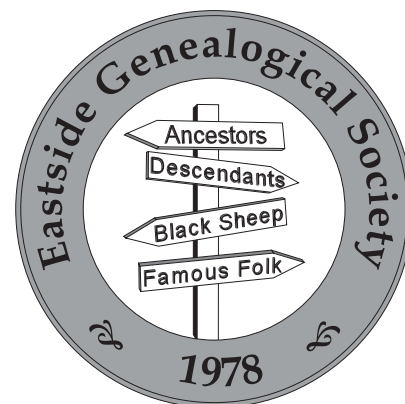


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2009
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: EGS Elections & Group Discussion on Member Packets

About The Program:

For May's program, in addition to the election, we'll break into groups to discuss what to put in packets for new members. (Remember those? It's been a while!) Did you get one when you joined? Was it helpful? What would you add or subtract? Come and let your voice be heard!

June's program will be "Indirect Evidence—A Case Study" presented by our own Sarah Fleming. In spite of 2(!) courthouse fires in Graves Co., KY, Sarah was able to determine the parents of one of her great-great grandfathers. This research is the subject of an article she has written for the March 2009 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly. Sarah will discuss the research and the process of getting it published.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the EGS prepares for its upcoming May elections it is appropriate to reflect on the many strengths of the organization as well as some of its weaknesses which you, the membership, will have the opportunity to address at least in part this coming month. The strengths surely lie in the many active special interest groups, the programs, the newsletter and the library support activities which provide both creative outlets as well as being very important communications and educational activities that benefit all of us and the greater community to which we belong. I would caution that these benefits are not "free," someone(s) somewhere, somehow, is working, contributing their time and efforts on the behalf of the society to make these things happen.

Therein also are the seeds of the EGS's greatest weaknesses. We are, after all, a group of volunteers who merely share a common interest in genealogy and believe that it is a worthwhile endeavor to research, teach, write, share and pass our enthusiasm for our craft on to others. If not enough of the membership step forward and actively volunteer, then this group, despite the merits of its many individual members, is doomed to fail as an organization. What are the incipient signs of our pending demise? I would submit that our failure to staff critical infrastructure positions such as committee chairmanships e.g. the Education Chair and to promptly fill vacancies in our officer ranks for months on end are symptoms of the problem.

If your current Board is pre-occupied with filling such positions I can almost guarantee that they will be spending less time in supporting those activities that are current strengths of the EGS, with I think, (*continued next page*)

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Thursday, June 11, 2009
 7:00 PM
 Bellevue Regional Library

Indirect Evidence—A Case Study
 Sarah Fleming

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rather predictable consequences. Another sign of our collective failure is the lack of successful society supported genealogical projects that are the hallmarks of an active and healthy organization. When did the EGS last complete such a project? Five years ago? Ten? So, this upcoming election will be an opportunity for us to take our organizational pulse. Will there be any nominees for Treasurer from the floor? Will anyone step forward to fill any of the committee vacancies that we have been badgering the membership about for months?

I hope so. I am sure that you would all like to hear a different message, and I would like to be in the position to give you one. Rather than having to read an organizational diatribe, I would like to think that you would prefer to read something useful or perhaps even entertaining about genealogy. I know that I would.

Bob Barnes,
EGS President

EGS ELECTIONS

The election of officers will be conducted at our Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 14th. Three positions are up for election this year – Vice-President, Trustee, and Treasurer. Judy Meredith (current Vice-President) and Sharron Filer (current Trustee) have generously agreed to run again. Their names will be placed in nomination at the May meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Nominating Committee (currently consisting of Norb Ziegler and Margery Perdue) is still looking for candidates for the Treasurer position, which has been ably filled for the past two years by Bob Osrowske.

In an effort to accelerate our search, we are expanding the Nominating Committee to include all of you, effective immediately! Yes, I believe this will be the first EGS Virtual Nominating Committee. So put on your thinking cap and let's hear from you! The Treasurer position requires a basic understanding of book keeping, but we can train anyone to do the rest! Please contact Margery (m.perdue@comcast.net) or Norb (zieglerwa@sprintmail.com) with your ideas.

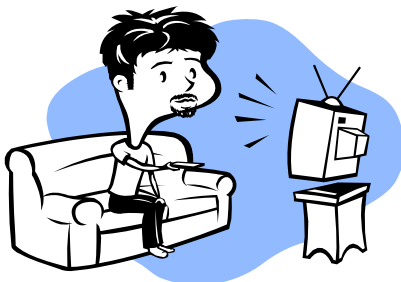


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Beth CALKINS is researching HULTSCH, RHOADES, GINGRICH, SIGLEY, HOWELL, STOKES, GARLOCK and AULT.
- ◆ Julia CRAIG and Richard HALES.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE (USA) POSTPONED PREMIERE DATE



Last month, in this newsletter, we reported about the premiere of the long-awaited USA version of the British hit *Who Do You Think You Are* with Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon. This television show was originally advertised to be shown on NBC on April 20. It has now been postponed according to the NBC Publicity Department in Burbank, CA. At this point there is no known date for airing. (*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 <http://www.eogn.com>*)

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – MARCH 5, 2009**Present:**

Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Walta McCarley, Secretary; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Norb Ziegler, Past President; Sherry Holthe and Margery Perdue, SIG Co-chairs

Actions:

Motions passed: To allow Sharron Filer to spend up to \$100 for new binders and inserts for all board members.

Discussion:

Open positions: Education chair, Library co-chair to handle scheduling of volunteers and their substitutes, Publicity assistant/co-chair.

EGS Flyer/Application: Revised draft copies were presented for further suggestions, changes. Margery Perdue and Sherry Holthe will work with Kim Nichols.

Welcome Packets for new members – what should they contain, who will put them together. Bob Barnes to discuss with Dorothy Mehrer, Membership chair.

Reports:

Membership: 278 memberships, 288 members.

Nominations: Still looking for candidate for Treasurer.

Outreach Schedule and Status: EGS will be a sponsor of the Seattle Genealogy Society Spring Seminar on May 16, with John Coletta as speaker. [EGS members will receive a discounted admission.]

Program: March - Lorraine McConnehey from MOHAI will compare two 20th century fairs – The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Expo in 1909 and the World's Fair in 1962. Barbara Zanzig will share her Scottish family research in July.

Publicity: Dorothy Pretare sent a draft of a single sheet flyer announcing our meetings, to be posted at various places. Many ideas were presented.

SIG Report: A Mid-West SIG is being started by Kim Nichols. Carol Pattison would chair and teach a Beginners SIG.

Trustee: New Board member handbooks are being assembled and job descriptions are to be reviewed.

Website Task Force: A new website is being implemented by Kim Nichols and will be tested by Board members. (*A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.*)

REPLICA MINIATURE HOMES CHRONICLE 500 YEARS OF FAMILY HISTORY

Now this is serious genealogy! A retired secretary and her husband have built miniature models of her ancestors' homes after chronicling 500 years of family history. Peggy and Peter Newman, both 77, have traced buildings linked to 13 generations of relatives since they began researching the project 25 years ago.

Painstakingly carved by hand, each of the 14 houses and other buildings took six months to construct. Mr. Newman, a former electrical engineer, who is now a keen carpenter, has built the houses while his wife has researched the materials and the style, and has contributed needlework.

Mrs. Newman said: "The models go back through the ages, with buildings from Tudor and Victorian times right the way through the two World Wars until the present day. I am very fussy when it comes to history and they really are authentic. It has been quite hard work but a lot of fun."

You can read more and see a picture of the model homes in The Telegraph at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/5166797/Replica-miniature-homes-chronicle-500-years-of-family-history.html>.

THE MUSIC OF IRELAND BY BILL DILLON

My wife Bev and I, our daughter Deanna and her husband, Jim Carroll, made a memorable two-week trip to Ireland last August. We enjoyed many beautiful sights and met very nice hosts at the bed & breakfasts. The hospitality was great. In downtown Dingle we stopped at a music store where the young woman shop-keeper graciously played any CD we wanted to hear. We listened to many and bought a few. Somehow, the subject of Irish



whiskey came up and she asked, "Would you like some?" Jim and I looked at each other, then nodded quietly - trying to disguise our eager enthusiasm. She reached behind the counter, brought out a bottle and two shot glasses which she filled and offered to us. As we gratefully sipped and savored the delightful beverage, that Irish music never sounded so good! We lingered a while longer and bought some more CD's.

You may wonder, "What about our search for family roots?" Though incidental, it was not entirely overlooked on this trip. Jim discovered birth records in Dublin, located and drove to the family dairy farm in County Cork where his grandfather was born and lived until emigrating to the U.S. in 1903. He met and visited with a Carroll cousin still living there and managing the 50-cow dairy, and has since exchanged information with his newly-found Irish family.

I recently followed up on a lead from Bru Boru Heritage Centre at the Rock of Cashel, and believe I have located the death record of a previously unknown great-great grandmother near Carrick-on-Suir in County Tipperary. I've ordered the death certificate dated in 1869, five years after Ireland started keeping civil records of births, deaths and marriages. Maybe it will lead to more discoveries.

Jim and Deanna produced a moving slide show for the Irish Interest Group featuring many scenic wonders of Ireland and appropriate music to reflect our travel adventure. You can guess where much of the music came from. Also, in addition to the Dingle store, we heard live traditional Irish music in pubs and purchased CD's from some of the musicians, including a superb young fiddler named Rosie Shipley. I never told her that one of my great-grandmothers was Henrietta Shipley. I don't know whether my Shipleys were of Irish descent, and we have to leave some family investigations for the next trip! Meanwhile, the music of Ireland plays on at home.



NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CIRCULATING LIBRARY

Many of the 20,000+ books in the National Genealogical Society (NGS) collection, housed at the St. Louis County Library, are available through interlibrary loan. Collection highlights include more than 6,000 family histories; state, county, and local histories; abstracts of cemeteries, churches, courts, deeds, marriages, wills and other probate records. The holdings are strong for states along the East Coast and New England.



To search the NGS collection, go to <http://webpac.slcl.org/>. Call numbers beginning with "R" are reference items and do not circulate. Call numbers without an "R" do circulate and can be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

If you find a circulating book you would like to borrow, you must submit an interlibrary loan request to the King County Library System (KCLS). To request an interlibrary loan online, go to <http://www.kcls.org/usingthelibrary/request/> or on the KCLS home page click "Using the Library," then click "Purchase Suggestions & Interlibrary Loans." Then under "Books" click "Request the item here" and fill out the form, including that you found the book at the St. Louis County Library. Requests are limited to two books at a time.

(Submitted by Sarah Fleming, EGS Book Acquisition Committee)

ON FINDING THINGS IN A LIBRARY

This article was inspired by April's excellent program on the library resources of the Bellevue Regional Library given by Lisa Fraser; a recent Saturday at the Fiske Genealogical Library with Judy, Carol, Margery and Sarah, where Dave Brazier of the Fiske Board gave us a very useful introduction into cataloging, classification and how get the most out of a library; my own research trip to the Spokane Library in March, as well as some discussions with EGS members this past year.

There are two general search strategies that are generally employed to finding materials in a library: a directed search or browsing. The directed search, as the name implies, presumes that one has enough information on what they are searching for to be able to use the library's card catalog or the electronic version thereof to determine if the library holds a specific resource or appropriate resources in a relatively narrow and well defined topical area. What often is underappreciated in this type of search is the very high degree of reliance it puts on the underlying cataloging and classification system. These searches, at least at the library level, typically rely on subject, author and keyword as the primary sorting criteria. The better your ability to formulate your search using criteria identical to those that went into the compilation of the catalog, the greater your success is likely to be, either in finding the material if it is in the library's holding or, in the alternative, not finding it and being reasonably assured that it is not there. The principal advantage of directed search is that it can be highly efficient in locating specific resources quickly. Do not be surprised, however, if you have to make multiple runs through the card catalog to find exactly what you want.

The second standard search strategy is to browse or "shelf walk" through the library's holdings. While this may seem to be a rather inefficient way to find material, in my experience it has a number of advantages that I really appreciate. Browsing is not a substitute for the directed search but it is especially valuable when one is just getting familiar with a repository's holdings, or when one lacks the specific information necessary to make effective use of a directed search. The advantages of browsing are that one is not bound by how material is cataloged and one can rapidly develop a sense of the repository's collection and how it is arranged. The title of a book by itself may tell you that it merits your interest, a quick thumbing is likely to confirm (or not) its value to your research. Browsing will often turn up different resources than a directed search particularly where collateral information is involved that would not normally merit subject or keyword recognition in a catalog by itself.

I especially enjoy browsing library shelves where the material is organized by state and county (Fiske, Heritage Quest [Sumner, WA], and FHL Salt Lake). Some years ago we found ourselves in Salt Lake while on a cross county vacation trip with the family. I had just the afternoon of the day we arrived and the morning of the next to spend at the library. I had not planned an extensive research visit so it was definitely a catch as catch can situation. What to do? So I just browsed the shelves for Jackson County, MO, and Philadelphia & Montgomery Counties, PA. I came away with 50 pages of Xeroxing including a page extracted from a book on miscellaneous Jackson County records that just happened to have the listing of the Gore cemetery burials, all ten or twelve of them, from a 1929 DAR survey. These included the burials of my G2Grandfather's first wife and his first two sons dating from 1842-43. All three had been buried on the family farm near Independence, MO. The Gore family later came into possession of the property and apparently continued to use the same part of it as their family burial ground. Short of a searchable optical scan I could not have found this information any faster and I didn't even anticipate that the information existed.

After using conventional search methodologies without success, do not give up. As Dave Brazier of the Fiske says, "challenge the librarian!" By this he means tell the librarian what you are searching for, and where you have searched in their facility without success and ask them if they have any other suggestions about where else you might look. According to Dave, when the question is posed in this manner many librarians will take this as a challenge and bend over backwards to help you.

Browsing is potentially an even more useful strategy when it is possible to search a library's holdings either on line or by hard copy. Enter the Spokane City Library and the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. During my March visit to the Spokane Library, I was impressed by the fact that each table in the genealogical area was supplied with a 460 page notebook containing the genealogical holdings of the Spokane Public Library published by the EWGS. The document contains a listing of over 10,000 items, broken down into four sections and giving the category (subject), a brief two or three line description, the catalog number and the location of all those materials not bearing a catalog number. I was sufficiently impressed that I ordered a copy and received it (*continued next page*)

from the EWGS within a couple of weeks and I am using it to plan my next visit.

Now, imagine yourself sitting down at a table or computer cubicle in the BRL. You are planning a research trip to a local northwest library. You have the reference shelf copies of the holdings of all the major genealogical collections of libraries from Portland to Seattle to Spokane...Wake up. It's just a dream. Do you suppose that we at the EGS could make it a reality?

Bob Barnes
EGS President

GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

1. **Seattle Genealogical Society** presents a **Spring Seminar, May 16, 2009, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**, at **Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA**. The all-day seminar will feature **John Philip Colletta**, a genealogical speaker with a national reputation. The cost of seminar will be \$35 for SGS members and supporting society members (**EGS Members receive this discount**—see the website for more details at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/2009SpringSeminar.html>) and \$40 for others. Registration deadline is May 5, 2009.
2. Attention Family History Sleuths! Announcing the **“Family Finder” Series of Classes** taught by **Mary H. Slawson**, noted genealogist, author and radio personality. These fabulous, **free** classes are offered **each Tuesday beginning May 5 through June 9, 2009**. **Two separate series will be offered: Beginning Topics in Family History from 10:00-11:00 AM**, and **Advanced Topics in Family History from 11:00 AM-Noon**. All classes will be taught at the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Downtown Bellevue Building, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, 98004**. Call the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690 for detailed class information and registration beginning April 1, 2009.
3. **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 **May 10, June 21, and September 20, 2009**. 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 or email the Redmond Historical Society office at 425-885-2919 or info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. 
4. History is happening in the Redmond area! **The Redmond Historical Society** will meet on **Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:30 AM to Noon**, at **The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA**. **Marie (Hammersberg) King** will talk about the **history of the Boy Scouts in Redmond** and will recall some of the ‘Scouters’ of years past. 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
5. **Logging On The Eastside**, presented by the **Eastside Heritage Center**, on **Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:00 AM–Noon**, at their new location, **Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98005**. Speaker **Eric Erickson** will present an interactive and interpretive slide show featuring the logging and lumber businesses in King County. Included will be pictures of big trees, logging methods and tools, old time logging equipment, logging railroads, logging trucks, saw & shingle mills all within King County with emphasis on Seattle and the Eastside. Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. For more information, see www.eastsideheritagecenter.org
6. **Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State**, **Ezra Bessaroth** and **Sephardic Bikur Holim** present **History and Genealogy of the Jews of Rhodes and Their Diaspora**, presented by **Leon Taranto** on **Monday, May 11, 2009** at the **Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, 5217 S. Brandon St., Seattle, WA 98118**. **Doors open at 7:00 PM, presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM**, WiFi will be available (bring your laptops). Mr. Taranto will focus on the history of Jewish Rhodes, and genealogical sources such as cemetery gravestones, burial records, Holocaust deportation lists, Italian census records, synagogue plaques, ship manifests, Hebrew books and manuscripts, and marriage, tax, and Alliance Israélite Universelle records.

A SANITY CHECK FOR YOUR GENEALOGY DATA

Are you confident of the accuracy of your genealogy data? You might be amazed at how many databases I see that include mothers giving birth at the age of eight, marriages at age twelve, or deaths at the age of 135. Sometimes you even find a person with a birth date prior to those of the parents. Download almost any GEDCOM file from the Internet and I suspect you can find similar problems.

Such errors are easy to create. Sometimes selecting the wrong person in original records can cause such errors. Copying someone else's errors can cause other errors. Mistakes also occur because you had a keystroke error when entering the data; attempting to type 1835 on the keyboard can easily result in 1845 being pressed on the keys.

I found such errors in my own database some time ago when I checked. This was embarrassing at the time, but I am very glad that I ran an automated process looking for possible inaccuracies. The sanity check process quickly identified records that I needed to reexamine, records that I might not have noticed otherwise. Luckily, it is easy to check your entire database for obvious errors, whether you have 200 people or 200,000 in your files. For me, the entire process required about two minutes to check the records of nearly 4,000 people.

All of today's better genealogy programs have a "sanity check" report although not all of them use that exact term. It might be called a "Potential Problems Report" or "Problem List" or "Audit Report." Whatever the name, most other high-quality genealogy programs have something that checks for obvious errors, such as recording your father's birth 100 years before his grandmother.

I recently checked someone else's genealogy database with Legacy, a very popular genealogy program for Windows. I received the other database in GEDCOM format.

Note: If you are not familiar with the term GEDCOM, look at my "GEDCOM Explained" article at: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/08/gedcom-explaine.html.

I first created a new, empty database in Legacy and then imported the GEDCOM file. This created a Legacy database of the other person's genealogy data. Then all I had to do was click on Legacy's Potential Problems report.

A rather large menu appeared, offering many options. I could adjust the number of years in several areas, such as "Warn if born when parents are under 13 years old." I found that I could change the age of 13 to any number I wished. There were similar options for minimum age at marriage, maximum age at death, birth after a certain number of years of marriage, age of mother at time of birth, and more. The same menu also has options for checking for illegal characters in names, situations in which the husband and wife had the same birth surname (not married name) and also to check if the child was born before the marriage of the parents. These last three are simple off/on checkboxes.



I used all the normal defaults and clicked on PREVIEW in order to see the information on the screen. I could have clicked on PRINT if I wished. Less than two minutes later I had a list of potential problems, including one case of a child being born after the death date of the mother. Obviously, the source of that information has to be checked again. The same routine also found two instances of a child being born more than twenty years after the parents' marriage date. Such a late birth certainly is possible, but it is unusual. In such cases, a double-check of the records is advisable.

I would suggest that you run a similar "sanity check" on your genealogy data. It is very easy to accomplish. It only takes a few minutes and might save you a lot of embarrassment in future years.

Have you performed a sanity check on your genealogy information? (*Posted by Dick Eastman on April 18, 2009. 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 <http://www.eogn.com>*)

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR CEMETERY VISIT

Family historians respond to spring in their own way—by flocking to cemeteries. Seem odd? Well, seasoned family historians know that there's a wealth of information to be found in cemeteries. Here are a few tips for those planning excursions to local graveyards:

Go Prepared

When it comes to cemetery visits, the Scouting motto “Be prepared” really comes in handy. While you might feel like you're packing for a trip to the top of Mt. Everest, the supplies you bring may well determine the success of your trip. Here are some items to consider:

- ◆ A spray bottle with water. Wetting tombstones can make them more readable.
- ◆ A mirror. Use the mirror to reflect sunshine and throw shadows off inscriptions. Foil-covered flat surfaces are less breakable and can also help when mirrors aren't available.
- ◆ Camera. Digital cameras are great for capturing photos of tombstones because you can see in real time whether you've captured the image you want. Take high-resolution photographs because you'll be able to enhance them with your photo editing software. Be sure to also bring plenty of memory and extra batteries.
- ◆ Grass clippers. You'll need these to trim away grass that has grown over the gravestone.
- ◆ Soft brush. Paint brushes work well to brush loose dirt off without harming fragile stones.
- ◆ Foam gardening kneeling pad. You may want to kneel or even lay down while taking eye-level shots of smaller stones.
- ◆ Rubbing supplies. You may also want to bring wax, paper, and masking tape if you plan on doing any tombstone rubbings. However, be sure to check with the cemetery office first. Some cemeteries prohibit rubbings because they can harm fragile stones. You don't want to end your first cemetery trip with a trip to the hoosegow!

Remember to use non-invasive methods when it comes to reading tombstones. Shaving cream and chemical solvents are a no-no because they can harm the stone. The Association of Gravestone Studies (<http://www.gravestonestudies.org/>) has a great list of “Cemetery Dos and Don'ts” on its website.

Be Safe

While we might think of cemeteries as a peaceful refuge, they can also be dangerous, so grab a friend or gather a group from a local society—the more the merrier. Criminals sometimes target cars in cemetery parking lots, so don't leave purses and other valuables in the car and never wander a seemingly empty cemetery alone.

In addition, cemeteries are home to biting insects, snakes, ticks, and other not-so-nice residents, so dress appropriately with sensible shoes and long pants, and bring a first aid kit to take care of minor injuries. Fully charged cell-phones are also a must.

To those not familiar with family history, it might seem that we're out of touch with spring, which is typically thought of as a season of renewal. What they don't realize is that visiting cemeteries is our way of celebrating the lives of our ancestors and that through our research they too find new life.

Locating Cemeteries

Finding the final resting place of your ancestors can be as simple as locating the name of the cemetery on a death certificate, obituary, or memorial card and then Googling it. However, in cases where these records aren't available a little detective work may be in order.

In some cases it became necessary to remove the dead from their original burial places to make way for the needs of the living. As cities grew, the dead were often pushed to the outer boundaries of the metropolis and beyond because of health concerns and the need for space. The Encyclopedia of Chicago (Illinois) has an interesting article (<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/223.html?sssdmh=dm13.198854>) on the city cemeteries, including information on the removal of bodies from the “City Cemetery,” which was located in what is now Lincoln Park.

Transportation became an important consideration for the new cemeteries and you'll often find a railroad or spur line connected the people of a city with cemeteries on the outskirts. So if your ancestor lived in the city, you have a wider area to search when it comes to identifying his or her final resting place. (*Continued page 10*)

EGS JUNE 2009 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, May 7, 10:00 AM—Noon at the Redmond Library, Room 1 .
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 14 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 “May” meeting of the Canadian Interest Group will be held Thursday, April 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 2 . Members will describe selected Canadian map Web sites that have been discussed in previous meetings. (Contact <i>John Howell</i> , jhowell54@comcast.net or 206-817-7516)
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Think you know all about Googling? Join us to hear CIG member Ann Lamb introduce new ways to use this familiar tool to help you research your ancestors at the May meeting of the Computer Interest Group on Saturday, May 23, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue . (<i>Margery Perdue</i> , m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next Czech Interest Group Meeting is Saturday, June 13, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland . See website for more information http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (<i>Rosie Bodien</i> , 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 EGS German Interest Group will meet on Friday, May 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall . This month we'll share what we learned at the NARA Immigration/Naturalization Workshop in April. Visitors are welcome! (Contact: <i>Ann Passé</i> 206 232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6 from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room . We will focus on forwarding the research of members whose ancestry is from County Down and County Fermanagh. (Contact <i>Ann Lamb</i> 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com for information about the next meeting)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Will meet Saturday, May 9 from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Lake Hills Library . (<i>Mary Sangalang</i> , 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Legacy Interest Group will meet Wednesday, May 6, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the Crossroads Mall Community Room . The topic will be Working with Events and Chronologies. (<i>Sherry Holthe</i> , sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College . Please see the website for more information eastsidessig.spaces.live.com (<i>Sandy Arildson</i> , 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	Our group plans to go to the Fiske Library in Seattle on Monday, May 18 . Arthur Fiske's card catalog is pretty impressive as well as the gummy, tattered notebooks of hard to find materials that people have assembled on towns and family names. Some research help will be available. Everyone welcome. There will be a \$5 fee. Call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078 for more 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
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	FHC-Factoria 4200 124th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 425-562-0361
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GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR CEMETERY VISIT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8)

The U.S. Geological Survey hosts the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) database on its website at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic> and it can be a great tool for identifying cemeteries in an area. You can enter a state and county and then select cemeteries from the “Feature Class” field and query the database to see a list of cemeteries. By clicking on a cemetery name, you’ll find location information, variant names, and in a box to the right, you’ll see a list of links to mapping services that will plot that cemetery on a map for you.

FuneralNet.com is another online resource that can be helpful in locating cemeteries in the area, as well as funeral homes that may have more information on your ancestor. Other tools include Find-a-Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com/>) and The Political Graveyard (<http://politicalgraveyard.com/>)

Check with local genealogical and historical societies for information on the evolution and dissolution of cemeteries. Since many of these organizations do extensive work to preserve the information found in cemeteries they are familiar with the graveyards in an area.

Local churches may have cemetery affiliations as well. If you know what church or synagogue your ancestor attended and it’s still in existence, a phone call may set you on the right path. (*From “The Weekly Discovery,”* <http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/n4000X3Hdp0HHn0nxZ0Ge>, Copyright 2009, *The Generations Network*)

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, 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.

- **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](mailto:rsthithbarnes@hotmail.com).



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.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP:

Effective 1 January 2001, membership dues are: Individual—\$17, Couple—\$22, Senior—\$15, Senior Couple, \$19, Lifetime—15 times annual membership. To join the society, send your check with your name, phone number, address (nine digit zip please) and e-mail address (if applicable) to the address at the bottom of this page. Please mark "Membership" on your envelope.

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