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EGS GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2008
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM; Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: UW Library Resources
Speaker: Lisa Oberg

About The Program:

In March, we will be featuring Lisa Oberg, who is Head of Outreach Services and Head of Staff Development at the UW Library. She is going to tell us about resources that are available at that facility. Please bring your questions and join us for an informative talk.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow EGS Members,

I would like to use this month's letter to talk about the role our organization plays in meeting the educational needs of our membership and the communities we serve, and to propose an idea that we may want to consider as an organization.

My idea is to engage the entire organization in developing a self-study educational program for new members and/or beginning genealogists. This will meet an ongoing need to offer "genealogy education for beginners" to interested members and the communities we serve. It will also serve as the basis for any "beginning genealogy" presentations that we are asked to make from time to time. First, a little background.

The purpose of our organization, as stated in Article II of our bylaws is as follows:

It is the purpose of the Society to encourage and promote the education and study of genealogy; to aid in genealogical research by establishing a library of books and materials; to conduct seminars, lectures, and workshops; to encourage the preservation of genealogical and historical records; and to publish, print, buy, sell or circulate literature relative to this purpose.

It seems to me that most of what we do as an organization is related to genealogy education, whether it is in the form of formal programs, or simply sharing information among one another.

Certainly our monthly programs are a very important education vehicle. In recent month's we learned about how to use Civil War Resources, State Archive Records, and Interlibrary Loans. *(Continued next page)*

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Thursday, April 10th, 2008
7 PM

Dave Abernathy will speak on updates to World Connect at Roots-Web, using the family of one of our members as an example.

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Our monthly newsletter is loaded with useful information regarding genealogy resources, including announcements of education programs and conferences being offered by other organizations, locally, regionally and nationally – for example, various workshops offered by NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) in Seattle and the Yakima Valley Genealogy Workshop in April.

Our nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are educational arms of our organization, focused on a specific area of research, where research information is typically shared among members and there is lots of time for discussion and questions. Presentations and guest speakers are also often part of the SIG mix.

Our Free Genealogy Research Service at the Bellevue Library not only helps people with their research, but also educates as part of the process.

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And our outreach efforts also have an educational component – over the past year we participated in Bellevue’s Strawberry Festival and the Family History Center Expo.

One missing component in the above is specific education programs for the beginning genealogist. Programs listed in our newsletter often cover some of this – for example, the NARA programs, but we don’t have a specific offering that can be consistently used for this purpose, It is my opinion that this should be an important component of our offerings. In the past, our organization would conduct this type of program once a year or so for anyone interested, members and non-members alike, usually on Saturdays at the Bellevue Regional Library. And, by the way, the Bellevue Library has requested that we conduct a similar program at the library this fall, and we have agreed to do a Genealogy 101 program for the Issaquah History Museums this spring.

In the past, these beginning programs were developed and coordinated by our education chair, most recently Dana Siverling, with a lot of help from Carol Pattison and others. As you know, however, our Education Chair position has been vacant for approximately two years, with no prospects in sight. So here’s an alternative approach.

Develop a self-study reference document specifically for the beginning genealogist. This document would basically be a list of resources and ideas that one could use to learn the basics and become self-sufficient going forward. I see it as a list of 1) books and articles, 2) web sites, 3) regularly scheduled classes in the area or on the web, and 4) recommended organizations to join. It would be important that each resource listed include some information as to its purpose and how it could be used by the beginning genealogist. A simple list of books or web sites, with no additional information, would not be very helpful, in my opinion. But the above is simply a starting point and may be modified significantly as we go along.

I am suggesting that this document reflect the best collective thinking of our entire organization – all 300 members! In other words, we would solicit your ideas regarding format, content, etc. Everyone will be encouraged to suggest ideas, The final product will reflect the experience and ideas of the entire organization. That’s very powerful, and I’m confident will result in a very high quality deliverable. And of course it can be reviewed and updated every few years.

I am willing to act as a coordinator of this project, collecting and organizing your ideas and presenting them to the membership for review. The EGS Board would make the final decision regarding what is included. The final deliverable would be made available on our website with links and perhaps other interactive features. Hard copies could also be made available. And an added benefit would be that this deliverable would also be used as a basis for any “beginning genealogy” programs we would present on behalf of the organization.



Please let me know what you think. Thank you.
 Norb Ziegler
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EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EGS Board Meeting - January 3, 2008
Summary of Minutes

Present: Bob Barnes, Pete Clarke, Judy Meredith, Sharron Filer, Dave Abernathy, Walta McCarley, Bob Osrowske.

Actions:

Bob Osrowske was introduced as our new treasurer, appointed to succeed Pete Clarke, who has resigned. A motion was made and passed to create a new SIG, Legacy SIG, to be established by Sherry Holthe.

Discussion:

Education chair, Sunshine, Secretary, and Nomination committee chairs are needed. (*Note: Sunshine has since been filled by Pat Clarke. Thank you, Pat.*)

Education chair needed before commitments in 2008 – Issaquah Museum Genealogy 101 in the spring, Strawberry Festival booth in June, and genealogy program for the Bellevue Library in the fall. There is a list of helpers - a chairperson is needed as coordinator. Norm Ziegler and Bob Barnes volunteered to work on the Issaquah Museum program.

The library is not available in February for a Saturday meeting. Judy Meredith will try to schedule two daytime meetings per year.

Program ideas discussed included a “high tech toys” open forum, and Town Hall meeting with one or more other genealogy societies.

Reports:

Family History Expo – Dave Abernathy coordinated the event with our groups and the FHC. EGS was well represented. SIGs are reminded to go through their SIG coordinator in scheduling events.

By-laws - Bob Barnes and Dave Abernathy continue to explore necessary changes. It was noted that Standing Rules are also needed, to be discussed at a later date.

Membership - as of December 28, 2007, was 295 members.

SIGS – Irish notebooks were given to the Fiske Library. Some family tapes were given to the Jewish Genealogy Society on Mercer Island.

Publicity - meeting announcements are being published in some local papers.

Newsletter – send articles to Kim Nichols.

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

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CALIFORNIA VOTER REGISTRATION ONLINE

Ancestry.com, the largest online resource for family history, recently announced the launch of California Voter Registration Lists documenting more than 30 million names of Californians who registered to vote between 1900 and 1944. The collection is searchable for the first time and available online at www.ancestry.com

The collection documents the voter's name, occupation, gender, age, street address, voting district, and city and county of residence. Many of the earliest voter registrations include detailed physical descriptions of the register and even naturalization information. Because the lists were updated every two years, the collection enables users to track their ancestors through time and serves as a valuable replacement for census records since California did not take state censuses.

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SUNSHINE CHAIR CHANGES

Ielene Edmonson joined Eastside Genealogical Society about ten years ago. She has always been willing to share her progress in searching for her ancestors. When genealogy classes were available, she was interested in attending them and learning more information. She created a beautiful book about her family. Ielene has been Sunshine Chairman for a time and has recently resigned due to duties at home. Thank you, Ielene, for your service to Eastside Genealogical Society, both at the meetings and also the EGS board.

Pat Clarke has agreed to take the Sunshine Chair position. Please send your sunshine notices to her at pbclarke@comcast.net Thank you, Pat, for taking over this job.

STEPPING BACK & BREAKING THROUGH BY BILL DILLON

For many years my focus has been on learning more about my Irish roots. I found the community and parish where my Dillon great-grand parents lived in County Tipperary, and have recently visited there. But Ireland genealogy information prior to 1840 is frustratingly difficult to uncover.

I decided to step back temporarily from this brick wall and look for more of my Ross and Jones lines which go back to colonial times in America. A Google search revealed that great-great-grandfather Furney Jones was named in a lawsuit involving a killing during the Civil War. I then contacted the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Library & Museum located at Harrogate, Tennessee, a mile from Cumberland Gap and about 10 miles from the Jones home near Tazewell. The library's archivist found and forwarded many pages of testimony about the event and names of the litigants. It was like receiving a letter from the past. This nugget of information describes Furney Jones as plaintiff, and names 30 defendants who were identified as part of a raid on his property when the "Rebels" chased, shot and killed a "negro boy" named Sam who was employed, but not owned by Furney Jones. This happened at the edge of his orchard about 100 yards from his house.

A reference to the Southern Claims Commission led me to a search at the National Archives where I found and copied about fifty pages of other claims, depositions and witnesses statements involving Furney during the war. These records show that, during the Civil War, his 730 acre farm in Claiborne County, Tennessee, was sometimes raided by Rebels, who took corn, pork and horses from him. Soldiers under the command of Confederate General J.C. Vaughan captured Furney and held him prisoner for 6 weeks in 1864 before he made his escape. The Union Army occupied Claiborne County most of the time and frequently took provisions from Furney for which he was promised payment, but never received it. Union forces camped for two or three months within two miles of his house and burned the equivalent of 60 cords of his wood which had been cut for fencing. His location was a convenient stop on the road between Knoxville and the Cumberland Gap into Virginia. Four couriers and their horses boarded with him for 82 days. A Union cavalry force with 200 horses stayed a day at his place on the way to a raid on Saltville, Virginia.

"Through it all he persevered, and did not give up on his rightful claims."

An Act of Congress March 3, 1871, established the Southern Claims Commission which set rules by which claimants could qualify for reimbursement. They had to prove loyalty to the Union throughout the war by their own sworn depositions and those of reliable witnesses, prove what provisions were taken and not paid for by Union forces, and show the fair value of those provisions. These were obviously difficult standards to meet several years after the war, as shown by many claims being "disallowed."

Because of a "malicious attack on his loyalty" some of Furney's claims were disallowed, which prompted more depositions on his behalf by neighbors, a former Union soldier and a letter of support on U.S. House of Representatives letterhead signed by two congressmen from Tennessee. They stated that --"His loyalty was as well known and established as any citizen of East Tennessee."

This wealth of information, a break-through for a genealogist, is also a sad reminder of the terrible War Between the States which tore apart the nation and split families and neighbors who chose different sides. Furney's deposition states that he had four nephews in the Union Army and one son in the Confederate Army. Through it all he persevered, and did not give up on his rightful claims. He served for a time in the Tennessee General Assembly and lived at his home near Tazewell until his death in 1893 at age 86. I have his picture and have included it in a story I wrote for the family, "The Saga of Furney Jones."

I also researched further into my mother's Ross family in Indiana. I found nothing as dramatic as Furney's story, but did trace several more generations and 13 more direct line ancestors. Three of these came to America in early to mid 1700's from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. That discovery leads me back to the British Isles and the Irish Interest Group again!

Bill Dillon, EGS Member
February 10, 2008

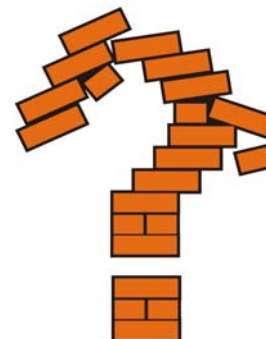
DO YOU HAVE A BREAK THROUGH STORY?

For the last several months at the general EGS meeting, members have had an opportunity to share some of their recent genealogical break through stories. Have you had a recent break through in your research you would like to share? If so, please email them to Kimberly Nichols, kimberly@dormik.com We would like to start including these stories in the *Bulletin Board* each month. If you have shared your story at a recent meeting, please take a few moments to write it up and send it in so that all of our EGS members can read and learn from your success.

GENEALOGY Q & A

Do you have a genealogy-related research question and need some help? Are you at a place in your research where you are not sure what do to or where to look next? Have a brick wall that you need some help with? Then please send in your questions! We would like to start a Genealogy Q & A column each month in which you ask questions and our volunteer experts will do their best to answer them. You can send your questions to kimberly@dormik.com

If you are interested in helping by answering questions, please let me know. This is a volunteer position that you can do from home on your own time schedule and will vary each month, depending on how many questions are received.



NEWS ABOUT THE NEW LEGACY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The new EGS Legacy Special Interest Group [SIG] got off to a great start! Thirty people crowded into the Crossroads Mall Community Room for the first meeting, February 6. Sherry Holthe asked attendees to fill out a questionnaire to give her an idea of computer and Legacy experience levels and to suggest topics of interest. Even though this was primarily an organizational meeting, Sherry managed to cover a lot of useful information in the remaining time. The Legacy web site <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com> has a wealth of information under Help Center, e.g., Technical Support, Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, and Video Training. She finds that many questions she gets from users are answered on the web site. Sherry gave us a homework assignment—explore the Legacy web site and play with Legacy options.

The topic for the March 5 Legacy SIG meeting will be the Legacy Picture Center and Picture Gallery. To prepare for the meeting look at the article on pictures on the Legacy tips page at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/tips.asp> . If you have questions about the Legacy SIG, contact Sherry Holthe, at sherdh@centurytel.net .

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**— Thank you Walta McCarley for agreeing to be the society secretary.
- **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.
- **Education Committee** - An Education Chair is needed due to retirement of Dana Siverling for health reasons.
- **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.

If you can help, please contact Norb Ziegler, 425-557-2108 or zieglerwa@sprintmail.com.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

- Lori HANDSCHIN and Jay PICKENS are researching in Italy, Switzerland, England, CO, IL, TX, TN, and PA during the Civil War and WWII.
- Edward SCHULTZ is researching SCHULTZ, NOVY, FLORIAN, KRATKA, HERBERT, ANDERSON, LYNCH, MURPHY, DONOVAN, SAXON, FARRELL, and O'CONNOR in Frish, Bohemia, IL, PA, and MS (Mississippi)
- Larry and Gretchen SHAW are researching SHAW, HARRIS, STANLEY, NELSON, PAULSON, MULDER, and SCHUURMAN among the Scot-Irish and in the early US. *(Submitted by Dorothy Mehrer, EGS Membership)*

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY EGS MEETING

The February 14 EGS general membership meeting featured a presentation by Sherry Holthe regarding the popular Legacy Family Tree software. Following is a summary of the features and functions that were covered. If you are interested in learning more, you may be interested in attending meetings of the newly formed Legacy Family Tree Special Interest Group (SIG). The meeting schedule will be posted in our monthly newsletter. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 5 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM at Crossroads Mall in the Community Room.

Some of the new features of the next version (Version 7) were covered:

- Guided Startup Wizard - how to start a Family File from scratch.
- Enhanced IGI Search features - Legacy will be compatible with the nFS.
- Editing from the Master Lists and the IGI Search window.
- Picture Gallery has a new button for linking Files in addition to the existing buttons for Pictures, Sounds and Videos.
- Searching in Legacy - many new search fields ("Where to look") as well as the ability to search for women by their married name. Two new search tabs for Missing Sources and Missing Information.
- Relationship calculator - Legacy will be able to calculate non-blood relationships. Also showed the Relationship Chart, a current feature in Legacy.
- Interview Questions under Reports > Books/Other tab.
- Legacy Charting. Charting - ancestor and descendant box charts, DNA charts, Fan Charts, Hour Glass and Bow-Tie chart with much customizing capability.
- Backing Up - new options and quicker back up process.



There will be templates based on Elizabeth Shown Mills' work. These are still under development.

Reviews on current features: Overview of the various tab views in Legacy; How to customize searches in Search - Search Internet for Current Person; Research Guidance - just what it does.

Thank you Sherry, for an excellent presentation. We look forward to an update when Version 7 is actually released.

NEW U.S. MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is opening for the first time all individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946. These files comprise more than six million records. The website, www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2008/nr08-14.html gives extensive and clear directions for accessing these materials, or to obtain copies of records, customers may write to NPRC at 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132. *(From California Genealogical Society Newsletter, Jan. 2008)*

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 7-9 PM and Wednesdays from 1-3 PM.

USING GENEALOGICAL TOOLS TO HELP UNCOVER JEWISH CULTURAL HISTORY

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents a lecture entitled "Using Genealogical Tools to Help Uncover Jewish Cultural History with Sally Mizroch" on Monday, March 10, 2008 7-9:30 PM at the Auditorium, Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Cost: \$5.00 for guests; no charge for JGSWS members who have paid their 2008 dues. Genealogical research is not just a list of "where and when" facts about our Jewish ancestors. It also can help us explore our ancestral cultures and recreate some of the family information that is missing because so many Jewish families lost relatives (and our Eastern-European-based culture) in the Holocaust. Using the history of a Lithuanian Jewish family as a case study, Sally will show us some genealogical tools that can help uncover cultural information.

Tools demonstrated will include online databases that have old-country census, tax, voter, passport, and other records. Also shown will be information available from ongoing vital records indexing projects, with translated birth, death, and marriage records from many Eastern European countries. In addition, a few of the immigration and census databases will be shown, with examples of how to determine when our ancestors arrived. Questions: Go to www.jgsws.org

THE GOOGLE TOOLBAR FOR GENEALOGISTS

Robert Ragan from Treasure Maps How-To Genealogy Site has produced an interesting video showing detailed instructions for using the Google Toolbar for genealogy searches. The Google Toolbar is a free tool that installs in your Firefox web browser on Windows, Macintosh, or Linux or in your Internet Explorer browser on Windows. The Google Toolbar simplifies web searches, blocks obnoxious pop-up ads, and does a lot more.

In fact, the Google Toolbar does not find any information that you could not find yourself by manually conducting searches. However, it does add convenience and simplicity. I have been using the Google Toolbar for years primarily because I like the way it blocks pop-up ads although Firefox has since added similar functionality to the browser itself.

Ragan's 4- minute video shows how to install and use the Google Toolbar for genealogy searches. You can watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qefdagik38>. (This article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2008 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.)

OLD REDMOND HISTORIC WALKING TOURS RETURN

If you live in Redmond, you probably drive along Leary Way daily. But do you know the histories of our oldest buildings? Like, which one was both an undertaker's premises and a bordello? Tom Hitzroth will educate and entertain folks with walking tours that explore those histories. This year's dates are April 20, May 18, June 22, and September 21, 2008. Tours run from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, and walkers meet on the front steps of the Justice White House, 7730 Leary Way. A tour will not be held if it rains. An \$8 fee helps fund Society research. Pre-registration is required. To register, e-mail Tom at thitzroth@msn.com or phone the Redmond Historical Society office at 425-885-2919.

EGS March 2008 Meeting Calendar

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Public Library.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Lisa Oberg will speak on UW Library Resources. Visitors are welcome to attend.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Back up your data! That's one of the first rules for using genealogy software, and all software programs tell you how to back up data entered into their program. We also need to remember that it's important to have a reliable backup for all of the data on our computers. Hear Ray French talk about backups and hard drive management at the Computer Interest SIG meeting on Saturday, March 22, at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall. Ray will show us how to use image backups, considered the "gold standard" for backing up data. Also, learn more about using the Bellevue Regional Library for genealogical research. Margery Perdue will talk about finding books and using Heritage Quest from home, and about using Ancestry.com at the library. Do you have a favorite website to share? Send it to Peter O'Toole at peter.otoole.der@verizon.net . Pete's agreed to manage a website exchange for sites that you've used and are active. (Margery Perdue m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next meeting will be March 22, 2008, 9:30 to Noon, at Firestation #22. This will be our group's culture meeting. (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 next meeting will be held March 7 (Friday), 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Community Meeting Room, Crossroads Mall, Bellevue. The topic will be "What Are You Looking For?" Bring your genealogy "brick walls" and we'll try to help each other. Internet access will be available for research help. We'll also do some prep work before our visit to the Suzzallo Library. Visitors are always welcome. March 11 (Tuesday) 10:00 AM, Research Tour of Suzzallo Library, University of Washington. (Contact: Ann Passé 206 232-1104)
Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Will meet Wednesday, March 5 at Crossroads Mall Community Room, 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon. (Call Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group will not have a meeting in March -- instead, we will go to dinner at 6:00 PM, Ristorante Paradiso in Kirkland on March 8 to celebrate our 18th Anniversary! RSVP to Mary (425)649-2250. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Will meet Wednesday, March 5, 12:30-2:30 in Crossroads Mall Community Room. Topic: Legacy Picture Center and Picture Gallery. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The program for our March 11 meeting of the Scandinavian Interest Group will be a presentation by Tom Weir of how a single piece of paper led to successful Swedish research. The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet March 11, 10:00 - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College. (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
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	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 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	LDS Fam. History Center-Factoria 4200 124th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361
LDS Fam. Hist. Center - 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	Firehouse #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Seminars & Events

March 8, 2008	The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, March 8, 2008, 10:30 AM to Noon, at the Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85 Street, Redmond, WA. Come and hear all about the Klondike Gold Rush and how it affected Seattle and surrounding communities. Ruth Kerr, of the Klondike Gold Rush International Historical Park, Seattle, will cover the 2-year period, starting in 1897, of the gold rush and this area's involvement. She will take us from Seattle to Dawson City, also discussing the U.S. partnership with Canada. Don't miss this meeting. Visit our website: www.redmondhistory.org
March 8, 2008	Jefferson County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar with Elizabeth Shown Mills, published historian & genealogist of national reputation. Topics will be "Genealogical Problem Solving," "The Genealogical Proof Standard," "Finding Females," and "Coincoid." Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend WA. Program 9 AM—4 PM, registration 8:30 AM, \$35, for information www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/special_events.html
March 10, 2008	Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island, Lethene Parks on "Mapping Family Migrations." For information, www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi/frset3.htm
March 29, 2008	Museum of History & Industry, Seattle, presents a workshop on "Genealogy and the Civil War," from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM. Instructors 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. Advance registration required \$15 MOHAI members, \$25 general public. Registration at www.brownpapertickets or call 800-838-3006.
April 5, 2008	The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island presents their spring seminar with Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD from 8:15 AM—4:00 PM at the Useless Bay Country Club on Whidbey Island. Topics include "The Database Detective," and "Forensic Genealogy—Connections, Connections" and others. Preregistration \$45, information/registration form at www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi/frset3.htm
April 11 - 12, 2008	Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium, Tukwila, WA. Czech/Slovak Genealogy & Culture Symposium will be held on April 11 & 12, 2008. On Friday evening, April 11, a dinner at the Doubletree will be highlighted by local and nationally known genealogist and author, Cyndi Howells, of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Her talk is entitled, "The Internet Made Me an Expert on Everything." Registration forms are available at: www.cgisi.org/ click on CGSI 2008 Symposium - WA. This site will also explain other events of the symposium.
May 14-17, 2008	National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, www.ngsgenealogy.org
July 13-19, 2008	National Institute of Genealogical Research, Washington, DC., limited enrollment, information at www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/
September 3-6, 2008	The 2008 FGS Conference "Footprints of Family History," held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. www.fgs.org

FamilySearch Indexing—You Can Help!

Tens of millions of records are now available to genealogists. Many of these records are available online and even millions more are available only on microfilm. Unfortunately, many of these records have never been indexed. How can you find information that is available to you? The task is not easy today. However, a project organized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will produce millions of indexed records within the next few years. In fact, the Church's vision is to provide computerized indexes to millions of rolls of microfilmed records held in the Granite Mountain Vault near Salt Lake City.

The indexing project is simple in concept: volunteers extract family history information from digital images of historical documents to create searchable indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors. The complexity arises only when one begins to consider the size of this project: thousands of volunteers indexing millions of records.

The volunteers involved include Mormons and non-Mormons alike. In fact, perhaps you would like to volunteer right now. You can perform indexing within 30 minutes after reading these words. The process is easy and your efforts may help thousands of genealogists. Your efforts may even help in your own research efforts. All you need is a Windows or Macintosh computer, an Internet connection and a bit of available time.

The indexing process is simple. First, you sign up as a volunteer. Next, you download a bit of software that is then installed on your computer. Once the software is installed, you connect to the www.FamilySearchIndexing web site, download a page of original records and then use the software to create an index. The process is actually very easy; almost no computer expertise is required. If you already know how to surf the web, you can probably learn to index records within a very few minutes. The process is similar, although not identical. Online tutorials and built-in HELP files also are available to explain the details. Projects are divided into small sections such as one page of a census enumeration or one page of a marriage record book.

The image to be indexed will be stored in your computer. Readability will vary although most of the images I have seen are quite readable. As you enter data that you see on your screen, the software will guide you through each data field to be extracted. In each case, you do not need to know ahead of time which bits of data are to be indexed; the software will automatically guide you through each record. You do not need to be connected to the Internet all the time. You can log on, download a page, and then log off. You then index the page at your convenience. At some future time, you will need to connect to the Internet again and send your results to the FamilySearchIndexing servers. Many people are indexing records while riding commuter trains, on airline trips, or otherwise utilizing what would have been "wasted time."

Indexing a complete page typically requires 30 to 60 minutes. You can perform all that in one sitting or else break it up into multiple sessions as fits your available time. Once completed, you click on "Submit a Batch" and all your new data is then transferred to the FamilySearchIndexing servers and (optionally) a new page is downloaded to your computer. If you do not complete indexing of a page within a few days, due to vacations, illness, or some other interruption, the same page is assigned to another indexer. No records will ever be skipped. Each page is actually indexed twice, once by you and once by some other volunteer whom you likely will never meet. Once both of you have sent your information back to the FamilySearchIndexing servers, the two results are compared electronically. If your data exactly matches the data extracted by the other volunteer, the information is then permanently stored and will become available at a future date as an index, visible to all. If any bit of your data disagrees with that of the other volunteer indexer, the individual record(s) that disagree are then sent to an "arbitrator," a highly-experienced indexer who specializes in difficult-to-read records. He or she then makes a determination as to which indexer is correct, if any. In fact, he or she could even enter a third entry, if necessary. The results of the arbitrator are accepted as final. The arbitrator might enter the information as [unreadable] or [illegible] as appropriate.

The process is simple and any efforts you can offer can help hundreds, perhaps thousands, of future genealogists. I cannot think of a better way to volunteer a bit of your time. To volunteer, go online to www.familysearchindexing.org. Fill out and submit the form. You will soon receive an e-mail from FamilySearch Indexing that will get you started. To learn more about the process, click on the "help" tab at the top of the screen and view the tutorial. (This article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2008 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.)

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