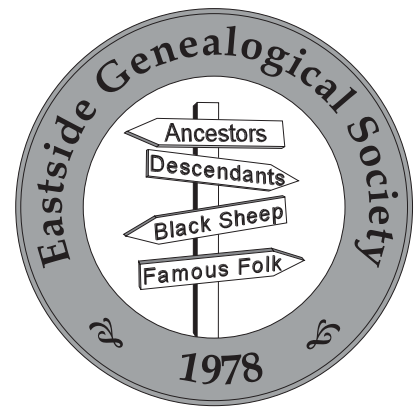


EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2010
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: *Genealogy & Family History Discussion*

About The Program:

February's program will be a wide ranging discussion. Did you chat with relatives over the holidays and learn a new family tidbit or find some family pictures? Do you have a research trip planned? While recovering from holiday excesses, slumped at your computer, did you run across a new website or new posting? How are your genealogical resolutions working? Is your office now a model of organization? Do tell! We're all ears. Come to the February meeting prepared to share and learn!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I put out a call for more of you to get involved in the Society's activities. The EGS needs more volunteers to serve in many capacities—as officers, committee chairs, as well as worker bees to help support and carry out the Society's activities. There are also several activities that many of us enjoy that are easy and fun to do, can be done from the comforts of one's home and really don't take much time.

At the January meeting a number of you got up and shared some of your recent research successes. As I noted at the time, it is pretty easy to take any one of these research successes, convert it into a short sketch, and submit it to Kim Nichols for publication in the newsletter where it can be shared with the other 200 plus members who missed the meeting. My little piece titled "Serendipity Rides Again" is an example of this very thing—a success story that was shared at the meeting and is now being shared with the larger membership via the newsletter.

Many of you are in the process of writing up your family history or have already done so. Have you ever considered sharing excerpts of it via the newsletter? The value of this sharing does not accrue solely to the author. All of us are richer for it and it may stimulate others to do the same or to try new approaches that others have found successful—Serendipity works for me—how about for you?

Another example of the benefit of sharing was on display at the meeting when Judy Meredith got up and shared one of her research successes which was finding a picture of my (not her!) great3grandfather's house in Montgomery County, Kentucky! And this came on the heels of Judy locating a source in the Tennessee State Archives pertaining to the owner of the aforementioned house that gave three generations of the his family tree (*continued next page*)

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

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

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covering the first half of the eighteenth Century. Since his surname is Smith, I am grateful for every bit of assistance that I can get! Thus by sharing I have gained invaluable information.

Another example of sharing that comes to mind is that of doing a book report on an especially useful book that others may find interesting and useful as well, and having Kim publish it in the Newsletter. To share is to care and the rewards are many. Try it!

Bob Barnes
EGS President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Bronwen MAXWELL, who is interested in the DAR.
- ◆ John CALLAN is researching CALLAN in Seneca Falls, NY and has done some research in Ireland.

U.S. VERSION OF "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" TO AIR ON MARCH 5

NBC recently announced its post-Winter Olympics schedule. The item of interest to genealogists is the introduction of *Who Do You Think You Are?* The show will air every Friday night at 8:00 to 9:00 PM (Eastern time), starting March 5. The program will be aired every Friday night until *Friday Night Lights* returns on April 30.

Who Do You Think You Are? Gives viewers an up-close and personal look inside the family history of some of today's most beloved and iconic celebrities. Among the celebrities featured are Matthew Broderick, Lisa Kudrow, Spike Lee, Sarah Jessica Parker, Susan Sarandon, Brooke Shields and Emmitt Smith. Ancestry.com is NBC's official partner on the series. The series is an adaptation of the hit BBC television documentary series.



You can read the official announcement on NBC's website at <http://www.nbc.com/news/2010/01/14/nbc-presents-post-winter-olympics-primetime-schedule-beginning-march-1/>. (The previous article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at www.eogn.com.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

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

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

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 5, 2009 BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY, ROOM 6

PRESENT: Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Walta McCarley, Secretary; Ed Schultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Norb Ziegler, Past President; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership.

DISCUSSION:

- Microfilm, CDs of genealogical information that the genealogy department should have at the library.
- Publication costs. About 75 newsletters mailed and hand delivered. This equals \$169 mailing costs. Copying costing more than annual dues. Publish fewer issues? A problem is time sensitive information.
- November meeting Saturday November 21st. It will be the annual Show and Share and cookie party.
- Committee reorganization – discussion about the Library Committee and Book/Media Acquisition - 2 separate committees with separate duties. Motion for by-law change dividing the book acquisition and library chair jobs carried. New job descriptions were presented. The rationale is that it is good to have both positions represented for the budget process.
- Arcadia Publishing asked if we would be interested in publishing a Bellevue history book. Bob will pass the information to the Bellevue Historical Society. It sounds like what has already been done in Bellevue.
- Our society has publisher's rights to one of Lucille McDonald's books. We have not found it in the Archives.

REPORTS:

- Membership – Dorothy stated we have 261 members of which 269 are individuals. There is 1 new, 2 deactivated, 1 reactivated. We are losing about 5% a year which is 10 – 12 memberships a year.
- Nomination Committee: Norb will chair, others will help. President and Secretary positions are open.
- Open Positions: Education, Publicity co-chair, SIG chair, Library Research assistant. Bob will get clarification from Winnie regarding the Research assistant job description. If one is unable to attend and is unsure of a substitute, contact the Library.
- Outreach – (1) Library classes on genealogy software, November 7th and December 5th. Flyers were given to be distributed. (2) Fall Family Expo will be held November 14th at the Redmond Family History Center. (3) Classes the 1st quarter of 2010 on city directories. The date has not been set.
- SIG Reports – Margery Perdue has resigned due to other commitments. Thank you for your dedicated work, Margery.
- Treasurer's Report – Ed stated our current expenses are more than our current monthly income,

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

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

BRICK WALL BREAKTHROUGH BY SHARRON CROSSAN FILER

At some time in every family genealogist/researcher's life, they will hit a "brick wall." Great-great-grandfather Edwin Crossan was mine. I read every article and tried every clue on breaking through brick walls – none worked for me. Until now. Let me share my story.

Since my teen years (I am now a senior citizen) I have wanted to learn about my father's family. His father, Edwin Chadd Crossan, died in Missouri when Dad was a boy of nine. His mother, Ida Mae (McGlothlen) Crossan Owens, then brought her children to Washington State, and after her death when I was just a year old, none of my family kept close ties to the relatives in Wyoming and Missouri.



Then, when I was in high school, Dad's uncle, Gilbert R. Crossan, came from Wyoming to learn what happened to his deceased brother's family. What he brought with him stirred my interest in discovering our family history. Uncle Bert and his mother had compiled a family genealogy going back to her father-in-law, my great-great-grandfather Edwin Crossan, born 1807 in Pennsylvania, married to Rebecca Burton in Illinois in 1839. Here was my brick wall!

Through the years I've searched microfilms and computer data bases to no avail – no birth or marriage records, nothing about this man's early years or his family.

Then I began to read and hear of searching for ancestors with Google. I didn't see how that would help, as I was continually searching Ancestry.com, RootsWeb, FamilySearch, and all those listings on Cyndi's List. But one day on a whim, I did a Google search on "Edwin Crossan," expecting only a possible result for my grandfather, Edwin Chadd Crossan. Several results were quickly discarded. Then I came down the list to *A Biographical history of Nodaway and Atchison counties, Missouri*, home to several of my ancestors. Curiosity had me quickly click on it, which brought up the digitized book with a long biography of Edwin Crossan's son-in-law, James Logan, who married Edwin's daughter Rebecca Jane Crossan.

Now, most of these biographies mention a wife and children, but imagine my surprise and excitement to read that James F. Logan married Miss Rebecca Crossan, born Columbiana Co., OH, March 2, 1846, in Hancock Co., IL in 1870. She was the daughter of Edwin Crossan, (my brick wall), native of Chester Co., PA and grand-daughter of Joseph Crossan and his wife Jane, born in England and died in Pennsylvania. Edwin Crossan married Rebecca Burton, daughter of William Burton, and moved to Illinois in 1864, then to Kansas. He was a farmer and stonecutter, who aided in building Girard College of Philadelphia. He died in Paola Co., KS in 1885. It also listed all eleven children of Edwin and Rebecca. I can conclude that Rebecca Jane was named after her mother, Rebecca, and her grandmother, Jane, and I can now begin researching Joseph and Jane Crossan in Pennsylvania.

I hope this encourages you to try a Google search to get through your brick wall!

INTERNET ARCHIVE

Internet Archive at www.archive.org is a non-profit, building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. It offers free access to researchers, historians, scholars and the general public. Free to read, download, print and enjoy.

Varied topics include Yiddish Literature Online, American Libraries (over 1,238,000 items), Canadian Libraries (over 236,000 items) and Universal Library (Million Books Project - over 70,000 items.) and over 60,000 books from the Library of Congress. This is just a hint of what you will find there, and can download or print for your genealogical research. (Submitted by Sharron Filer, EGS Trustee)

SERENDIPITY RIDES AGAIN BY BOB BARNES

I recently had occasion to go to the 2006 edition of "The Source" edited by Szucs and Luebking to check out some references for a presentation on city directories that I was working on. I lugged this impressively large tome to the library table and started to open it up, heading in the general direction of p.325 where the discussion of city directories is to be found. Strangely, the book fell open, not to the city directory section as I intended, but rather to p. 231, Church Records. Not just any church records, mind you, but to Methodist Church records. One of my maternal ggrandfather's lines was of this persuasion so I quickly ran my eye down the index or abstract general notes. My attention was arrested by a single name, Helen Mason Lu.

My mind flashed back to a family Christmas vacation with my wife's Iowa relatives in San Antonio, Texas, a number of years ago. I took the opportunity one Saturday morning to drive down to my maternal grandfather's birthplace in Galveston. After assuring my wife and kids that I would be back in time for Sunday dinner I headed east to the Rosenberg Library in Galveston to spend the day researching my relatives and planning to spend the Sunday morning exploring the graveyard where my great-grandparents and several other family members were buried. I struck genealogical gold in the Rosenberg, far more than could be thoroughly searched in just a day. One of the final items that I had found was a brief abstract describing one of my ggreat aunts, who it was said, as a teenager had a beautiful voice and a devout, religious bearing. The writer of the original piece had encountered her in 1862 or 1863 while her family was fleeing Missouri for deeper in the South, hoping to link up with my great grandfather who was an officer in the Missouri State Guard, which by that time, had become a part of the Confederate Army. The abstractor was Helen Mason Lu.

According to the information provided in "The Source", Ms.Lu has published 7 volumes of abstracts from the Texas Christian Advocate and Texas Wesleyan Banner covering the years 1850-54 and 1857-85. These materials are available for purchase in microfiche form from the Dallas Genealogical Society. As my father-in-law likes to say, "Even a blind pig can find an acorn once in a while."

Oink!

Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS President

Chicago Directories Solve a Mystery

An EGS member relates that how his paternal grandparents met was an unsolved family mystery. Though both families were 2nd generation Czech and lived in the same Czech community in Chicago, his family was Catholic and hers were Freethinkers, distinctions that assured they would have few social opportunities to meet.

Tracking the frequent moves of the two families through the Chicago City Directories, our member was delighted to discover that in 1901 his grandmother's family moved into the other side of the same duplex that his grandfather's family had occupied for about three years. The young couple were 15 and 17 that year and young love obviously bloomed. They married five years later.

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING INFORMATION

History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our meeting. The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, February 13, 2010, 10:30 AM to Noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Rose Weiss, Pat Jovag, Eileen McCoskrie, and Amo Marr will give a thumbnail sketch of the Girl Scouts program in Redmond and the unique camping program it had. Don't miss this meeting.

To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, "Redmond Reflections," are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

FIFTEEN MAGICAL MINUTES IN BLAIR COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA BY ED SCHULTZ

My family search started in the spring of 2007 with the Vicksburg, Mississippi grave marker of maternal 2nd great grandfather, Cornelius Lynch. With the exception of a few handwritten notes by a deceased aunt, little previous genealogical research on my family existed. According to his marker, Cornelius was born in County Donegal, Ireland and was age 28 when he died on 30 Sept 1853. Accepting my aunt's assertion that Cornelius had married Annie in Philadelphia on 12 Sept 1848, I embarked upon my very first genealogical search.

Starting with Google I soon found a free transcription of the 1850 Philadelphia census; but when my search failed to yield Cornelius and Annie, I expanded the search to all of Pennsylvania. Many hours of county by county searching again failed to reveal the young couple. A cousin suggested that I try alternate spellings, and after several more days, I finally discovered Cornelius and Francis Linch with daughters Annie and Clara in Gaysport Borough, Blair County, PA. Though the census record confirmed that Francis had been born in PA, the search essentially stalled at this point. Subsequent attempts to find Cornelius in on-line immigration and passenger lists were fruitless and I still had no clue concerning Francis's surname. Finally moving on to more fruitful branches of my tree, the quest for more information about Cornelius and Francis languished until May of 2008. Several months earlier, I had laid out plans for a 7000 mile, six week research trip to ancestral sites and several major research libraries in Illinois, Indiana and Mississippi. Through their website, I had discovered that the Blair County Genealogical Society also had a large library, so added a four day stay in Hollidaysburg, PA to explore their collections.

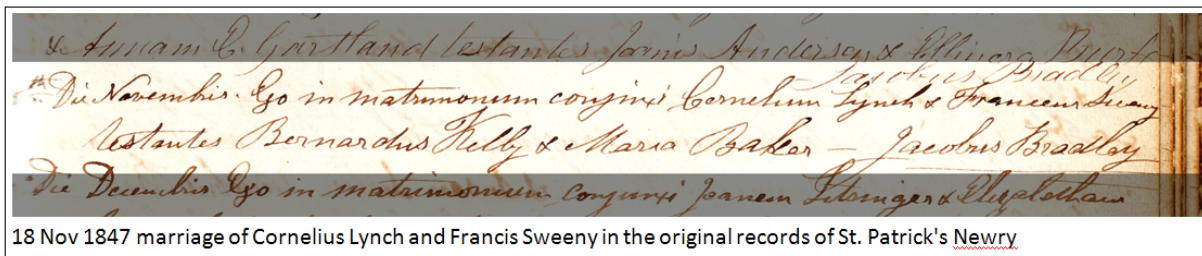
Having previously communicated with BCGS President Sharron Merritts, I was expected and warmly received upon my arrival on 5 May 2008. After introductions, she offered a quick tour of their large, attractive and well laid out two story facility. One of the first stops was a large file holding thousands of alphabetized 3x5 index cards, lovingly handwritten and filed by a now deceased local historian and genealogist. Sharron said that almost everybody who ever left a record in Blair County was probably in there. When I offered to test that claim with Cornelius, she gladly accepted and within 5 minutes we located cards documenting the 18 Nov 1847 marriage of Cornelius to Francis (Fannie) Sweeny at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Newry, PA, about five miles away. There were also cards for the baptisms and marriages of eight of her ten siblings, all of which also identified her parents.



Blair County Genealogical Society Library

In 15 magical minutes, a search that had languished for almost two years produced not only the correct marriage place and date for Cornelius and Francis, but her maiden name, the names of her parents and most of her siblings.

But the magic wasn't over yet. By identifying nearby St. Patrick's Church, I was able to make the short drive to the rectory a few days later, where I was able to scan the original church record for the marriage of Cornelius and Fannie as well as the records of a church census which revealed the names and birthdates of all of the Sweeny's.



18 Nov 1847 marriage of Cornelius Lynch and Francis Sweeny in the original records of St. Patrick's Newry

And the magic kept happening - two more times. First, while at the rectory, the church secretary produced an early 1900s photo of the original church building where Cornelius and Fannie had been married. Built in 1832 it had been razed in 2002 to make way for the current building.

The final piece of magic came as I left the rectory and wandered over to the small graveyard adjacent to the church. There I found the graves of Fannie's parents, Hugh and Susannah Sweeny amongst a large number of plots where the surname Bradley was prominent. By the time of this trip, I was well into my first year's subscription to Ancestry.com so a few quick clicks confirmed that Susannah Sweeny was the daughter of (continued next page)

Irish immigrant, Manassa Bradley.

Those first fifteen magical minutes at the BCGS library ultimately produced Fannie's real name; the place and date of her marriage to Cornelius; the full names, birth and baptismal dates of their first two children; the names, birthplaces and dates of two new ancestors and the name of a third; the names, places and dates of birth of at least nine new relatives.

Not bad for 15 minutes.

Ed Schultz

EGS ELECTIONS IN MAY

The Eastside Genealogy Society will conduct the election of officers at the May General Membership Meeting as called for in our by-laws. See an excerpt from Article V of our by-laws below.

Article V. Officers and Trustee

Section 1 The elected Officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one Trustee.

Section 2 A term of office for Officers shall be two consecutive years or until a successor is elected. President and Vice-President shall serve no longer than two consecutive terms in any one office, unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Terms will be staggered with President and Secretary elected in even-numbered years, and Vice-President, Treasurer, and Trustee elected in odd numbered years. Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee may serve more than two consecutive terms if approved by the Board and voted into office by the General membership.

Section 3 Vacancies in any office, except that of President or Vice-President, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The Vice-President shall succeed to a vacant and unexpired term of President. The Nominating Committee shall present a nominee for Vice-President at the next General Membership Meeting. The election shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in Article V, Sections 5 and 6.

Section 4 A Nominating Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by November of each year. This Committee shall present a slate of at least one person for each available office to the members at the May or Annual General Membership meeting. At this meeting, additional nominations from the floor may be made by members in good standing.

Since this is an even-numbered year, we are scheduled to elect a new President and Secretary. The EGS Board has taken on the role of Nominating Committee and will be nominating Judy Meredith for President and Walta McCarley for Secretary. Judy is currently Vice-President, so the Nominating Committee is working to identify a replacement candidate to fill her remaining one year as soon as possible. Walta McCarley is our current Secretary, and has agreed to be nominated for a second term as permitted in the by-laws. These nominations will be officially presented to the membership at the May General Membership Meeting, when additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Do you know anyone in our organization who would be a good candidate for our Vice-President position, which will become vacant in May? It's an opportunity to work with a wonderful group of fellow volunteers and make a significant contribution to our organization. No experience needed! Perhaps you've been sitting on the sidelines looking for an opportunity to get more involved. This opening may be just what you've been looking for. Or you may know someone who would be an ideal candidate. Please contact Norb Ziegler or any board member (contact information is on page 11 of this newsletter) with your ideas or any questions you may have. *(Submitted by Norb Ziegler, EGS Past President)*

SOUTH KING COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING INFORMATION

The February 20, 2010 meeting (doors open 9:30 AM for social time & meeting starts at 10:00 AM), everyone is welcome to hear about Escape from Hungary by Eva M. Hanzeli. Hungarian-born Eva M. Hanzeli will tell the story of her, her husband's and her father's escape from Soviet-controlled Hungary in 1947. Check the SKCGS webpage for more information. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/index.html>.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's Volunteer Spotlight is shining on Kimberly Nichols, an EGS member since 1990. Over the years, Kim has contributed to our organization in many different and significant ways, and currently continues to serve in two key positions – newsletter editor and webmaster.

In the early 90s, Kim founded and chaired the Shore-to-Shore special interest group. She was editor of our newsletter for five years in the mid-90s, and has been on her second “tour of duty” since 2006 as our current newsletter editor. Kim also ran the EGS Supply Table function for three years until it was permanently “shut down” in 2008. She has been the webmaster of the EGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/> since 2006. Kim has also taught EGS classes on Land Record Research and, for two years, was a weekly volunteer at the Redmond Family History Center.

After decades of research, Kim still considers genealogy to be a fascinating puzzle, and since she finds it difficult to attend meetings these days, enjoys staying involved through her current role of newsletter editor and webmaster.

Kim started the Shore-to-Shore special interest group in 1994 with about a dozen members. The initial focus was on Midwest research, but this eventually expanded to include all of the U.S. One of the highlights during the four years that she ran the group were two, week long research trips to Salt Lake City. About fourteen EGS members made each trip. The trips included preparatory classes at the hotel, individual research at the Salt Lake Family History Library, and end of the day informal gatherings to share a meal, compare notes and share ideas.

Currently, Kim spends 12 to 15 hours a month as editor of the EGS 12 page newsletter. This job involves gathering content from EGS contributors, reviewing relevant publications for material that might be appropriate for our newsletter, using Publisher software to format the material, working with the printer to produce the newsletter and coordinating the electronic distribution.

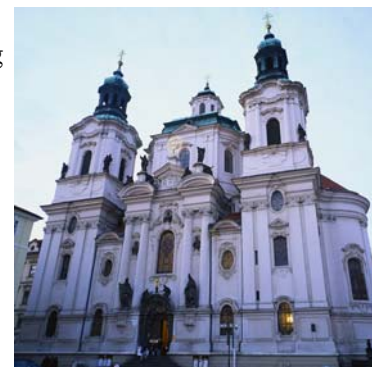
As webmaster, Kim is responsible for keeping all of the web content up to date, including the calendar of events. This past year she has been working with the EGS website task force on a new design for the website. She has developed a prototype and plans to roll out a production version of the new website later this year.

Kim's parents were early members of the Eastside Genealogy Society, and her interest in genealogy started as a result of accompanying her mother to EGS meetings. One of her most exciting discoveries occurred on a genealogy research trip to Pennsylvania with her mother. While driving through the western part of the state, they noticed a sign for Cuppet Road. Though Cuppet was the surname of her great-great-grandmother, they were not actively researching the Cuppet name at the time. One thing led to another, and they soon discovered the Cuppet Covered Bridge, the Cuppet Farm, and a mailbox with the Cuppet family name. Eventually they met a third cousin who invited them into his home and shared valuable family information!

Thank you, Kim, for all you have contributed to the Eastside Genealogical Society over the years. You have been an outstanding volunteer role model for twenty years, and now you have inspired us to discover our own “Cuppet Road” story.

SPECIAL CZECH/SLOVAK INTEREST GROUP MEETING

The Czechoslovak Legion in Russia during WWI is our special topic for our meeting on Saturday, February 6. We will view the DVD of "The Story Behind the Accidental Army, The Amazing True Story of the Czechoslovak Legion," and listen to parts of Joan Mohr's presentation "The Founding Fathers: The Czechoslovak Legion in Siberia 1917 - 1920" on cassette tape. I will also have a map and handout. We meet at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland, 6602 108th Ave NE (Houghton). My relative was a part of this Legion. He had to return to Czechoslovakia through the United States. *(Submitted by Rosie Bodien, EGS member)*



EGS FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, February 4, 10:00 AM—Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 4. Contact John Howell at 206-817-7516 for further information.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Attachments? Utilities? What are they, and how can some of them enhance your genealogical research? Join the CIG on Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue for a discussion on how software attachments and utilities can aid your research and organization of your data. (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	There will be a special meeting on Saturday, February 6. Topic: Czechoslovak Legion in Russia during WWI. 10:00 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland. See article on page 8 as well as website for more information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The German Interest Group will meet on Friday, February 5 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room in Bellevue. This month we will continue the topic "Researching in Germany & Poland." You're welcome to join us to learn more about researching in this part of Europe or to share your tips and information. (Ann annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Irish Interest Group's speaker for the February 3 meeting at the Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue at 10:00 AM is Eva Gremmert, a professional genealogist and co-founder of the non-profit Irish Genealogical and Historical Society, www.irishresearch.net , whose goal is to gather the largest collection of Irish data and research and make it available to everyone without cost. Our March 3 meeting will be Bob Smading who will outline the process for achieving "Irish Citizenship by Descent." (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Saturday, February 20, 1:30-3:30 PM, LDS Bellevue Family History Library Tour. Bob Mullen, FHLC Director, will give an overview of the library holdings, what's new and Italian sources. You will have a chance to research as the library is open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday. No charge except for photocopies if you wish. Everyone welcome, need not be an LDS member and records are available from every denomination worldwide. FHLC, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, WA. FHLC is on the right side of the church in a small building in the back. Lots of parking available. RSVP to Mary or Shirley so we have a count; if we are too large of a group, he will talk to us in a classroom in the main church and then proceed to the FHLC. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Legacy Interest Group will meet Wednesday, February 3 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the Crossroads Mall Community Room. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, February 9, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue Community College. The speaker for the February meeting of the Scandinavian Interest Group will be Syrene Forsman from the Swedish Finn Historical Society. Her topic will be <i>Can't Find Your Swedish Ancestor? - Look in Finland.</i> Please see the website for more information eastside-sig.spaces.live.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore group will go to the Fiske Library in Seattle on Monday, February 8. We will meet at the LDS Church on 20th in Bellevue at about 9:15 AM and car-pool. Please call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078, for 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 425-821-8781
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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

JOHN MORTON HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT

A historical research project is being undertaken by former U. S. Ambassador to Finland Marilyn Ware, surrounding John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was of Finnish descent. Ambassador Ware is a native Pennsylvanian but became interested in John Morton after she moved to Helsinki, Finland in 2006. While there, she was astonished at the number of Finns who knew of John Morton and expressed pride in his role in the creation of America. She decided to undertake a more in-depth review of John Morton. Although she retired as Ambassador to Finland in 2008, she continues her interest in this subject and has put together a group of American, Finnish and Swedish scholars who focus on American colonial history and politics, Finnish migration to the United States, and genealogy – the John Morton Project Advisory Board. The ultimate goal of this project would be a comprehensive book written on John Morton and his role in American independence. In 2008 the Project hosted an Advisory Board meeting in Philadelphia to discuss how we would reach this goal. Current Finnish Ambassador Pekka Lintu, PA Governor Ed Rendell, and former Ambassadors Antti Lassila (Finland) and Marilyn Ware (U. S.) participated. As a major step towards our goal, we are hosting a conference June 14-16, 2010 in Helsinki, Finland at the University of Helsinki.

The project produces a short newsletter which provides updates on the research and events. Currently, the newsletter is in paper format and the project participants are working towards putting it on our website or some other electronic form. You may find out more about the project at www.johnmortonproject.com. (Submitted by Winnie Sihon, EGS member)

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Thank you!

Kimberly Nichols, EGS newsletter, kimberly@dormik.com

Do you have an interesting genealogical story or experience you want to share? Have you read an interesting article and think other's might be interested in it? Do you have a tip or bit of information that you found helpful that others might think helpful too? Do you have a favorite family history website or blog that you can share? If you have anything you would like to share and have included in this newsletter, please send it along to Kim Nichols, email kimberly@dormik.com This newsletter depends on contributions. Thank you in advance.

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