

EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN BOARD

Please Note: Meeting Location

MAY EGS ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: **Redmond Library**
Topic: *Using Timelines and Chronologies*
Speaker: Janet O’Conor Camarata

Janet, as a genealogist, has researched her own family history for almost 20 years. Many of her ancestors were farmers on the move, originating in Virginia and Pennsylvania, moving west through Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and on into California and Washington State. She now spends her time moving eastward discovering where they came from, why they moved and what they experienced. Janet is active in genealogy societies in both western and central Washington, volunteering in a variety of ways – secretary, newsletter writer, program, educator and seminar presenter. She is a graduate of the University of Washington Genealogy and Family History program in 2010. Janet retired from The Boeing Company in computing data management. She also taught within The Boeing Company and at the University of Phoenix. As a result, she tells her family’s stories and incorporates genealogical facts using all the benefits of history and the tools of computing.

About the Program: Genealogists use a variety of methods to better understand their ancestors. One method is the use of timelines and/or chronologies to summarize a person’s life, demonstrate how lives interconnect, point out problems and areas for further research, and help in writing a memoir, family history or obituary. The presentation is an example of the method applied to the Farthing-Fallis family of Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

JUNE EGS MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013
Time: Welcome New Members 6:30 PM
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM
Location: **Redmond Library**
Topic: *Non-Population Census Schedules*
Speaker: Sarah Fleming

Sarah is EGS Book Acquisition Committee chair and EGS Program chair. She has been a genealogist for 40 years.

About the Program: Non-population censuses include Agriculture; Mortality; Defective, Dependent, Delinquent Classes; Industry and Manufacturing; Social Statistics; Veterans. The term “non-population” is somewhat misleading because it implies that the information is not personal or genealogically important. Not true. These schedules include names of individuals and information not found in other records.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, I read an interview with Documentarian, Ken Burns. He said that he considers himself a preservationist. His definition of a preservationist is "someone who knows you can't possibly have a future unless you have a past." I thought this was a good definition of what it is to be a good family researcher and historian. A family is made richer by knowing their past and knowing how all their ancestors contributed to bring them to where they are today.

To be a good preservationist and historian, one has to make sure that what they are writing down for future generations to read and know is the truth – all of it, good and not so good. This is just a reminder that when you take your research trips this summer that you take care not to jump to conclusions and connect people who shouldn't be and, that you don't ignore hard truths like prisoners and drunkards.

I'm off to the NGS convention in Las Vegas so I won't be at the May meeting. This is my first NGS convention and I'm really looking forward to it. I will be back for the June meeting though. See you all then.

Carol Pattison, EGS President

INTERESTING LINKS

Here are some interesting genealogical links for you to explore:

- ◆ Family History Daily. Family History Daily is bringing together family historians from many backgrounds to showcase genealogical stories, research, help and resources on a wide range of topics. <http://familyhistorydaily.com/>
- ◆ Marriage Records Checklist. Your ancestors' weddings generated all kinds of records. Here are 12 types of marriage records to look for. http://familytreemagazine.com/article/Marriage-Records-Checklist?et_mid=603222&rid=2711020
- ◆ My Genealogy Hound. My Genealogy Hound is your completely free site to view thousands of family biographies from early and rare history and genealogy references. These biographies can often be valuable for discovering details about ancestors in your family tree research. <http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/index.html>
- ◆ Reuniting Orphan Photos with Family. Have you ever walked into an antique store and found a photo with a name on it? This is known as an orphan photo. At some point in its photographic lifespan, it became separated from its family. Photos are rarely mentioned in probate records, their inheritance often a matter of serendipity. When family members die and no one steps forward to claim pictures, they end up in tag sales, antique shops and on eBay. The next time you see one of these pictures, consider purchasing it. Using your genealogical research skills, you might be able to reunite it with family members that "lost" a piece of the past. They'll be glad you found it. This link will help you with reuniting the photo. <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/photodetectiveblog/2013/02/04/ReunitingOrphanPhotosWithFamily.aspx>

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 your 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 on the 1st and 5th Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

EGS BOARD MEETING – SUMMARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013**SUMMARY, February 2013**

Present: Carol Pattison, President; Kay Wilson, Treasurer; Vicky Quackenbush, Secretary; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions; Winnie Sihon, Library; Judy Meredith, Past President; Sharron Filer, Trustee

Treasurer: Kay Wilson is developing a new check request form.

Education: Judy Meredith subbed for Bob Barnes' TELOS class on Monday at BCC.

Membership: Clip on holders for nametags will be provided for those who dislike pins. Motion made to transfer \$75.00 from Program budget item to Membership to cover the cost. Motion passed to transfer \$100 from "New Member Packet" budget item to "EGS Informational Flyer" item.

Programs: February "Brick Walls" led by Sarah Fleming, March "DNA" prepared by Bob Barnes and Kay Wilson. April "Civil War Research" by Eric Stroschein, May "Using Timelines and Chronologies" by Janet Camarata, and June "Using Non-population Census" by Sarah Fleming.

New Business: Carol Pattison to take up collection for Cyndi's List legal expenses at next general meeting, ask for volunteers to do mailings, collect probate indexing materials from Melissa Claussen.

SUMMARY, March 2013

Present: Carol Pattison, President; Judy Meredith, Acting Secretary; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisition; Sharron Filer, Trustee

Treasurer: Kay Wilson reported \$83.00 collected so far for Cyndislist.

Book Committee: Sarah Fleming reported they met February 2 and have spent most of their budget. A motion passed to donate a book to the Redmond Library in appreciation of their assistance as our temporary meeting place, up to \$50, and to come from their wish list.

Education: Bob Barnes met with Darcy, our library liaison, who suggested a series of classes held over a weekend, including how to use the library's databases. A class for the reference librarians was also suggested.

Library: Winnie Sihon said we now need someone for the 5th Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00.

Program: Volunteers wanted to write program summaries for the Bulletin.

March General Meeting: Location moved to Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers will be stationed to guide people to the meeting room.

Outreach: Pickering Barn Volunteer and Hobby Fair will be held May 4. Volunteers needed.

By-laws and Standing Rules: Board members to read By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to review at the next meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

► Joyce PRALEY-FREDERICK researching FRANZ, FORTMILLER, PRALEY, DIEPOLD and POSERINA in Bavaria, Bohemia (Czech Republic).

► Robert STINOGEL researching STINOGEL, STEUERNAGEL, WALL, JOHNSON, and MOHLOR in Germany and England.

AMERICA'S OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES DATABASE

America's Obituaries & Death Notices database will be removed from the King County Library System effective 30 May 2013. The official word is that the cost of \$33,000 per year is not justified by the usage. Make good use of it while you still can. *(Submitted by Sarah Fleming)*

ROOTSTECH VIDEOS

RootsTech is a conference with a unique emphasis on helping individuals learn and use the latest technology to get started or accelerate their efforts to find, organize, preserve and share their family's connections and history. It was held in March, 2013.

In case you missed it, RootsTech 2013 videos are at <http://www.rootstech.org/>. If you want to download the syllabus, it is at <http://www.rootstech.org/downloads> or you can obtain the syllabus for an individual session by going to the detailed listing for that session & click on the link.

In addition to the videos for RootsTech 2013, the videos for RootTech 2012 can be found at: <http://www.rootstech.org/videos> *(Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity)*

SPELLING SUBSTITUTION TABLES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Two kinds of spelling errors are found in records and indexes. One kind of error is made when the transcriber or indexer misreads the original or mistypes the index entry. The other kind of error is made when the creator of the records misspells the name in the original record. For a table of common misread letters as well as a table of phonetic substitutes, visit the FamilySearch page:

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Spelling_Substitution_Tables_for_the_United_States_and_Canada.

(Submitted by Kim Nichols, EGS newsletter)

LIBRARY WEBSITES IN THE UNITED STATES



Not sure where to find libraries located where your ancestor lived? Try the website Libcat: A Guide to Library Resources on the Internet — Libraries in the United States located at <http://www.librarysites.info/>

Libcat offers quick and easy access to library websites in the United States. Select a state from the map or list of states to see academic, government, public, and special libraries in that state. Increasingly Internet libraries use the World Wide Web to make local and remote files, collections, and databases available and you may have some luck pursuing this line of research. *(Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity)*

LIBRARY RESEARCH HELP NEEDED

More Library research help will be needed for Tuesday nights 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Bellevue Regional Library once the Parking Garage is completed. Please contact Winnie Sihon at wsihon@comcast.net or 425-793 5424 if you would like to join the team.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

DAR Cascade Chapter Meeting Schedule:

Cascade Chapter DAR will have their last meeting before our summer break:

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 - evening 6:00pm

Program: Fiske Library and DAR Research

Speaker: Gary Zimmerman, President Fiske Library

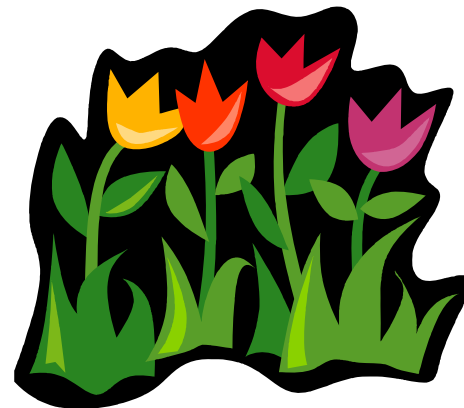
Contact Lanabeth Horgen for more information at lanabeth_h@yahoo.com

The Annie Pulliam Chapter DAR meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM at the Mt. Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave. S., North Bend, WA. Genealogy help is available after every meeting.

May 11, 2013 - Program: Washington State Regent, Janelle Braithwait

June 8, 2013 - Picnic Social - location to be determined

Prospective members, friends and well mannered children are always welcome at our meetings. Please join us! For more information, contact Katey Purgatorio at anniepulliamdar@gmail.com.



The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, May 11, 2013, 10:30 AM to noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Dick Blumenthal will be discussing the history of maritime exploration in Puget Sound country, from early Spanish voyages to George Vancouver, Charles Wilkes, later Admiralty voyages, and the U. S. Coast Surveys. He will highlight some of our better known place names, along with history behind the names. Dick began his interest in boating at age five on Lake Washington. As he became interested in local maritime history, and investigated the journals of the early explorers, he eventually wrote three books on inland Washington waters. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Visit our website at redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

Old Redmond Historic Walking Tours 2013 — The Redmond Historical Society is pleased to announce the 10th anniversary of Old Redmond Historic Walking Tours. The tours will be held May 19, and June 16, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, and the haunted history tour on September 15 will be held in the evening. Historian Tom Hitzroth is the man with the stories, gossip, and names that make the early history of Redmond so interesting.

Tours begin on the front steps of the Justice White House, 7730 Leary Way NE, at the west end of Redmond Town Center where the Saturday Market is held. The fee is \$10 per person. This benefits the Redmond Historical Society and is payable by credit card on our website, or you can mail a check to the office at 16600 NE 80 Street, Room 106, Redmond, WA 98052. Registration is required by the Friday before the tour.

Tours include a significant amount of walking and standing, with limited opportunity for resting. We recommend comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. A tour will not be held if it rains.

If you have any questions, please call the Redmond Historical Society office at 425-885-2919, or email at info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. Check out our website at www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

Seattle Genealogical Society Spring Seminar — Join us on Saturday, May 18th for the SGS 2013 Spring Seminar, featuring Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist and/or our special Advanced Seminar on Sunday, May 19th.

The theme of Seattle Genealogical Society 2013 Spring Seminar is understanding the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Without understanding the context in which events took place and records were created, we miss so much of both the significance and the flavor of what happened. Judy Russell is a genealogist with a law degree, helping folks understand legal concepts and terminology. For registration and more information, including location and costs for both seminars, see <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars>

WWW.GENEALOGYTRAILS.COM BY CYNTHIA THEUSCH

Genealogy Trails (www.GenealogyTrails.com) is a web site that offers free access to genealogical and historical data files and record transcripts for all over the United States. It was created in March 2000 by the Genealogy Trails History Group, an independent organization of volunteers initially dedicated to gathering information specifically for the state of Illinois. Six years later, Genealogy Trails has added materials for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

On the Genealogy Trails opening page, you will find categories such as African American Data, Chuckwagon Recipes, Events, Historical Data, Maps, Military Data, Native American Data, Slavery Data, State Data, Newspaper Gleanings, People, Presidents and Research Aids. There also are options for submitting an obituary or searching the site. On the left side of the page is a list of links to resources by state.

Each state page includes a brief state history, state facts and links to county pages, plus other content that varies by state. The Indiana Trails web page (<http://GenealogyTrails.com/Ind/>) has a link for Indiana trivia. Did you know that the courthouse roof in Greensburg, Indiana has a tree growing from it? Or that the main station of the Underground Railroad was in Fountain County, Indiana?

County pages include a list of townships, villages and cities within their boundaries and links to the pages of neighboring counties. Content subject headings that may be found on all county pages are biographies, birth records, cemeteries, census, church history/records, county history, death records, family histories/records, land records, marriages, military, miscellaneous data, newspaper data, obituaries, schools and wills/probate records. How much information, if any, is beneath each of these headings varies greatly from one locality to the next. Some counties with an active site host may have additional material besides what is listed just above, such as other county records and photographs.



For example, in Community News under Newspaper Gleanings on the Stark County, Ohio, page is an article transcription with the multi-deck headline, “Mrs. Royer Tells of Old Days. Changes In Massillon Since She Became a Resident. Her Home on Post Office Site. She Came to the United States From Belgium in 1852 – It Took Forty-Seven Days to Cross the Atlantic – Came Down From Cleveland by Canal Boat.” The article itself begins, “Mrs. Mary Royer, now 74 years of age, ... tells of the improvements made in Massillon since she became a resident here in 1859,” and is transcribed in full on the site.

Sites like www.GenealogyTrails.com rely on volunteers to contribute content. When you visit the GenealogyTrails county and state pages for the localities where your ancestors lived, consider adding information. You might transcribe obituaries or other records from your files, or while reviewing microfilm or county books, create an index of names that can be submitted. These pieces are not the complete story, but each one may help someone who is researching that family. (*From Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 109, March 31, 2013*)

HISTORY OF MILITARY PENSION LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES

For those with questions about United States military pensions, this out-of-copyright reference, *History of Military Pension Legislation in the United States*, may be of help. <http://books.google.com/books?id=p6FDAAAIAAJ>
(Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity)

BLOG: USING PHOTOGRAPHS IN YOUR RESEARCH

A topic on the blog, <http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=1136>, concerns the use of photographs in genealogical research. If you have old photos with subjects you cannot identify, or whose time period confuses you, be sure to read today's feature article from Carolyn Barkley, who no doubt will incorporate some techniques she picked up at the recent RootsTech 2013 conference. (*From Genealogy Pointers, April 9, 2013*)

THE COWANS –LIFE & DEATH ON THE FRONTIER BY BILL DILLON

My Cowan ancestors before great-great grandmother Rebecca Cowan, wife of Furney Jones, are not found in family stories or records. Rebecca was born November 12, 1806. Census reports from 1850 and later indicate that Rebecca, and both her parents, were born in Virginia. This would place the parents and grandparents there probably by 1765-85, before and during the Revolutionary War. Naming traditions followed by Furney, Rebecca and several relatives in the early 1800's point to the likelihood that her parents' names were James & Margaret Cowan. A James Cowan living in Wythe, Virginia, in 1810-20 & 30, where Furney & Rebecca were married in 1831, was probably her father. John Jones, possibly Furney's father, was also living in Wythe per the 1810 census.

A well-researched and documented story about the frontier settlement of Castle's Woods, Virginia, not far from Wythe, was written by James W. Hagy in June, 1966, in partial fulfillment of requirements for his Master of Arts degree from East Tennessee State University. The town was named after a "long hunter" named Castle who roamed the wilderness areas alone, probably dressed in buckskin moccasins and leggings, a hunting shirt of leather and a cap made of beaver or otter. With him went his hatchet, knife, shot pouch, rifle and enough provisions to last two days. After that he depended upon his rifle to supply him with food. He befriended the Indians and is reported to have bought from them a tract of land, giving them in return a butcher knife and a rusty musket. The Shawnee were to the north and the Cherokees to the south, and both tribes hunted in the area. This territory west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, including Castle's Woods, was not authorized for settlement according to the proclamation of 1763 by King James III, no longer worried about the French and hoping to pacify the Indians.

This story features several Cowan brothers whose family, along with a family named Porter, arrived in Pennsylvania from County Down in Northern Ireland in about 1726. According to this account, several of the Cowans moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina where they met the Walkers. William Cowan married Jane Walker, Andrew Cowan married Mary Walker, Samuel Cowan married Ann Walker, Patrick Porter married Susanna Walker and Alexander Montgomery married Martha Walker. During the winter of 1769 the men went north to Castle's Woods, Virginia, built cabins and trapped. In the spring they returned to North Carolina where they gathered their families and took them to Castle's Woods. This would be in defiance of King James III proclamation, which was ignored by the frontier settlers.

The first settlers were reportedly William Cowan, John Cowan, William Snoddy and Patrick Porter. Others soon followed, including David Cowan, Andrew Cowan and Samuel Cowan. The men built a fort, probably only a fortified cabin, called Snoddy's Fort for John Snoddy, later a militia officer, who was in command. The unauthorized settlement had begun. Another fort was built on the property of David Cowan and was called Cowan's Fort. Obviously the Cowans and Walkers were numerous among the early "squatter" settlers in this area west of the Blue Mountains in Virginia. The author of "Castle's Woods" called it a "family matter."

The area attracted settlers in spite of the King's proclamation of 1763 - largely ignored before the region was authorized for settlement in 1770. Much of the land had been granted to the Loyal Land Company which held it on speculation for future sales. Some settlers were entitled to grants as a result of their service in the French & Indian War, and agitated for their rights. Finally, the Virginia Colonial Council decided on December 16, 1773, to allow such claims on land that had not been cleared. Not until after 1779 did the state legislature established a land office to handle the claims. Each settler could claim 400 acres on which to live and another 1000 acres, called a pre-emption right.

Settlers faced a nearly constant threat from the Shawnee and Cherokee Indians, who had not lived in the area but resented the settlers' intrusion on their traditional hunting grounds. The Indians would scalp or kill anyone regardless of age, sex or condition. There was an ebb and flow in the frequency and intensity of the battles with the Indians. Captain William Russell, a leader and resident of Castle's Woods and Daniel Boone were focused on securing a foothold in Kentucky. Boone had spent the years 1769-71 on one of his long hunts, when he may have met Russell. He sold his farm on the Yadkin River in North Carolina and most household goods and left for Kentucky in September, 1773.

Five other families were with the Boones. They traveled westward from Abingdon, Virginia, stopping in Castle's Woods. They were joined by members of that community including William Russell, who is credited with leading the caravan into Kentucky. The main group, which was in front, with the women, children, baggage and cattle, was led by Daniel Boone. William Russell's oldest son, Henry, and Daniel Boone's oldest son, (*continued next page*)

James were leaders of the middle group of the caravan which carried provisions of flour, farming tools and various articles including some of the Russell's books. Bringing up the rear was a group led by William Russell and Charles Gass.

The first two groups pitched camp a few miles from each other near Walden's Ridge in present Lee County, Virginia. During the night the howls of wolves (or perhaps Indians) frightened two Mendenhall boys who were unfamiliar with life on the frontier. Near daybreak Indians attacked the middle group. Henry Russell was shot through the hips and could not escape. He died slowly because the Indians ran up to him and stabbed him with their knives. He grabbed the knives until the sharp steel severely sliced his bare hands. James Boone received the same treatment; a shot through the hips and a slow agonizing death. The Indians made his pain more unbearable by pulling out his toe and finger nails. He recognized one Indian, Big Jim, and begged for his life – finally he begged for his death. Both the Mendenhall boys and a youth named Drake were killed instantly. Adam, a slave belonging to the Russell family, was able to escape and hide under a pile of driftwood from where he watched the torture. Lost for several days in the forest, he eventually returned to Castle's Woods and related the events. Another slave, Charles, was led into the forest and killed. The other white man, Isaac Crabtree, was wounded but managed to escape.

Soon after the tragedy occurred, William Russell and Charles Gass found the mutilated bodies. Arrows were still in Russell's son, and a war club lay beside him. Both Russell and Gass had planned to establish homes in Kentucky, and later return for their families. Those dreams were destroyed and they had to bury the dead. Rebecca Boone, when she learned of the death of her son, sent sheets to the scene to be used in burying him. The two eldest sons of the Boone and Russell families were wrapped together and buried in a single grave. After the burial the group held a meeting. Daniel Boone, who had sold his farm in North Carolina, wanted to go on but the others refused. He therefore accepted the invitation of David Gass to live in a cabin on his property in Castle's Woods, where he stayed until 1775 before moving to Kentucky. Most of the others returned to their homes in Castle's Woods and other communities in Virginia and North Carolina.

With the coming of the Revolutionary War Castle's Woods was in constant danger of attacks by the Indians, who generally favored the British. Few of the residents served in the colonial army, as they focused on protecting their families. They received little help from the Virginia government. In July, 1776, two men set out to warn Castle's Woods of an impending attack. One of them, John Douglas, was killed and scalped. The other reached the community with the warning. But there was no warning about another attack that came soon after Douglas was killed. Ann Cowan and her brother Samuel Walker were crossing a rye field from Cowan's Fort to Moore's Fort when a band of Cherokee attacked them. Walker was killed and Ann Cowan was taken prisoner. (She was later sold to northern Indians and taken to the Detroit area where she was kept by them for seven years.) After the raid Samuel Cowan hurried up the river to Houston's Fort to warn the people there. He planned to return to Castle's Woods the following morning, but when told the Cherokee were all around Castle's Woods and there was a great deal of screaming from the women, Cowan left immediately. The men at Houston's Fort advised him to stay but he persisted, saying he would go "if there was an Indian behind every tree." He had not gone far when gunfire was heard. When found, he had been scalped. After being carried into the Fort, he died.

Several of the men from Castle's Woods did participate in some military actions, for modest pay and to help protect their community. William Russell became a Captain in the Militia and a list for the first pay period for Dunmore's War includes David, William and Samuel Cowan. The payroll of Captain Joseph Martin's Company May 1 through June 30, 1777, at Moore's Fort includes Andrew Cowan. In 1778 the property of David Cowan in Castle's Woods was sold to Charles Bickley, and descendants of the Bickleys still owned much of the land at the time in 1966 when James Hagy wrote the story about the frontier settlement's 1769-1799 history. In the late 1790's the Indians stopped their raids and a more stable society was established. The Methodist Church, whose missionaries were very active, became a positive force. We don't know which Cowans stayed in Castle's Woods, when some of them left, or where they resettled. Because our ancestor Rebecca Cowan was born in Virginia in 1806 and married in Wythe, not far from Castle's Woods, it's possible her parents, also born in Virginia, were part of this compelling story of frontier life. Maybe her grandfather was one of the first settlers. We have no proof, but I'd like to claim all those intrepid Cowans as relatives!

By Bill Dillon, EGS member

Printed with permission and grateful thanks to James W. Hagy, author of *Castle's Woods*

TOM TRYNISKI DIGITIZES MORE NEWSPAPERS THAN THE BETTER-KNOWN WEB SITES

One computer expert working alone has built a collection of digitized historic newspapers at <http://fultonhistory.com/> that is much bigger and more popular than one created by a federal bureaucracy with millions of dollars to spend. Armed only with a few PCs and a cheap microfilm scanner, Tom Tryniski has played David to the Library of Congress' Goliath. His site presently has more than 21,790,000 old New York State historical newspaper pages. He now is also adding newspapers from other states.

Tryniski's site, which he created in his living room in upstate New York, has grown into one of the largest historic newspaper databases in the world, with 22 million newspaper pages. By contrast, the Library of Congress' historic newspaper site, Chronicling America, has 5 million newspaper pages on its site while costing taxpayers about \$3 per page. In January, visitors to [Fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com) accessed just over 6 million pages while Chronicling America pulled fewer than 3 million views.

[Fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com) really got going in 2003, when Tryniski bought a scanner that handles microfilm for \$3,500 in a fire sale. That meant he didn't need access to the original newspaper copies and he could work quickly because microfilm scanners are largely automated. Tryniski pays all expenses for the site himself. The only significant costs are bandwidth, for which he pays \$630 per month, and hard drives, which run him about \$200 per month. His primary server is located outdoors in a gazebo on his deck. Everything on his web site is available free of charge.

Tryniski is adding new content at a rate of about a quarter-million pages per month with no plans to slow down.

You can access Tom Tryniski's web site at <http://fultonhistory.com/>.



You can read more in an article by Jim Epstein at <http://goo.gl/7k6Ml>. You can also watch a video describing Tom Tryniski's efforts at <http://youtu.be/KVWDX6oaYcG>. (The previous article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, published March 5 2013, 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>.)

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 Issaquah, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15590 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

EGS MAY AND JUNE 2013 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on Thursday, May 2, 10:00 AM to Noon and again Thursday, June 6 at the home of Carol Pattison . Contact Carol at 425-228-2510 or maycreek@aol.com for address & directions.
EGS General Meeting	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, May 9 and again Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 PM at the Redmond Public Library , 15990 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA. Visitors are welcome.
Computer Interest (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	The EGS Computer SIG will meet on the Saturdays, May 25th and June 22nd . We meet at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Shopping Center in Bellevue . The meetings last 2 hours and we have a topic that is followed by time for questions and further discussion. At the May meeting, members will be sharing briefly about new software and websites they have discovered recently. The topic for the June meeting will be determined soon. After the meeting, most people have lunch. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of the SIG meetings, please send a request to egscomputersig@yahoo.com
Czech/Slovak Interest Group	The upcoming Czech Slovak meeting dates are June 22, July 20, and August 24 . All are 9:30 to Noon and at Fire Station #22 in Kirkand . Mark your calendar, June 22 Mary Kozy will give a talk on <i>Intergrating DNA Information and Genealogy</i> . 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 German Interest Group of Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, May 3, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the LDS Church, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue . Our topic will be "A Brickwall Discussion" with questions and answers from members. Visitors are always welcome. Our June 7th meeting will be at same time and location with a topic to be determined. We do not meet in in July and August. For more information watch for the meeting notice emails or contact Ann at 206-232-1104 or annp42@comcast.net
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Irish/Scots-Irish SIG will next meet Wednesday, May 1 . Our topic will be "Breaking an Irish Brick Wall." Mary Sangalang, leader of the Italian Group, chases after her Irish Ancestors. We meet at the LDS Church (host of Bellevue Family History Center) at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM . (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440 or AnnL7777@aol.com)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group will meet on Saturday, May 18 and again on Saturday, June 15 . In June, Roberto Cittadini will recap his research trip to the Marche region of Italy. We do not meet in July and August. We meet at the LDS Church, 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM . Please contact Mary for meeting information. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@msn.com)
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Legacy Interest Group will meet on Wednesday, May 1 and again on Wednesday, June 5 . In May, we will have a general Q & A on Legacy and in June our topic will be a look at the new Legacy v8. We meet at the LDS Church (host of Bellevue Family History Center) at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM . (Sherry Holthe, sherdh@centurytel.net or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	We will meet on Tuesday, May 14 with the topic: A tiny bit of a live 24 hr-a-day Norway National Broadcaster's documentary of the Hurtigruten ship Nordnorge on a 1100 mile voyage along Norway's beautiful coast will be shown. At our meeting on Tuesday, June 11 , Author Julia Anderson will speak about researching Nordic heritage, families, and how the Nordic migrant history is represented in her book, "Through Christina's Eyes." We meet from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Archive Building on the Bellevue College Campus . Please check our new website at http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or sarildson@yahoo.com)
The Unofficial TMG Discussion Group (Third Wednesday)	The Master Genealogist (TMG) Discussion Group will meet on Wednesdays, May 15, June 19, July 17, and August 21 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Community Room at the Crossroads Mall in Bellevue . Feel free to bring your lunch or purchase food from the Food Court in the mall. While our main focus is how to get the most out of The Master Genealogist, we are a casual group and also welcome questions and/or tips on genealogical research in general. For questions about the group please contact Diane Hicks at 425-641-5503 or dl.hicks@comcast.net .

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MEETINGS:

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