

# EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## BULLETIN BOARD



**Please Note:** EGS will be meeting at the Redmond Library while a construction project takes place at the Bellevue Regional Library.

### SEPTEMBER EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, September 13, 2012  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** **Redmond Library** —Note Location Change  
**Topic:** *Ancestry.com Revisited*  
**Speaker:** Bob Barnes, past EGS President, current EGS Vice-President & Education Chair

**About The Program:** Since 2008 when George Morgan wrote his bible on Ancestry.com, Ancestry has added thousands of new data bases and almost totally revamped the site architecture while adding new bells and whistles for the users. We will discuss how to use the revamped site and discuss the database architecture that is critical to performing effective searches for your ancestors.

### OCTOBER EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, October 11, 2012  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** **Redmond Library** —Note Location Change  
**Topic:** *Bagging a Live One: Connecting With Cousins You Never Knew You Had*  
**Speaker:** Mary Kircher Roddy

**About the Speaker:** Mary Kircher Roddy is a Certified Public Accountant. She has been a genealogist for about 12 years, becoming interested in her roots in anticipation of an extended trip to Ireland. She has a certificate from the Genealogy and Family History program at the University of Washington. Mary's article, "Lt. Mark L. Golden: A Case Study in World War II Research," appeared in the May/June 2012 issue of Family Chronicle. She likens her genealogy research to the logic of a Sudoku puzzle with a big, juicy payoff at the end.

**About the Program:** Bagging a live one is often a bigger rush than finding the dead ones. Bagging a live one who knows something about family history is gold.

In this talk Mary will show you how you can find distant relatives, perhaps ones you never knew existed. Rather than trolling surname or location lists for other researchers with a common interest, you will come away with the skills to identify specific people to look for. These people may not be active researchers, but might be the ones who inherited the (*continued next page*)

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family bible or box of photos, or maybe they can pass on some stories Grandma told them. Collecting and organizing the bits of data she'll teach you to find – a birthdate, a location, a maiden name – will help you connect with a “new” cousin. If you are as lucky as Mary has been, some of these new cousins will soon become old friends.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another summer is almost over and it's only barely begun. I am starting my term as your new president for EGS. Every new president is supposed to have a platform from which they would like to see changes made. My platform agenda will be to get more of you involved in our organization.

You have all heard this before but it's so true. The same people do all the jobs over and over. I know some of you feel that volunteering would rope you into all sorts of time consuming meetings and you just don't have that kind of free time. However, there are many jobs that could be done in just a short time and even shared with another friend in EGS. For instance, we need someone to write out a summary of each meeting. That's a job that could be shared with a group, each person taking turns. You don't have to write a summary worth of a Pulitzer, just take notes like you did in school.

Another job that needs filling is to be a backup for Publicity when Dorothy is out of town. All that involves is collecting short emails from the program chair and perhaps any other group that has something going on that month. Dorothy has all the templates you need to send the information to various papers and you are done. It's simple but very important.

As of this writing, EGS needs a secretary. I know that sounds pretty involved but it's not. You only need to attend the Board meeting held on the first Thursday of every month we meet (9 times) and take notes. Afterwards, we go to lunch. I'll let all of you in on a secret – our board meetings involve a lot of laughter.

A non-profit organization like ours is nothing without volunteers so please consider stepping up and helping with something this year. I hope you all had a good summer locating deceased relatives and we can look forward to some interesting and educational programs in the coming months.

Carol Pattison, EGS President, [maycreek@aol.com](mailto:maycreek@aol.com)

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- Gary KAEFER
- Judy LYLE researching LYLE in Seattle and IL; LEWIS in CO and WA; YEAGER in MO.

## PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO EASTSIDE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

We haven't raised our dues in many years. But our expenses are rising, some of them quite rapidly. Newsletter printing costs increased 15% this past year. The post office box rental was up over 22%. Insurance rose 7% over last year. Our largest expenses and their percent of our total budget for last year were:

37%	Newsletter printing
32%	Book acquisitions
17%	Insurance

Please help keep our dues low and affordable, and allow us to continue to buy genealogy books for our genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. If you are able, when you renew your membership, we hope that you will consider including an additional amount as a donation. Both your dues and any donation are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Kay Wilson, EGS Treasurer

**EGS BOARD MEETING – SUMMARY, APRIL 2012**

**Present:** Judy Meredith, President; Carol Pattison, Vice-President; Walta McCarley, Secretary; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions

**Treasurer's report** was approved unanimously. Program budget is short \$5.00 for the May presenter. Moved and passed to move money from officer expense to program. Insurance renewal is due in September. A count of members at the general meetings is needed for averaging attendance for insurance purposes.

**Education:** Bob Barnes will present a class on getting more out of Ancestry.com on April 26 at the Redmond Library.

**Library:** It continues to be difficult to get into the BRL due to construction.

**Membership:** Currently 243 memberships. 44 persons attended the March meeting on the 1940 census.

**Nominating Committee Chair:** The president and secretary positions will be open.

**Programs:** Sarah Fleming will give program on tax lists at April general meeting, the May program will be on dating photographs, June's program will be on DNA.

**Publicity:** Glen Gilbert and Ed Schultz are working on an email address site where information will arrive and be forwarded to the person assuming that responsibility.

**Old Business:** We will meet to sort archival materials held in Jack Newman's garage in late April or May. Discussion regarding low summer attendance resulted in a motion to amend the EGS By-Laws to change the number of meetings from at least 10 per year, to 8 or more. The motion will be presented to the membership at the May meeting.

**New Business:** A book in memory of Kim Nichols' mother, Nina Edwards – long-time EGS member- will be purchased for the library. A Board potluck will be held at Bob Barns on Sunday, April 15.

**EGS BOARD MEETING – SUMMARY, MAY 2012**

**Present:** Judy Meredith, President; Carol Pattison, Vice-President; Walta McCarley, Secretary; Kay Wilson, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Sarah Fleming, Book Acquisitions; Dorothy Mehrer, Membership; Bob Barnes, Past President/Education

**Treasurer's report:** First draft of 2012-2013 projected budget will be presented at the June Board meeting. Costs are up for speakers' fees, insurance, newsletter.

**Education:** Class information needs to get to the SIGs. The Ancestry.com class was full and will be presented in Issaquah June 24.

**Library:** Volunteers still needed.

**Nominating Committee Chair:** No candidate for Secretary position. If Presidential candidate is elected, a Vice President will need to be elected at the September meeting.

**Outreach:** Volunteer/Hobby Expo in Issaquah was attended by Ed Schulz, Carol Pattison, Judy Meredith, and Bob Barnes. Lots of traffic and membership applications handed out. Ed had 2 computers with information projected on the wall.

**Programs:** Carol Blount from Fiske Library will discuss dating photographs at the May meeting. June will be about DNA research and Bob Barnes will talk on Ancestry.com in September.

**Old Business:** The Board potluck held at Bob Barns on April 15 was most enjoyable, its main purpose to recognize the many contributions of Ed Schulz to EGS.

**New Business:** By-laws changes made to allow fewer meetings per year. July and August meetings will be discontinued due to low attendance. The By-laws need to be changed to have the year begin in September 2013 instead of July, and the annual board meeting be changed to June.

**Life Membership:** This special award was presented to Kim Nichols at a lunch in her honor on April 27, 2012. Kim has given many hours to EGS as editor of the Bulletin, chairman of Roots Fair at Crossroads, and expended much effort to order and bring items to the supply table. This is but a small thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE! FAMILY HISTORY EXPO IS COMING**

It's time to mark your calendars for Family History Expo 2012! The date is Saturday, November 10, 2012, 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 a.m.-9:00 AM. Welcome and a keynote address will be from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 AM. 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. Watch this website for details, lunch orders and registration as it becomes available in September: <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net> or call the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.

**SAVE THE DATE! FAMILY HISTORY EXPO IS COMING**

Please join us for the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference in Port Angeles on September 7th & 8th. For more information, please see the following links:

- Conference Flyer:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012conferenceflyer.pdf>
- Conference Registration:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012conferenceregistration.pdf>

**HYPERHISTORY**

HyperHistory collects more than 3,000 files covering more than 3,000 years of history and organizes them in a color-coded timeline. Just scroll along and click for in-depth articles, then return to the timeline for that crucial context. You can also further sort each article by category, or you can search for historical figures and events.

[http://www.hyperhistory.com/online\\_n2/History\\_n2/a.html](http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html) (From Kim Komando Cool Website of the Day, August 19, 2012)

**EGS RESEARCH ASSISTANCE HOURS CHANGE**

Because of the parking crunch at Bellevue Library, EGS Research Assistance will only be offered on the 1st and 5th Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Wednesday afternoon Research Assistance will continue from 1:00 – 3:00 PM upstairs in Room 6. *(Submitted by Winnie Sihon, Library Volunteers Chair)*

**LIBRARY AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the first and third Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Jack Newman is resigning after many years of providing help at these times. Anyone interested should contact Winnie Sihon at [wsihon@comcast.net](mailto:wsihon@comcast.net) or 425-793-5424. Help Desk volunteers are needed for other times as well.

An assistant for our Library Chairman is also needed. And there is a need for a Publicity assistant. These are not 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.

**FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP**

**Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12<sup>th</sup> St. and 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help 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.**

**NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF**

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society, have been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. Look for these books in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor. Note: You can request that books in the Bellevue Genealogy Collection be sent to another King County Library for your use in that library. This would be particularly useful during construction at the Bellevue Library.

**Raking the Ashes, Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research, 2nd ed. Nancy Simons Peterson. California Genealogical Society, 2011. 242 pp. R929.107207 PET**

This highly praised guide to circumventing the enormous record loss in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire has been substantially updated and expanded to include newly released records and information on post-earthquake resources. This handbook provides invaluable guidance on which records were lost in 1906, which records survived, and where to find them. Sources are clearly identified and evaluated, while graphics, statistics, and historical background enrich the text. Not limited to San Francisco, Peterson's solutions for working around lost records will be especially welcomed by researchers wherever natural disasters have destroyed historical documents.

**Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914, 4 vols. Marjorie Hood Fischer. Heritage Books. Vol. I, (1986) 2008, 544 pp.; Vol. II, (1992) 2005, 428 pp.; Vol. III, 1989, 540 pp.; Vol. IV, (2000) 2008, 608 pp. R929.3768 FIS**

This work is an absolute gold mine for anyone who is researching the state of Tennessee. The compiler has dug out gems of genealogical information from various court minutes—County, Circuit, Chancery. In many cases, this is the only record that exists to show birth dates, death, divorce, naturalization, and much more. Most of the court minutes have no index, or at best only a partial index, so it took a page-by-page reading to find this information. This series encompasses the dates 1778-1914, but individual volumes may not contain records for the entire time span. Even if you don't have ancestors in the counties covered by a particular volume, you might find useful information. There are references to people in many other counties and states.

- Vol I. Includes records from Blount, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, Giles, Greene, Hardin, Haywood, Hickman, Humphreys, Lincoln, Putnam, Rutherford, Washington and Williamson Counties.
- Vol II. Covers the counties of Bedford, Claiborne, Dyer, Fentress, Jackson, Madison, McMinn, Obion, Roane, Robertson, Sevier, Stewart, Washington and Wilson.
- Vol III. Includes the counties of Anderson, Bradley, Carroll, Decatur, Grainger, Johnson, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Rhea, Tipton and Warren. About 19,000 names.
- Vol IV. Covers Cannon, Chester, Cocke, Cumberland, Gibson, Hawkins, Lake, Lewis, Marshall, Moore, Sequatchie, Union, and Van Buren counties.

**30,638 Burials in Georgia. Jeannette Holland Austin. GPC, (1995) 2004. 708 pp. R929.509758**

This list of burials in the state of Georgia was copied over a 35-year period from headstones and markers in 600 cemeteries located in nearly 100 Georgia counties. Arranged alphabetically by surname, entries include some or all of the following information: birth and death dates, names of parents and/or spouse, county, name of cemetery, and miscellaneous remarks such as armed forces affiliation. The location of the cemeteries at the time the transcriptions were made is also provided. While the work cannot claim to be exhaustive for all Georgia cemeteries--in fact major city cemeteries were largely ignored--this ambitious work is a major contribution to Georgia genealogy.

**Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 5th ed. Michael J. Leclerc, ed. NEHGS, 2012. 418 pp. R929.374 GEN 2012 [4th ed. circulates]**

Now in its fifth edition, this handbook is an indispensable resource for anyone doing research in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. More than just a how-to book, it is a location guide to public records, repositories, libraries, and genealogical societies throughout New England. This edition includes introductory essays explaining basics of research and resources unique to each state, nearly 80 state and county maps, a listing of each town's parent and daughter towns, and a checklist of published and manuscript vital and church records.

**Virginia Militia in the War of 1812. 2 vols. GPC, (1851, 1852) 2001 reprint with index. 557 pp. & 989 pp. R973.52455 VIR**

Contains the names of 40,000 Virginia militiamen, copied from rolls in the Auditor's Office at Richmond. Arranged by company, under which are columns which give the soldier's name, rank, the time of his service in months and days, and a final "Remarks" column which sometimes provides alternate reading of the soldier's name, names of substitutes, and service notes, including such details as whether the soldier was discharged, transferred, or had deserted. In many cases the militia companies are identified in relation to the Virginia county in which the company was raised.

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## HOW THE WEST WAS REALLY WON BY FERGUS M. BORDEWICH

One hundred and fifty years ago, on May 20, 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed a bill that transformed the country. The Homestead Act offered 160 acres of free public land to settlers who would build a home on it and farm it for at least five years. Anyone 21 years old who was either a citizen or declared the intention to become one could stake a claim.

The law, declared Horace Greeley, the editor of the New York Tribune, was "one of the most beneficent and vital reforms ever attempted in any age or clime—a reform calculated to diminish sensibly the number of paupers and idlers and increase the proportion of working, self-subsisting farmers in the land evermore." Bombast aside, his words were not far from the truth.

In all, four million settlers would file homestead claims to 270 million acres in 30 states, 10% of the land mass of the United States. (The size permitted for homesteads was eventually increased to 640 acres as settlers moved into drier regions.) Although the number of claims dropped off during the Great Depression, hundreds continued to be filed annually through the 1960s. Homesteading ended in the lower 48 states in 1976 but continued in Alaska, where the last homesteader filed his claim in 1979.



The movement to offer free public land to the landless was not universally popular. When homestead legislation was proposed in the 1850s, Southern congressmen repeatedly blocked it, fearing it would lead to the creation of more free states hostile to the expansion of slavery.

The political landscape shifted with the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and the secession of the 11 states of the Confederacy the following year. House Speaker Galusha Grow (R., Pa.) reintroduced the Homestead Act in early 1862 as a war measure, a reward to "the soldier now in the field fighting the battles of constitutional free government," as well as to the "soldiers of peace—that grand army of the sons of toil, whose battlefields are the prairies and the wilderness." With Southern opposition gone, the bill sailed through Congress.

Next came marketing campaigns sponsored by states, railroads, steamship companies and land speculators to attract settlers from the Eastern United States and Europe. "Lands for the Landless! Homes for the Homeless!" read one eye-catching brochure. "Nebraska, The Garden of the West," read another.

Pioneers themselves could wax euphoric. Uriah Oblinger, a Union veteran who struck out on his own to Nebraska in 1873, wrote enthusiastically to his waiting wife in Indiana, "We have a soil rich as the richest river bottoms in Indiana and no clay hills. All we have to do is plow up some sod, cut it in lengths to suit, and lay up a wall & cover it and you have a house."

Among Galusha Grow's "soldiers of peace" were single women, who would eventually stake about 10% of all claims. So too those newly liberated from slavery.

"African Americans wanted what white settlers wanted—opportunity, community, land—but they were also looking for a place where there was less racial violence than they faced in the South, where they weren't going to be lynched," says Lonnie Bunch, director of the National Museum of African-American History in Washington, D.C. "Land ownership was central to the community's notions of what freedom meant, and it was the key way for them to become middle class."

Eventually dozens of all-black settlements were founded on the Great Plains. One of the first was Nicodemus, Kan., 200 miles west of Topeka. Says Angela Bates, the director of the Nicodemus Historical Society, "Out here they could become the mayor, the sheriff, shopkeepers, blacksmiths, landowners—anything."



To make more room for all the settlers, however, Indian reservations were reduced in size or broken up into agricultural allotments that were assigned to individual Indians whether or not they wanted to become farmers. Most of the allotments soon passed out of Indian hands. By the time allotment was halted in 1934, Indian Country had shrunk by 63%, to 52 million acres.

Meanwhile, the productivity of the best homestead land soared. Although many gave up before the five-year period of "proving up" had elapsed, nearly two million settlers prevailed against loneliness, disease, crop failure and the elements.

In tandem with settlers came the railroads, connecting rural communities to distant markets: Between 1860 and 1900, 80,000 miles of track were added between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains. Homesteading also helped drive the industrialization of the nation by stimulating the manufacture of corn planters, harvesters, binders, threshers, seeders, hay-stackers, reapers, windmills and eventually tractors. And no account of how the West was won can leave out the humble but brilliant invention that perhaps more than any other made farming on the open plains possible. It was barbed wire, which kept wandering cattle away from crops.

Helping the settlers were colleges initially financed with endowments of public lands—also opposed by Southern congressmen before the Civil War but established in 1862 by the Morrill Act. These land-grant colleges would develop improved methods of animal feeding, water-management and parasite control, and crop varieties that were better suited to the ecology of the plains.

Today the Great Plains are now changing once again. Once-flourishing settlements are withering from Montana to Texas. Some, like Nicodemus, faded when they were bypassed by the railroad. Others failed because they were built in places too dry or remote. Family farms have given way to corporate agriculture, which now dominates much of the region.

Nevertheless, says Kansas State University historian Bonnie-Lynn Sherow, "If you were to measure the achievement of homesteading by the value of today's GDP alone, it was an enormous success. The amount of food and fiber produced exceeds the wildest dreams of the early settlers."



As John F. Kennedy noted a half-century ago, "more than 1.1 billion acres of the original public [domain] have been transferred to private and non-federal public ownership." The Homestead Act that fostered this, he said, was "probably the single greatest stimulus to national development ever enacted."

Mr. Bordewich is the author of several books, including "America's Great Debate: Henry Clay, Stephen A. Douglas, and the Compromise that Preserved the Union" (Simon & Schuster, 2012). You can find more information about him and his books on his website at [www.fergusbordewich.com](http://www.fergusbordewich.com).

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**NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF – CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5****Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812. Adjutant General of Ohio. Heritage Books, (1916) 2007. 270 pp. R973.52471 OHI**

For the War of 1812, Ohio furnished 1,759 officers and 24, 521 enlisted men distributed over 464 companies of infantry, 13 cavalry troops, and one artillery battery. Men's names are organized by company. A new surname index has been added.

**Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey in Wars 1791-1815. Adjutant General of New Jersey. Heritage Books, (1909) 2010. 410 pp. R972.3449 NEW**

This work recaptures an interesting piece of history. It provides records for six different military campaigns about which not much has been written. It is divided into six sections, each section with its own fullname index. The following military campaigns are included in this collection: the Expedition against the Indians (1791); the Pennsylvania Insurrection (1794); the Naval War with France (1798-1801); the Naval War with Tripoli, Africa (1801-1805); the War with Great Britain (1812-1815); and the Naval War with Algiers, Africa (1815). Each of the sections is prefaced with introductory remarks describing the events leading up to the Congressional declaration and the mustering of necessary forces. The entries covering Army and militia information are usually grouped by company and include name, rank, dates of service, and additional information when available. Naval and Marine forces are usually arranged alphabetically by name and include rank, company, place of enlistment, dates of service, description of end of service, and other available information. Many men who served in more than one campaign have subsequent records listed

**Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution. 2 vols. John H. Gwathmey. GPC, (1938) 1996. 872 pp. R972.3455 GWA**

This definitive work on Virginians in the Revolution contains over 65,000 names. All data that could be found in the files of the War and Navy Departments, the State Archives and Land Office, the County Court order books of the period, early and accredited histories, and scores of miscellaneous sources are included. The men are listed alphabetically by surname, with references to the documents in which evidence of service is found. In the case of officers, for example, the material is remarkably complete. It has been possible to establish the dates of their commissions, when they took their oaths of allegiance, their promotions, citations for gallantry, deaths, and amounts of bounty land awarded them. Even with privates, for whom data is notoriously limited, Gwathmey was able to find men who were receiving pensions long after the war and, thus, establish their post-war residences.

**The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution. William C. Nell. 226 pp. R973.315039 NEL**

Documents the important and oft-forgotten contributions of black Americans who fought during the Revolutionary War. When the Revolution started, the American colonies had a population of about two and a half million people, one fifth of whom were black, mostly slaves. This volume is organized by state, with many historical names mentioned and an account given of the African American involvement state-by-state.

**The French in the Americas, 1620-1820. David Dobson. GPC, 2011. 102 pp. R970.00441 DOB**

Though the main sources for people of French origin living in the Americas can be found in French and North American archives, this book identifies several hundred found in British government records. Information includes a date in the Americas, place, and source of information. Many entries include one or more of the following: occupation, dates of birth and death, vessel sailed upon, names of family members, and port of embarkation and/or arrival.

**Ukrainian Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide. John D. Pihach. Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Study, 2007. 289 pp. R929.107204 PIH**

Ukrainian Genealogy is a guide to tracing one's Ukrainian ancestry in Europe. Consideration is also given to North American records that are specifically Ukrainian or relate to the immigrant experience. Because the overwhelming majority of people of Ukrainian origin in Canada and the United States have roots in western Ukraine or southeastern Poland, the guide concentrates on the resources of those regions. This handbook is intended primarily for those whose ethnic roots are Ukrainian, although some of the material in it may be useful to other groups with roots in Ukraine.



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](mailto:sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net) or 425-957-1134.



## FESTA ITALIANA AND GARLIC GULCH

The Rainier Valley Historical Society is preparing an exhibit about "Garlic Gulch" (the former Seattle Italian neighborhood before they were displaced by I-90), portions of which they will share with us in the Historical Photo Exhibit at Festa Italiana - the Italian Heritage Festival to be held at Seattle Center September 29-30.

In the meantime, you can view their progress online and possibly see photos of your relatives by double-clicking on <http://rainiervalleyhistory.org/stories/exhibits/remembering-garlic-gulch> and <http://rainiervalleyhistory.org/stories/exhibits/garlic-gulch-house>

Festa Italiana is free for all-ages and has something for everyone from kid's activities, displays, music, dance, art, car shows, guest Italian chef demos and of course delicious Italian food! For more information on the 25th Annual Festa Italiana and a schedule of events check their website <http://festaseattle.com/>.

Be sure to stop by the Italian Interest Group's Genealogy booth in the Fisher Pavilion - representing EGS and Italian roots since 1993! Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, Founder and Chair, Italian Interest Group since 1990

## DAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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

- September 8, 2012 Our meeting topic will be *Where do you fit into DAR – Getting off to a Great Year* which will be followed by our program, *Celebrating our Bill of Rights* with Kim Cambern.
- October 13, 2012 Our program will be *Tales of Soldiers, Spies and Housewives from the Civil War*, written especially for our chapter by presenter, Jill Morelli. Afterwards, we will be making Christmas Cards for our troops. 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](mailto:anniepulliamdar@gmail.com).

## REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

- Will meet Saturday, September 8, 10:30 AM to noon, at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Center, 16600 Ne 80th St., Redmond. Steven Williams will present *History Of Coal Mining*. He focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888 there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here. Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. The program is made possible by Eastside Heritage Center.
- Last guided walking tour on downtown Redmond will be September 9, 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Registration required by Sept. 6. Fee of \$8 per person. For more information on both of these events, see [redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://redmondhistoricalsociety.org)

## 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
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## EGS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2012 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on <b>Thursday, September 6 and Thursday, October 4, 10:00 AM to Noon</b> at the <b>Redmond Library</b> . <b>NOTE Change of Location.</b>
EGS General Meeting	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on <b>Thursday, September 13 and Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 PM in the Redmond Library</b> . Visitors are welcome. <b>NOTE Change of Location.</b>
Computer Interest (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	The EGS Computer SIG will next meet on <b>September 22 and October 27</b> . We meet at <b>9:30 AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Shopping Center in Bellevue</b> . Meetings lasts for two hours and we usually have a speaker or leader discussing a specific topic. Upcoming topics are: <b>September 22</b> -- Planning, research and data organization and <b>October 27</b> -- Cloud Storage solutions. There is time for questions and discussion. After the meeting, most people have lunch. There is a choice of food from a large number of vendors. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of the SIG meetings please send a request to <a href="mailto:egscomputersig@gmail.com">egscomputersig@gmail.com</a> (Joe Flint, <a href="mailto:egscomputersig@gmail.com">egscomputersig@gmail.com</a> )
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	The next meetings will be on <b>Saturday, September 8 and Saturday, October 13 from 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland</b> . See website for more information: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/</a> (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or <a href="mailto:rosie@bodien.org">rosie@bodien.org</a> )
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth <b>Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.</b>
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The German Interest Group will meet from <b>1:00 to 3:00 PM</b> at the <b>LDS Church at 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue</b> . Visitors are always welcome. <b>Friday, September 7:</b> Our program will be a continuation of our June meeting. Please come prepared to spend a few minutes telling us about a successful search you've done while researching your German ancestors. Especially valuable would be info about finding any kind of official records (in US and in Germany). Tell us how you found the info. and bring copies of what you found (records, photos, etc.). We ran out of time at our June meeting so we're continuing the topic this month so everyone has a chance to share their information. <b>Friday, October 5:</b> Topic to be announced. (Ann Passe, <a href="mailto:annp42@comcast.net">annp42@comcast.net</a> or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Irish Interest Group will meet <b>September 5 and October 3</b> in our meeting location at the <b>LDS Church</b> (host of Bellevue Family History Center) at <b>10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM</b> . For information call Ann Lamb, (425) 557-0440. (Ann Lamb, 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL7777@aol.com">AnnL7777@aol.com</a> )
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	The Italian Interest Group meets on <b>September 15 and October 20</b> at the <b>LDS Church, 10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM</b> . Please contact Mary for meeting information. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or <a href="mailto:collectingroots@msn.com">collectingroots@msn.com</a> )
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	The Legacy Special Interest Group will meet on <b>Wednesday, September 5 and again on Wednesday, October 3</b> at the <b>LDS Church</b> (host of Bellevue Family History Center) at <b>10675 NE 20th St, Bellevue, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b> . <b>Topics are: September 5 -- Maintaining Your Family File – steps to take to keep the Family File in good order and on October 3—This and That – obscure and not so obscure handy features in Legacy</b> . For information call Sherry Holthe 425-880-4407. (Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The Scandinavian Group will meet on <b>September 11 and October 9 from 10:00 AM to Noon</b> at the <b>Archive Building on the Bellevue College Campus</b> . <b>September's topic-- Betty Spalding</b> , who has recently finished a family history about her family in Denmark, will tell us about the book and how she created it. <b>October's topic--a presentation by Marilyn Watt on Writing Family Stories</b> . Marilyn will share with us from a writer's perspective on how to use our research to write about our families. Please check our new website at <a href="http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com">http://scandinaviansig.wordpress.com</a> Contact Sandy for meeting information.(Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )

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