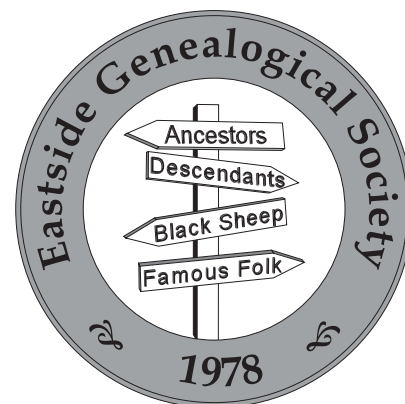


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EGS MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: Bellevue Regional Library
Topic: *Telling the Future About the Past*
Speaker: David Brazier

About The Program:

The September program will be presented by our own Ed Schultz. He will speak on *Telling the Future about the Past*. Ed retired from Boeing in 2004 and began scanning some old family photos. Naturally, this project got totally out of hand and he is now severely afflicted by the genealogy bug.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Helping someone find their "dearly departed" is almost as much fun as finding your own.

Sometimes, after I get good and sick of pounding on my several brick-walls, for a change of pace, I Google a friend's ancestor.

A couple of examples: I sat down one evening and Googled "Webb", the surname of a friend. Dan's dad was born in Clayton, New Mexico and moved with other family members to Oregon during the Depression. I found that before going to New Mexico, the family had lived in Texas. (Kick a rock in Texas and find one of Dan's relatives, it appears.) Before that they had lived in Mississippi, Alabama, and the Carolinas. What an interesting family! Now Dan has a little more information to go with some of his family photos.

Then not long ago I Googled Dave Bennett's ever elusive Jacob S. Bailey and turned up a Sigler he hadn't heard of. Dave was able to get that branch back to the early 1700's! Woo-hoo!

Besides giving my brain a break, I can bring a fresh perspective to the task, unencumbered by previous research. It also allows me to "pay it forward" for all the great things generous people have contributed to my research, most of them total strangers. One woman went to the library in Madison Co., IL and found a ton of stuff that really got me started on my dad's line. A nice man in Maryland trotted down the road in front of his house and took pictures of a wonderful old stone house that was built by one of my distant relatives. This same guy copied a deed for me the next time he was in Annapolis. The list goes on.

So share and help each other: become a library help desk volunteer, do a program about your last research trip, answer a query, Google a friend's surname. In the process you may run across a new database or book or other source that will help you with your own research, plus it's just such a kick!

Judy Meredith, VP and Program Chair

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NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Thursday, October 8, 2009
 7:00 PM
 Bellevue Regional Library

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- Kay Benedict MIMIER, who is researching BENEDICT, FENDER, WISNER, HAAS, and SHARP in Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, N.C., Ohio, N.Y., Wisconsin, Scotland, Germany, and Poland.
- Robert and Cheryl CHANEY, who are researching SHERRILL, FREEMAN, RHOADES, CHANEY, SHINN, JENKINS, and LIPPINCOTT in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

REACHING OUT BY BILL DILLON, EGS MEMBER

Following up on a suggestion heard at an EGS meeting I decided to join other genealogy societies in areas where I have family roots and would like to learn more. I am now a member of societies in Boone County, Indiana, Claiborne County, Tennessee, and East Klickitat County, Washington. In addition, knowing my great-grandfather was a 33rd Degree Mason, I contacted the Indiana Masons on line and learned they will search a member's records for a modest fee of \$15. These new connections and information from the societies' newsletters are giving me some insights and leads for further research.

The current secretary of Boone County Genealogical Society is a librarian at Lebanon. I sent a contribution to the library's Heritage Center, and they are making a search for obituaries of some of my ancestors. They also have forwarded many pages of interesting data on my Turner and Ross families. Another benefit of membership in this society is access to Ancestry at no extra cost.

The Mason's researcher found records of my great-grandfather, Jacob Turner Ross's membership in three lodges, including one at Whitestown he helped establish as a charter member. He became "Worshipful Grand Marshall" there. His first Masonic affiliation the day after he became eligible at age 21 was with Jones Military Lodge at Indianapolis in December, 1861. This revelation led to Civil War records showing him in the Indiana Volunteers 8th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry - a completely new discovery for me. Another surprising report was a quote from the minutes of the Marion Lodge meeting of April 15, 1885. "A communication was read from Mrs. J.T. Ross that her husband had died on March 28, 1885." I had previously known only the year of his death.

The Masons also found records of membership by Jacob's father, my great-great-grandfather, Samuel Ross, and his brother, Samuel Ross, Jr. All these records show names of the lodges, dates joined, dates of death and in some cases dates of birth. The helpful Masonic researcher referred me to a web site showing farmers and business owners in various communities. I found Jacob T. Ross listed in 1879 as the Whitestown postmaster, physician, druggist and surgeon. He must have been quite a pillar of this small town.

As more of my family history is revealed from these new sources I'm reminded of some basics of genealogy: "Learn from others, reach out, and follow every lead." (*Submitted by Bill Dillon, EGS Member*)

NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

The following book, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society, has been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. Look for this book in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor.

Norwegian Immigrants to the United States: A Biographical Directory, 1825-1850, 5 vols. Gerhard Naeseth.
R929.308939 NAE

The author attempted to provide the immigrant's full name, full names of both parents, full date and place of birth, occupation, place of settlement in America, date of death and place of burial. Where appropriate, he has added the basic information about the marriage, and full names and dates for all the children. Source information is provided.. In addition to persons recorded on passenger lists, he has included others who have been said in one source or another to have emigrated.

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book to add to our collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or if you have one to donate, please contact Sarah Fleming at sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net or 425-957-1134.

EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – JULY 2, 2009**Present:**

Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Ed Schultz, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Norb Ziegler, Past President; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership Chair; and Margery Perdue, SIGs Chair.

Discussion:

Open positions continue for Education chair – others are willing to help, Library co-chair to handle scheduling of volunteers and their substitutes (can be done by phone), Publicity assistant/co-chair, and Program note taker (summarizing speakers for the newsletter).

Memorial Fund: Future issues of the Bulletin will advise members how to submit donations if unable to attend meetings.

Reports:

2009-2010 Budget: Bob Barnes presented a proposed budget and received input from board members. He will revise and send to board members electronically. Discussion followed on costs associated with new member packets and new EGS flyers, expected to cost up to several hundred dollars, resulting in a slight budget deficit for 2009-2010. A motion was approved to provide new member packets to all members who have joined EGS beginning in June 2008. In recognition that members who joined prior to June 2008 have expressed interest in getting the packet, a motion was approved to furnish the packets at the copying cost – expected to be between \$1 and \$2.

EGS is frequently running deficit budgets due to relatively high printing and postage costs for the newsletter. The membership is to be encouraged to subscribe electronically rather than by regular mail.

Membership: Dorothy Mehrer reported 271 memberships, 277 members, which include other genealogical societies. An updated list of societies with which we exchange newsletters is needed.

Programs: Judy Meredith reported future programs. For July – Barbara Zanzig on Scottish research; August – David Brazier of Fiske Library on Worldcat; September – Ed Schultz on printing books through your computer. Suggestions for a November Saturday daytime ‘show & share’ meeting were offered, including an ‘antiques roadshow’ theme with hired appraisers.

Treasurer’s Report: Ed Schultz has been unable to locate the EGS Treasurer’s rubber stamp. The board approved a motion for Ed to purchase a new stamp if the old one does not turn up.

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

REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES AWARD

The Redmond Historical Society is the recipient of the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. This initiative was begun three years ago to support the Country’s libraries and museums in caring for their collections. When the final installment of the Bookshelf program was announced this year, John Phillips of the Redmond Historical Society applied and in July RHS was included in this award made to 907 institutions.

The Bookshelf consists of 17 publications that provide the basic knowledge and techniques needed to collect and preserve our many artifacts, documents, and photographs. Donations to RHS’ library and museum are increasing and the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf will be an immense help in achieving its goals for preservation. RHS is grateful to IMLS for this valuable award of books and skills.

WEBSITE FOR FINDING COUNTY

EGS member Kay Wilson shares the following website. She says it is a good one to use to find the county name when you know the city and state. You can find the website at <http://stuff.mit.edu/cgi/geo>

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS

1. **Which genealogy software program is best for you?** What are the features on the new versions of Family Tree Maker 2010, Legacy 7, Roots Magic 4, and The Master Genealogist 7? Have these questions answered when the Computer Interest Group and the Bellevue Regional Library present programs on **Saturdays November 7 and December 5**, from **1:00 -3:30 PM** in **Room 1** of the **Bellevue Regional Library**. Legacy 7 and Family Tree Maker 2010 will be demonstrated in November, and Roots Magic 4 and The Master Genealogist 7 will be the program in December, so mark your calendars now!
2. Seattle Genealogical Society presents an Oral History Seminar. The fall seminar, *Sharing Generations: Past and Future*, features topics for both the beginning and experienced family researcher. The seminar will be held **Saturday, October 17**, from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** at the **Sand Point Education Center** (6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle). Speakers will present information about capturing memories using today's technology to help record family oral history. The seminar offers two all day specialty workshops or four information sessions. The all day workshops feature the Grandparent and Grandchild Oral History Workshop to assist a Grandparent and Grandchild (8-16yrs) pair in recording family stories; or a Beginning Family Researcher Workshop with tools and techniques for data collection, organization and researching family history. If you want more variety, the information sessions start with an opening Session on Oral History from John C. Hughes, Chief Oral Historian for the Washington State Legacy Project, followed by three hour long sessions. Choose from: Tips for Making a Family Interview Better, Making a Video Biography, Finding Oral Histories Online, Secrets of Self Publishing, Preserving Photo Heirlooms, Bring Your Family History To Life, Digital Storytelling To Enrich Family History, Connecting With Cousins on the Internet, or Security of Your Genealogy Files. For more information about the seminar topics or speakers please consult the SGS website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/ . For a registration brochure, contact the SGS at (206) 522-8658 or email sgsseminar@gmail.com.
3. **The Washington State Genealogical Conference** is coming. The dates are **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 11 to 13th, 2009** in **Spokane, Washington**. There is still time to sign up and plan to go!! Megan Smolenyak will be the featured speaker, and the event is being hosted by the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, and will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. This is a one day seminar with four tracks and two special lectures by Megan Smolenyak. Also available will be a special dinner with Megan Friday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Check out the conference brochure and Saturday schedule at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/>.
4. **Digging For Your Ancestors Using Google**, a one day seminar sponsored by Heritage Quest Research Library on **Saturday, October 10, 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM**. Join national best-selling author of the book *Google Your Family Tree*, Daniel M. Lynch, as he demonstrates the tools in Google. The seminar will be held at the **Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union, Tacoma, WA**. For a brochure and registration information, see <http://www.hqrl.com/AQ09brochure3.pdf>
5. It's time to mark your calendars for **Family History Expo 2009!** The date is **Saturday, November 14, 2009**, at the **Redmond Stake Center Building of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10115 172nd Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052**. A fabulous day of free genealogy classes on a variety of subjects will be taught by experienced local genealogists. Registration and check-in will be from 8:00-9:00 AM, Welcome and a keynote address will be from 9:00-10:00 AM, and classes will start at 10:00 AM and run all day until 4:30 PM. Bring your own lunch, or order a sack lunch at our online registration site. More details and our registration web address will follow in September. Get the latest details by contacting the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.
6. **Nearby History Workshop, Saturday, November 14, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**. Everyone has a history interest – what's yours? Join the Museum of History & Industry for a day-long Nearby History workshop that introduces the skills and resources needed to manage your own historical research project. Taught by MOHAI historian Lorraine McConaghy, this award-winning program will introduce three case studies in personal history that provide a framework for conducting a successful history project from start to finish, tailored to your own particular interest. Learn how to research your home, neighborhood, family or personal collection and more. Registration through www.brownpapertickets.com (800-838-3006). \$45 MOHAI members, \$55 for non members, \$5 day-of fee. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Questions? Contact lorraine.mcconaghy@seattlehistory.org or phone 206/324/1685 x23.
7. History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our Fall meeting! The **Redmond Historical Society** will meet on **Saturday, September 12, 2009, 10:30 AM to Noon**, at **The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA**. (continued next page)

The proposed revision of the RHS By-laws will be discussed and voted on, and mystery photos will be presented for identification. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, *Redmond Reflections*, are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

8. On **Saturday, September 12**, the Issaquah History Museums will hold the sixth annual **Hometown Issaquah Reunion** at the **Issaquah Depot (50 Rainier Boulevard N) from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM**. As in years past, the event will provide an opportunity for longtime residents, former residents, and pioneer descendants to meet and socialize. The reunion will also offer workshops designed to help you reveal and preserve your own personal history. Workshops will address memoir-writing, basic genealogy, and preservation of photos and heirlooms (longer description follows). There is a nominal fee for the workshops, but the Coffee & Conversation portion of the event is free. Guests are welcome to drop in at the Depot any time between 11:15 AM and 12:45 PM for Coffee & Conversation. The Hometown Issaquah Reunion, first held in 2004, provides a time and place for people to share family stories and memories of Issaquah. Each year guests have an opportunity to look through many images in the Issaquah History Museums' photo collection, and to help identify people and places. We also provide access to our Issaquah Family Tree, and guests are encouraged to add information or make corrections where needed. Coffee and refreshments are available. This event is open to the public. If you are new to the area, the Hometown Issaquah Reunion is a great way to learn more about your home. Please call (425) 392-3500 or e-mail info@issaquahhistory.org for registration information; registration forms can also be downloaded on our web site at www.issaquahhistory.org/hometown. We also need volunteers to help record photo and family information, as well as memories of Issaquah. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping. Workshop Details (more information on website above): **Writing Your Memories, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, Issaquah Depot, Finding Your Family, 1:00-2:30 PM, Issaquah Depot, Preserving Photos and Heirlooms, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Issaquah Depot.**

TOMBSTONES CAN'T BE PUT BACK

Trustees at the historic Nave Cemetery in Springfield Township, Ohio recently moved all the headstones. Trustee Mike Keith said the headstones were moved to the front of the cemetery, away from graves, to make lawn maintenance easier.

The same thing was also done in the past at the Rudy Road Cemetery, also called Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

The Ohio Genealogical Society is upset and is protesting.

Last week, genealogy volunteer Missy Derrenberger received a call from an angry woman who wanted to visit a loved one's grave, but could no longer find it. The stones now lay flat, side-by-side, in a couple of rows at the entrance to the small cemetery.

The Nave Cemetery, also called the Millsboro Cemetery, contains the remains of 52 people, dating from 1821 to 1957. At least two veterans are buried there, including a soldier from the Revolutionary War and one from the Civil War. The most recent burial was of Mary Nave, who was born in 1865 and died in 1957.



You can read more at <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20090820/NEWS01/908200323/1002/Springfield-trustee--Tombstones-can-t-be-put-back>. (Submitted by Marty Gale. 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>.)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's Volunteer Spotlight is shining on Sarah Fleming, an EGS member since 1991. Sarah has contributed to our organization in many different ways over the years. In the mid to late 90s, Sarah served two years as EGS Secretary, and an additional two years as EGS Vice President and Program Chair. She has been a member of the Book Acquisition Committee since 1994, and has served as chairperson of that group since 2002. She has also been the featured speaker at several of our Thursday evening programs over the years. Sarah has been active in genealogical organizations since 1971, when genealogical research was still done the old fashioned way – accessing hard copies and reeling through microfilm.

Through Sarah's contributions and leadership, EGS has contributed over one thousand books to the Bellevue Library Genealogical Collection. With the support of the Bellevue Library staff, which also buys books for the collection, the Book Acquisition Committee has been the leading force in building the Bellevue Library Genealogical collection from a marginal collection of perhaps only 20 to 25 books in the mid-90s, to the high quality and balanced collection that it is today. Sarah loves books (and has quite a home library of her own), and enjoys her work on this committee of like-minded, fun people.



Sarah's featured presentations to our organization have always been well-researched, interesting and very informative. Most recently, at our June meeting, she presented "Indirect Evidence—A Case Study" which documented how she was able to determine the parents of one of her great-great grandfathers, despite the fact that the records had been destroyed in two courthouse fires in Graves Co., Kentucky. This research has been published in the March 2009 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly. She also has made two presentations regarding newspaper research – the first before on-line access was available and a later presentation featuring Internet tools. Her presentation regarding researching tax records was the topic of another featured EGS program.

As far as her own research is concerned, Sarah grew up in Kentucky and Tennessee. She didn't become interested in genealogy until she moved to Maryland. As Sarah says, it was impractical to go home weekends, and she felt "Rootless in Maryland." A friend introduced her to a genealogy adult education course, and she was off and running. Her Maryland home was close to Washington D.C. so she could take advantage of the National Archives and other government resources, and often spent Sunday afternoons at the National Archives Library. She joined her first genealogical organization in 1971 - the Prince George's Co., Maryland Genealogical Society.

Her genealogical research is particularly challenging in that all of her family immigrated to the U.S. before the 19th century, when U.S. record keeping was spotty at best, and many of the records have since been destroyed. Her current focus is on her two main lines – Fleming and Williams, and she has now turned to using DNA to further her research. She has had an exciting discovery recently in that a male cousin has matched all 64 DNA markers to a Williams male living in Georgia, who is not currently part of her family tree. So now the challenge is to figure out exactly how they're related. Perhaps Sarah will be motivated to share her findings at one of our meetings.

Sarah has taken a number of educational courses to develop her research skills over the years, including the University of Washington's Genealogy and Family History Certificate Program, which requires weekly class sessions over three academic quarters. This particular course emphasized the importance of focusing your research. She enjoyed the opportunity to use the UW academic library as part of this course. Sarah also completed a genealogical research course at the National Archives in D.C., and the week-long Advanced Genealogical Research Course at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama, taught by the well-known genealogy educator and author, Elizabeth Shown Mills.

So if you know Sarah at all, and were wondering how she seems to be so knowledgeable in so many areas of genealogical research, you now know the "rest of the story."

Thank you, Sarah, for all that you have contributed to the Eastside Genealogical Society over the years. *(Submitted by Norb Ziegler, EGS member and Past President)*

LA BELLA ITALIA 2009 BY MARY DEMATTEO SANGALANG

After 20 years of genealogy, I finally had the opportunity to visit the land and towns of my ancestors! Since my son Paul was to study 8 weeks in Florence, Italy, it was a great reason for me to fly over at the end of his term to meet him and spend two more weeks in Italy. First, we had a few days in Florence so that he could show me “his town.” We went to the major art museums and sites including the Academia (the David), the Uffizi Galleries (Botticelli’s Birth of Venus and Three Graces) and the Baptistery (did anyone see the traveling panels of Ghiberti’s Gates of Paradise that grace the doors of the Baptistery when they came to the Seattle Art Museum a couple of years ago?). Of course we saw the Duomo (Cathedral), Ponte Vecchio (old bridge full of shops), the Pitti Palace with Bernini sculptures and de Medici apartments too. Believe it or not, there was still much more to see in Florence!

We took one day to visit the Florence American Cemetery, maintained by the U.S. Battle Monuments Commission, to see the tablets of the missing where my father’s first cousin, Anthony Carpentier (really Carpentieri) was listed as he was shot down in WWI over Ploesti, Romania and his body never found. It was interesting talking with Joe (from Pittsburgh who has lived in Florence for 35 years), the cemetery clerk, as he gave us a history of Anthony’s unit. We left a photo of Anthony in uniform and information on his unit in a book Joe keeps with mementos from family visitors. I asked if Anthony was shot down over Romania why was his name inscribed in Florence. Joe said there really is no set reason as to what cemetery soldiers are interred. He knew of two men from the same unit who died together in battle, but one was buried in Florence and the other in another town. So check with <http://www.abmc.gov> to search for your ancestor and find the cemetery if he was buried overseas.

We left Florence to spend a week in Abruzzo on the coastal town of Pescara where we two Americans were the rarity. I’d hired Piera Badia, an Italian genealogist and English teacher, to help me trace my paternal grandfather, Donato DiMatteo. He was born in 1896 in Manoppello but the LDS records went from 1860 back so I needed to make that 36 year gap. Piera and her husband Leonardo drove us to Manoppello to meet my father’s first cousins! I was really fortunate to have Piera to translate as we were able to get much information on the family and names and vital statistics on the current family members still living in the town. Piera, an Italian native, even found it a bit difficult to understand the relatives as they speak an Abruzzese dialect! We were invited back another day and managed to meet about 18 DiMatteo family members. They were happy to hear from us too, as they hadn’t had contact with the U.S. DeMatteo family in 40 or 50 years!

We did spend another day at the stato civile (courthouse) in Torino di Sangro, the home of my paternal great-grandmother Rosa Maria Ciochi and Giuseppe Cannone. The town clerk read us the birth certificate of the youngest of my father’s uncles but wouldn’t let us photo it or make a copy! Unfortunately, we were unable to find current relatives living in that town but we sure had fun talking to the locals trying to ascertain their whereabouts!

We finished our trip by taking the train from Pescara to Rome which revealed many tent encampments in Abruzzo for those who lost their homes in the 6.8 earthquake on April 6th which killed around 300 people. The Italian government is putting the homeless up in tents or beach cabanas and is waiting until 3 months after the last earthquake to rebuild. There have been hundreds of aftershocks and even a 4.0 quake in Abruzzo the week we were there in late July. The town of L’Aquila, where the earthquake was centered is still closed to all and the over 100,000 inhabitants are displaced. Should you wish to contribute to the earthquake relief fund, there are several organizations collecting funds and working with the Italian government to ensure support for the victims:

https://www.osia.org/secure/sif_donation_form.asp and https://www.niaf.org/relief/Relief_info.asp or the Red Cross http://www.cri.it/code_new/index.php?website=631_cri_AbruzzoEarthquake.

For those researching Abruzzo, I recommend Piera Badia as a researcher. *(continued next page)*



You can contact her through her website www.abruzzo2000.com where there is a form to complete for a quote on genealogical research. Piera also recommends Giuseppe Desimone, joeusa@tin.it, who researches the Naples archives covering the Kingdom of Sicily including a census of Naples and the South. Both Piera and Giuseppe speak English.

Our trip finished with three days in Rome and a lifetime of memories. Now I need to work on my Italian language skills and asked the young cousins to work on their English so that they can come visit us someday. I will be copying family photos to send to the relatives and plan to keep in touch. Maybe, I can convince my U.S. cousins and brother to visit the homeland with me next time!

Ciao, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang

Chair, Italian Interest Group, Past President, Eastside Genealogical Society, President, Bellevue Lodge Sons of Italy

FINDING MARRIED NAMES BY JULIANA SMITH

We've talked about finding maiden names for the women in our families (in past articles). However discovering the married names of women who suddenly disappear from family records is every bit as challenging. As she marries and moves away from the family, a woman's identity is disguised under husband's surname. If she was married more than once, the puzzle is all the more complicated. And by the way, it's sometimes easy to forget that older generations of widowed and divorced women did marry more than once. Don't give up hope. There are some surprisingly good places where you can find married names.

Home sources. If you're working with relatively recent generations, ask family members what they know. Pore over old correspondence, photographs, or other memorabilia for clues. Overlooked clues can sometimes jump off the pages of old family address books.

Sponsors, witnesses, and family associates. Just as in the search for maiden names, check out those names that keep popping up in records as witnesses, sponsors, neighbors, and business associates. Ethnic communities were often close-knit groups, full of extended family. In some cases you may find multiple siblings marrying into the same family. Also look at the names of informants on the death records of other family members. You may find that the woman you're seeking provided the information for the death record.

Court records. Be sure to seek out probate records on all family members, especially probate records that include the names and relationships of living and dead family members, including married names of female siblings or offspring.

Newspapers. Traditionally, obituaries are the richest source of biographical information in any newspaper. Don't forget to search for all family members. They can be one of the best ways of finding those elusive married names of female relatives. While the obituary section is naturally the first place a family historian searches, other sections of the newspaper - especially old newspapers - can yield some surprising details. Engagements and marriage announcements were important popular features in hometown papers, and you will find them to be great places to find for maiden names and married names. Social pages often recount the comings and goings of visiting family members and are a wonderful source for married names.

Use technology. These days, we have some powerful tools at our disposal in the form of searchable electronic databases. Try searching, using just a given name, and then include information like place of birth and birth date, relationship (wife), race, residence, and any other fields available for that particular database in order to narrow your search to a few candidates. Then do a little digging on those that closely match what you know and see if you can find a connection.

Do thorough census searches. Seek the census records for all family members and don't forget to search forward. Sometimes we find the siblings or parents of our ancestors in census records and continue backward, without remembering to search forward too. You may find a widowed sister living with a brother or moving back in with parents later in life. Beginning in 1880, U.S. Censuses will list the relationship to the head of household and are a huge help in locating women who moved in with family under their maiden names. (*From Ancestry.com, March 6, 2009*)

EGS SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, September 3, 10:00 AM—Noon at the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6 . Note change of meeting location for this month only.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library . Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group is taking the summer off for vacations and research trips. We will convene again in October. Date TBD. (Contact John Howell, jhowell54@comcast.net or 206-817-7516)
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	". . .30 degrees NW 40 perches to a stand of trees, thence back to the beginning." If this doesn't make sense to you, join us on Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads to hear Barbara Raemer tell us how to understand metes and bounds, a system of land measurement used in the 13 colonies and other early states. (Margery Perdue, m.perdue@comcast.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next Czech Interest Group Meeting is Saturday, September 5, 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland . See website for more information http://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 Int. Group will meet on Friday, September 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall . We'll talk about our "finds" and questions and our plans for this next year. Everyone should bring their completed Surname Lists. Visitors are always welcome to attend! (Contact: Ann Passé 206 232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Irish and Scots-Irish Group will meet on September 2 in the Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall , when we will focus on research in Galway and new resources available for Irish/Scots-Irish research. (Contact Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com for information about the next meeting)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	We will meet in September on September 19, 1:30-3:30 PM at Bellevue Regional Library, Conference Room #3 . "Abruzzo, finding my DiMatteo relatives at last!" Mary DeMatteo Sangalang will recap her recent trip to Abruzzo, Italy where she connected with relatives that hadn't heard from the U.S. branch in 40 years! NOTE: this is a different location as the Lake Hills Library was already booked. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Legacy Interest Group will meet Wednesday, September 2 , from 12:30 – 2:30 PM in the Community Room in Crossroads Mall . Knowing that you've all been diligently searching on your research trips this summer and now need to synch the data in the Family File on your laptop with the Family File on your PC, I'll explain how do that! (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College . Please see the website for more information eastsidedig.spaces.live.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	Call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078 for meeting information.

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350	National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999 206-336-5115	Fiske Genealogical Library 1644 43rd Ave E/ Seattle, WA 98122 206-328-2716
FHC - Redmond 10115 172nd Ave. NE Redmond, WA 425-861-9273	Newport Way Library 14520 SE Newport Way Bellevue WA 425-747-2390	North Bend Library 115 East Fourth St North Bend, WA 425-888-0554	Redmond Regional Library 15990 NE 85th St Redmond, WA 425-885-1861
Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100 Bellevue, WA 98007	Seattle Public Library 1000 Fourth Ave Seattle, WA 206-386-4636	Snoqualmie Public Library 38580 SE River Street Snoqualmie, WA 425-888-1223	Fire Station #22 6602 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Could you donate a few hours a week (or a month) to the Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment-type jobs.

- **Research Assistants**— We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair.
- **Education Chair**—To coordinate classes and educational opportunities.

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



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS – SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES, TIPS AND STORIES



Did you take a genealogical research trip this summer? Have you made a recent exciting family history discovery? Do you have a great tip or research strategy that works well? Have an idea for a family history-related story?

If you can answer “Yes” to any of the above questions, please keep the EGS newsletter in mind and write up an article to share your experiences and knowledge with other EGS members. We are always looking for articles, tips, stories, jokes, and more for the newsletter.

Any submissions can be emailed to kimberly@dormik.com or mailed to Kimberly Nichols, 12422 219th Place SE, Snohomish, WA 98296.

Thank you in advance!

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

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PURPOSE:

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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. A get acquainted and ask questions session is open at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP:

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

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE:

The *Bulletin Board* is published each month, except December. Submission of news and articles to the *Bulletin Board* must be in writing and received **by the 15th of each month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please call Kim Nichols at 360-668-3937 to make special arrangements. Please mail submissions to: Kim Nichols, 12422 219th Place SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or e-mail to: kimberly@dormik.com

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