has a small, but growing collection of online newspapers at:

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>



To get started searching for family obituaries, consult a list of libraries in the United States by following this link: www.publiclibraries.com/ or by checking in the print source, “American Library Directory” (GC 027 AM3a, 2010-2011). (From *Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library*, No. 132, February 28, 2015)

THE GREAT UTILITY OF GREAT GUIDES BY CURT B. WITCHER

Early in my career I had the pleasure of exploring in great depth the first edition of Helen Leary's *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*. I was (and still am!) impressed with both the breadth and depth of the work. Starting out with strong chapters on research strategies and resources, the work moves through instruction in the use of libraries and archives, as well as providing advice on abstracting, note taking, and correspondence. The bulk of this substantial tome is devoted to large sections on North Carolina county records and North Carolina state records. The work concludes with sections on federal, private, and non-written records as they relate to North Carolina.

While the entire work is specific to North Carolina and conducting genealogical research in that state, it was obvious to me from the start that one could take all of the research principles and many of the record examples and use them as instruction for researching in just about any state. I have long mused about how awesome it would be to have such a thorough research compilation available for every state in the union. Yes, there are lesser works that are of assistance to genealogists and local historians such as the National Genealogical Society's *Research in the States* series. However, those works are typically well short of one hundred pages, provide quite general treatments, and well less than half of the states are represented in the series. In addition, Leary's depth, insight, and comprehensive treatment are noticeably absent.

A second edition of Leary's *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History* has since been published, and is still available for sale through the North Carolina Genealogical Society. If I understand correctly, Ms. Leary donates all the proceeds from the sale of her work to the society—a great guide by a great researcher who demonstrates great generosity.

On a number of occasions in the past, I have extolled the virtues of another great guide titled *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*. If one is engaged in Indiana research, it is a must-consult work. With its contents arranged by ethnic group, this compilation addresses the where, why, and when of every ethnic group that touched toe in Indiana. We know how consequential it is for genealogical research success to explore the ethnic contexts of our ancestors. In more than seven hundred pages, *Peopling Indiana* provides extraordinary details for the ethnic groups that have been a part of Indiana's nearly two hundred years of statehood. Each ethnic group is covered in its own chapter, with each chapter concluding with a significant bibliography. The work is still available for purchase through the Indiana Historical Society.

A similar type of ethnic compilation at a national level is the *Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups*. The reason it may not get much attention or use is that it doesn't sound very genealogical and it's typically "hidden" in many libraries under a general Americana call number. The treatments of the many ethnic groups that contributed to the rich history of this country are important for family historians to understand. Knowledge of one's ancestral ethnic identity or group can assist with those brick-wall research challenges and ensure that one has knowledge of and access to the widest and deepest collection of records and resources. While out of print, this work is available at a reasonable cost on the used-book market. For those who are Allen County Public Library cardholders, a second copy is available in the main library collection and can be checked out (REA 325.7303 H26).

Literally moments before leaving for RootsTech 2015, I received a most welcome copy of another absolutely excellent guidebook—this one brand new, hot off the presses. This work, titled *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, was just published by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. The work contains more than eight-hundred and thirty pages of research tips and strategies specific to New York—lists, charts, maps, descriptions of repositories from across the state, and extensive bibliographies. I was immediately impressed by the healthy number of editors, project staff members, collaborators and contributors that made this massive tome a reality. Having a publisher fearless about engaging the best, most knowledgeable, closest-to-the-records individuals rather than pushing to meet an arbitrary print deadline is most noteworthy. It is also a tremendous benefit to the genealogical researcher, from the beginner to the expert.

The work is divided into two substantial parts, with the first part containing a historical overview and chapters detailing major record groups found in New York. Also in Part One, the researcher will find a consequential treatment of the peoples of New York as well as details relative to the religious records of New York. Part Two contains what one simply would have to call an amazing collection of detailed data about each of New York's sixty-two counties.

The individual county guides are awesome! Having a gazetteer of historical and contemporary place names is of great assistance to family historians. Those who know me know that I am a citation analysis "nut!" So I can't help but be over-the-moon about the bibliographies that accompany each of the counties. (*continued next page*)

Found under the heading, “Selected Print and Online Resources,” the number of important legacy works listed as well as the number of online resources identified is most impressive.

Using Oswego County as an example, one learns of Oswego data published in New York’s “Tree Talks” and in the DAR’s Genealogical Records Committee reports as well as on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. One is also pointed to the Oswego Public Library’s “New York Heritage Digital Collections.” A collection of city directories from Oswego from 1852 to 1929 is available for free use, as is the Safe Haven collection, “documenting Jewish people at the Safe Haven compound, including camp newsletters from Nov. 8, 1944 through August 2, 1945, articles, an essay, photographs and documents.” Wow! Truly, a researcher can get busy immediately by delving into the many digital assets described in this work. And if you’re doing New York research at any level, you really need this work as your research assistant.

Too many times our research focuses so tightly on searching for specific individuals that we may forget that often beginning our research with a survey of the land, the records, the various peoples, the contexts, and the history is a quite meaningful and fruitful approach. (*From Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 132, February 28, 2015*)

SCANDINAVIAN LINKS

For those EGS members who have an interest in Scandinavian research, there are lists of websites for genealogy research in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden on the Scandinavian Interest Group's website <http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com>. Click on RESEARCH, then click on the country of your choice from the drop down menu. (*From Sandy Arildson, Scandinavian SIG Leader*)

FREE BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES

Have you ever wanted to know more about your family’s history? Are you looking to solve a family mystery? Or secure membership in an organization like the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Mayflower Society? If not knowing quite how to get started has been holding you back, we’ve got great news.

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is sponsoring free Beginning Genealogy Classes in conjunction with the Northwest Genealogy Conference. Held Wednesday 12 August 2015 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center, these sessions are perfect for complete beginners or someone who might be a little out of practice or want to brush up on some skills. Two of the best genealogy instructors in Washington, Winona Laird and Janet Camarata, are teaching this class series. Both are professional genealogists who have dedicated themselves to educating other genealogists. Their care and precision in building educational programs ensures that students get the highest quality and most accurate information available.

NOTE: Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required. You can register through the link http://www.nwgc.org/?epl_event=free-beginning-genealogy-classes to reserve your seat beginning March 1, 2015.

Class Schedule:

1. Fundamentals— For those just beginning their genealogy research, the difference between genealogy and family history will be explained. Learn about using forms to begin recording the information collected from your own family and the records to search to add details to your family history.
2. Vital Records— Vital Records are one of the best resources for building a family tree. Learn the strengths and weaknesses of the information contained in vital records and where to locate them. Learn to search, examine and order copies of vital records from county offices and what to use when vital records are not available.
3. Census Records— The federal population census records (1790-1940) and the non-population, special supplemental censuses are basic resources for genealogists. Learn how to search by name and/or location at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch and what microfilm rolls are available at the National Archives. Discover family members, neighbors, occupations, education levels and much more.
4. Research Tips, Tools and Techniques— Learn research basics; how to prepare to successfully search for your ancestors; what records are available on-line and off-line; how to build a personal research toolbox; how to decide which genealogy software program to use; how to track your progress; how to cite your sources; how to share with your family and how to preserve family artifacts, records and stories collected.

For more information, please see the conference website at <http://www.nwgc.org/>

THE NETHERLANDS TO GIVE A FACE TO 10,000 KILLED U.S. WWII SOLDIERS

The American War Cemetery in the town of Margraten, the Netherlands contains the remains of more than 10,000 U.S. servicemen who gave their lives to keep the Netherlands and the rest of the world free from tyranny. Through The Faces of Margraten project, during a Memorial Weekend from the 2nd till the 5th of May 2015, the Dutch will pay special tribute to these soldiers by decorating their more than 10,000 graves and names on the Walls of the Missing with personal photos of the soldiers. The project has started a quest to locate more soldiers' photos. Perhaps you can help.

Currently, there is a personal photo available for about a third of the 10,023 American soldiers buried in or memorialized at the cemetery. However, thousands of photos are still missing. "Maybe you're related to one of the soldiers, and have a photo tucked away in an album you haven't looked through in years. Please look again, and if you find one, help us honor the sacrifices of thousands of other Americans by contributing the photo to The Faces of Margraten," said Sebastiaan Vonk, chairman of the Foundation United Adopters American War Graves. "Each photo matters, even if the quality is not great, because it means another soldier who will be honored."

You can read more about this project in an article at <http://goo.gl/qm09Yt> as well as in the project's web site at <http://www.thefacesofmargraten.com/index.php/en-US/>. *(The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2015 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>.)*

A NEW GENEALOGY WEBSITE NOW ONLINE - GENEALOGY GOPHERS

Are you looking for a genealogy book? More than 40,000 digital genealogy books now are fully searchable and downloadable for free at GenGophers.com. I had a chance to use the site for a while today and will say that I am impressed. I have been using Google Books, Archive.org, and numerous sources of digitized books for years. The new GenGophers web site searches genealogy books and only genealogy books, looking for the information you specify. Best of all, the site is available to all free of charge.

Here is the announcement from Dallan Quass, founder of GenGophers.com: Researching family histories online is an activity that has begun to come of age. Thousands of family history books and magazines are available to be searched directly from multiple websites. But searching through these websites and combing through the jumble of information they return can be a frustrating, costly, and fruitless process. The newly launched family history website, GenGophers.com, solves these problems by providing precise and free access to the industry's most effective online search tools and a growing library of more than 40,000 downloadable family and personal histories, local histories, and genealogy newsletters.

Many searchable book websites, like Google Books and archive.org, make it difficult to restrict their searches to genealogy-related books. The result is that online searches for names, dates, and places return lists of thousands of potential books completely unrelated to genealogy.

GenGophers.com is the only website that – completely for free – returns genealogy book results only. Results include the publication name and a snippet from the page showing the highlighted search terms. The pages and publications returned in a search are then downloadable for free by users. "In addition to focusing our searches only on genealogy books, our search engine also employs a completely different approach than those used by other book-searching websites," said Dallan Quass, founder of GenGophers.com. "While other websites can only search for specific words contained in books, our engine uses artificial intelligence to first identify and index all people mentioned in a publication and then allows specific searches for names, dates, and places associated with them. This approach significantly increases the chance of discovering extended family connections, stories about the lives of ancestors, and bringing family histories to life."

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FINDING FREE IRISH GENEALOGY BOOKS ONLINE

If you have Irish ancestry – as 34.5 million Americans do – then you're in luck when it comes to finding free online resources that help with your ancestral search. In fact there's a website that's dedicated to making these scattered resources more easily accessible. That site is called simply Free Irish Genealogy eBooks. It's an Index to about 4000 free online books and journals on the topics of Irish, Irish-American, Irish-Australian and Irish-Canadian Genealogy – all of which can be read online. Most of them can also be downloaded to tablets of one form or another. Since most of these items are very old, they are most likely out-of-print, out-of-copyright, or only printed in very short print-runs and nearly unavailable in traditional paper format. That's where the Internet, Peter J. Clarke, and the many digital books available come to our rescue. You can find the site at <http://freeirishgenebooks.blogspot.com/> (From Family Roots Publishing Company newsletter, March 14, 2015)

ENGLISH SURNAMES AND THEIR FRENCH EQUIVALENTS

If you have French-Canadian ancestry, as I do, and have tried to trace your family tree back into Quebec or Acadia, you may have encountered difficulties with name changes. When many of the French-speaking people moved to areas where English was the predominant language, they often adopted new surnames that were often based upon their French surnames.

Some were obvious, such as the surname Leblanc being changed to White. Both words mean the same thing. Other changes were a bit more difficult for the non-French-speaking descendant to decode, such as the French name Courtemanche being Anglicized to Shortsleeve. Courtemanche apparently is a nickname derived from the French words court (meaning short) + manche (meaning sleeve). I once met Boston newsman Joe Shortsleeve and asked him the origins of his name. I had never imagined a French-Canadian connection until he told me.

So how do you determine an ancestor's original name? I would start first at an impressive list of English surnames and their French equivalents at the Quebec Project GenWeb at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canqc/alias/angloabc.htm>. Note: People are people and each person had his or her own reasons for changing a name. I doubt if the list is 100% accurate but it does list the more common name changes. I am sure there must have been exceptions. *(The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2015 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>.)*

HOW TO START YOUR OWN GENEALOGY BLOG

What kind of content do you intend to use on your family website? Let's explore some of your options:

1. **Research as content:** If you're going to use your site as a research repository, much of your content will be determined by how well you've organized your own online research and how well you know online genealogy resources. As an example: If your site is focused on a branch of your family that migrated to Texas, including a list of Texas genealogy sites would be helpful to both you and other researchers (after all, much of online genealogy is about networking).

2. **Family stories as content:** This is an area in which you'll want to engage other family members in preserving stories from the past, as well as stories from your daily life. This content might include:

- remembrances of a specific family member (such as your grandparents or great-grandparents)
- stories of growing up in the family
- stories about your genealogy travels
- stories about family holidays
- tall tales -- family stories that seem too big to be true
- veteran stories

3. **Photos as content:** If your site is on Blogger, one of the available gadgets is Flickr. Once you select the gadget, you'll be asked for your Flickr username, which allows Blogger to pull a stream of your images into your site. Other website platforms provide widgets to easily add photographs as well.

4. **Genealogy as content:** You've probably spent years collecting genealogy data. Do you want to put it on your site to share the information with other researchers?

5. **Historic events as content:** If you're into history (as most genealogists are), your blog may include references to dates and events from history. *(From Family Tree University newsletter, January 23, 2015)*

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

◆ Genealogical Society of South Whidbey presents a special seminar with Bill Dollarhide, nationally renowned speaker and author, **Saturday April 25, 2015**, in Freeland, WA. For registration and more information, see www.gsswi.org.

◆ Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society presents their spring seminar on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** in Tacoma, WA, with Connie Lenzen. For registration and more information, see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

◆ Cascade Chapter DAR will meet **Tuesday, April 14**, at 10:30 AM at the Bellevue Red Lion. Program will be "DAR Daughters Project: Overcoming the Boulders on the way to the Cemetery" with Jerri McCoy. Jerri McCoy worked for two years on a special project for NSDAR locating and documenting the final resting places of some of DAR's "Real Daughters" (DAR members who were actual daughters of Patriots). She will share with us the trials, tribulations and triumphs she encountered during this fascinating project. Visitors welcome, for reservations contact Lanabeth Horgen at lanabeth_h@yahoo.com.

◆ Save the Dates! Two seminars from Seattle Genealogical Society: **Saturday, May 9, 2015**, Spring Seminar "Who's Your Daddy? Researching Your Family History in the Mid-South States," with speaker C. Lynn Andersen, Accredited Genealogist (ICAPGen). **October 17-18, 2015 Fall Seminar** "The Family History Detective: Finding Solutions to Your Toughest Research Problems," with speaker Dr. Thomas W. Jones, CG, CGL, Co-Editor of National Genealogical Society Quarterly, past APG board member, BCG trustee and president, teacher at BU, IGHR, and SLIG, author of *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. More details at <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars>

◆ The Northwest Genealogy Conference will be this **August 13, 14 and 15, 2015** in Arlington, Washington. Speakers include several high profile genealogists including Lisa Louise Cooke, CeCe Moore, Angela Packer McGhie, Judy Russell and more. Go to <http://nwg.org/> for information. Registration opens April 15, 2015.

ALASKA GENEALOGY INFORMATION ON ALASKAWEB

Colleen Pustola operates a web site called AlaskaWeb. At first glance, it doesn't look like a genealogy web site. However, the site does contain a lot of information that may be interesting to anyone with Alaskan ancestry or to anyone who had a relative who joined the Alaska Gold Rush or was in the military and stationed in Alaska.



Colleen told me the web site contains more than 4,600 pages of data, mostly about Alaskan history. More than 100,000 people from around the world went to Alaska to participate in the gold rushes. Also, thousands of servicemen served in the military there over the years. The web site obviously doesn't mention all of them but does list many by name. Whether your relative is listed or not, the web site also provides a lot of history about Alaska in those times, history that your relatives probably saw and experienced. AlaskaWeb is available at <http://alaskaweb.org>. (The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2015 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>.)

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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 425-242-8892
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EGS APRIL 2015 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, April 2, 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 (Second Thursday)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library, room 1. Visitors are welcome.
Genealogy Book Club (No meeting until September)	The Genealogy Book Club will not meet until September. We will start with the book <i>Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War</i> by Karen Abbott. Information contact Kimberly Nichols at kimberlynichols7@frontier.com
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Next meeting will be on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Everyone is welcome, and bring your genealogy-related computer questions. Contact Janet Stroebel at egscomputersig@yahoo.com with any questions.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	See website for meeting information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Third Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every third Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.
Family Tree Maker (Third Friday, 10:30 AM)	The Family Tree Maker Interest Group will be meeting on Friday, April 17, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Newcastle Library, 12901 Newcastle Way, Newcastle, 98056. NOTE: The May meeting is on the 4th Friday which is the 22 of May, 2015. For more information, please contact Dave Abernathy, at davea@schmeckabernathy.com .
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The EGS German Interest Group will meet on Friday, April 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue. Jack Julich will present "WWI Battle of the Somme – A German Soldier's Autobiography" about his father's youth and survival during WWI in Germany, France and England. Visitors are always welcome! For more info contact Ann Passé at 206-232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net
Irish-Scottish Interest Group (First Thursday 12:30 PM)	The Irish & Scots-Irish SIG will meet on Thursday, April 2, 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 (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Will meet Saturday, April 18, at the LDS Church, 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	We will meet on Thursday, April 2, at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The April meeting will be held at the Regional Archive Building on the Bellevue Campus, April 14, from 10:00 to Noon. Call Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, for a parking permit for the meeting. We will view the DVD "Falun-Roros Expedition – A Historic Journey with Horse and Sled." Join us on the ancient trail and experience the beauty of the Scandinavian countryside, the camaraderie and laughter along the way, and the music of the Dalarna Femund Trail Driver Players. Please check our website at http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com . (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
The Unofficial TMG Discussion Group (Third Wednesday, 11:30 AM)	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 meeting will be Wednesday, April 15. 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:

EGS meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except July, August, and December) at 7:00 P.M. at the Bellevue Regional Library, room 1, NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA. A get acquainted and ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership dues are: Individual—\$20, Family—\$25, Lifetime—15 times annual membership. Membership includes online newsletter. To receive printed newsletter, add \$10 to dues amount. 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. Please mark "Membership" on your envelope.

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