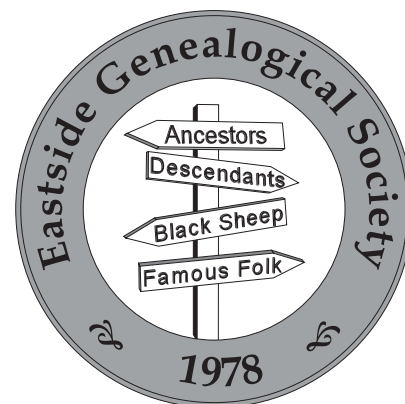


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2010
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: *Special Interest Group Representatives
 Panel Discussion*
Speakers: Representatives of Special Interest Groups

About The Program:

The August program will be a panel of Special Interest Group representatives. Come and see what the various special interest groups have to offer and get your questions about them answered.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I attended the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Sisters, OR the second weekend in July. My sister lives near there and this is always one of the highlights of our summer.

As always, the quilts were spectacular and the crowds thick. One quilt particularly took our eye. It was a green and red design appliquéd on white and looked new. My sister looked at the tag, and to our mutual surprise, the top had been made by the submitter's great-great-grandmother in the mid-19th century! The submitter had added batting and backing and had hand quilted it. What a wonderful thing to inherit and how pleased great-great-grandma would be to see it finally finished and displayed at a famous quilt show!

I love old stuff and have a few family things, such as a jelly cabinet, a set of brass candle sticks, an old green and red quilt and some jewelry and so forth. They all speak to the way my family lived.

Your family heirlooms help tell your family story: the christening dress for the first baby, the chocolate set that was a wedding gift, the shawl that covered shoulders in front of fire on a winter's night, the book with a note on the fly leaf, "To Emily, from Papa."

These objects can give hints as to whether the family lived on a farm or in town, whether or not they were well off, what they valued enough to pass down through the family.

These are priceless artifacts, whether they're worthy of "Antiques Road Show" or not.

If you want to find out more about your treasure, pick the brain of an antiques dealer or go online. Learn to take care of them and they'll last another one hundred years—just like the red, green and white quilt top!

Judy Meredith, President

NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, September 9, 2010
 Bellevue Regional Library

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new EGS members:

- Virginia ENGLISH is researching BERTON and LEE in Ohio, Missouri and France and CRAIGHEAD in England.
- Dena Jo KLINGLER is researching LITTLEJOHN and MacDUFFFEE in New York and Scotland and KLINGLER and WILLIS in Ohio and Germany.
- James and Karen WERNER is researching WERNER, KINNISON and HAMMING.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EGS is in need of a new program chair ASAP!! Your last one just became your president. This is not an 8 hour a day job! If you're organized, you can book programs well into the future and rest on your laurels. You will be provided with contact information for possible speakers and members will also provide you with ideas. If you don't want to speak at meetings, I'll be happy to handle the speaker's introductions for you. Step up, get involved with the board and see how much fun we are!

We also need library help desk volunteers, an assistant for our Library Chairman, and an assistant publicity chair. None of these are terribly time consuming. For information about these positions, contact Judy Meredith (425-702-9321) or the appropriate chair person listed in the back of the Bulletin.



1940 U.S. CENSUS RECORDS



Circle this date on your calendar: Monday, April 2, 2012.

Less than two years from now, all genealogists will be able to gain access to the 1940 U.S. Census Records for the first time.

Title 13 of the United States Code governs how the Census is conducted and mandates the confidentiality of information concerning individuals. Aggregate information, including statistical models, may be released, but any information about individuals must be kept confidential for 72 years. The 1940 census was conducted on April 1, 1940 so the information may not be released until April 1, 2012.

The official date for the 1940 Census should be April 1st, but that day will fall on a Sunday in 2012. As a result, it is unclear whether researchers will have weekend access to film at the National Archives or will instead need to wait until Monday, April 2nd, to satisfy their genealogical curiosity. By sticking to normal business days, the National Archives and Records Administration also avoids the appearance of an April Fools' joke.

There is no announcement yet of whether or not an index will be available on April 1 (although commercial websites will undoubtedly begin producing such an index after the census opens). You may want to check in advance for the Enumeration District in the city or town where your ancestors lived. If you would like to help in this effort, visit <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/1940instructions.htm> for details about the 1940 Street Transcription Project.
(Submitted by Marty Gale, EGS member)

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY OF JUNE 3, 2010

PRESENT: Judy Meredith, President; Ed Shultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions; Bob Barnes, Past President

Treasurer's Report: Ed reported total income for the year \$3414, expenses of \$3,140. The balance is \$260.81.

Budget: Judy presented the proposed 2010-2011 Budget to the board. A motion passed to approve the budget. It may be necessary to draw on the Society's cash reserves if current revenue predictions hold.

Library Acquisitions: Sarah reported that the committee met several times with Lisa Fraser of BRL to weed out out-dated genealogical materials in the collection. Older editions of books typically go to the circulating collection if they are still useful while the new editions remain in the non-circulating collection. Sarah will be recompiling the EGS book-list which was last done in 2007.

Membership: Dorothy reported we have a total of 254 members with 250 memberships.

Outreach: Bothell River Fest will be held Sunday, August 29th. A motion passed to have a booth at the fest.

Programs: June - Ann Lamb will present a program on Googling your ancestors. July – Daniel Horowitz will give a presentation on facial recognition techniques for old photographs. Sarah Fleming agreed to provide transport to/from the meeting for Mr. Horowitz.

Discussion:

- LOST PLATE? Bob Barnes still has someone's plate from the November social.
- Chairs of Education and Program committees remain open positions. Additional committee members are needed.
- Bob will talk with Kim about purchasing books for special programs.
- Discussion on updating the profiles and liaison with the FGS, the FGS Annual meeting, and sponsorship of an EGS attendee.

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

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ONLINE NEWSPAPER DATABASE

The Library of Congress has placed many newspapers online under the heading *Chronicling America*.

The URL is: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/>

Newspaper pages are available for newspapers published between 1880-1922. *(Submitted by Dave Abernathy)*



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.

KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE PART 3, BY ANDREW BIRKBECK

The following article is the third and last 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. This installment completes the memoir.



Archie Greves, photographed just prior to leaving for Europe

Mid Feb. to mid March, 1918, Archie was sent to “gas school,” to learn more about German poison gas attacks, which had increased in frequency during early 1918, and also to learn about such new terror weapons as flame throwers. He then hurriedly rejoined his unit in March, when the German armies around Amiens launched an all-out offensive. When his unit arrived, the Allied forces were in retreat, and attempts were being made to avoid a complete German breakthrough. March 27th: “Ran into a Tommy battery going the opposite way. One of our boys asked their sergeant major where their guns were. He replied, ‘Jerry’s got them.’ He then asked where we were going, and we replied to see where the old Hun was. He said ‘you will soon be coming back again...’ ” Things were very precarious. April 5th: “Worst day I have spent in the forces to date. From early morning we were deluged with gas shells and then came HE shells. Unable to eat breakfast as all our supplies tainted with gas. Tried some bread but out it came. It started to burn my throat. Cook killed by HE shell. During the day, a sergeant and myself were talking to three machine gunners in a small building and my mind became a blank. When my senses returned I found we were in a heap of bricks. An 8-inch shell had struck the outside corner. The machine gunners were all

wounded but sergeant and I were only bruised. Later a whiz bang burst a couple of chain away from the gun and a splinter pinged over my head getting an NCO who was standing directly behind me in the shoulder. I missed a 6+2 farm (a grave) and he got a beautiful Blighty (trip back to England).” The fighting was ferocious and Archie’s unit’s lines held. Orders came through to fire 600 rounds per day, per gun. Despite Archie’s fire, and then receiving enemy counter fire, there were brief periods of calm, where sporting events took place, such as soccer matches involving officers. The latter came in for “special attention” in terms of hard tackles “within the laws of the game,” of course! By late May, things on the front had stabilized.

Still, life was always dangerous. June 8th, Archie was hit by shrapnel after a shell burst above his trench. Thankfully, nothing “serious.” And he got to view more tanks: “Around our cook house there is a real Hornet’s nest of tanks. They’re generally on the move at night. Had a short ride in one and they are no Rolls Royce.” June 12th: a huge shell crashed down on Archie while he pumped water. “Thank Christ” it was a dud....” Later that night he received mail - news that his little sister Jean had drowned back in NZ on March 23rd while swimming.

Through July and August, Archie’s battery did its usual yeomanry work firing on the enemy lines from such places as La Signy Farm and Rossignol Wood. And once the Germans spotted where the allied shells were coming from, they duly returned counter fire, often forcing the allied guns to move position. Then on August 21st, another “big push”- the British 3rd Army begins an attack along a 10-mile front south of Arras, while the adjacent 4th Army resumes it attack in the Somme. “Worked all night on our gun position. 4:55am the offensive started. Fired smoke and HE shells. There was a very dense fog so it made a very good screen for our infantry. At 7:24am we got the order to cease fire. Was quite deaf for the rest of the day. This afternoon, had a bath (what was to turn out to be my last on the battlefields of France). Being 24 hours without sleep it freshened me up considerably.” Aug. 22nd, Thursday: “I am this morning, moved forward a few thousand yards into the village of Puisieux-au-Mont. Nearing the village a horrible smell that is very difficult to describe met one’s nostrils. It’s a mixture of dead animals, human flesh, high explosives and gas and once one has smelled it, it is never forgotten. The village itself was just a heap of bricks. The position was 800 yards from the German front line. Just before daybreak Fritz let a barrage down on top of us. I happened to have my elbow on the wheel of the gun talking to two gunners named Hulston and Murray who were squatting on the ground. Hulston said something to me and I don’t remember the remark for at that moment an HE shell burst (*continued next page*)

right underneath the gun killing Hulston and Murray outright and a splinter of it got me in the calf of my right leg. When I recovered from the shock, the first words that left my mouth were ‘the bastard has got me this time.’ An officer sings out ‘Who is hit now?’ I reply ‘I am Sir.’ ” The explosion had occurred at 4:30am, but due to continued heavy shelling, Archie was unable to move position until 8am. Hulston had received a piece of shrapnel through his heart, while Murray “was practically riddled with splinters and I owe my life” to him having taken the brunt of the shrapnel shards. At 11am Archie made it to the dressing station. “Several men who were going into action sung out “have a beer in London for me, lucky bugger.” “Righto”, I yelled back. At the dressing station was inoculated against tetanus, had a cup of cocoa and lay down on a stretcher and went to sleep. Up until then I had been over 50 hours without sleep....”

For the next 12 weeks the NZ Division advanced, along with the other Allied forces involved, and pushed the Germans back across northern and eastern France, breaking the German’s famous Hindenburg Line, a formidable series of fortifications and defenses 10,000 yards deep. The line of attack took the NZ forces eventually to Le Quesnoy, a town occupied since the beginning of the war, and liberated by the Kiwis a few days before the German surrender on 11th November 1918. To this day, the inhabitants of Le Quesnoy celebrate their liberation by the New Zealanders, which required the scaling of the town’s formidable 10 meter high ramparts.

As for Uncle Archie, he and his wounded leg were evacuated to the No. 1 South African hospital in Abbeville, and after recuperating there four days, shipped to Dover, and thence to the New Zealand hospital at Walton-on-Thames in London. Aug. 26th: “two doctors at the foot of my bed. I caught the word “operate” and perspiration started to appear on my forehead and then I started to vomit,” as he thought they were going to amputate his leg. They did not. Archie was surprised at the fortitude of many around him in hospital with far worse injuries than him. “It’s great the way some of the men with more serious wounds take things. One chap at the head of the ward has both legs off at the hips with other injuries, and with only a few days to live is one of the happiest in the ward.” Archie was in hospital for a number of months, hobbling into London regularly on leave to visit with any fellow Kiwi artillerymen he could locate, and seeing the sights as best he could on his crutches. Nov. 11th: “at dinner the OC told us the Armistice had been signed and we’re to have the rest of the day off. Had a great time in London.”

Upon his return to NZ in March 1919, Archie received his discharge papers, showing he had served for 3 years 183 days, of which 3 years 59 days had been served continuously overseas. As with many returning servicemen, he was troubled by his wound for years afterwards, requiring surgery and therapy to regain reasonably normal movement and relief from ongoing pain. It was while undergoing such treatment that he met his future wife, Doris, a nurse. They were married on June 14th, 1923 - his wife’s wedding ring being fashioned from a gold Sovereign he had carried with him through the war. They were married for over 60 years, taking possession of bush-covered land in 1925, and christening it “La Signy Farm” after the area in Europe where he was wounded in 1918. As he cleared each paddock, he named it after a battle or place where he had fought, where he had experienced the whiz-bang of high explosive shells, and the loss of so many friends: Westhoek Ridge, Puisieux, Polygon Wood, Dickebusche, Hooe Crater, Serre Ridge. And on this farm, he raised his three daughters, Bevaline, Betty and Valerie, and each day thanked the good Lord that he had survived his ordeal in France and Belgium, while many of his friends did not. He took a keen interest in his community, especially the children, and it was due to this involvement that he was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) on 13th of June 1959.

Then in late August 1964, Archie set off on a pilgrimage on the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Great War, back to the places remembered from his youth. A special journey, in his words, “to pay homage to the two gunners who were killed with the same shell that got me.” He arrived in the UK via ship, and then travelled via ferry to Belgium, staying the night in Ostende, before setting off by train for Ypres the next day. At the railway station the next morning “while waiting to purchase my ticket for Brugge, Roeselar and Ypres I met a gentleman who was going to Ghent. He spoke good English and asked me where I was going also where I come from. I showed him some photos of myself taken 46 years ago in France. He asked me for the information ticket I received from the Railway inquiry office. He purchased two tickets, I put my money down to pay for mine and he said, “Oh no! I’ve paid for it; it’s the first time I have been able to express my thanks for what you performed 50 years ago and made me possible to be a free man.” I noted that while the gentleman had booked himself a 2nd class ticket, he had purchased for me one in 1st Class.” (*continued next page*)

Dr. Henry de Poorter of Ghent also gave him a written introduction, to be given to the Mayor of Ypres upon his arrival. The Mayor gave Archie a special certificate marking the 50th Anniversary of the War's outbreak, and then Archie hired a taxi. He stopped first at Tyne Cot cemetery at Passchendaele, where 11,000 crosses mark the graves of the identified soldiers, while a large memorial stands to the 34,000 who were never found. Then to the Dickebusche Road Cemetery to visit with his old friend Bill Mawdsley, who died together with the other members of the gun team killed in February 1918. He remembered picking his friend up, "as one would do with a baby – one of the very sad memories of the war." Then further on, he visited the graves of other friends he had known, or met during his "war journey" - Ponte Cobbe, who he had gone on leave with in Paris, Sept. 1917, and George Pollock, "a good living bloke" who had been his tent mate in Egypt; Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, outside Longueval; Thiepval, Beaumont-Hamel. Finally to the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Bienvillers-au-Bois, south of Arras in the Pas de Calais region, and there to the graves of Jim Hulston and "Tubby" Murray, they who had died, and he who had survived, reunited once again after nearly 50 years.

Archibald K. Greves: 1896 – 1983

Further Reading:

- *Western Front: The New Zealand Division in the First World War 1916-18*, Matthew Wright
- *On My Way To The Somme: New Zealanders and the bloody offensive of 1916*, Andrew Macdonald
- *The Maoris in the Great War*, James Cowan
- *New Zealand Artillery in the Field 1914-18*, Lieut. J.R. Byrne
- *The New Zealand Division 1916-1919*, Col. H. Stewart

LIST OF LINKS



The Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society has a wonderful list of website links. You can find their list at: <http://bigenealogy.org/>

Once there, navigate to the genealogy links by clicking on "Links" in the top navigation bar. (Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS member)

REVIEW OF NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE *FOLLOW YOUR ANCESTRAL TRAIL* IN SALT LAKE CITY BY MARGERY PERDUE

The following was presented at the May 22, 2010 meeting of the Computer Interest Group of the Eastside Genealogical Society, Bellevue, WA, by Margery Perdue.

With a record attendance of 2700+, the NGS Family History Conference *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*, was claimed a huge success by NGS and the Utah Genealogical Society, who co-sponsored the event in Salt Lake City from April 28 through May 1. The conference, held in SLC's very large Salt Palace, included nearly 200 lectures and workshops. The large exhibitors' area was expanded to include, for the first time, an area featuring the latest in genealogical technology. This included exhibitors from the former Gen Tech conference, which became a part of the NGS conference several years ago. Both Dell and HP were showing off their laptops and printers.

Keynote speaker Jay Verkler, CEO of FamilySearch, provided an inside look at the granite mountain where FamilySearch stores a secure copy of records from all over the world. Seeing film of the tunneling of the mountain and how the space inside the mountain is configured was fascinating. Don't apply for work there if you have claustrophobia or don't look good in white gloves.

Probably the highlight of the week was Thursday evening's *A Celebration of Family History*, featuring David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Truman and John Adams, and a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Highlights of this program can be seen by going to:

<http://www.newsroom.lds.org/ldsnewsroom/eng/news-releases-stories/a-celebration-of-family-history-delights-genealogy-enthusiasts>. You may need to scroll down the newsroom website until you find this item to download.

During the conference there was a full schedule of hour-long sessions from 8 a.m. until (*continued next page*)

4:30 p.m. with some evening sessions. There were a number of tracks, including one for the Board of Certification of Genealogists, a Gen Tech track, and a skill building track. Attendees were always free to pick and choose which sessions they attended. There was no pre-registration except for the workshops, which usually involved fees. Some of the speakers familiar to you were Elizabeth Shown Mills, Dick Eastman, Bob Velke of TMG, Bruce Buzbee of RootsMagic, and Tom Jones, co-editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly. Ancestry.com and FamilySearch each had a very noticeable presence at the conference, since both are maintained in Utah. There were a number of lectures about each, and each had continuous visual demonstrations going on at their booths in the Exhibit Hall. We will be talking about both of these programs at our July 26 CIG meeting.

Lectures and workshops included several each on Norway/Denmark, Italy, German research, Sweden, Hispanic research, Eastern Europe, especially Poland, researching African American ancestors, and Canadian research. Many of the lectures were recorded, and are available on tapes which can be ordered from JAMB at <http://www.jamb-inc.com> for \$12 each + \$1.50 shipping/handling.

Now, you're wondering what information I brought back for you to use. I'll tell you about some of the sessions that I attended, as well as some I didn't attend, but learned about in the conference syllabus.

Your Genealogical Bucket List with Ann Carter Fleming addressed the issue of what we should do with our "stuff" before we "kick the bucket," or how to at least leave instructions for others to do with it after we are gone. Elissa Scalise Powell, speaker at the SGS Spring Seminar on May 22, 2010, presented *Twenty Years of Stuff—Now What Do I Do?* addressing the same topic, stating, "We are the link from the past to the future. If we drop the link or break it, not only will our years of effort be lost but future generations will always have trouble discovering their past." Think about it.

Oh My Goodness, Where's My Data by Dick Eastman. Dick spoke about organizing your data on your computer and about the importance of backing up online with either Mozy, Backblaze, or Carbonite. He happens to be using Backblaze right now, but feels that the other sites are comparable. He also reminded us that the one medium that is most likely to last is archival paper, which must be properly stored, with copies located outside your home, such as at the home of a child or in a genealogical society, university or library. If you don't get Dick Eastman's online newsletter at www.eogn.com, available daily and weekly, in both free and paid editions, you should; this very knowledgeable genealogist's blog contains a wealth of information. (Mozy2 is now available, and you may want to check it out.)

Blog Your Way to Genealogical Success by the "Ancestry Insider" is a session I didn't attend, but you may want to go to the speaker's website, <http://www.ancestryinsider.blogspot.com> to learn more about blogging since it was your CIG's program in April. He has some good information there.

Barry J. Ewell, bj57barry@msn.com, spoke about *Photo Editing Software Tricks, Tips, and Applications for Genealogical Novice to Expert*, in which he described in great detail how to use Adobe Photoshop Elements. You can get a copy of his presentation by going to his website.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, author of Clooz, shared her knowledge of *Effective Internet Searching*, listing such resources as the many Google sites and BYU's Family History Archives, www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php. Other sites include www.worldcat.org; and www.clusty.com. She mentioned <http://www.evernote.com> to store your data and www.easybib.com to help you source your finds. *Evidence Explained*, the style manual for genealogists by Elizabeth Shown Mills is now available online for \$24.95 from Footnote.com if you'd like to have the book, but don't have room for it on your shelves.

Now I'd like to tell you about the conference I didn't attend, (and wish I had.) On Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27, just before the NGS conference, Brigham Young University (BYU) and FamilySearch sponsored the *Conference on Computerized Family History & Genealogy: Strengthening Ties that Bind Families Together Forever*. This conference was entirely computer-oriented, compared to the NGS conference, at which most of the sessions were on various aspects of genealogy.

I did pick up the syllabus, and while we can't copy the notes of the lectures without permission, we can get some ideas for future programs and discussions, and I have included many of the websites suggested by the presenters. The major tracks of the conference were: FamilySearch, FamilySearch Affiliates, publishing, methodology, software and technology, tools and hardware, books, records on the Internet, and sessions of "Other Countries." (*continued next page*)

Some of the vendors there included:

AGES-online: www.ages-online.com
 BYU: www.byu.edu
 EasyFamilyHistory: www.easyfamilyhistory.com
 FamilyInsight: www.familyinsights.com
 Family Roots Publishing: www.familyrootspublishing.com
 Footnote: <http://www.footnote.com>
 Generation Maps: www.generationmaps.com
 Heritage Maker: www.bindyourlegacy.com
 Incline Software: www.ancquest.com
 Legacy Family Tree: www.legacyfamilytree.com
 Life Story Productions: www.heritagecollector.com
 OneGreatFamily: www.onegreatfamily.com
 Roots Magic: www.rootsmagic.com
 Visualegacy: www.remember-network.com

The FamilySearch track mostly involved using NewFamilySearch, which is not yet available to non-LDS genealogists, but when it is, Family Tree Maker 2010, Legacy Family Tree and RootsMagic4 will be able to access it directly.

An interesting-looking session on how to *Transform Family History Treasures to Digital Formats* was part of the publishing track, along with blog building, and Google sites; *Publishing Your Research with Your Computer*, which forwarded attendees to wjpriest@accesstoledo.com and www.about.com.

Resources and tools for creating your own website include: www.HTMLgoodies.com; AdobeDreamweaver, www.Adobe.com; www.microsoft.com/expression; Wikipedia, etc. Just go to your favorite search engine and start typing to find the many free resources available, local community colleges for classes in HTML, JavaScript, working with images, etc. Some of those classes are available through our local SeniorNet.

Want to find your ancestors' stories online? A very inclusive list of sites is available for private use only, is available from Tami Osmer Glatz at www.relativelycurious@yahoo.com. This is a two-page treasure trove of sites, including digital collections, other collections, other sources, newspapers, and locating books to either borrow or buy.

A topic at this conference also, was how organize your data so that after you're gone the data isn't. William Priest's notes for the BYU conference caught my attention with a small sign:

Do Not Destroy!
This material to be donated
under the guidelines of my
Last Will and Testament

First, of course, you need to make an amendment to your will, then post this sign on material you want to be saved or donated. He then goes on to list materials other than genealogical data that one might want to save, such as family treasure, photographs and documents.

Joseph P. Shumway, jshumway@progenealogist.com, spoke on *Creating Your Own Digital Archives: Organizing and Preserving Your Genealogy Files Electronically*, which is another way to SOS, "save or stuff." Shumway's website is packed with all kinds of good things, so if you haven't ever been there, try it.

Publishing was again a topic at this conference, and is certainly a topic of interest to us as computer genealogists. Kory Meyerink, whose name may be familiar to some of you, talked about using a Boolean Search to narrow the list of hits when you're searching, and also published a list of search references, including:

<http://www.proquest.com>
www.researchbuzz.com
<http://www.library.ilstu.edu/page/226>

The latter site shows a chart comparing the attributes of various search engines, but I'm not sure how current it is. Myerink also published a *Comparison of Selected Databases Search Features*, which (*continued page 10*)

EGS AUGUST 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, August 5, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, room 6.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, August 12 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Bring your questions, share the answers at the August meeting of the Computer Interest Group on Saturday, August 28 at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue. Learn to use your computer skills to help you climb brick walls, and ask and answer hardware and software questions and focus on new websites. It will be a time for everyone to participate. (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 7, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland. See website for more information: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/ (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 EGS German Interest Group will NOT meet in August. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room. We'll discuss possible topics for our future meetings. (Ann annp42@comcast.net or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish Interest Group does not meet in August. Next meeting will be September 1. (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
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 collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	Legacy Interest Group meets on Wednesday, August 4, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at the Crossroads Mall Community Room. We'll be discussing two Legacy add-on programs, GenViewer and GenMatcher. (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	We will meet on Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue College. Please see the website for more information eastsidesig.spaces.live.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
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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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 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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can be accessed at: <http://www.library.wisc.edu/eresourceshelp/comparefeatures.html>, and in another lecture presented a chart comparing the types of information that various databases include.

We all know about Microsoft Excel, and probably most of us use it, but how many of us use it as a research tool for our genealogy? Both conferences had speakers who showed how to use this familiar tool, so you might want to think about using something so readily available. Jan Alpert, retiring president of NGS showed how she uses tables and spreadsheets in Excel to track her research progress, particularly that of “difficult” ancestors and situations where you have to differentiate between two persons of the same name, living at the same time.

Cemeteries are of interest to all of us. Fortunately we are, as the Irish say, on the “right side of the turf.” But the final resting places of those on the other side of it can provide us with a great deal of information, maybe even break down a brick wall. William Priest suggested websites for cemetery research:

www.findagrave.com

www.interment.net

www.gravelocator.cem.va.gov (the “va” is for veterans, not Virginia)

www.politicalgraveyard.com

www.cyndislist.com

www.Google.com

We’re all interested in websites, and have been ever since they first became available to us. You can read about *The 10 Best New Web Tools of the Past Ten Years*, by Rick Crume in an article which appeared in the January 2010 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*, or go to his website: www.onelibrary.com. He can also be contacted at rick@onelibrary.com.

And what are the most popular genealogy websites today? Kory Myernick provided a list; see the online version at: <http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm>

What I saw and heard, or only read about and shared with you gives us a glimpse at what’s out there to help us find our ancestors, compile their data, source the information, and make it available in some form of media so that it will not die when we do, and so that we may be able to glean information from others who have access to our data. Other popular topics included DNA, Twitter, RSS feeds, FamilySearchWiki, <http://www.wiki.familysearch.org>, and technology trends. One of the speakers on technology of the future included an interesting website, www.remobo.com, which allows a user to run any program that she has on her home computer on any computer anywhere.

I hope I’ve given you a flavor of what a genealogy conference is all about, and what you can expect to learn by attending one. The NGS Conference in the States 2011, *Where the Past is the Present*, will be held in Charleston, SC 11-14 May. Registration begins 01 Dec 2010. The 2012 conference will be in Cincinnati. I don’t have 2011 information on the BYU conference, but my understanding is that it is an annual event, and will probably be held somewhere in Utah. Another conference worth consideration is the 2010 conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, which will be held from August 18-21 in Knoxville, TN. In 2011 the conference will be in Springfield, IL, and in Birmingham, AL in 2012.

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