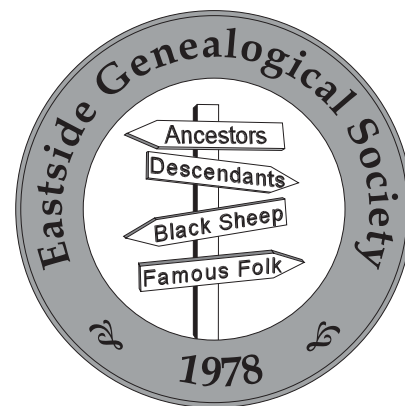


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EGS ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2008
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: City Directories
Speaker: Bob Barnes

About The Program:

The July program will feature our own Bob Barnes, new EGS President and researcher extraordinaire. He will tell us how to get the most out of city directories and how to find them—an under-used resource. Please join us.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I stated my goals for the EGS in the coming two years, chief amongst which are educational outreach and attracting new members. By the time that you read this the EGS will already have embarked on this goal by sponsoring a booth at the Strawberry Festival in Bellevue, June 28-29. Fifteen members have already signed up to help staff the festival booth and Vice-President Judy Meredith and myself, who are organizing the EGS's participation, really appreciate your support.

No sooner will the Strawberry Festival be over than planning will be ramping up for a genealogy program for the Issaquah History Museum in September headed by Ann Lamb, to be followed in October and November by a three session Introduction to Genealogy Class at the Bellevue Regional Library which will be conducted by the EGS Education Committee chaired by Dave Abernathy. Already EGS members are stepping forward with materials and ideas for these programs. This again is appreciated and necessary if the EGS is to be successful as an organization. Without membership support and participation even the best of ideas and programs will not come to fruition. With your help ideas will be transformed into actions and it is these actions that will ultimately determine the success and relevancy of this organization. So, if you see a chance to contribute please step forward to do what you can.

The aforementioned activities are just what the EGS is currently committed to—there will be more to come. This morning's mail brought an invitation to participate in the Bothell Riverfest Hobby & Volunteer Expo in August and there is the Family History Expo later this fall. I also know that Dave Abernathy and others have been contemplating how best to provide an Internet genealogy class that would be a logical extension of this fall's Introduction to Genealogy class at the Bellevue Regional Library. After a successful introductory class, or after enough of them anyway, there will likely be an interest in classes covering more advanced topics if the interest isn't there already. While I should emphasize that no decisions have been made at the Board, the Committee or the SIG level regarding these ideas (*continued next page*)

NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Thursday, August 14, 2008
 7:00 PM
 Bellevue Regional Library
 Speaker will be
 Greg Lange from the
 State Archives at BCC

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and/or opportunities, it is fair to say that they are under active consideration.

Okay, enough from the bully pulpit. Some fun topics. Wasn't that a super program that Gary Zimmerman gave us at the June meeting? Those in attendance were treated to an incredibly informative presentation on PERSI and the Allen County Library. For those who missed it read Norb Ziegler's summary of the program elsewhere in this newsletter. The day after the presentation I hauled out my notes and began experimenting with some of the suggestions that Gary had presented. In particular because I had never used PERSI for the "how to" or methodology searches, I decided to explore this source by searching on how to use city directories—a timely topic since I am committed to present such a program at our next meeting. There were a number of hits on PERSI on this topic and I just regret not having explored it earlier in time to order some of the more useful resources from PERSI for incorporation into my upcoming presentation.

Speaking of fun stuff, the future of genealogical research as represented by the new Family Search Pilot webpage (<http://pilot.familysearch.org>) is tantalizing. This site is under development and currently sports a rather curious, even eclectic, mixture of on-line resources. For my research the State of Washington Death Certificates from 1907-1960, State of Texas death certificates from 1890-1976, and Philadelphia City Death certificates from 1803-1915 have been the most immediately useful. The site contains these plus about a hundred other state or county BMD records, military, court & legal records, state and country censuses etc. Having in-home, free access to death certificates that used to cost \$10 to \$20 a pop and be able to view the actual images is impressive. In a few short hours I can examine the death certificates of several generations of a couple of different family lines that made Philadelphia their family home for much of the 18th and 19th Centuries. Already I have re-discovered relatives who I had almost given up learning more about years ago because they disappeared from the census records and I had assume that they had died or moved out of the area. Not so in some cases. My only regret is that it would have be more considerate (to me!) if more of my Philadelphia antecedents had lived in the city proper rather than dwelling in the county!

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Until next time,
Bob

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – MORE ABOUT MARY SANGALANG

Last month our Volunteer Spotlight brought you information about Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, member of EGS since 1988. Here is "more about Mary."

Some of you may recall that back in 1988 EGS held it's meetings at the old library at Main and 116th, with beginner circles before the meeting - where experienced genealogists would wear an "Ask Me" ribbon, put some chairs in a circle, anyone could join the circle and ask questions about genealogy or the society. Mary has served as Membership Chairperson, Vice President, and President of our organization. In addition, she founded the Italian Special Interest Group in 1990 and has led that group as chairperson ever since.

Mary quickly got involved in our organization. She volunteered to help at the membership table and found it to be an excellent way to meet people, and it wasn't long before she became the Membership Chairperson. Gloria Brown, long time EGS member, became Mary's genealogy mentor, and provided invaluable guidance and encouragement over the years. Mary was elected Vice-President in 1990 while she was pregnant with her second son, and believes she has been the only pregnant officer! She was elected President in 1995.

As Vice-President she was involved in the planning of our organization's 20th anniversary celebration, which included writing a history of EGS. The celebration itself included fiddle music (played by a charter member), Special Interest Group displays, certificates of appreciation presented to the charter members, as well as a cake for everyone to enjoy. As President, one of the organization's main projects was to continue to manage the library book donation program, which was just getting started, and one of our major ongoing initiatives yet today.

Thank you, Mary, for all that you have contributed to the Eastside Genealogical Society over the years.

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EGS Board Meeting – May 1, 2008
Summary of Minutes

Present: Norb Ziegler, Bob Barnes, Judy Meredith, Sharron Filer, Dave Abernathy, Bob Osrowske, Sherry Holthe and Dorothy Mehrer.

Actions:

SIG members are asked to participate at Bellevue Strawberry Festival, June 28-29 at Crossroads International Park. Maps were very popular last year. Story boards should be weather-proofed.

It was proposed we purchase a canopy for the booth. Bob Barnes will look into the cost of purchase vs. renting.

A series of three two-hour beginning genealogy classes will be held at the Bellevue Regional Library in the fall, three Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 Noon. The library will publicize the classes in their publications and let us use one of the display cabinets in the entry hall.

A notice for those needing rides to the general meetings is to be published in the Bulletin.

The May general meeting is the Annual Meeting at which we will hold election of President and Secretary and vote on changes to the by-laws. Walta McCarley will take minutes of this official business meeting.

Officers' annual reports are due next month.

Reports:

Program - A daytime meeting in the fall is being planned by Judy Meredith. Bob Barnes suggested a discussion of genealogical publications, which Margery Perdue, Sarah Fleming and Judy presented at the April computer users' meeting.

Inventory – Walta, Judy, and Bob B met at Jack Newman's to inventory EGS materials stored there. Items found included a metal easel with white board, file cabinets and 2 banners. A number of old magazines will be given away at our booth at the Bellevue Strawberry Festival. Dorothy will have custody of the memorial collections box.

Membership - We have 281 memberships with 302 individuals. One new couple.

SIGs – A list to gauge interest in new SIGs will be passed at the general meeting.

Treasurer's Report - The budget for next year begins in June. Bob B., new president, will propose a new budget at the June board meeting.

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

RECORD SEARCH—PILOT SITE

Family Search pilot site is now available. The Family Search test site is located at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>

The ultimate goal is to make all the records held by the LDS Church available for viewing for anyone who owns or uses a computer. The beauty of this system for the genealogist is that this system uses and shows the original unedited records as filmed. Ultimately, you won't have to physically go into the local LDS Family History Center, rather, you will be able to see all their holdings directly on the computer. This is a magnificent undertaking.

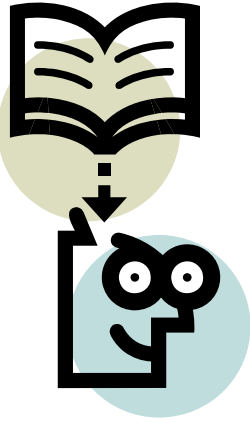
EGS EDUCATION COMMITTEE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The EGS Education Committee has a need for volunteers! If you are interested in helping on this committee, please contact Dave Abernathy at 425-271-4885 or DaveA@schmeckabernathy.com Thank you in advance.

SUMMARY OF THE JUNE EGS PROGRAM—PERSI AND THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was the subject of a very informative program presented by Gary Zimmerman, from the Fiske Library, at our general membership meeting on June 12th.

PERSI is the Periodical Source Index for genealogy related publications. It was developed by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the mid-1980s. It was first published in book form, then on CD-ROM, and is now available on-line, and includes over 2 million genealogy and local history articles as far back as 1847.



The on-line version is available as part of Heritage Quest Online, which can be accessed at any King County Library location or from the King County Library's website (www.kcls.org) with the proper library card identification. Heritage Quest Online is also accessible through the Seattle Library, Sno-Isle Regional Library, Timberland Regional, and the Bellingham Public Library.

The PERSI index is organized into four searchable categories – people, places, how to's (or methodology) and the periodicals themselves. The how to's include over 20 different methodologies, including land records, passenger lists, military, and obituaries.

A search of the PERSI index will result with the name of the periodical, date, volume, etc. for all matches. The periodical can then be borrowed / acquired through your local library on an inter-library loan basis, or a copy can be ordered through the Allen County Public Library (www.acpl.lib.in.us) for a small fee. WorldCat www.worldcat.org can also be used to locate periodicals in over 10,000 libraries worldwide.

The Allen County Library also has a surname registry, where you can contact others researching particular surnames. The library also offers various research services for a fee. Click on the Genealogy Tab on their home page.

Gary Zimmerman's complete syllabus of this presentation, including all website links, can be downloaded in PDF format from the following website. www.fiskelibrary.org/GAZ/syllabi/PERSI2008bw.pdf (Submitted by Norb Ziegler).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dani TIBODEAUX Researching GULLICKSON, HENDRICKSON, DANIELSON, HAUBERG, KOEPLIN, THOENNES, HANSON, and PLOUGH with special interests in Norwegian, German, and Scandinavian research.

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.

- **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.
- **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.



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

CITY DIRECTORIES PART 1

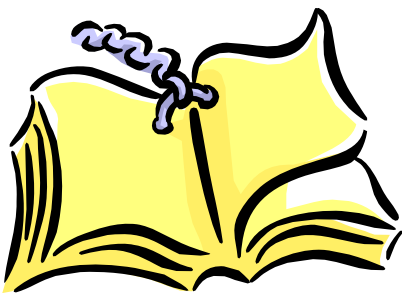
The history of city directories in the United States is both longstanding and colorful. One of the earliest city directories that I am aware of in the United States is that for the City of New York in the year 1665, the year that the City of New Amsterdam first came under British control. City directories were popular advertising tracts as well as providing a listing inhabitants and businesses. Many provide a detailed history of the city and its military, political, financial and civic institutions, prominent office holders and a detailed rundown of its agricultural and industrial activities. Publishing city directories was apparently a highly competitive enterprise, especially in rapidly growing urban areas, and it is not unusual to find directories published by three different publishers in three consecutive years.

Even though the first city directory for New York was published in the 17th Century, this was an idea that was slow to catch on. City directories followed for Baltimore (1752), Pittsburg (1760), Philadelphia (1784) and Boston (1789). Then there was Lexington, KY (1806), Albany (1813), Cincinnati and Richmond (1819), St. Louis (1821), Bangor (1834), Chicago (1839), San Francisco (1846), Muscatine and Galveston (1856), Denver and Kansas City (1859), Portland and Seattle (1861), Burlington N.J. (1868), Boulder (1871), Lincoln (1873), Wichita (1877), El Dorado KS (1885) and Oklahoma City (1899). This list is not meant to be exhaustive; it just reflects what I am aware of through my own research or that of others. Moreover it represents library or repository holdings and should only be taken as a general indication of what may be out there.



The content of city directories is highly variable, some being only a listing of individuals with their occupations and either a business or residential location, or in some cases, both. Street addresses as we know them were apparently developed by the originators of these early directories. Thus in Philadelphia around 1790, there were two or three different address numbering systems in use, depending on the publisher of the city directory. Uniform systems of addresses didn't come to many American cities until the middle of the nineteenth Century. As a result, most of the earlier locations are given by which side (N, E, S or W) of what street/avenue between which set of perpendicular cross streets (or avenues). An example would be "north side of Race Street between 5th and 6th." To save space and typesetting this would be abbreviated to "n s Race b 5th & 6th." Most directories also have a listing of streets, alleys, avenues and lanes and an accompanying street map of the city; regrettably the maps are often barely legible.

This sounds like and is very useful information. So, why aren't city directories used more in genealogical research? I would suggest that it is because of lack of availability and cost. While many of us may be familiar with the use of city directories as a surrogate for the 1890 census, the fact is that most of the directories available on-line are at subscription sites like Ancestry.com or Footnote.com. There are certainly excellent repositories of city directories at the FHL, BYU Library, Boston Public Library and Allen Public Library to name a few, but most other repositories have extensive holdings only for their limited geographical area, if that. Moreover, because the directories were often published on either an annual or bi-annual basis, relatively few collections contain a full series of issues, which would be most desirable from a genealogical perspective.



The genealogical value of the directories is very high especially prior to the first modern every name U. S. Census of 1850. Imagine what it would be like to have an annual or bi-annual census. True, the directories do lack the age demographics of the pre-1850 censuses, but they more than make up for this by providing an individual listing of all heads of household, male or female, with their occupations, generally including all males over 15 who are apprentices or otherwise gainfully employed as well as any females who are professionals or work in some fashion out of the home. Moreover, the directories have additional surprises, some of them list the state or county of birth, many identify widows as such and give their late husband's first name. Some may use "Mrs." in order to convey the same marital status. Reportedly, some even give dates of death.

Next month I will give some examples of how these records can be used to help resolve genealogical riddles, generate research leads and put us a step closer to our ancestors. *(Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS President)*

DOUBLE DATES IN GENEALOGY

The "double dates" you sometimes find in family records, such as "born 1701/02," can be mystifying. Didn't the recorder know in which year the person was born? Those double dates occur in the old records only in January, February and March - never in any other months - and never after 1752.

The system of double dating occurred because of a change made in the calendar in 1582. Prior to that date the Julian calendar, established by Pope Julius, was used throughout the Christian world. This system, dividing the year into 365 days with an extra day every fourth year, was adopted at the Nicene Council in AD 325.

Once it was possible to measure the length of the solar year more accurately, it was learned that the Julian system exceeded the solar year by 11 minutes, or 24 hours every 131 years, and three days every 400 years. Between 325 and 1582, this excess amounted to about 10 days, so that the vernal equinox had been set back from 21 March to 11 March and calculations for Easter were therefore incorrect.

In 1582, Pope Gregory, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, ordered that 10 days be dropped from the calendar to restore the equinox to its proper place. To prevent this error from recurring, he ordered that in every 400 years the leap year's extra day should be omitted three times. It was to be omitted on centennial years in which four without a remainder could not divide the first two numbers. Thus it was omitted in 1700, 1800 and 1900, but not in 2000. This Gregorian calendar is still in effect, making us "right with the sun."

The decree also changed the beginning of the year from 25 March to 1 January. All Catholic countries adopted the new system, but England refused to adopt the new calendar until 1752, or 170 years later, when the calendar difference was a little more than 11 days. So, in English-speaking countries and colonies, the Julian calendar prevailed, and March 25 was still New Year's Day.

In spite of the difference in the official calendar, many people began to use the Gregorian system. In many early colonial records you will see "double dates," written as "9 March 1656/57." indicating that some people considered it to be 1657. Gov. Winthrop dated one letter 22 March 1629 and six days later he dated another one 28 March 1630.

When the British government finally recognized that a mistake had been made in calculating the solar year and, in order to shift into line with the rest of Europe, the Gregorian system was officially adopted. When citizens in rural England learned that 2 September would be followed by 14 September, they felt that they would "lose 11 days of their lives" and they rioted!

An example of what the change meant is seen in the birth date of George Washington. He was born on 11 February 1731 (Old Style), but with the calendar change in 1752, he changed his birthday to 22 February 1732 (New Style).

Look for discrepancies in dates before 1752, and label them O.S. (Old Style) and N.S. (New Style). This change in the calendar can explain the birth of two children within too short of a time. You might find a son born 27 March 1640 and the next child born on 28 February 1640. In this case, the dates were "old style," and there were actually eleven months between the births, instead of just 27 days. (By Mona Robinson Herald-Times Columnist, December 31, 2006. Submitted by Norb Ziegler, EGS Member)

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.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEXT TRANSLATIONS - COMPARISONS OF 12 TRANSLATION WEBSITES

Dorothy Pretare supplied one dozen language translator websites, so that comparisons of resulting English translations could be made from the same German text. Translations were made utilizing only the “free” websites and no attempts were made when websites requested identification of the user by email (and placement of cookies), required downloading of their translating software or payment of a service fee. The English text translations have not been modified, other than the italicization of non-translated German words. Now, you can review and choose which website best translates this German text into English and then use that website for your own future language translations. (*Submitted by Jack Julich, EGS Member*).

<p><i>German text selected from <u>JüLICH bunt</u></i> (Ref. J#4 p.8, book published in 1994)</p>	<p>English translated text from <u>JüLICH Multicolored</u> (Photo description of legion unit’s stamped clay bricks and roof tiles)</p>
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COMING TO THE AMERICAS—HAMBURG RE-CREATES THE EMIGRANT EXPERIENCE

During the early part of the 20th century, Hamburg, Germany, was the major embarkation port for German, Russian and Eastern European emigrants coming to the New World. The city recently opened a museum recreating the portside village where emigrants ate, slept, played and worshiped as they waited to board steamships to the Americas to commemorate this vital slice of its heritage.

BallinStadt—Port of Dreams occupies the last surviving residence hall, which was among 30 that once stood at the site, as well as two reconstructed structures. Audiovisual displays and historic texts and artifacts portray village life, and the BallinStadt Family Research Center contains passenger lists from ships that left the port between 1850 and 1934. Staff members trained in genealogy can even help visitors research their family history (approximately 43 million Americans claim German heritage). For more information, visit the website www.ballinstadt.de/en (*From Puget Sound Journey, May/June 2008, submitted by Gloria Brown, EGS member*).

NEW YORK RESOURCES WEBSITE

New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston recently announced the launch of a new Web portal highlighting the wide variety of New York resources available on their award-winning Website, NewEnglandAncestors.org. This new portal, located at www.NewYorkAncestors.org, will direct members to a wide range of databases, publications, and articles focusing on New York state research. Resources and research tools will be available to all NEHGS members as part of their membership, and include a wide range of New York databases such as vital records, probate records, census, tax, and voter lists, cemetery records, church records, court records, and published genealogies and biographies. NEHGS also has available articles such as Marian Henry's "The Erie Canal: 'Mother of Cities'" and "New York State Cemeteries: A Finding Aid." Visitors can also find for sale a variety of publications helpful to the New York researcher.

www.NewYorkAncestors.org is part of the growing NEHGS family of web portals, including www.NewEnglandAncestors.org, www.GreatMigration.org, and www.NotableKin.org. Also, NEHGS will soon be making available for the first time, electronic access to the scholarly quarterly publication, "New Netherland Connections," published by Dorothy Koenig. Founded in 1845, New England Historic Genealogical Society is the country's oldest and largest non-profit genealogical organization. Located in Boston, NEHGS collects, preserves, and interprets materials that help make accessible the histories of families in America. The NEHGS research library, one of the most respected genealogical libraries in the field, is home to of millions books, journals, manuscripts, photographs, microfilms, documents, records, and artifacts that date back more than four centuries. The award-winning web site www.NewEnglandAncestors.org offers access to more than 110 million names in 2,400 searchable databases. NEHGS has more than 23,000 members nationally. (*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 JUNE 2008 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, July 3 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, July 10 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Bob Barnes will give a presentation on City Directories. Visitors are welcome to attend.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Our July 26 meeting, held from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall , will be about brick wall research. Tom Musgrove will present a progress report on a computer project he began a few months ago. Following this, we will have an open forum. We invite everyone to contribute their favorite research techniques, or brick wall questions. The focus of both will be on methodology and not on family details. (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Will meet Saturday, July 19 from 9:30 to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland. (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 GIG won't be meeting over the summer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room. Please join us then. (Contact: Ann Passé 206 232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish Interest Group will not meet in July or August. (Call Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group will not meet in July or August. September meeting date to be announced. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Will meet Wednesday, July 2, 12:30-2:30 in Crossroads Mall Community Room. Topic: Creating reports and charts in Legacy and Legacy Charting. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, July 8, 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.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IMAGE SEARCH

The Library of Congress allows users to search its database for images depicting historical events and everyday Americans. Recently the Library partnered with Flickr, Yahoo's photo-sharing site to promote their materials and get the public involved by commenting on the images. Add your thoughts to specific images by viewing their Flickr gallery. Then expand your search.



If you've never used the Library of Congress website take a break and click on their website — www.loc.gov. Here's what you'll find. At the top of LOC homepage you'll see "Library Catalogs." Click on that then select "Prints and Photograph Catalog." Add your search term—name, place, or subject—and you'll see a list of relevant hits. If you'd rather see the images than read through the hits, click "Preview images" button. If you see an image that you'd like to enlarge, click on it. Some of the pictures on the website are downloadable as TIFFs or JPEGs.

In the American Memory section on the LOC page, you'll see digital exhibits of everything from sheet music to photos. This is a national project, so that small historical societies as well as the Library of Congress contribute materials. Search by the topical list provided or enter your own search term into the search box. (From *Ancestry Weekly Journal*, 07 April 2008, in an article by Maureen Taylor)

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
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Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223	Fire Station #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

2008 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS & EVENTS

July 19, 2008	Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference, Eugene, OR. Attend this conference and learn how to go online and onsite to find the documents that your ancestors generated. Learn what to do with the documents when you have found them. Cyndi Howells, noted for her web site, her 30+years of experience in genealogical work and as author of numerous books on the subject, is the keynote speaker and will make three presentations during this one day conference. Topics by other speakers include: Researching Military Records; Finding Death Data on the Net; Consider the Source: Cite Your Sources; Going There, Walking their Ground...Doing On-site Research; What if You Can't Afford to Do Onsite Research?; Accessing Library Collections without Leaving Home; and Using Online Resources to Find the Death Date and Obit of Mercer Girl Annie, A Case Study. Sit down for a one-on-one consultation with an archivist from the Pacific-Alaska branch of the National Archives. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/conf2008/index.html
August 7-9, 2008	British Isles Family History Society -- USA, Long Beach, CA. "SAIL INTO YOUR PAST ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY!" - Join Us in Celebrating the Society's 20th Anniversary! The 2008 British Isles Family History Society – U.S.A. (BIFHS–USA) 20th Annual Seminar promises to be a supreme learning experience and an exciting three days with outstanding lecturers from the UK and USA aimed at greatly boosting your research skills — at whatever level they may now be — as you search for those of your ancestors with British Isles roots. Our 2008 lecturers have been chosen for their expertise specific to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales; Colonial records in the USA and UK; connecting using DNA; and Internet research, which will be referenced throughout the lecture series. More Info: www.bifhsusa.org
August 15-16, 2008	Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana . The Indiana Historical Society is hosting this conference. Featured speakers will include James Madison, Dick Eastman, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Stephen Morse and Curt Witcher. There will be several pre-conference activities on August 14, including tours of the Indiana Historical Society's William Henry Smith Memorial Library, the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Archives. http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots/
August 17-22, 2008	28th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Chicago, Illinois. This annual conference is the premier event for Jewish Genealogists. From beginners to experienced genealogists - all are welcome and will have an unforgettable experience. SIGS will host sessions concerning their research focus, specialists or archivists will make presentations and advise attendees about resources available and some of the SIGS will hold luncheons with a featured speaker. Smaller groups such as Birds of a Feather (BOF), will hold meetings. www.chicago2008.org
September 3-6, 2008	The 2008 FGS Conference <i>Footprints of Family History Philadelphia, PA.</i> www.fgs.org
September 26-28, 2008	The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society announces their <i>Harvest Your Family Tree</i> Genealogical Seminar September 26-28, 2008, in Kelowna, BC. Features 24 concurrent sessions, keynote address, and walking tour. For more information, see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bckdgs/seminar.htm

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MEETINGS:

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

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