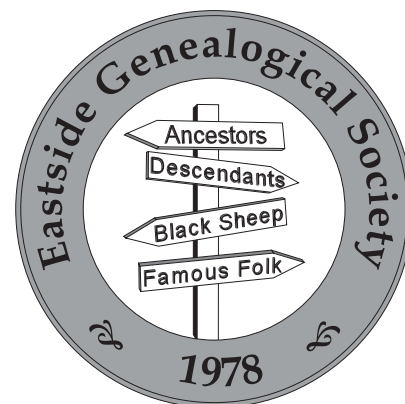


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### EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, July 8, 2010  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Bellevue Regional Library  
**Topic:** *Face Recognition Technology for Genealogists*  
**Speaker:** Daniel Horowitz

#### About The Program:

Daniel Horowitz is a genealogical researcher, lecturer, and author as well as the Genealogy and Translation Manager for [MyHeritage.com](http://MyHeritage.com). His topic will be *Face Recognition Technology for Genealogists* and he will explain how MyHeritage Face Recognition technology can help you identify and tag people in photos and discover related people.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you had a time machine and could go back and visit any ancestor you chose, who would it be and what would you ask?

I'd choose my 3rd great grandmother, Rosanna Willis Kilbreth in Baltimore. She died 29 September 1847.

And this is what I'd ask her:

Grandma Rosanna, I'm your 3rd great granddaughter and I'm really curious about you. Where and when were you born? Who is this Willis person who appears to have been your first husband? When did you two get married? Did you have children? One of your granddaughters passed down a black shawl that belonged to you with a note pinned to it, indicating that your maiden name was "Patterson." Please tell me more about that. What was your mom's maiden name? Did you know any of your grandparents? Did you have siblings?

You married my ancestor, Thomas Kilbreth, on 14 December 1806 in the Church of the New Jerusalem Swedenborgian in Baltimore. Could you tell me more about this church and yours' and Thomas' connection to it? You two had 5 children (he also had at least a couple by a first wife) and Thomas was born about 1754 in Ireland and became a citizen in 1799. What more can you tell me about Thomas and his family?

I've done some research and it appears you were a hard worker. After Grandpa Thomas died it seems you worked in a shop and then kept a boarding house. What was Baltimore like back then?

I know a little about some of your children, but I'm (*continued next page*)

### NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:  
 Thursday, August 12, 2010  
 Bellevue Regional Library

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curious about Thomas, Jr. I understand he was a bricklayer. Was he ever married?

Did you and Thomas love each other? Were you well matched or was this a marriage of convenience?

You get the drift. This could easily be a many hours' long conversation! And wouldn't it be fun? Plus, doing this exercise in your head can help you zero in on the information you still need to locate.

So, you geek/engineer people should get right on this. A time machine would make you rich and famous! You could sell tours on them on the internet and have booths at conventions and seminars. The business opportunities are endless!

Judy Meredith  
President

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

■ Jodine BERGEN is researching WHITE, HALL and THOMPSON in NY, BRISCOE, DUNLAP and GIBSON in Missouri; DAWSON and McCOMAS in Illinois.

■ Clark and Elaine RICE who are researching LINDSAY, OSWALD, RICE, BROMLEY, CRODDY, GATES, ALFORD, MACY, and BUTTS.

## MISSING A COOKIE PLATE?

Are you missing a cookie plate? At last November's EGS cookie social meeting, someone left behind a cookie plate. If it is yours, please contact a board member so it can be returned to you.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EGS is in need of some new volunteers. None of the jobs require a serious time commitment and could be done in a few hours a week, or month. If you are interested, please contact Judy Meredith at 425-702-9321, [ja.meredith@verizon.net](mailto:ja.meredith@verizon.net).

- **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

## SHE FELL OFF A HORSE... AND WOKE UP WITH A SCOTTISH ACCENT

Did a minor brain injury awaken hidden voices of her ancestors? Sharon Campbell-Rayment of Kent Bridge, Ontario, fell off her horse in July 2008 and was knocked unconscious when she banged her head – then woke up with a Scottish accent.

The baffled mother of two has never been to Scotland but does have Scottish ancestors. After the accident, she was left speechless for several days. When her voice finally returned, she spoke with a thick Scottish brogue. Along with the rolled r's, dropped g's, longer a's and softer s's, new words crept into her vocabulary.

Doctors have diagnosed Campbell-Rayment as a victim of foreign accent syndrome. She is only one of around 60 brain-damaged people worldwide who have been diagnosed with the condition.

You can read more at <http://tinyurl.com/33arqpm> (The following 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 – MAY 6, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Walta McCarley, Secretary; Ed Shultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Norb Ziegler, Past-President; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership

- Treasurer's Report: Ed reported that we have spent more than we received for the year but we are solvent. Income of \$2,354., expenses of \$3,124. The balance is \$239.98 over budget. Part of this expense is from the new member flyers and packets.
- Annual Chair Reports due May 15th.
- Elections: Norb reported Carol Pattison will run for Vice-President but not Program chair.
- Education: Discussion on a series of classes to be held at the BRL late Summer or Fall, perhaps not having classes on consecutive weeks so people can work with the information received between classes.
- Membership: Dorothy reported 2 new members came from the Issaquah Show at Pickering Farm. There are a total of 251 members with 258 individuals.
- Newsletter: Kim would like to reduce the number of "snail" mail newsletters. A board phone tree could contact those not receiving the newsletter by email to see if they wish to try it now. Postage and printing costs have risen significantly in the ten years since dues were last increased.
- Outreach: Bothell River Fest and Volunteer Expo. Salmon Days in October in Issaquah. Some groups have free booths.
- Programs: Ann Lamb is willing to give a program on Google Your Family Tree class. A new Program Chair is needed.
- SIGS: Irish SIG was well attended. Mary Clausen gave a 2 hour talk with customs, terminology. Legacy Group was well attended. Different topics are covered each time. This one was on organizing techniques for your dates.

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

**STATEGENSITES**

Genealogy Today is pleased to announce that it is the new home of the StateGenSites database of over 20,000 genealogy web sites. Launched on October 7, 1999 by Michelle Rich and Bill Hocutt, the SGS database started as an in-depth study of Alabama (by Bill) and Pennsylvania (by Michelle). It has since become one of the most popular directories for U.S. genealogy, categorizing links by state within 27 categories.

You can find the site at  
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/genealogy/states/>

**FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP**

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located 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 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

**KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE PART 2, BY ANDREW BIRKBECK**

*The following article is the second part of a memoir of a man's experience in the trenches during WWI. It is wonderfully detailed, sometimes rather graphic, taken from the man's diary. Although it is about New Zealanders in Cairo and then in France, I think it depicts what war was really like for many of our ancestors. The writer of this diary is the Uncle of a friend of EGS member Sharron Filer, who has thoughtfully shared this with us. The memoir also tells of how Mr. Birkbeck became interested in learning about WWI and his relatives participation, which is a good read for genealogists. The memoir will appear over the course of several EGS newsletters so be sure to watch for the complete article.*



Archie Greves, photographed just prior to leaving for Europe

At the front, Archie describes his 'accommodation': "as far as making a bivy for myself, I got a few ammunition boxes, spread my oil sheet over them, and this is my home." Sept 6th: "reveille was at 3am. Fed the horses, had breakfast, moved out at 6am. Passed through town of Albert, plenty of evidence that Fritz had shown a dislike for the place. Endless lines of motor lorries, wagons, limbers and vehicles of every description. Here and there dotted on the battle field one noticed a grave with a rifle stuck in the ground and bit of wood tied to it with the following inscription "Here lies an unknown British soldier."

Sept. 11th, a gas shell burst within yards of his team, but thankfully the wind was blowing in the opposite direction, no casualties. Sept. 12th, transporting ammunition to his gun along a road: "The team ahead of us, a six horse team of greys, got a direct hit by an HE shell. What a mess; men and horses. Exit the lot. Had the shell been a minute later we would have had an abrupt ending." Sept. 14th: "The NZ Infantry are attacking in the morning. There's a rumour that a new creation of war machine is going over with them.

Tanks! It's 8pm and the heavens are one red glow, a terrific bombardment has opened up. No doubt clearing the way for our boys going over in the morning."

Life at the front: "Was up twice with ammo. The guns are in Devils Gully. The name speaks for itself. No health resort or violet patch. High explosives, cordite fumes, gas put over by Fritz, mixed with the stench of rotting corpses, mules & horses. Hard to explain but gave one a feeling as if a rotten egg had been pushed down his throat." Sept. 25th: "An NZFA corporal had been killed during the night and his body is lying on the road. It is impossible to avoid running over it as the road is under direct observation of Fritz. We do this particular stretch at a gallop. It would be suicide to attempt to stop and remove the body. C'est la Guerre." Sept. 27th: "Devils Gully: a screech, a crash and by the size of the shell hole it must have been a 5.9 inch or bigger. The mud saved us. The shell buried itself fairly deep and though only a yard or two off, the burst seemed to go straight up and all we got was a shower of mud. Had the ground been hard the team would have been blown to pieces by shrapnel..." Sept. 28th, Archie reports the Corporal's body still can't be reached, they keep driving over him as they go back and forth with their ammunition at full gallop. Oct. 2nd, "Near the road from Delville Wood to the Flers turnoff there are quite a few dead not buried, including Fritz. One had evidently been wounded in the sit-upon (buttocks) and was bending over a log having it dressed when one of our shells exploded nearby blowing his head off and killing his cobbler."

Later in October, the ammunition horse teams increased from 6 to 8 horses, due to the heavy mud, and it was due to the heavy wet weather that action ground to a halt on the Somme battle fields. Despite the poor weather, some days were fine, and Archie and his mates had front row center seats for action above them in the skies. Oct. 20th: "We were loading ammunition at the advanced dump when three of Fritz's planes came over on a spotting expedition. The roads were teeming with traffic. Our luck was in. Three of our battle planes approached and there was a battle royal. One Fritz was brought down and it crashed about 300 yards from our dump." During this time, the NZ Division spent 56 days in battle at the Somme, the artillery units having carted half a million rounds up the line to their guns! 1,700 Kiwi dead, 7,000 wounded. October 31st, Archie and his unit withdrew from the front lines for some well earned R&R.

On Dec. 1st, his gun pit was visited by what seemed like the entire brass of the Army: General Plummer, the Army Commander; General Godley, the Army Corps Commander; General Russell, the NZ Divisional Commander, and

General Johnston, the NZ Division Artillery Commander! During the visit a German aeroplane flew low, 100 feet, over their emplacement. "Everyone was popping at it with rifles" but all missed. "What a haul if Fritz had landed a bomb in the pit at that moment!"

During November 1916 through May 1917, Archie's unit was moved in and out of front line areas, and there was little major action during this time due to poor weather. There was lots of physical training occurring in preparation for a major new offensive set for June, 1917.

June 7th, 1917: General Plummer, Second Army, and Uncle Archie launch the Battle of Messines, initiated by the explosion of 19 mines under the German lines, totaling nearly a million pounds of explosives. June 10th, a shell landed and exploded 6 yards from Archie's bivy, but he survived. The same day, local anti-aircraft units shot down a German plane, and Archie and his mates, having removed the pilots for burial, tore the plane to bits for souvenirs. "I managed to get a piece of the wing."

At the end of July, Archie got away on leave for a week, visiting London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Clean uniform, a real bed with clean sheets, decent meals, and never a worry about dying in the mud.

Promoted to Bombardier upon his return to duty, he survived a number of close shaves before being rotated out of the line in early September, and having the opportunity to visit Paris. This was quite the treat for a young country lad from the Antipodes, and he managed to take in the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, and a number of concert venues. Being spotted as a Kiwi soldier by an Englishman while waiting for the bus, he was asked if he had any NZ stamps with him. "Having just received NZ mail before leaving the line I had plenty to offer him, with good results for he asked me out for the day at his expense. He wasn't eligible for the British forces as he had a gammy leg. He was designing aeroplane engines for the French government. His name was Claude E Burke." He and Archie spent four days together, all at the Englishman's expense, the latter wishing to show his appreciation to a Kiwi who had travelled so far to serve his country.

Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres), Flanders, October 7th: "raining very hard. While waiting for a couple of gunners to bring up some sandbags a very familiar smell came to my nostrils. I cast my eyes around and there just at my feet lay a pair of Highlander's legs complete from the knee down. Poor beggar had evidently got in the way of a shell. This place is a sea of mud and a second Somme...."

Happy 21st Birthday, Oct. 12th. A low flying Hun aeroplane attacked Archie's position: "one could see the features of the observer" he was so low to the ground, and "the bullets whistled all around us," though all survived the attack unscathed. A shell also landed in his position the same day "and blew a man fully 20 feet into the air. All we got was a shower of dirt and a few remnants of sandbags." Archie survives another near miss. Meanwhile the conditions were so horrific, weather wise, the mud so deep and sticky, that getting the guns into place became a massive struggle and "we often resorted to heaving on ropes in teams of up to 100 men, pulling the guns into place." It was during this time that Archie was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre for his "selfless work under enemy fire, digging hapless men and horses out of the abominable mire" etc. This was done with his hands, "as no spades available." Oct. 14th: carnage so great on Oct 12th that a truce was called to gather the dead and dying on both sides. Archie volunteered to go into "No Man's Land," but was rejected as being "too small" for the job, it taking 6 stretcher bearers to bring one man back, due to the horrific mud.

Oct 15th, Archie was on the crapper, when a German air attack commenced. As the bombs exploded around him he dived headfirst into the mud: "had to sleep in my wet clothes but I suppose a wet hide is better than a broken one." Throughout October Archie, despite bouts of dysentery, struggled on amongst the explosions and in the mud. A near miss killed 22 horses and wounded 10 more: "Seems hard that these poor dumb creatures are mutilated in such a manner." Finally in November, Archie's unit was rotated out of the line, his body, if not his nerves, intact. Then after a "rest" at the rear, the unit was rotated forward to the front near Ypres again. And while "not a health resort," on the bright side "the mud would be frozen!!" Sustained attack during winter was rare so the objective became to harass the enemy, inflict steady damage and plan so that the most could be made when longer days, warmer weather and the thaw would make hopes of a breakthrough more realistic. So Archie's unit wintered at such descriptive spots as "Hell Fire Corner" and "Dead Mule Gully" etc., daily performing their duties of bringing up the

ammunition, maintaining their animals and guns, and lobbing shells at the enemy as best they could. Dec 17th: "To get water to wash, one has to break the ice in the shell holes. This morning I was saved that trouble. Was just going to have a wash when a high explosive shell burst above me and a splinter of it broke the ice thus saving me the trouble. All the same I would have sooner broke it myself."

Archie wintered at one stage in an old Hun concrete pillbox with four foot thick walls, better protection than normal against HE shells. However, Dec. 20th: "Fritz gave us a change - instead of HE shells, he sent over gas shells. One struck the entrance of officers and battery staffs' bivy, gassing four men severely. I got a small whiff which made me sneeze for a couple of hours."

Christmas Eve, 1917: In his pill box "Two or three officers have just crawled in for a singsong - there is no standing up in this bungalow. All movement is on hands and knees. Often the candles are blown out when a shell bursts near the door and it also makes one's ears ring." Christmas Day: "snowing like mad" but this didn't stop cook "putting on a good (in fact better than good) menu: roast turkey, ham roast and mashed potatoes, boiled carrots and onions and plumb pudding. One poor beggar didn't have a very happy Xmas - an HE shell burst above him. One splinter practically cut him in half from the head down."

Jan 13th 1918, Mail Day: "these mail days one cannot help noticing the expressions on the men's faces. Those who get mail go away quite happy and those who don't generally get off to their bivies and say nothing. In our battery we have about five Smiths and one chap's initials are WC Smith. The orderly room sergeant was giving out the mail and coming to Smith was asked which one. "Shit-house" (WC) he sings out. Not very clean humour, but all the same, it was humorous."

Feb. 4th, a very grim day: "a stray 5.9 enemy shell struck the wheel of No. 2 gun killing four of the crew. The fifth died at the clearing station. He had the back of his head blown away. The other four had legs and arms blown off. Was quite a job getting the limbs to match the right body.) Bombardier Mawdsley (my cobber who enlisted with me from off a sheep station in NZ) was absolutely blown to pieces. He was about 14 stone (200 pounds in weight) and what was gathered of him little more than filled a sand bag." Feb. 6th, burial day: "I thought I was pretty case hardened, but during the burial service a tear crept into my eye when I looked down into the grave and saw my old cobber's remains laying beside the other men. They were buried in the Dickebusch Road cemetery near the remains of the town of Ypres."

Feb. 11th: "Had a trip a few km behind the lines to Abiele. A few big heads were there including the commander of the Belgian forces. He pinned a bit of ribbon, with a bit of bronze attached, to me - Croix de Guerre recommended 3 months ago." Feb. 22nd, a unit inspection by OC, a Major: "the major recognized me as one of his old B Squadron 9th Reinforcements. After yarning to me for a few minutes he remarked "What age are you now? 21 says I. "I thought as much" and went on his rounds. Nearly three years ago I had told him I was 20 and this was the first meeting since leaving NZ."

To be continued next month.

## IRISH COUPLE DISCOVER THEY ARE SIBLINGS

This sounds like it is straight from a supermarket tabloid but, apparently, this story is accurate. A couple who now have a young son were shocked to find that they are half-brother and sister. The couple, who grew up in separate towns about 100 miles apart, were adults before they met. DNA testing last month revealed they share the same father.

This might mess up the family's pedigree chart. Statistically, this was bound to happen sooner or later and probably has happened before. The odds are similar to that of winning the lottery.

You can read more at [http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world-news/young-irish-couple-devastated-to-find-they-are-siblings\\_100372805.html](http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world-news/young-irish-couple-devastated-to-find-they-are-siblings_100372805.html) (The following 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>)



## CAN I HAVE A COPY OF YOUR PRESENTATION? BY ED SCHULTZ

In addition to the monthly General Meeting, ten EGS Special Interest Groups hold regular meetings. Many of these feature presentations by members or invited guests who use PowerPoint or other programs to enhance their presentations or to clarify the information they share. It's not uncommon when the lights go back on to hear at least one member ask "can I have a copy of your presentation?" Even in our internet connected world, the logistics involved has usually made it difficult to respond positively.

Such was the case at a recent General Meeting when member Ann Lamb heard the oft repeated request following her excellent presentation on getting the most out of Google. With only minutes before the library closed, there was the usual scramble to get email addresses and questions concerning who had what version of PowerPoint.

### Enter the EGS Presentation Depository

SkyDrive<sup>1</sup> (a component of Microsoft Windows<sup>®</sup> Live<sup>™</sup>) seemed to offer a convenient and inexpensive solution. A folder titled *EGSPresentations* has been set up on SkyDrive. There, presentations and other related files (like handouts, lists of web addresses or links, pictures, scans, etc.) may be stored and then downloaded by interested visitors. So far, sub-folders have been established in the Depository for the General Meeting and three SIGs.

### How it will work

After a presentation, the Program Chair (at the General Meeting) or the SIG leader will request a digital copy of the presentation (or other material.) If the presenter is willing to provide a copy<sup>2</sup>, the PC or SIG leader will upload it to the appropriate folder in the Depository. Once there, it will be available for download by anyone who visits the Depository.

Because not every member will have PowerPoint, Excel, Word, a file entitled *Free Viewer Programs for Excel, PowerPoint and Word* is stored in the Depository (see figure.) Download and open this file (it will open in Adobe Acrobat reader which most PCs have installed) for links to Microsoft download pages for these free programs. Additionally, many presentations will be converted to the PDF format to provide wider and easier access to presentation material.

To make access to the Depository a little easier, it's rather long URL (web address) has been converted to the two shortened versions (tiny urls) below...

<http://tinyurl.com/EGSPresentations>

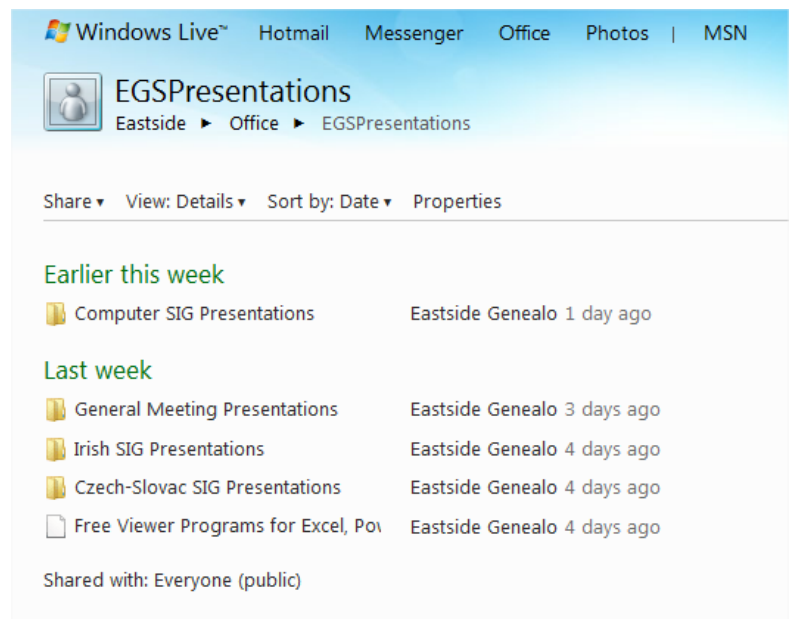
<http://tiny.cc/EGSPresentations>

Both will take you to the same location which will look similar to the screenshot above. Click on the folder containing the file of interest and when it opens, hover your cursor over the file icon, then select "Download" from the menu that appears. After downloading the file, you may view it on your PC.

Currently, Ann Lamb's Google presentation is in the General Meeting Presentations folder. Give it a try.

<sup>1</sup> SkyDrive is essentially an online external drive where digital information can be stored. Microsoft offers a generous 20GB of free storage, but maximum file size is limited to 50MB, which is more than adequate for most presentations.

<sup>2</sup> Some presenters, for copyright reasons, may not wish to provide copies of their material.



## MY UNCLES BY SUZY PAGE

It seems that my uncles have all met tragic ends. First it was Charles Dillon (1902), a Chicago and Northwestern Railroad policeman who was murdered while investigating box car break-ins. Then it was John Bowlan (1910) who was shot to death by his “friend” at work in Point Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C. because he suggested they clean the mess hall more before inspection. Now I’ve found John Lerch (1908) died under scandalous circumstances as well.

While Googling “Fehmarn Genealogy” in 2002, I discovered [www.fehmarn-genealogy.com](http://www.fehmarn-genealogy.com). The creator of the site spent numerous vacations filming and photographing parish and archive records on the Island of Fehmarn in Schleswig-Holstein. He provided a 44-page print-out (free) of the Lerch family and ancestors dating back to the 1400’s and will send copies of records for \$3.00 each.

My great-grandmother, Fredrika Lerch, is listed with her parents and siblings. Among them is her older brother, Marcus Johann Christian Lerch, but I ignored him to work on “direct lines.”

Until last week, once again absently Googling “German Genealogy,” I found [www.rootdigger.de](http://www.rootdigger.de). This site includes almost 50,000 emigrant names extracted and transcribed from local archives in Schleswig-Holstein. A great many of the individuals left “without permission” and to avoid military service. They were charged in absentia. Full names, parents, ages, occupations, spouses, and destinations are included. A search for “Lerch” brought up my great-grandmother’s brother – all the names, dates and other information checked out. Again, I dismissed him. I only considered it further confirmation of the family story that his brother-in-law, my great-grandfather, had left to avoid the military. I recalled that the 1900 census showed both families living two doors apart in Chicago. I left it at that until a couple days later and another evening of half-hearted searches.

This time, I decided to check for new additions to [www.pilotfamilysearch.org](http://www.pilotfamilysearch.org). There was a death certificate for “John Lerch.” Many Germans did not go by the first name in the long string of monikers given to them at birth. “John” is the Anglicization of “Johann,” and it turned out to be the right person. The pertinent details matched, while the other details were very sad. Forty-seven-year-old John died from inhaling illuminating gas, but the coroner was unable to determine if it was accidental or intentional. It was interesting and tragic, and I set it aside – again!

The next day it occurred to me that something like that would certainly be in the newspaper. Newspapers at [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) were free in May, so I checked. The Chicago Tribune reported the story in thorough and dramatic form. It seems John was involved with a married woman, Wilhelmina Bever, and they had taken a room at a rooming house for the evening. They ordered two beers and were not seen alive again. Their spouses and children attended the coroner’s inquest and were quoted at great length. There was sadness, fury, disgust, shock, and even spiteful jests. Soap opera writers today couldn’t come up with some of the lines reported!

I have the coroner’s record for “Uncle Charles,” the murdered railroad policeman. It lists witnesses, occupations, addresses, etc. Most of these proved to be family members. The site [www.ilsos.gov/genealogymweb/iradsrch.html](http://www.ilsos.gov/genealogymweb/iradsrch.html) lists a record for John Lerch as well. There is a \$10.00 fee for non-residents of Illinois. To preserve my genealogy budget, I’ve emailed my cousin in the Chicago area and asked her to order it for me. So far, she’s proving to be the biggest hang-up in the whole process! It’s been 5—five—days and no response!

Coincidentally, several generations back in John Lerch’s family, there were also Bevers. He and Wilhelmina could have been related through her husband. I’m not going to explore that! My mother thinks I should stop before I dig up more dirt anyhow.

Most of this just fell in my lap and wasn’t the intended focus of my research. But it certainly was better than TV, and it added some color to the family tree. Perhaps some of these websites would be useful to other EGS members.

The plot thickens... Last night, I was going through some newspaper articles I had copied from the newspaper archive available at home through the King County Library System. They mentioned “Lerches” (*continued on page 10*)





## EGS JULY 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on <b>Thursday, July 1, 10:00 AM to Noon</b> at the <b>Bellevue Regional Library, room 6.</b>
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on <b>Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library.</b> Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group takes the summer off. Usually, we reconvene in October. However, the turnout to meetings this year has been so sparse that I want to discontinue the Canadian Interest Group. Please pass this on to those in EGS who are directly affected. (John Howell (206) 817-7516)
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	FamilySearch Wiki? Dragon Naturally Speaking? GIS? What are we talking about? Learn what these are and how to use them when Joe Flint demonstrates them at the <b>July 24</b> meeting of the Computer Interest Group at <b>9:30 AM</b> in the <b>Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue.</b> All are welcome, bring your questions about using your computer to help with your research and data management. (Margery Perdue, <a href="mailto:m.perdue@comcast.net">m.perdue@comcast.net</a> )
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be on <b>Saturday, August 7, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland.</b> See website for more information: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/</a> (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 <b>Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.</b>
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The German Interest Group will not be meeting during the months of July & August. Our next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 3rd. Enjoy the summer! (Ann <a href="mailto:annp42@comcast.net">annp42@comcast.net</a> or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	For meeting information, please contact Ann. (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL7777@aol.com">AnnL7777@aol.com</a> )
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group does not meet in July or August. See you in the fall! (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 Interest Group will meet <b>Wednesday, July 7 from 12:30 — 2:30 PM</b> in the <b>Crossroads Mall Community Room.</b> We'll discuss how to use the Split Screen view in Legacy to compare files, copy between files and split off part of a file from another file. (Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	We will meet on <b>Tuesday, July 13, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue College.</b> The program will a slide show given by Joanne Volberding about her trip to Norway. Please see the website for more information <a href="http://eastside-sig.spaces.live.com">eastside-sig.spaces.live.com</a> (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore interest group will not have travel meetings in July or August. We will meet in September to plan for the coming year. (Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078)

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Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Issaquah, 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	Fiske Genealogical Library 1644 43rd Ave E/ Seattle, WA 98122 206-328-2716
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WA State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223	Fire Station #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

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in the Chicago area, and I had set them aside a year or so ago to look at a later date to try to determine if they were related. Oh my gosh! They were about the ill-fated John Lerch's son, Henry. Henry led a much quieter and more respectable life than his father had. He worked for one company for more than 51 years, was active in the Masons, the Lions, and his church. The community articles showed a man devoted to his family, both immediate and extended. References to family members, locations, and dates confirmed his identity.

But, for me, the strangest thing was his residence from 1947-1963. At that time, he lived in Palatine, Illinois, a northwest suburb of Chicago. In 1962, my parents and I moved to Palatine and lived less than 2 miles from his home, though we didn't know it. Of course, I immediately went to the Cook County Assessor's website and found a recent picture of his 79-year-old house. Further, a 1955 article about his retirement dinner named some of the more prominent guests. Among them was my high school French teacher's husband, the president of a well-known company in Chicago! The world gets smaller every day.

### WHAT IS SOCIAL NETWORKING?

There has been a lot written and talked about in the media lately about social networking. I thought it would be interesting to see just what it is all about. Social Networking is defined on the website [netlingo.com](http://netlingo.com) as:

*a.k.a. user-generated content, user-created content, social media, live Web, Web 2.0. On a broad level, it is an online community of people who are socializing with each other via a particular Web site. On an individual level, it is the practice of growing the number of one's business and/or social contacts by networking with individuals. Most of the social networks on the Web are public, allowing anyone to join. It is based on the idea of "six degrees of separation" (the concept that any two people on the planet could meet through a chain of no more than five people), social networking is a popular way to connect socially or professionally with other people!*

*Social networking websites offer their users an online community to share and explore common interests and activities. They typically provide a variety of ways for users to interact: through chat, messaging, email, video, voice chat, file-sharing, blogging, forums, discussion groups, and applications.*



I noticed that [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com) has a whole category concerning social networking and genealogy. It is located at [www.cyndislist.com/socialnetworking.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/socialnetworking.htm). This might be a new avenue to pursue in your family history research. (Submitted by Kimberly Nichols, EGS newsletter)

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