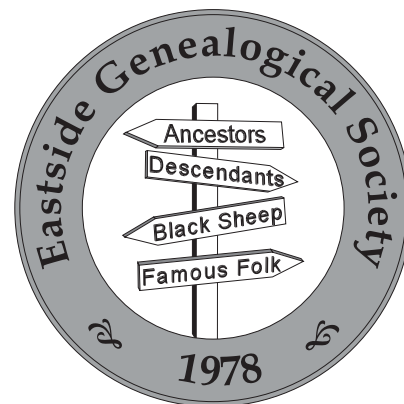


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### EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, January 14, 2008  
**Time:** 6:30 PM Welcome new members,  
 Supply table open  
7:00 PM Meeting  
**Place:** Bellevue Regional Library  
**Subject:** Legacy Family Tree  
**Speaker:** Sherry Holthe

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Join us for our February meeting, as Sherry Holthe will give us a presentation about the new "bells and whistles" in the latest version of Legacy Family Tree. Sherry works in customer support for Millennia Corp., makers of Legacy. If you're new to genealogy or thinking of changing your genealogy software program, come and see what's new in this popular program.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In last month's President's Message, EGS President Norb Ziegler outlined some thoughts about how to make the EGS more relevant in a computer and internet dominated genealogical landscape. I would like to follow up with a few observations of my own. I am an inveterate internet user for genealogical research, primarily because the internet with its burgeoning sources of information and sophisticated search engines allows me to access distant sources of information faster and more cheaply and efficiently than trying to physically visit distant repositories of genealogi-

cal information. I suspect that this is true of many other EGS researchers as well.

But, and this is a very big but, we must constantly remind ourselves that the internet and its search engines and the computer are merely genealogical tools, albeit ones of truly incredible or monstrous proportions depending on one's point of view. One of my first exposures to genealogical foibles of the internet came shortly after the Family Search website became available online a number of years ago. Thrilled with the opportunity to investigate this new source, I decided to search for information on my maternal grandfather, a prominent Seattle physician, who happened to have the relatively rare surname of "Stith." I was not to be disappointed. There were at least four IGI entries for him. Two entries were given for his date and place of birth, and two for his marriage to my grandmother. One of the birthdates had the correct year, but the places of birth, Muscatine, IA and Philadelphia, PA were somewhat removed from Galveston, TX, where he was born. The marital information was much better, one gave a DOM of 1898 and the other was spot on with January 10, 1900, both the location and my grandmother's maiden name were correct as well. Fast forward to several months ago when I was researching my "Forgy" family line and came across a potentially useful family tree website that claimed to include some 30,000 or so entries for Forgy's and related surnames. Then there was the disclaimer wherein the author apologetically stated she hadn't had enough time to check all the entries herself and that she was sure that there were some people listed to whom she was not re-

lated. Caveat emptor.

By these examples I am not trying to disparage the use of the internet for genealogical purposes, far from it. The immense collective resources accessible on the internet are a boon to researchers without a doubt. But the very immensity can be overwhelming. The research techniques needed to deal with large volumes of material differ significantly from those used to successfully find and examine smaller and more limited data sets found at local repositories. The challenge for genealogical societies like the EGS is how to integrate the vastly larger and more diverse world of internet resources and techniques used to identify, access and mine such resources into the society's programs and educational activities. It is precisely examples such as those I've cited that may be the most instructive on how to approach certain aspects of genealogical research on the internet, and how that might differ from the more traditional methods of research that have long been the educational staple of genealogical societies such as the EGS.

To my mind the key to such a transition is an active and vibrant educational program that can reach all of the membership and beyond in ways that are both informative and inspirational. Judy Meredith, our program chair, has done an excellent job of providing the Society with high quality and informative programs. Now we need to find an Education Chair who, with our help, can revitalize our educational program which is the heart and soul of the EGS. Do we have any volunteers?

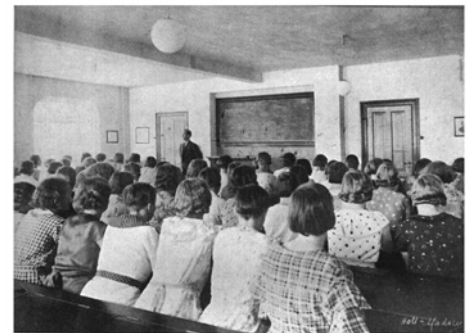
Bob Barnes, Vice President EGS

### **SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Our featured speaker for the January meeting was Laura Pemberton Sparr, who is a past president of both the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) and the Washington State Genealogical Society. She currently serves as the Education Chair for the SVGS. A noted researcher and a specialist in Civil War research, she gave a very informative and enthusiastic presentation on how to locate material on one's Civil War ancestor(s). All the more impressive as Laura had had a

rather hectic moving day and some of the material that she otherwise would have relied upon during her presentation was still in transit.

Laura's presentation focused on where to find documents that would assist the researcher in finding out about their ancestor's service in the War of Rebellion. Looking at maps of the battlefields is of especial interest if one's ancestor died in combat and the location of their grave was unknown. She also recommended consulting Brian Brown's *In the Footsteps of the Blue and Grey: A Civil War Handbook* for more information as well as checking the resources of the Family History Centers. Laura pointed out that many units on both sides were formed and re-organized over very short periods of time, thus making it important to try to track these types of changes for any unit to which an ancestor might have been assigned.



Some of the highly recommended references are

Frederick Dyer's 3 Volume *Compendium of the War of the Rebellion's Battles* and the much more extensive *Guide/Index to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies 1861-1865* (127 Volumes plus 5 Volume Index, General Index and Atlas) published by the National Archives and Records Service, GSA, 1980. A copy of the complete set of these books is held by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society in Arlington, WA on Olympic Avenue.

Also recommended were the NARA.Gov website and the NARA records themselves which includes all of Mathew Brady's photos and a wide variety of other materials. Laura advised going on line to order materials from NARA as ordering via regular mail will result in a six-week long delay due to precautions against anthrax that are still in effect. Laura also mentioned that when looking up materials at NARA to take note of the alphanumeric identification; those starting with an "M" indicate that the entire series is

available on microfilm whereas those starting with a "G" means that not all of the data in the series are available on microfilm. Also mentioned was the usefulness of pension records, especially those found under "Miscellaneous" headings.

In trying to trace your ancestor's likely routes of movement in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America, Laura suggested consulting contemporaneous maps of railroad systems and western migration routes. Other more generally recommended references included: *The Genealogist's Address Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Juliana Szucs Smith's *The Ancestry Family Historian's Address Book*, *The Red Book*, *The Source*, Neagles' *U. S. Military Records*. Laura also mentioned that of all the Civil War archives she felt that the collections held by the Tennessee State Library and Archives were the most extensive and accessible.

A complete listing of the bibliographic materials recommended by Laura will be available at our next meeting, and I apologize that I didn't get down more of them while I was taking notes and hope that there are not too many mistakes in my notes. Laura's command of Civil War reference materials was impressive to say the least. Laura closed by very kindly inviting the EGS to make a trip to Lynnwood to tour her almost 600 lineal feet of genealogical reference materials that she has amassed over the years. Thank you, Laura, for a truly incredible program! (Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS Vice President)

#### NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

- Carol Donovan was a member in 2000 and has returned to the area and joined the society again. She is researching the names CONNOR, DONOVAN, and REICHERT. She is interested in researching Hungary, Delaware, and Maryland and in early colonial research pre-1790 census.
- Larry Vinter is a member and is converting to a senior dual membership with Beverly Vinter. They are researching the names VINTER and BARTLETT in PA, CA, England, Scotland and Australia.

- Marianne Easthan is researching GARNER, JENKINS, CAMPBELL, EASTHAM, HAMILTON, THOMPSON and CLEAVER in Philadelphia and Rush County, Texas.

- Guy Moellendouf is researching in New England and Germany and is interested in Legacy software.

- Clair Almquist is researching GRAF, MOERGELI, BLESSING, and EADS; among the Swiss and Native Americans. (Submitted by EGS Membership Chair Dorothy Mehrer).

#### EGS NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EGS Board Meeting - November 1, 2007

Present: Vice-President Bob Barnes, Program Chair and Acting Secretary Judy Meredith, Trustee Sharron Filer, SIG Representative Dave Abernathy, Membership Chair Dorothy Mehrer.

#### Actions:

Decision made to publish summary of minutes of the EGS Board Meeting in the EGS Bulletin following the meeting in which they

are approved by the Board.

Norb Ziegler has agreed to serve as President until the end of his term in May.

Bob Barnes was appointed to fill the term remaining in the Vice-President position.

Bob Osrowske has agreed to assume position of Treasurer upon the resignation of Pete Clarke in January.

Kim Nichols has agreed to edit the Bulletin upon the resignation of Pat Clarke beginning with the January issue.

#### Discussion:

Secretary, Education chairman/co-chairs, Sunshine chair, and Nominations Committee chair positions remain open.

A number of ideas to lower our inventory of books will be presented to Kim Nichols (Supply Table/Bookstore chair).

October's brickwall panel was a success, and could be an annual program. Additional program ideas were presented. A daytime meeting will be planned for a winter meeting.



**Reports:**

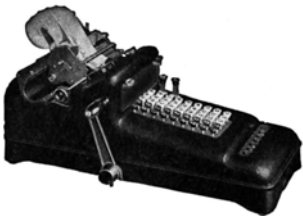
Membership to date is 289, totaling 307 individuals, according to Dorothy Mehrer.

At the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Heritage Fair, Bob Barnes and Judy Meredith reported they sold 21 books for a total of \$252.00.

Bob Barnes and Dave Abernathy reported on apparent changes that must be made to the By-laws to bring them in line with our Articles of Incorporation. Further investigation will follow. A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request. *(Submitted by EGS Trustee, Sharron Filer).*

**PETE CLARKE, LEAVING EGS TREASURER POST**

I am sorry to announce that Pete Clarke will be leaving the EGS Treasurer's position that he has held since May, 2006. His positive, "can do" attitude will be missed. During his tenure, Pete not only did an excellent job "keeping the books," he also contributed very helpful analysis and recommendations regarding the finances of our organization. And as a member of the board, his insight and ideas were also a valuable contribution. Thank you, Pete!



Replacing Pete will be Bob Osrowske. Bob was recently appointed by the board to fill Pete's remaining term, and is expected to stand for election to that post in May. Bob and Pete

are currently working together to complete an orderly turnover of the records and procedures. Welcome, Bob, and thanks for taking on this important position.

*(Submitted by Norb Zielger, EGS President).*

**INTRODUCING EGS'S NEW TREASURER, BOB OSROWSKE**

EGS would like to welcome Bob Osrowske as our new Treasurer. Bob has been a member of EGS since 2005, and has been trying to find family history information since December of 2004. He has also been a member of the Scandinavian SIG for almost as long. His family research started with the following names: Osrowske, his Americanized Polish/Russian name; Marks, for German speaking Russian; and Anderson, Larson, and Swensen for Swedish ancestry. EGS members can contact

Bob by email at osrowske3@comcast.net or by phone at 425-822-6813.

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

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

*Later Scots-Irish Links, 1725-1823, Part Three*, by David Dobson. Clearfield 2003-2005, 98 pp. Information on more than 1,300 persons not found in the previous installments in the Scots-Irish Links series. R929.308991 DOB.

*Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration, 1725-1775: The People of Argyll*, by David Dobson. Clearfield, c2005, 137 pp. This is the first volume in a new series designed to identify the origins of Scottish Highlanders who traveled to America prior to the Great Highland Migration that began in the 1730s and intensified thereafter. This first volume is not a comprehensive directory of all the people of Argyll but does pull together references on nearly 3,000 18th-century inhabitants. R929.3411 DOB.

*Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration, 1725-1775: The People of Highland Perthshire*, by David Dobson. Clearfield, 2006, 109 pp. This is part of a series by Mr. Dobson (see above entry) designed to identify the origins of Scottish Highlanders who traveled to America prior to the Great Highland Migration that began in the 1730s and intensified thereafter. This volume deals with the location from whence some of the Jacobite transportees of 1746 and most of the emigrants who sailed on the *Commerce* to New York in 1775 originated. Like the preceding volume, it is not a comprehensive directory of all the people of Highland Perthshire but does examine the references of nearly 1,200 18th Century inhabitants. R929.34128 DOB.

***Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration, 1725-1775: The People of Inverness-shire***, by David Dobson. Clearfield 2007. The latest in this series covers Highlanders from the county of Inverness, a location from which many of the pioneer emigrants who settled in colonial Georgia, Pennsylvania, upper New York, Jamaica, and the Canadian Maritimes originated. It covers more than 2,100 18th century inhabitants. R929.341156 DOB.

***Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1790: names of persons for whom marriage licenses were issued in the Province of Pennsylvania previous to 1790***. By John B. Linn and William H. Egle. GPC 2002, 376 pp. R929.3748 PEN.

***Scottish Quakers and Early America, 1650-1700***, by David Dobson. Clearfield, 2006 (1998), 52 pp. Identifies members of the Society of Friends in Scotland prior to 1700 and the Scots origins of many of the Quakers who settled in East New Jersey in the 1680s. R929.306991 DOB.

***Finding Your Slovak Ancestors***, by Lisa A. Alzo. Heritage Productions 2005. 385 pp. R973.049187 ALZ.



***Searching for Flemish (Belgian) Ancestors***, by Josef J. Goethals. Clearfield 2007, 81 pp. English-language guidebook for tracing Flemish ancestors from Belgium. Describes Flemish sources that are accessible in the U.S. and how to interpret them. R929.3493 GOE.

***Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution***, by Bobby Gilmer Moss. GPC 2006 (1985), 1,023 pp. Information extracted from documents and printed sources related to the more than 20,000 rank and file South Carolina soldiers. The information was taken from pension records, bounty land warrants, annuitants' claims, audited accounts, muster rolls, pay lists, and includes the following details: dates of enlistment, service, battles, names of commanding offi-

cers, rank attained, notations indicating whether the soldier was wounded, killed or taken prisoner. Also dates and places of birth and death, names of wives and children, and places of residence before and after the War. R973.3457 MOS.

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

*(Submitted by Carl Cason, Book Acquisition Co-Chair)*

### **NEW LEGACY SOFTWARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) FORMING**

The Legacy SIG will have its first meeting starting February 6, 2008. The SIG will meet at Crossroads Mall in the Community Room on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM, right after the Irish Interest Group. Sherry Holthe will be the contact person, and you can reach her by email at sherdh@centurytel.net or by phone at 425-880-4407.

### **ON THE VALUE OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

During the recent January program our guest speaker, Laura Sparr, pointed out the value of those miscellaneous records that are filed as part of the U.S. Military Pensions records system. Miscellaneous records exist in many different forms. Some years ago I was researching my Suplee (Supplee, Souplis) ancestry in Philadelphia and I happened across a 130 page, type-written manuscript on this family in America dating from the 1930s. As interesting as this document was, I was disappointed that for my branch of the family there was a one to two generation gap covering 1790 to 1834 that was inexplicably missing. Then, in the very back of the manuscript, I found the material pertaining to the "miscellaneous" Suplee family units that the author had not been able to positively connect to the rest, and in back of that, a single page of individual or couple factoids, dom, dob and dod for Suplees who had not been connected to even the miscellaneous family units. It was from these pages that I was ultimately able

to reconstruct two generations of my ancestry and properly link them to already established family lines. Ever since I have viewed miscellaneous records almost like Christmas presents under the tree. I don't know what's in them, but unwrapping them and examining them carefully can be surprisingly rewarding. (Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS Vice President, ).

### ONE MORE VACATION THIS YEAR

At the beginning of December, my husband, Paul, and I spent four and 1/2 weeks in Scotland and Norway. In Scotland, we were able to follow our Scottish Ancestral Trail in areas around Glas-



Scottish Bagpipers in Edinburgh

gow and the River Clyde. Our tour took in two important Scottish castles, Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle, a folk museum of weaving, whisky distillery, maritime museum and a textile exhibi-

tion. With a vast amount of family history already researched, we explored family history by visiting local and national archives and the streets where our ancestors lived. We were able to meet a number of experts to help us understand more about our ancestors and the social history of the times.

Being relatively near to "Burns Country" we visited the birthplace of Scotland's National Bard, Robert Burns and other places associated with him. Because the days were becoming shorter at this time of year, the group we were with made the wise decision to use a Scottish Ancestral Trail driver and guide to make sure everyone could see as much as they possibly could in the time we had.



It was a great trip! We found a gravestone entirely by accident, and spent a day in New Register House collecting vital records, saw bagpipers dressed up as Santa, and enjoyed Scotland's Christmas preparations. We were on the bridge over the River Doon (Brig' a' Doon) and

our guide, Rory Stewart (picture left), was telling us the (Burns) story of Tam O'Shanter and Meg, his horse, who lost her tail being pursued by a witch. After visiting Scotland, we moved on to Norway for 3 1/2 weeks with family. (Submitted by Barbara Zanzig, EGS member).

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you know of an upcoming genealogy or history related event? Have you gone on an interesting family history trip? Have you had a recent genealogical break-through that you would like to share? We would love to have submissions for the newsletter. Please pass along any information for possible inclusion in the EGS newsletter to Kimberly Nichols, kimberly@dormik.com or mail to 12422 219th Place SE, Snohomish, WA 98296. Thank you in advance.

### CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY DAY

Experience what life was like during Lincoln's era on February 16, 2008, 10 AM–5 PM on the grounds of the Museum of History & Industry, 2700 4th Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112. Civil war re-enactors will create an authentic wartime camp and experts will talk about civilian experience during war. President Lincoln himself will make a special appearance. Inside the museum, you will find a fashion show featuring clothing in 1860's style, a spinning demo, and an expert on medical care and battlefield surgery. Outdoor admission is free, indoor activities are available with regular museum admission. For information call MOHAI at 206-324-1126.


**FREE**

### FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

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

#### **FINDING THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY MICROFILM YOU NEED**

Did you know that you could search online for records or books that have been microfilmed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City? Yes?

Well, did you know that you could also check online to see if the microfilm or fiche is already available (on indefinite loan) at the Bellevue Family History Center? No?

Well, here's how to do both.

#### **Finding Film Numbers in the Family History Library Catalog.**

Open your computer's browser and go to

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

Click on LIBRARY tab. Click on FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG.

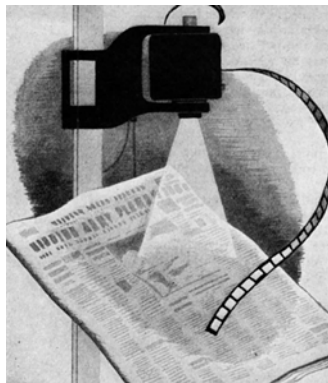
Choose one of the 8 Searches offered. Follow the links to locate the film you want, then click on View Film Notes and note the Film or Fiche Number.

#### **Is it available at the Bellevue Family History Center?**

In your browser, go to <http://bellevuewafhc.com/>

Near the top of the page you will see "Note the [numeric listing](#) of the FHC's indefinite loan microfilm & microfiche." Click on the "numeric listing" link.

Now select the set of film numbers which includes the one you noted.



Future editions of the Bellevue Washington Family History Center's indefinite loan listing will include a full cross-reference to all items on each indefinite loan microfilm, a locality sorted

listing, and "search by number" database.

The Bellevue, Washington, Family History Center has a large collection of films and an excellent collection of genealogy books. The film collection includes the entire *Griffith's Valuation of Ireland* and the *Washington State Death Index 1907-1979* among many others. It is located at 10675 NE 20th Street ~ Bellevue, Washington (just one block east of Bellevue Way). Hours are: T-Th 10 AM-9 PM; F 10 AM-6 PM; Sat 9 AM-5 PM. (Written by Ann Lamb, EGS member).

#### **GENEALOGY & THE CIVIL WAR WORKSHOP**

What can the Civil War reveal about your family heritage? Expert instructors from local archives and libraries will guide you through the basics of genealogical research and on to more complex skills needed to effectively use Civil War-era documentation to uncover your family's past. Workshop to be held Saturday, March 29, advance registration required; \$15 members of Museum of History & Industry, \$25 general public. Registration at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 800-838-3006.

#### **RECORDING GENEALOGICAL DATES**

Keep dates in your genealogical research accurate by recording them exactly as you found them in source documents. Next to that, write any conversions in square brackets (such as from the Julian to Gregorian calendar), along with the tool used. If a date is uncertain, use abbreviations such as *bef* for before, *aft* for after or *bet* for between. On your genealogical charts, write dates European-style in long form: 23 February 1887. See the November 2007 *Family Tree Magazine* for more "dating" advice. (From November 2007 *Family Tree Magazine* at [www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com)).



## ► VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

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

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

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

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

### Local Meetings and Events

1. **Second Thursday of each month**, Brick Wall Series at NARA, 6125 Sand Point Way, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Come bring your brown-bag lunch and your "impossible genealogy problem" and our knowledgeable staff will brainstorm possible solutions.
2. History is happening in the Redmond area! The Redmond Historical Society will meet on **Saturday, February 9, 2008**, 10:30 AM to noon, at The Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85 Street, Redmond, WA. Come and hear about Redmond's history, past and present. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact Society president Tom Hitzroth at 425-885-2919, or email your request to [redmondhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:redmondhistory@hotmail.com). Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book *Redmond Reflections*, are available in our office, which is open Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00 to 6:00 PM and Monday and Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Visit our website: [www.redmondhistory.org](http://www.redmondhistory.org).
3. Jefferson County Genealogical Society presents a seminar on **March 8, 2008** featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills speaking on "Genealogical Problem Solving," "The Genealogical Proof Standard," "Finding Females," and "Coincoid – How to recreate the life of a female ancestor." Registration deadline is February 23, 2008 and cost is \$25/\$35. For information and to download the flyer, visit [www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/).
4. Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Workshop, **Saturday April 5, 2008**, featuring Dr. Gary Zimmerman speaking on "Finding Your Ancestors in America and Germany." Registration is \$20 including lunch. For information, contact the society at [www.rootsweb.com/~wayvgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wayvgs/) or call 509-248-1328.
5. **April 11 & 12, 2008** Genealogical and Cultural Symposium at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southcenter sponsored by Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International. See [www.cgsi.org/](http://www.cgsi.org/) for more information.
6. Washington State Genealogical Society Conference & Annual Meeting hosted by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, **Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17, 2008**, "Leaving Footprints – Past, Present, & Future." Conference will feature Sandra Hargreaves Luebking speaking on a variety of topics. More information visit <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/>





EGS 2008 MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name	Meeting Notice
EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday 10:00 AM)	The EGS Board will meet on February 7th at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Library.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, February 14th, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Will meet Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall . Sarah Fleming will speak on "Newspaper Research Online." Sarah will survey the best online databases and tell you how to locate newspapers not digitized yet. Bring your questions. (Margery Perdue <a href="mailto:m.perdue@comcast.net">m.perdue@comcast.net</a> )
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check EGS Bulletin each month for meeting time information)	Will meet on Saturday January 26th , 9:30 AM to noon at Firestation #22 in Houghton (Kirkland.). (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or <a href="mailto:rosie@bodien.org">rosie@bodien.org</a> .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth Thursday at Crossroads Food Court.
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	Will meet Friday, February 1st, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, at Crossroads Mall Community Room. Jean Roth, will give a presentation on "The Deutches Ahnenerbe or German Ancestral Heritage Society." (Contact: Ann Passé 206 232-1104)
Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Will meet Wednesday, February 6th at at Crossroads Mall Community Room, 10:00AM to 12:00 noon. (Call Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL777@aol.com">AnnL777@aol.com</a> )
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Will meet Saturday, February 16th, 2:30 to 4:30 PM, Lake Hills Library. <b>NOTE TIME CHANGE.</b> Lori Handshein presents "Creating a Source List/Wish List for Your Italian Genealogy Research." (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or <a href="mailto:collectingroots@msn.com">collectingroots@msn.com</a> )
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Legacy SIG will have its first meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2008. The SIG will meet at Crossroads Mall in the Community Room on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM. (Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407.)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	Will meet Tuesday, February 12th at 10:00AM to noon in the Regional Archives Building at Bellevue Community College. (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )
Shore to Shore Interest Group (changes monthly, call Jan )	(Call Jan Henderson 425-483-0334)

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
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**2008 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EVENTS**

- April 12 - 13, 2008 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium, Tukwila, WA. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Speakers include Cyndi Howells, James Felak, Chuck Kusak, Daniela Sipkova Mahoney, Shon Edwards, Leo Baca and others.
- May 14-17, 2008 National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. Missouri has long been known as "The Show Me State," with residents often saying, "I'm from Missouri--you'll have to show me." This unofficial state motto will have special meaning for the nation's genealogists as they gather in Kansas City from 14-17 May 2008 for "Show Me the Way to Our Nation's Records," the annual NGS Conference in the States. More Info: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- September 3-6, 2008 The 2008 FGS Conference "Footprints of Family History," held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Hosted by FGS and a number of local genealogical and historical societies in the Philadelphia area, this conference will have something to offer for every level of genealogist or family historian. More information, plus registration is available at the society's Web site [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).

**THE CIVIL WAR IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Conference, 2008 will have as its theme "Blue vs. Gray – The Civil War in the Pacific Northwest" and will take place on Saturday, **March 1, 2008** at Seattle's Museum of History & Industry. In 1861, the Civil War seemed far away from Washington and Oregon. But issues of slavery, secession and suppression of civil rights played out close to home. Join historians, educators and archivists as they explore the War's effects on people in the Northwest. For information, visit [www.pnwhistorians.org](http://www.pnwhistorians.org) or call 206-937-9604.

**DID I MARRY MY COUSIN?**

Do you know all your cousins? How about all your second cousins? The third cousins? The fourth cousins? Most people do not know their extended relatives out to fourth or fifth cousins. These relatives may or may not have the same last name as yours, depending upon whether or not the cousin is on your paternal or maternal side.

When you pick a mate, how do you know that the two of you are not related? If you do not know all of your extended cousins, how do you know that you are not marrying "within the family?" Of course, if we go back enough generations, all human beings are presumed to be related. However, the belief is that millions of people unwittingly marry cousins: their third, fourth, fifth or even more extended cousins.

A few years ago, Megan Smolenyak married Brian Smolenyak. In fact, Megan now uses her maiden name as her middle name: Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. Megan and Brian also discovered that their Smolenyak ancestors came from the same small village in Slovakia, in eastern Europe. It sounds like they must be related, right?

Not quite. Indeed, there is more to the story. Megan, Brian and Megan's father George tell their story in a RootsTelevision video. They describe their DNA testing and their visit to the ancestral village in Slovakia. I found the story to be very interesting. You can view the same video at:

[http://www.rootstelevision.com/blogs/megans-rootsworld/2008/01/did\\_i\\_marry\\_my\\_cousin.html](http://www.rootstelevision.com/blogs/megans-rootsworld/2008/01/did_i_marry_my_cousin.html). (The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2007 by Richard W. Eastman. It is republished here with permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>).



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**MEETINGS:**

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

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