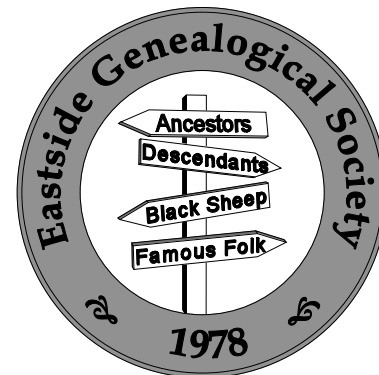


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JANUARY EGS GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 8, 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: *What will happen to your Family History Stuff?*
Speaker: Dorothy Pretare

Speaker: Dorothy started collecting family history in 1995. She has been an EGS member since 2000, EGS Publicity Chairperson since 2007 and is an active member of four EGS SIGs. She is also a member of South King County Genealogical Society, Seattle Genealogical Society DNA Group, Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, and Polish Cultural Institute in Winona, Minnesota. In 2008 she visited her ancestral villages in old East Germany (maternal line) and present day Poland (paternal line). She retired from The Boeing Company, where she was a Software Developer.

About the Program: You may have inherited family heirlooms, old photographs, etc. Over the years you have spent many hours and lots of money researching your ancestral families. What will happen to all this stuff when you downsize your residence or pass away? Will someone toss these items into the dumpster or give them to Goodwill or sell them in an Estate Sale? Come learn the steps you can take now to preserve your research and your family artifacts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following are announcements from the November EGS Board meeting:

- \$205 was collected from the book adoptions at the October General Meeting. Those funds have been designated to purchase books for the library's collection.
- We currently have 202 members.
- The 2014 Family History Fair was held on Saturday, November 8 at the LDS Church in Bellevue. EGS, the Italian SIG and the German SIG all had booths in the exhibition area.
- Judy Meredith agreed to be the EGS delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). *(Submitted by Janet Stroebel, EGS SIG Representative)*

DEAD FOR HOW LONG? A GENEALOGY TIP

In older court records, a petition to begin the probate process won't always indicate when the deceased passed away. However state statute dictates how soon a will must be presented to probate and various time restrictions. Usually a will is brought within thirty days of the day the person passed away, but there can easily be exceptions. Contemporary state statute should lay out the time frame. But never use the date a will was proved in court as a death date. It can and should be used as a "dead by" date. *(From (c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day," <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>, 12 December 2014.)*

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NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society or donated, have been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. Look for these books in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor. Note: You can request that books in the Bellevue Genealogy Collection be sent to another King County Library for your use in that library.

- ***History of the Norwegian Settlements: A translated and expanded version of the 1908 De Norske Settlementers Historie and the 1930 Den Siste Folkevandring Sagastubber fra Nybyggerlivet I Amerika.*** Hjalmar Rued Holand; Malcolm Rosholt & Helmer M. Blegen, trans. Astri My Astri Pub., 2006. 468 pp. R973.043982 HOL

Winner of two National Awards, *History of the Norwegian Settlements* provides an engaging depiction of the struggles as well as the triumphs of pioneer life. This book helps readers trace the trails of 3,800 indexed immigrants through Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas as they explore new frontiers and tame the wilderness. Along the way lurk killer diseases, grasshopper plagues, prairie fires and loneliness. Contains numerous maps.

- ***Searching Through the Old Records of New France for All of Those Precious Genealogical Details***, rev. ed. [a translation of Father Cyprien Tanguy's *A Travers Les Registres*]. Armand H. Demers, Jr. Quintin Publications, 1999. 275 pp. R929.308911 TAN 1999 [donated by Gloria Brown]

An English translation of Rev. Tanguy's *A Travers Les Registres*. Contents include hundreds of interesting and bizarre extractions of records found in the Catholic Church registers from the Province of Quebec -- mainly before 1760. It lists births, marriages, deaths, and immigration. It has charts dealing with population, families with slaves, military personnel, etc.

- ***Boston Marriages from 1700-1809, volume I, 1700-1751; vol II 1752-1809.*** Edward W. McGlenen. Clearfield, 1997. 468 pp. R929.374461 BOS V.1 & V.2 [donated by Gloria Brown]

Containing the names of approximately 75,000 persons, *Boston Marriages* is an encyclopedic directory of Boston's 18th-century population. The marriages derive from various sources, the vast majority from records in the custody of the Registry Department of the City of Boston. Almost equally numerous are those records which derive from published marriage intentions. These have been compared with the official marriage records, with spelling differences and other discrepancies noted. Those intentions for which no subsequent record of marriage appears are printed separately. In instances where marriage records or intentions were not available, the compiler consulted church and court records.

- ***Iowa Genealogical Research.*** Ruby Coleman. Self-published, 2014. 400+ pp. Spiral bound. Avail. from author at tinyurl.com/lvstcc7. R977.7 COL

This publication contains more than four hundred pages of information on Iowa history, genealogical research, records and resources, addresses and maps. It includes websites and examples of documents that can be used in Iowa research.

- ***Georgia Will Directory, 1733-1860 & Georgia Will Directory, 1861-1900.*** Ted O. Brooke. Author, 2013. Hardback. 412 pp. & 529 pp. R975.8 BRO V.1 & V.2

This two-volume set is an extensive update and revision of the 1976 index to Georgia wills, *In the Name of God, Amen: Georgia Wills, 1733-1860*. Volume 1 contains 15,271 testator references from Georgia colonial records and counties created before 1861. Many wills not included in county probate books were located, and over 800 new testators have been added. Volume 2 includes 20,097 testator references for Georgia counties created before 1901. Entries in both volumes are arranged alphabetically by surname. Each note contains the jurisdiction, the date of probate, and the specific record source and page number. Also included are helpful guides to county origins which summarize the formation of each county and give the beginning year of extant will records.

Entries can be used to locate wills in county probate records or on microfilm at the Georgia Archives. Many Georgia probate records have been digitized and are online at the Family Search website. Colonial wills can be viewed at the Virtual Vault collection of the Georgia Archives website. Information on difficult-to-find stray wills has also been indexed. Although most early Georgians did not write wills, researchers lucky enough to find a will may obtain valuable family information.

- **“Given to Drinking and Whoring”: White Maryland Runaways, 1720-1762.** Joseph Lee Boyle. GPC, 2013. 590 pp. R929.3752 BOY

This book incorporates between 1,500 and 2,000 Maryland runaway servant advertisements--naming 4,000 persons in all--that appeared in nineteen colonial newspapers published in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

An estimated 350,000 to 500,000 colonists came to America as compulsory laborers. Some came as indentured servants, others as convicts. The transportation of servants into Maryland reached its height in the middle of the 18th century, while convicts arrived there in ever-increasing numbers prior to the onset of the American Revolution. For the investors who underwrote the transportation of forced labor--brokers, ships' captains, landowners--the risks to their investment included death in passage, injury, chronic maladies, and running away. Out of necessity, colonial newspapers carried ads offering rewards for the apprehension of runaways and/or notices about their capture.

Valuable demographic information includes age, sex, height, place of origin, clothing, occupation, speech, as well as physical imperfections, etc. The ads often display attitudes of the owners, and personality traits of the runaway, such as a common affection for alcohol.

While the overwhelming majority of the runaways named were from Maryland, the author includes out-of-state fugitives when the papers refer to them. Besides the carefully transcribed ads themselves, researchers will benefit from Boyle's extensive bibliography and a comprehensive name index.



- **“Very Impudent When Drunk or Sober”: Delaware Runaways, 1720-1783.** Joseph Lee Boyle. GPC, 2014. 404 pp. R975.1 BOY

This book refers to 2,500 runaways, both indentured servants and African-American slaves, and their masters. It also includes an informative introduction concerning the status of indentured servitude and slavery in Delaware, as well as a detailed bibliography of the sources Mr. Boyle consulted and suggestions for further reading.

In compiling this work, Mr. Boyle consulted twenty-one colonial newspapers from Boston to Maryland. It should be emphasized that Delaware had no newspapers for the entire time period covered in Mr. Boyle's compilation, and neighboring New Jersey lacked them until 1777. While Maryland had two newspapers for much of the period, many of the issues did not survive. Hence, the compiler relied heavily upon the *Pennsylvania Journal* (or *Weekly Advertiser*) and the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, particularly for the early years under investigation.

- **Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-Do Genealogy and Family History.** Janice Schultz. Huron Press, 2013. 230 pp. R929.107207 SCH

The author, a former branch manager of the Midwest Genealogical Center of the Mid-Continent Library, and currently President of the Missouri State Genealogical Association, has drawn on twenty-six years of experience to create her introductory book to genealogy and family history. The book's chapters are arranged like a course, including a “Twenty Minutes a Day” exercise to reinforce the material. Brief bibliographies are interspersed throughout the book, encouraging readers to explore topics in more detail. Each chapter is generously illustrated with images of original records, website pages, etc. This easy-to-read book is an excellent choice for those new to genealogy, as well as those ready to move beyond collecting names and dates into exploring the history of their family.

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 contact Sarah Fleming at sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net or 425-957-1134.

PAUL REVERE'S 1795 TIME CAPSULE UNEARTHED

CNN provides an article and a video about the recent discovery of a 1795 time capsule in a cornerstone at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. You can read all about it at : <http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/11/us/boston-time-capsule-paul-revere-sam-adams/index.html> (From Dick Eastman, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, www.eon.com)

GENEALOGY PRESENTATION GIVEN

On Wednesday evening, December 3rd, Bob Barnes of the EGS gave a presentation on *Introduction to Genealogy* at the Sammamish Library. Fifteen attendees plus one or two library staff were present. The program ran two full hours with lots of discussion and many questions, a number of which involved how to select the appropriate genealogical software program from the many that are out there. In addition to covering basic genealogical research techniques, Bob covered a number of types of genealogical resources and where to find them on the internet as well as various repositories both near and far. The program concluded with a discussion of local repositories and the many subscription databases that are provided free to the public, and the library services that are provided by their local King County Libraries.

Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS Education Chair, who would like to thank John Wise for his many excellent presentations on the selection of genealogical software that he has given over the years to Bob's Telos genealogy classes at Bellevue College; they helped him answer many of the questions that were posed at the Sammamish Library.

UPCOMING LOCAL GENEALOGY CLASSES

EGS Member Bob Barnes teaches classes that may be of interest to EGS members. There are two Telos genealogy classes scheduled for Winter Quarter at Bellevue College (Continuing Education). Both run for eight weeks. The beginning class "Exploring Your Family History" will be held on Mondays from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, and the second, "Further Adventures in Genealogy," an intermediate class, is held at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesdays. Both classes are held in computer room V2139 on North Campus.



The beginning class covers basic research techniques, different types of genealogical sources, what they contain and where they can be found either on the internet or at physical archives. Then we move on to sessions on how to search using Google and other search engines, and how to use Ancestry and Family Search. This is followed by a class on accessing free databases at local archives (SPL, King County Libraries, FHC, UW and Sno-Isle). The class concludes with a session on Using Censuses and City Directories followed by a session on using/selecting genealogical software. These classes are all taught with in class use of computers.

The intermediate class features 8 classes on different genealogical topics: Using records from Immigration and Naturalization; Historic Newspapers; Military Records; WorldCat; County Histories; Probate Records and Inheritance; Lineage Societies and Maps. These classes are also taught with in class use of computers.

Check out the BC Continuing Education Telos classes on the web, www.BCconted.com/retiree-programs. These are fee classes at \$79 each. While the Telos program is supposedly geared towards retirees there are no age restrictions. Some of Bob's students have been in their thirties or forties and some in their eighties, retired or not.

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.

UPCOMING TELEVISION SHOWS RELATING TO GENEALOGY

Starting Tuesday, January 13, 8:00 PM on PBS: ***Genealogy Roadshow***, Season 2 (4 episodes). Part detective story, part emotional journey, *Genealogy Roadshow* combines history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual's past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. *Genealogy Roadshow* is turning it up a notch this season and traveling to new cities and sharing more compelling, more mysterious, and more diverse stories than ever before. Season Two includes Philadelphia, St. Louis and New Orleans.

Beginning on Tuesday, February 24 on TLC: ***Who Do You Think You Are?***, Season 6 (8 episodes; 2 already announced with Revolutionary War ties).

Four of the celebrity guests who'll explore their family history on this season's episodes are:

- Julie Chen, television personality, who takes the series to China for the first time
- Angie Harmon, actor, who learns a relative served under Gen. George Washington
- Sean Hayes, actor/producer, who discovers his paternal Irish roots
- Bill Paxton, actor/director/producer, who learns about his family's part in the American Revolution

There will also be four other guests, names not yet announced

Starting January 25 on the History Channel: ***Sons of Liberty***, a three-night, six-hour event, follows a defiant and radical group of young men -- Sam Adams, John Adams, Paul Revere, John Hancock and Dr. Joseph Warren -- as they band together in secrecy to change the course of history and make America a nation. Calling themselves the *Sons of Liberty*, they light the spark that ignited our revolution. While many of their names have become legendary, this group of young rebels didn't start off as noble patriots. They were a new generation of young American men from varied backgrounds, struggling to find purpose in their lives. They were looking for equality, but they found something greater: independence.

ONLINE LINKS OF INTEREST

❑ There is a site set up by a group in Ireland that is trying to help people trace their roots back to Ireland. They also try to help you track down possible living relatives in Ireland in the hopes of promoting tourism in Ireland. They figure the more people who can locate Irish roots, the more people will be willing to visit. They help to run down leads for FREE (best price ever!). You can find the site at: <http://www.irelandxo.com/> (Submitted by Kay Wilson, EGS Treasurer.)

❑ A blog posting about genealogy learning online at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/12/10/learning-online/> (Submitted by Ann Lamb, Irish-Scottish SIG Leader.)

❑ A digital map library located at <http://www.usgwarchives.net/maps/maps.html> Links to maps for the entire United States, individual states, and, in many cases, individual counties can be found on the United States Digital Map Library through the US Genweb Archives Project. (Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity.)

❑ "15 Huge Lists of Free Online Newspaper Collections for Genealogy." There are several sites that have a long list of newspaper links that are available for free online historical newspaper research. This link provides links to a number of sites that already provide such lists, listed in no particular order. These are not online collections - they are lists of online collections. You can find the listing at: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/15-lists-of-free-online-newspaper-collections-for-genealogy#.VHORzI10ypo> (Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity.)

❑ "4 Favorite "Unofficial" Tips for Using Ancestry.com." Many people use ancestry.com for research. This blog article summarizes 4 tips from the new book *Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com*. You can find the article at <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2014/12/09/4FavoriteUnofficialTipsForUsingAncestrycom.aspx>



KCLS TO REPLACE HERITAGE QUEST DATABASE

At the end of 2014, KCLS will be replacing the Heritage Quest database with a database called MyHeritage Library. The last day to use Heritage Quest will be 12/31/14. The first day to use MyHeritage Library will be 1/1/15. There are many reasons for this, including cost. Heritage Quest provided some at-home access to U.S. Census records, but only for a handful of Census years. MyHeritage Library is a new product that allows patrons to search all available U.S. Census records from home and provides digital images of the originals. We are now providing much more U.S. Census access, and it is costing the library less than half as much. A full review of several genealogy products was done in order to make sure we would still be providing excellent resources for our genealogy patrons. Genealogy is a growing area, and we will review these and any new products annually to keep our collection in top shape.

Heritage Quest has some great collections besides the U.S. Census. Where can I find those now?

Family and Local Histories:

MyHeritage Library, Ancestry Library Edition, FamilySearch.org (free website) all have some family and local histories. Or try searching in Google Books.

Periodicals Source Index (PERSI):

Free search at <http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>

Use the title, publication, and date information to order articles through Interlibrary Loan

Freedmen's Bank -- "United States Freedmans Bank Records, 1865-1874.":

FamilySearch.org (free website) has fully-searchable records with digital images

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrent files:

Ancestry Library Edition has fully-searchable records with digital images

MyHeritage Library and FamilySearch.org have fully-searchable records with transcriptions (no images)

U.S. Serial Set

Some portions available online through Library of Congress -- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss.html>

(Submitted by Darcy L. Brixey, Genealogy Liaison, Bellevue Regional Library, KCLS).

Also, from Ann Lamb, EGS Irish-Scottish SIG Leader: "There is another way to use Heritage Quest Online. Use the Seattle Public Library's website where Heritage Quest is one of the databases available online. King County residents can get an SPL library card but you have to go to Seattle to do it. I was downtown researching at SPL's genealogy collection so on the way out my friend and I stopped at the desk on the ground floor near the entrance, showed our IDs, signed up and got our cards on the spot."

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR) CIVIL WAR RECORDS PROJECT

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was an organization of honorably discharged Union veterans of the American Civil War, who organized to promote the principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." Applicants for membership had to prove that they were honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service (predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard), who had served between April 1861 and April 1865.

The great majority of GAR records were maintained by the officers of the local GAR chapters (Posts). Many records were kept in the homes of key officers such as the Post Adjutant (secretary) and the Post Quartermaster (treasurer). Other records were stored at the post headquarters or were kept by the Post Commander. Because of this, the records for a particular Post may not all be archived at the same location.

As the veterans died or the local chapters voted to disband, the records were supposed to be sent to the GAR Department headquarters. This often didn't happen. Many records were given to other organizations. A few were simply destroyed. Private collectors or the families of the last Post officers also still hold some records.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Project is an ongoing project sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) to document the location of repositories of records of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union veterans of the Civil War. The organization tries "to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members." *(continued next page)*

The primary feature of the GAR Records Project is an online catalog listing all known GAR Posts and associated records. This is an ongoing project, and there is still much more information that needs to be gathered. Locating the repositories of surviving records for over 10,000 GAR Posts is a massive effort, and many records are yet to be found. Your tips will help the SUVCW improve this project as it moves forward.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Project does not hold or make available records about individual veterans. Instead, it is a catalog of where such records may be found. In most cases, an in-person visit will be required to view the records.

For instance, the records of the Bangor, Maine post of the GAR, known as the B. H. Beale Post, are located at the Maine State Library's University of Maine Orono Special Collections, 64 State House Station (230 State Street), Augusta, ME 04333.

The GAR Records Catalog can be accessed two different ways:

1. You can explore GAR Posts by State, where you can select a state on the clickable map to explore detailed historical information, open related GAR Records Catalog pages, and find links to related websites (including SUVCW sites) for that state.
2. You can go directly to the Catalog, which will open a new window in your browser and launch the stand-alone catalog.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Project may be found at <http://www.garrerecords.org>. (From Dick Eastman, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, www.eon.com)

GENEALOGY DO-OVER

A Genealogy Do-Over has been announced by Thomas MacEntee on his GeneaBloggers website (<http://www.geneabloggers.com/announcing-genealogy-doover/>). Here is the short summary of Genealogy Do-Over given by Thomas MacEntee:

"I set aside everything* related to my genealogy research including notebooks, papers, and even digitized files and my genealogy database files and START OVER. I'm hitting the reset button. I'm allowing myself to have a do-over! (* certain items such as vital records ordered and paid for or research gathered on long-distance trips can be retained).

Since I started my initial research, much has changed in the areas of genealogy research methodology and education. I now realize the need to collect facts and track them properly, including the use of source citations. I now understand the process of analyzing evidence and proving facts to reach a conclusion. In essence, I know a lot more about the "process" of genealogical research and I want to put it to use.

This is not to say that I haven't been following proven guidelines when it comes to finding family history. For my research clients (mostly pro bono), I actually employ all the methods advocated by many in the genealogy community. However, when it comes to my own research from years ago, I'm not walking the walk . . . I'm just talking the talk.

It isn't always easy to "walk backwards" and review each and every bit of information gathered over the years. Instead, I want to do more than re-walk a trodden path: I want to head out from the same starting point and see where the journey takes me this time. I'll have better tools, better knowledge and be better equipped for each twist and turn. And again, I encourage you to join me on this journey.

The Genealogy Do-Over journey is constructed of 13 mileposts or journey markers which are laid out over 13 weeks. You can choose to pace yourself differently. You can even decide to drop some of the less important tasks and add your own. Do whatever it takes to ensure that you are on a firm footing to finding your ancestors.

The fact is that there is no cost to using the Genealogy Do-Over program. There will be weekly blog posts here at GeneaBloggers outlining each week's tasks and I'll post my own personal progress as well. In addition, there will be free webinars (like this one at Legacy Family Tree), a boot camp on using a research log, and even incentives such as prizes related to a specific week's topic. I may even publish another free e-book!

You're Invited – You Get a Genealogy Do-Over Too. So stay tuned, watch for a new domain – <http://www.genealogydo-over.com> – and look for more announcements before the January 2, 2015 start date!"

NGS INTRODUCES REVOLUTIONARY WAR COURSE

The National Genealogical Society announced the release of its newest Continuing Genealogical Studies (CGS) course: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors. The course was developed by military records expert Craig Roberts Scott, CG, FUGA. In this eight-module cloud-based course, Scott introduces numerous U.S. based records related to those who fought for independence, including compiled service records, prisoner of war records, and pension files. He will also teach strategies to identify and locate information about ancestors who lived at the time of the Revolution. Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors is available to NGS members for \$45.00 and to non-members for \$70.00. For additional information or to purchase the course, visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/researching_your_revolutionary_war_ancestors.

The NGS Continuing Genealogical Studies courses are designed for both beginners and established genealogists who wish to focus on a specific topic and put their ensuing knowledge to work quickly. The courses allow individuals to complete genealogical coursework at their own pace and from the convenience of their own homes.

Two other cloud-based CGS courses are also offered:

- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Genetic Genealogy, The Basics

In addition to the CGS courses, NGS also offers several courses from its American Genealogical Studies (AGS) series, including:

- The Basics
- Guide to Documentation and Source Citation

Advanced AGS courses in a new series called Beyond the Basics are currently in development. This cloud-based series is scheduled for release in 2015 and will complete American Genealogical Studies, which replaces the NGS Home Study Course, the standard in genealogical education for decades.

Founded in 1903, the National Genealogical Society is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia-based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists. *(From Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, www.eon.com)*

HOMESTEAD FINAL CERTIFICATE LAND ENTRY CASE FILES OF NEBRASKA ARE NOW ONLINE

If your ancestors received homestead land, the Homestead Records may provide a wealth of information. Some case files include records of military service, evidence of naturalization, and much more. The files from Nebraska are now online. The following announcement was written by the folks at the Homestead National Monument: Homestead National Monument of America is excited to announce that the Homestead Final Certificate Land Entry Case Files of Nebraska are online and available at Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com is the world's largest online genealogical database with over 14 billion digitized historical records.

The Homestead Act of 1862 lasted for 123 years and virtually all Homestead Land Entry Case Files from the 30 homesteading states have survived and are cared for by the National Archives. Homestead National Monument of America, along with Family Search International, Fold3.com, Ancestry.com, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the National Archives and Records Administration have been working for over a decade to digitize the Homestead Land Entry Case Files and make them available. Having the records available at Ancestry.com will provide unprecedented access to the public. Homestead's Superintendent Mark Engler says, "Never before have we had an opportunity like this. It is exciting to see these records garner so much attention! Our goal has always been to make these records available to the world. Teaming with Ancestry.com will go a long way towards achieving that objective." In addition to being featured on Ancestry.com, the Homestead Records will still be available at Fold3.com.

The Homestead Final Certificate Land Entry Case Files, accumulated by the General Land Office, were intended to prove that those who received a portion of the public domain through the Homestead Act of 1862 fulfilled the requirements of this law. These records describe improvements made to the property, including houses constructed, wells dug, crops planted, trees cleared and fences built. Some case files include records of military service, evidence of naturalization, and much more. In all, thirty states distributed public land under the Homestead Act. The preparation and digitization of records from the other homesteading states is underway. *(From Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, www.eon.com)*

MAN FINDS WEDDING RING NEAR SITE OF A 1959 PLANE CRASH, TRACKS DOWN DAUGHTER

Fifty-five years ago, Joyce Wharton lost her parents in a small plane crash. For more than a decade, the family lived under a shroud of mystery. The family agonized for nearly 15 years without answers until plane wreckage was discovered in a dense wooded area in Washington. With closure and peace finally in hand, Wharton, who now lives in New Jersey, said she never imagined there could be more to come. Then, on Sunday, she got an unexpected phone call and received a wondrous gift from a stranger that brought back memories more than a half-century in the past. "He said, 'Joyce, I have your mother's ring, and I've been looking for you all these years and I want you to have this,'" Wharton said. The stranger had used Ancestry.com to track Wharton down some 3,000 miles away. The full story may be found in an article by A.J. Ross at <http://goo.gl/YWSCQA>. (From Dick Eastman, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, www.eon.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State:** Want to learn how a private investigator approaches Jewish ancestry research? The Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State will meet on January 12, 2015 and Philadelphia investigator and genealogist Fred Blum will share his insights and suggestions to improve your research!

Meeting is Monday, January 12, 2015, at the LDS Factoria Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006. Presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM, free admission. Come early to use the Family History Library computers and databases, as well as our extensive JGSWS library!

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM -- "Locating People Through Genealogy." Join Fred Blum, P.I., as he shares valuable tips he has learned through his years as a successful private investigator and genealogist! He will help you discover a variety of Internet sites that will help you find long-lost family members and build your family tree. Fred will also teach you some of the techniques he uses to locate hard-to-find individuals through genealogy. This information will enable family history researchers to not only locate family, but to also uncover distant relatives, assist in searching for heirs, and locate missing plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses.

• **Cascade Chapter DAR** will meet Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue. The program will be Cascade's Revolutionary War Ancestors. Two Cascade members will tell the stories of their Patriots at this meeting. For more information or reservations, contact Lanabeth Horgen at lanabeth_h@yahoo.com

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CITING YOUR SOURCES

Documenting your research is also about including in your notes why a record caused you to reach the conclusion that you did. Some records state things pretty clearly and explicitly--we say those are "direct" statements. Other times the researcher needs to take statements from several documents, combine them with other known facts to reach a conclusion not specifically stated in any one document. We say those statements are "indirect." That reasoning needs to be included in your notes. Just in case anyone else wonders how you got a "piece of information" that's not explicitly stated in any one record. Or in case you forget. But that would never happen, right? (From (c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day," <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>, 12 December 2014.)

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 JANUARY 2015 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Friday, January 2 , 10:00 AM to Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library. Note change of day. 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, January 8, at 7:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library. Visitors are welcome.
Genealogy Book Club (Fourth Thursday, Noon)	Next meeting Thursday, January 22 Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6, Noon to 2:00 PM. Book for this meeting is <i>News from the Land of Freedom—German Immigrants Write Home</i> , edited by Kamphoefner, Helbich, and Sommer. Book for February is <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 (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Next meeting will be on Saturday, January 24, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Everyone is welcome. Contact Janet Stroebel at egscomputersig@yahoo.com with any questions.
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	The Czech Slovak Interest Group will not meet in January or February. Next meeting will be in March. See website for more 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, January 16, 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 (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	Next meeting will be Friday, January 9 – THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL 1ST FRIDAY! Meeting time will be the same, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will be visited by a former GIG member, Ingeborg Schmitt, who will talk about growing up in Germany, her life there during WWII and her journey to the US. Rosemarie Petersen will also share some of her memories. Karen Campbell completed our GIG Cookbook and copies will be available at the meeting for a \$2 donation toward copy expenses. Our February meeting topic is to be announced. 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 not meet in January . Next meeting is on Thursday, February 5, 12:30 PM at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue. We will have a presentation on Scots-Irish Migrations presented by Janet Camarata. Please contact Ann for information. (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	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 (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	We will not meet in January . Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, at the LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We'll have a Q&A session with no particular topic in mind. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The January meeting will be held at the Regional Archive Building on the Bellevue Campus, January 13, from 10:00 to noon. Call Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, for a parking permit for the meeting. Nancy Elliott and her cousin Margaret Doman, will talk about their Danish relative Petrea Larson (1852-1915). Margaret has a vintage cross-stitch sampler done by Petrea (Margaret's great grandmother) that was done in 1860. They will go on to share photos and stories of Petrea's life in Alborg Denmark and then her immigration to the US in 1914. 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, January 21. 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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The EGS provides members a forum for learning and the exchange of information related to genealogy. The Society obtains and provides resources for use by members, encourages genealogical research and education, and provides community outreach through programs, classes, seminars and library volunteers.

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, NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA. A get acquainted and ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

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